G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MARCH 1969 — PHU DA (1) AND (2)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 1969

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 March 1969
Commander	Capt R. W. Poolaw (1–31 March)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple; LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Da (1) and (2)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Da (1) and (2)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for March 1969 place it most often at or near Phu Da (1) and (2) (11 of 11 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt R. W. Poolaw (1–31 March); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–13 March); LtCol J. H. Higgins (14–31 March).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 160 entries this month (158 movement, 2 combat).

On 23 March 1969: G IN CONTACT.

On 23 March 1969: G broke contact.

On 30 March 1969: G2C ambush set in.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Arizona	140800H – 181915H June 1967 (2/5 participation; the S-2 lists the operation as 15–19 June); previously listed as 13–26 June	Golf moved from Not stated to New position in the Arizona (AT 875 517) on foot.

4. Chronology of Company G Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for March 1969 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 Mar 07:12	G2B leaving team lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 16]
1 Mar 19:38	G2 and G3 OPs back in team lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 16]
1 Mar 19:50	G2 and G3 "Stingers" set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 16]
2 Mar 07:36	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 18]
2 Mar 19:52	G night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 18]
3 Mar 07:00	G night activities back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 07:40	G start day activities [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 15:30	G at new position [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 19:40	G2 Stinger leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 21]
3 Mar 20:00	G3 Stinger leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 20:15	G night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 21]
4 Mar 12:42	G2 Rover CK2 914466 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 22]
4 Mar 12:54	G2 Rover CK3 919472 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 22]
4 Mar 13:45	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 22]
5 Mar 07:03	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Mar 07:15	G3 Rover leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Mar 08:50	G3 Rover cancelled, G moving to vic 907495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Mar 09:45	G2 OP going out [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
6 Mar 06:00	G Rover leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]

Date	Activity / Events
6 Mar 06:17	G Rover CK1 916497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Mar 06:35	G Rover CK2 920500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Mar 06:52	G Rover CK3 919495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Mar 06:53	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Mar 20:35	G night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 26]
7 Mar 07:20	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 28]
7 Mar 07:40	G3 Rover leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 28]
7 Mar 20:15	G night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 29]
8 Mar 11:24	G3 Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 30]
8 Mar 11:35	G3 Rover at CK4 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 30]
8 Mar 20:30	G night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 30]
9 Mar 10:15	G3 Rover CK3 918495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 33]
9 Mar 10:45	G3 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 33]
9 Mar 20:30	G night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 34]
10 Mar 06:55	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
10 Mar 07:05	G3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
10 Mar 07:31	G2 Rover CK1 918472 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
10 Mar 09:05	G3 Rover CK3 910486 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
10 Mar 09:50	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
11 Mar 06:15	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 06:32	G2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 07:10	G2 Rover CK1 913493 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 07:50	G2 Rover CK2 918492 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 08:22	G2 Rover CK3 918495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 09:11	G2 Rover CK4 918498 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 09:30	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]

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12 Mar 06:45	G2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 06:50	G2 Rover CK1 917496 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 08:30	G2 Rover CK2 909497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 09:05	G1B left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 09:07	G2 Rover CK3 919499 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 09:45	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
13 Mar 06:55	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 10:55	G on the move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 13:20	G at Objective P 889507 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 14:30	G on move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 07:45	G2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 07:46	G1 Rover CK1 879505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 08:06	G2 Rover CK1 874505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 08:30	G1 Rover CK2 879503 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 09:07	G2 Rover CK2 875504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 09:45	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 49]
14 Mar 13:58	G3 left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 15:12	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 48]
15 Mar 07:00	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 07:15	G2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 07:45	G3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]

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15 Mar 07:53	G2 Rover CK1 875505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 08:53	G3 Rover CK1 870500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 09:10	G2 Rover CK3 870500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 09:45	G3 Rover CK3 883502 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 09:57	G2 Rover CK4 878505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 10:11	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 10:46	G3 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 11:50	G2A Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 12:40	G2A Rover CK1 873507 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 13:00	G2A back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
16 Mar 07:19	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 08:45	G2 patrol leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 09:05	G3 patrol leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 09:25	G3 CK1 AT 875505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 09:32	G1 CK1 AT 881500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 10:12	G3A patrol CK3 AT 879500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 10:55	G2 patrol CK3 AT 880510 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 10:56	G3A patrol CK4 AT 875505 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 11:00	G2 patrol back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
17 Mar 07:39	G3B leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 08:17	G2 CK1 AT 886508 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]

