G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1967 — LE THAP (1)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1967

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Golf Company (G Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 January 1967
Commander	Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Le Thap (1), Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Tuscaloosa river crossing
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (14 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Le Thap (1)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for January 1967 place it most often at or near Le Thap (1) (10 of 13 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Tuscaloosa river crossing.

Company G was commanded by Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 January); the battalion by LtCol W. C. Airheart (1–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 17 entries this month (14 combat, 3 movement).

On 13 January 1967: A Golf platoon at AT943515 took sniper fire from AT946517 — 1 USMC WIA.

On 13 January 1967: A Golf platoon on S&D hit a booby-trapped M-26 grenade rigged with nylon filament — 2 USMC WIA.

On 14 January 1967: Golf's point tripped an explosive device at AT947532; while waiting for medevac another Marine stepped on a second device — 5 USMC WIA; a ChiCom grenade, a trip-wire booby trap, 10 punji traps and pressure booby traps found.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Le Thap (1) operations	January 1967	No named operation appears in this month's entries for the company; activities are listed in the chronology below.

4. Chronology of Company G Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for January 1967 in the hotel25vv research database. Only entries naming Company G are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
13 Jan 10:40	A Golf platoon at AT938512 took 50 rounds from a VC squad at AT944516; trench works and fighting holes found [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
13 Jan 12:30	A Golf platoon at AT943515 took sniper fire from AT946517 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
13 Jan 13:00	A Golf platoon on S&D hit a booby-trapped M-26 grenade rigged with nylon filament — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
14 Jan 08:45	Golf's point tripped an explosive device at AT947532; while waiting for medevac another Marine stepped on a second device — 5 USMC WIA; a ChiCom grenade, a trip-wire booby trap, 10 punji traps and pressure booby traps found [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
17 Jan 10:15	Golf (-) on S&D at AT944517 took 40 rounds from about 11 enemy at AT943520 — 3 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 19]
17 Jan 12:20	Golf (-) at AT937502 took 500 rounds from 2 VC squads with 3 automatic weapons at AT937511 — 1 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 19]
18 Jan 10:10	A Golf platoon saw 10 boats crossing the river from the south carrying about 60 enemy in black PJs with straw hats near Giang Hoa (2) — several hit [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 19]
18 Jan 18:13	A Golf patrol at AT796363 took fire — 2 USMC WIA, 2 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 19]
19 Jan 11:15	Golf (-) on S&D at AT953543 took automatic fire and 60mm rounds — 1 USMC WIA, 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 19]
20 Jan 09:40	Golf (-) on S&D: a man hit a booby trap at AT946526 — 1 USMC DOW [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]
20 Jan 13:25	A tank with Golf set off a mine at AT946526 made from a shoe box of explosives [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]

Date	Activity / Events
21 Jan 14:15	Golf (-) at AT948526 took 15 rounds from a VC squad [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]
26 Jan 17:10	A tank with Sparrow Hawk #1 hit a mine at AT947526 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 49]
26 Jan	Sparrow Hawk #1, a Golf platoon with tanks, left Phu Loc (6) for a blocking position at AT948527 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 48]
30 Jan 10:30	Golf at AT855434 apprehended 2 detainees carrying an M-26 grenade [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 22]
30 Jan 14:10	Golf arrived at Nong Son to relieve Echo [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 22]
31 Jan 08:00	Golf relieved Echo of the security of Nong Son [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 22]

5. Notes and Caveats

This file was built on 22 November 2026 in the same format as the Company H reports, directly from the checked, page-cited transcriptions of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines command chronologies. The notes below record its sources and where the record is thin.

1. SOURCE. The entries come from 2/5 Command Chronology Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for January 1967 is listed in date and time order, with the page of the chronology it was read from. Entries that name only another company are left out.

3. COMMANDER. Company and battalion commanders are taken from the monthly organisation data (Section I of each chronology) as recorded in the battalion leadership ledger.

4. CASUALTIES. Casualty figures are not totalled here. Individual losses appear in the entries as recorded; for authoritative totals see the casualty tables in the original chronology.

5. ORIGINALS. National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 127, Records of the United States Marine Corps. For full records contact National Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740, or Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134.

6. Sources

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

PRIMARY SOURCES

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