G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1967 — LZ RAVEN (ANTENNA VALLEY)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1967
Commander	Capt R. W. Marsden (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Raven (Antenna Valley), Ap Bon (2) fortified village, Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (11 combat entries)
Base of Operations	LZ Raven (Antenna Valley)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for May 1967 place it most often at or near LZ Raven (Antenna Valley) (5 of 11 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Ap Bon (2) fortified village, Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1).

Company G was commanded by Capt R. W. Marsden (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 12 entries this month (11 combat, 1 movement).

On 2 May 1967: Golf moved overland from a blocking position on the north edge of the valley (AT894400); a Golf platoon saw VC in a tree line at AT840348 — 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.

On 2 May 1967: Golf moved from Position (AT 894 400) to Reported position (AT 840 348) on foot.

On 3 May 1967: A Golf platoon in a blocking position (AT893399) took 10-15 rounds and swept through — 1 VC KIA, a .30 cal ammunition belt captured.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
LZ Raven (Antenna Valley) operations	May 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 May 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
2 May	Golf moved overland from a blocking position on the north edge of the valley (AT894400); a Golf platoon saw VC in a tree line at AT840348 — 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
2 May	Golf moved from Position (AT 894 400) to Reported position (AT 840 348) on foot. Golf moved overland from a blocking position on the north edge of the valley (AT894400); a Golf platoon saw VC in a tree line at AT840348. Result: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
3 May	A Golf platoon in a blocking position (AT893399) took 10-15 rounds and swept through — 1 VC KIA, a .30 cal ammunition belt captured [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
4 May	Golf swept the northern edge of the valley from AT893399; its lead element was ambushed by 15 VC — 1 VC KIA, 15 detainees [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
5 May	Golf saw 8 armed VC at AT921408 and enveloped them — 2 VC KIA (conf); its scout snipers wounded a VC at AT914395 [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 5]
6 May	Golf saw 5 VC at AT920370, 105mm and an air strike — 3 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 5]
8 May	A large tunnel complex with .30 cal casings destroyed near AT923366 [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 6]
10 May	Golf caught 2 VC at AT904370 — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
11 May	Golf fired on 2 armed VC at AT834373; rice and water found in a cave [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
14 May	A Golf platoon from Nong Son took 10-15 rounds from 3 VC at AT878393; two hours later 50 rounds from two BARs at AT879396 and AT875394 [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 9]

Date	Activity / Events
16 May	A Golf platoon patrol took 3 rounds from 6 VC at AT825335 and swept through — 5 VC KIA (conf), a ChiCom grenade and .30 cal ammunition captured [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 9]
22 May	A Golf platoon from Nong Son (AT879398) took 30 rounds from 3 VC at AT877395; the other platoon maneuvered from AT875394 — 2 VC KIA (conf), an M-14 and an SKS captured [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 10]

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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for May 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:

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