G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1969 — HENDERSON HILL

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 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	1–30 June 1969
Commander	1stLt A. R. Finlayson (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Henderson Hill, Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42, Phu Da (1) and (2)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (27 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Henderson Hill
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for June 1969 place it most often at or near Henderson Hill (18 of 27 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42, Phu Da (1) and (2).

Company G was commanded by 1stLt A. R. Finlayson (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–30 June).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 27 entries this month (27 combat).

On 3 June 1969: completed sweeping the area at AT 932516 — negative contact.

On 12 June 1969: Marine detonated booby-trapped M-26 with pressure detonation in a paddy at AT 914514 — 2 WIA non-evac.

On 15 June 1969: patrol at AT 900506 saw one VC with a weapon running from a fighting hole 150 m away; opened fire and searched — negative.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Henderson Hill operations	June 1969	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 June 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
3 Jun 09:40	platoon found a ChiCom grenade by a paddy dike at AT 930514 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 15]
3 Jun 12:00	completed sweeping the area at AT 932516 — negative contact [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 15]
12 Jun 08:10	on road sweep at AT 918514 a Golf squad found a 250-lb bomb rigged for command detonation; an aerial observer saw a Vietnamese running away in the direction the firing wire led — bomb destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Jun 10:00	Marine detonated booby-trapped M-26 with pressure detonation in a paddy at AT 914514 — 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 26]
15 Jun 09:30	patrol at AT 900506 saw one VC with a weapon running from a fighting hole 150 m away; opened fire and searched — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 29]
15 Jun 10:50	squad pursuing one VC at AT 882503 saw two more VC, one armed, who set off a command-detonated booby trap beside the trail; the squad opened fire, killing the enemy — 5 USMC WIA evac, 3 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 29]
17 Jun 21:05	squad on the way to an ambush site at AT 920517 saw 3 VC/NVA burying homemade explosive devices at AT 919517; opened fire and swept — two 81mm illumination canisters filled with explosives, two entrenching tools, three straw hats and a pair of sandals captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 31]
18 Jun 09:00	road sweep flankers found a booby-trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire across a path at AT 917506 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 32]
18 Jun 18:05	squad leaving an OP at AT 924518 found two booby-trapped 81mm rounds, one pressure and one pressure-release — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 32]
19 Jun 08:10	on road sweep at AT 919517 found a box mine beside the road in soft dirt — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 33]
19 Jun 08:45	squad setting into an OP at AT 912513 found a booby-trapped M-26 inside a tin can with trip wire — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 33]
19 Jun 09:30	squad on patrol found a booby-trapped 4.2-inch round at AT 907514 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 33]

Date	Activity / Events
19 Jun 14:29	platoon on patrol at AT 947519 surprised four VC in a bunker and captured them before they could react; two were armed, all of military age — 4 VC POW; M-14 rifle, M-26 grenade, cartridge belt, M-14 pouches and magazine, an air panel, two battle dressings and two bags of rice captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 33]
20 Jun 13:55	squad found a booby-trapped 155mm round with pressure detonation at AT 914513 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 34]
21 Jun 08:15	squad setting an outpost at AT 915505 found a booby-trapped 81mm illumination round filled with C-4 and set with trip wire — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 35]
21 Jun 10:30	platoon on patrol at AT 914500 saw 40-50 VC with packs moving east at AT 928493; called supporting arms and saw one enemy thrown through the air — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 35]
21 Jun 10:30	platoon on patrol at AT 916501 saw 20-25 VC moving east at AT 916495; opened fire with small arms and snipers — 2 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 35]
21 Jun 20:30	squad in ambush at AT 935524 saw 25 VC with weapons approaching from the SE; opened fire with small arms and automatics; searched and found two dead and many blood trails and drag marks — 2 VC KIA, 2 detainees [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 35]
23 Jun 08:30	squad on patrol at AT 934512 was fired on with small arms and automatics by 10-15 VC in a treeline west at AT 928516; returned fire and set up a blocking force for the road sweep; the road sweep with tanks swept through — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 38]
23 Jun 14:30	squad on patrol at AT 904508 found a booby-trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 38]
25 Jun 11:00	squad at AT 941518 saw 4-6 armed VC in a village at AT 943523; opened fire; the VC moved into a treeline; supporting arms and fixed wing directed on it; squad assaulted and searched, finding three blood trails and drag marks — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 40]
25 Jun 14:45	squad on patrol found a tunnel with the help of a Hoi Chanh (rallier) at AT 914523 — K-44 rifle and two LAAWs captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 40]
26 Jun 15:35	Marine on patrol at AT 903516 set off a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire on a paddy dike and outran the blast — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 42]
26 Jun 22:15	squad in ambush at AT 926519 was hit by one incoming artillery round from an unknown source; a crater analysis team and an explosive ordnance team could not tell whether it was friendly or enemy; it came from a direction where no friendly units were — 1 USMC KIA, 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 42]
28 Jun 07:15	on road sweep found a booby-trapped Coke can packed with C-4 with trip wire at AT 912502, and two enemy mortar base plates at AT 911500 and AT 909482 — destroyed, base plates captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 44]
29 Jun 09:40	squad on sweep at AT 911502 found a booby-trapped 81mm illumination canister packed with explosives and set with trip wire — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
30 Jun 10:30	on road sweep found propaganda sheets along the road from AT 917515 to AT 917513 — sent to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 48]

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 Jun 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048116).

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