G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1968 — SONG TRUOI BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1968

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 1968
Commander	Capt C. L. Meadows (1–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton; LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Song Truoi Bridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (5 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Song Truoi Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for January 1968 place it most often at or near Song Truoi Bridge (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt C. L. Meadows (1–31 January); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–2 January); LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (3–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 6 entries this month (5 combat, 1 organization).

On 5 January 1968: A Golf platoon on road sweep tripped a booby-trapped M-26 at AT 928521 — 2 USMC WIA.

On 5 January 1968: Golf took sniper fire at AT 922501 — 1 USMC WIA.

On 7 January 1968: A Golf patrol Marine set off a booby-trapped 105mm round at AT 872502 — 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Song Truoi Bridge operations	January 1968	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 1968 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
5 Jan	A Golf platoon on road sweep tripped a booby-trapped M-26 at AT 928521 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 13]
5 Jan	Golf took sniper fire at AT 922501 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 13]
7 Jan	A Golf patrol Marine set off a booby-trapped 105mm round at AT 872502 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 14]
8 Jan	A Golf patrol set off a booby-trapped ChiCom grenade — 2 USMC WIA; the medevac helicopter took sniper fire from AT 933505 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 14]
11 Jan	A Golf Marine set off a booby-trapped M-26 at AT 913484 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 15]
23 Jan	A Golf squad guarding a bridge at YD 949068 attacked from YD 945055 and YD 955066 with small arms, 25 82mm rounds and rifle grenades; a boat floating toward the bridge was sunk; villagers said about 60 VC had come to attack the bridge outpost [2/5 ComdC Jan 1968, PDF p. 15]

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 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048097).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for January 1968 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

— 2/5 Command Chronology Jan 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048097)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Shulimson, Jack, Leonard A. Blasiol, Charles R. Smith and David A. Dawson. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year, 1968. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1997.

— “Golf Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | Golf Company, 2/5 Marines, January 1968