G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1968 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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 July 1968
Commander	1stLt D. A. Dove (1–14 July); 1stLt H. J. Poole (15–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.; Maj O. K. Steele); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for July 1968 place the battalion most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (3 of 3 entries with a named place or grid). None of Company G’s own entries names a place.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt D. A. Dove (1–14 July); 1stLt H. J. Poole (15–31 July); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–24 July); Maj O. K. Steele (25–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 5 entries this month (4 combat, 1 movement).

On 3 July 1968: A Golf platoon set off a booby-trapped 60mm round at AU812049 — 3 USMC WIA.

On 15 July 1968: A Golf platoon at ZD135049 saw 15 enemy on a trail at ZD139050; another platoon blocked at ZD138054 while two pursued to ZD140056 — 2 USMC WIA, 7 VC KIA, 2 female POWs, 2 AK-47s, 2 SKS, 2 BARs, a PPSH, 2 M-1 and 1 M-2 carbines, 2 light machine guns captured.

On 16 July 1968: A Golf Marine set off a "Tomato Can" mine at AU807015 after the area was swept — 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 14 not evac.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base operations	July 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 July 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
1 Jul	Golf search and clear near Nui Tran, 1-3 July; the area cleared of all inhabitants [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 16]
3 Jul 08:15	A Golf platoon set off a booby-trapped 60mm round at AU812049 — 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 16]
15 Jul 09:30	A Golf platoon at ZD135049 saw 15 enemy on a trail at ZD139050; another platoon blocked at ZD138054 while two pursued to ZD140056 — 2 USMC WIA, 7 VC KIA, 2 female POWs, 2 AK-47s, 2 SKS, 2 BARs, a PPSH, 2 M-1 and 1 M-2 carbines, 2 light machine guns captured [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 17]
16 Jul 16:45	A Golf Marine set off a "Tomato Can" mine at AU807015 after the area was swept — 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 14 not evac [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 17]
20 Jul 20:30	A Golf Marine set off an explosive device at AU806016 — 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA, 4 not evac [2/5 ComdC Jul 1968, PDF p. 17]

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 Jul 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048105).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for July 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 Jul 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048105)

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

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