G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1969 — HILL 65

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 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 September 1969
Commander	Capt A. R. Finlayson (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	Hill 65
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for September 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 65 (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt A. R. Finlayson (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–30 September).

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

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 65 operations	September 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 September 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 Sep 00:01	Golf moved from Hill 65 (AT 878 576) to Da Nang (defense of the Da Nang area, under the 1st Marine Division) (means not stated). "Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Marine Division from 010001H to 251400H September 1969" (PDF p. 8); the narrative: Golf "was under the operational control of Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division from 1–25 September where it participated in the defense of the Danang area" (PDF p. 5). The chronology does not say how Golf travelled. Golf's start point is taken as the battalion's base at Hill 65. (From the September 1969 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 8; 2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 5]
25 Sep 14:00	Golf moved from Da Nang to Return to 2/5, Hill 65 area (AT 878 576) (means not stated). End of Golf's attachment to the 1st Marine Division at 1400 on 25 September (PDF p. 7). The chronology says the month's only troop lift by helicopter carried 105 Marines but not which unit (PDF p. 7). (From the September 1969 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 7]

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 Sep 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048119).

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

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology Sep 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048119)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Smith, Charles R. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: High Mobility and Standdown, 1969. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1988.

— “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, September 1969