G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1969 — 2/5 FIELD COMMAND POST IN THE ARIZONA

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 1969

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Golf Company (G Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 April 1969
Commander	Capt R. W. Poolaw (1–30 April)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	2/5 field command post in the Arizona, LZ Lily, Phu Da (1) and (2), Duc Duc District headquarters
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (24 combat entries)
Base of Operations	2/5 field command post in the Arizona
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for April 1969 place it most often at or near 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (9 of 18 entries with a named place or grid), and also at LZ Lily, Phu Da (1) and (2), Duc Duc District headquarters.

Company G was commanded by Capt R. W. Poolaw (1–30 April); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–30 April).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 25 entries this month (24 combat, 1 movement).

On 2 April 1969: moving to new position at AT 824507 received small arms and B-40 fire from AT 822503 and 827500; returned small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery, searched - 3 USMC WIA evac, 1 non-evac.

On 6 April 1969: platoon patrol at AT 857493 received fire from 2 VC/NVA in treeline AT 857497; returned small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery, swept - 1 USMC WIA evac.

On 7 April 1969: G 3d Plt moving into ambush site AT 852492 saw a male who ran; G fired: 1 VC/NVA KIA.

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 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (AT 857 493) to 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (AT 852 492) (means not stated).

4. Chronology of Company G Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for April 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
2 Apr 15:10	moving to new position at AT 824507 received small arms and B-40 fire from AT 822503 and 827500; returned small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery, searched - 3 USMC WIA evac, 1 non-evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 15]
5 Apr 21:00	perimeter set in at AT 849485 detected movement NE; Marines threw rocks at the movement and quickly searched, finding a 25-year-old man with NVA officer insignia - 1 NVA POW. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 18]
6 Apr 14:45	platoon patrol at AT 857493 received fire from 2 VC/NVA in treeline AT 857497; returned small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery, swept - 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 19]
7 Apr 18:55	G 3d Plt moving into ambush site AT 852492 saw a male who ran; G fired: 1 VC/NVA KIA. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
7 Apr 18:55	Golf moved from 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (AT 857 493) to 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (AT 852 492) (means not stated). G 3d Plt moving into ambush site AT 852492 saw a male who ran; G fired: 1 VC/NVA KIA. Starting point is Golf's last reported position (06 Apr 1445), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
9 Apr 07:45	G sweep AT 870520 saw 5 NVA moving north at AT 869524; as G reacted with small arms, 81mm and artillery, a Marine detonated booby-trapped M-26: 3 USMC WIA evac, 1 WIA non-evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
9 Apr 13:40	G 2d Plt sweeping SW at AT 872499 received 20 rounds from treeline NE; returned fire, 60mm, artillery, assaulted: 1 USMC WIA evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]

Date	Activity / Events
9 Apr 17:25	G Marine on patrol detonated booby-trapped M-26 at AT 856485: 1 WIA evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
11 Apr 08:50	G sweeping village at AT 856503 apprehended one civil defendant. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
12 Apr 09:50	G in night defensive positions AT 854517 saw one VC/NVA with weapon moving with civilians E to W; fired automatic weapons, 60mm, artillery, assaulted: 1 VC/NVA KIA. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 54]
13 Apr 11:00	point of G 1st Plt at AT 852544 under fire from est NVA platoon 20-30 m north; G returned fire with small arms, automatics, 60mm, 81mm, artillery, assaulted: 1 USMC KIA, 2 WIA evac, 2 NVA KIA. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 54]
13 Apr 16:00	after prepping suspected positions at AT 844545, E at AT 841545 received intense automatic and light MG fire from enemy in bunkers, trenchlines, treelines; E assaulted and secured; searching, received more fire. G 2d Plt moved to blocking position and called fixed-wing and artillery. Results: 11 USMC WIA evac; 1 AK-47 captured. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 54]
13 Apr 20:45	G fire-team listening post at AT 854518 received 15-20 rounds from 300 m south: 1 WIA non-evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 54]
14 Apr 16:12	G 3d Plt saw 2 NVA with weapons moving from south toward platoon; opened fire within 30 m: 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47, pack, documents. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
14 Apr 16:50	artillery FO with G at AT 881523 saw 3 NVA in treeline at AT 884520; G fired small arms, automatics, 60mm, artillery: 1 NVA KIA. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
15 Apr 21:30	Bn Command Group and G in night defensive positions at AT 859519 received small arms, automatics, 82mm and grenades from AT 852527 and 862521: 2 WIA non-evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
17 Apr 10:15	G at AT 825501 received incoming 60mm, B-40, small arms and automatics from 300-500 m SW; returned fire with small arms, 60mm, artillery: 1 USMC KIA, 4 WIA evac, 1 non-evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
18 Apr 20:10	G squad ambush Marine detonated booby-trapped 81mm round with pressure detonation at AT 825496: 2 USMC KIA, 3 WIA evac. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 53]
22 Apr 19:15	platoon in ambush at AT 814527 saw unknown-size enemy unit 75 m in front; opened fire - 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 40]
23 Apr 03:00	2d Plt in ambush at AT 813527 saw six enemy moving north to south; opened fire with claymores, small arms, M-79 - 2 NVA KIA, NVA pack, canned milk, canned fish, C-rations captured [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 41]
23 Apr 16:15	3d Plt moving into ambush site at AT 833519 saw 2 VC/NVA with packs moving south; opened fire with small arms and M-79, searched - 1 VC/NVA KIA, medical supplies, clothing, rice captured. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 41]
24 Apr 06:00	3d Plt at AT 819531 saw one NVA with pack moving N to S; opened fire, searched - 1 NVA POW, pack, ChiCom grenade, documents [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 42]
24 Apr 15:15	sweeping east at AT 868517 received small arms fire from enemy 200 m SE; returned small arms, 81mm, artillery, assaulted through - 1 USMC WIA evac, 3 NVA KIA, AK-47, AK-50, 9 60mm rounds, 6 ChiCom grenades, 8 AK mags, M-60 tripod captured [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 42]

Date	Activity / Events
25 Apr 21:10	1st Plt at AT 819531 saw one VC with pack 20 m ahead moving N to S; opened fire - 1 NVA KIA, pack. [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 43]
30 Apr 08:30	captured one VC POW at AT 827488 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1969, PDF p. 50]

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 Apr 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048114).

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

6. Sources

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

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