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17 Mar 08:25	G2 CK2 AT 886514 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 09:40	G2 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 09:42	G3B CK3 AT 875500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 10:13	G3B in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 13:07	G1 Rover leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 13:50	G1B CK1 AT 882500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:25	G1 patrol CK2 AT 884497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:53	G1 patrol CK3 AT 888500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 59]
17 Mar 15:48	G1 patrol CK4 AT 880500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 16:21	G1 patrol back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 17:07	G2 left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 17:45	G2 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
18 Mar 07:05	G night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 07:50	G1 left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 08:25	G1 Rover CK2 882500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 08:40	G1 Rover CK3 884497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 09:00	G1 CK4 887500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 09:30	G1 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 10:14	G2 left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 10:30	G2 CK1 883512 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 10:45	G2 Rover CK2 888512 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]

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18 Mar 11:34	G2 Rover CK3 888510 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 11:45	G2 Rover CK4 889511 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 13:28	G3C left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 61]
18 Mar 13:49	G3C CK1 875504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 61]
18 Mar 15:45	G3 CK4 880489 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 15:50	G3C back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
19 Mar 19:49	G2B left lines. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 64]
20 Mar 12:50	G2 Rover CK1 866514 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 13:25	G3 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 13:30	G2 Rover CK2 866518 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 13:40	G2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 21:45	G set in new position 875517 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar– 21:45	Golf moved from Not stated to New position in the Arizona (AT 875 517) on foot. Journal 20 March: “2145 LLG set in new position (875517)”; Foxtrot “secured Bn. objective D” at 1635 (PDF pp. 66–67). The narrative: “On 19 March the Battalion crossed the Song Thu Bon River and commenced search and clear operations moving west in the Arizona area” (PDF p. 6). Mode inferred as on foot. (Checked against the March 1969 journal, 18–22 March, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 67; 2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 6]
21 Mar 16:15	G at Objective D 838522 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 68]
21 Mar 16:15	Golf moved from Not stated to The Arizona Territory (AT 838 522) on foot. Golf reached Objective D (AT 838522), then Objective G. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 21 March: “1615 LLG at objective D (838522)”, then “2204 LLG at Bn. objective G” (PDF p. 68). Mode inferred as on foot, as for the battalion’s sweep west. (Checked against the March 1969 journal, 18–22 March, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 3; 2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 68]
21 Mar 22:04	G at Battalion Objective G. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 68]
22 Mar 09:15	G at 827504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]

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22 Mar 10:25	G1 left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 11:07	G1 CK1 830500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 11:36	G1 CK2 827492 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 11:50	G1 CK3 823500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 12:05	G1 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 13:15	G3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 13:20	G3 Rover CK1 820512 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 15:20	G3 Rover CK4 810506 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 19:45	G at Battalion Objective O [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 71]
22 Mar 19:47	G1C and G2C to night positions [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 19:55	G3C Stinger left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 20:00	G2C Stinger set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 20:01	G1C Stinger set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 71]
22 Mar–23 Mar 08:00	Golf moved from Battalion objective G to Battalion objective O (AT 827 504) on foot. Journal 22 March: “0915 LLG at 827504”, “1945 LLG at Bn. objective O”, then Golf’s squads “on move to night positions” (PDF pp. 69, 71). The 0915 grid is used for objective O, which is not given one. The narrative: “On 19 March the Battalion crossed the Song Thu Bon River and commenced search and clear operations moving west in the Arizona area” (PDF p. 6). Mode inferred as on foot. (Checked against the March 1969 journal, 18–22 March, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69; 2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 71] G3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
23 Mar 09:00	G3 Rover CK1 820501 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 09:25	G3 CK2 817504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 11:10	G3 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 13:29	G2 Rover CK1 831509 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]

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23 Mar 14:10	G2A Rover CK2 837507 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 14:30	G2A Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 14:45	G2 Rover at CK4 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 73]
23 Mar 17:13	G on move to Objective H [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 17:15	G IN CONTACT [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 17:35	G broke contact [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 17:39	G and H on the move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 20:25	G1 set in their position. [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 74]
24 Mar 07:35	G2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
24 Mar 08:05	G at Objective H [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
24 Mar 14:24	G3 Rover CK2 839509 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
30 Mar 08:20	G on the move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 20:13	G2C ambush set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 21:00	G night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
31 Mar 08:43	G1 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]
31 Mar 08:44	G2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]

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 Mar 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048113).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for March 1969 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.

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