G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1969 — HILL 65

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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 October 1969
Commander	1stLt T. R. Woolens (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65, An Hoa Combat Base, Thanh My refugee hamlet, Hill 52
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (15 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 65
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for October 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 65 (2 of 6 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Thanh My refugee hamlet, Hill 52.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt T. R. Woolens (1–31 October); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 17 entries this month (15 combat, 2 movement).

On 17 October 1969: Platoon moving to a day OP set off an M-26 grenade booby trap with a trip wire in a tree line (grid typed AT 195559, probably AT 795559) — 1 USMC WIA non-evac.

On 20 October 1969: Platoon at AT 815576 took about 15 rounds of sniper fire from AT 816578; answered with 81mm — Unknown.

On 21 October 1969: Platoon patrol at AT 811575 took fire from AT 810578; answered with 81mm — Unknown.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 65 operations	October 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 October 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 Oct 09:00	Marine on day watch at bunker #1 (AT 877466) in the Fox sector of the An Hoa Combat Base saw an explosion at AT 880466, about 400 m in front of his position, that sounded like an 81mm round — COC bunker notified [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 16]
2 Oct	Golf (rest rotation) moved from Hill 65 (AT 878 576) to "Stack Arms" rest program, Da Nang (means not stated). The October narrative: "During the period 2–4 October, Company G participated in the "Stack Arms" program at Danang. They were followed by Hotel Company on 5–8, Foxtrot 8–11 and Echo 12–14 October" (PDF p. 6). The 1st Marine Division's in-country rest center "Stack Arms" was at China Beach (High Mobility and Standdown, 1969, p. 271). Dates are the stay; each company returned at the end of it. The chronology does not say how they travelled. (From the October 1969 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 6; U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969, PDF p. 286]
14 Oct 11:00	Platoon on a daytime patrol at AT 813573 found and destroyed a food cache: a VC/NVA pack, a USMC canteen, 4 cans of sardines, 2 bottles of fuel oil, a bottle of rum, 6 packages of spices and 2 blasting caps — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 29]
17 Oct 07:30	Platoon moving to a day OP set off an M-26 grenade booby trap with a trip wire in a tree line (grid typed AT 195559, probably AT 795559) — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 32]
19 Oct 06:30	A Regional Force unit turned a rallier (Chieu Hoi) over at the Golf position (grid typed AT 212552) — Rallier taken to Dai Loc interrogation team [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 34]
19 Oct 12:00	Platoon found an M-26 grenade with trip wire in a tree line at AT 823563 — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 34]
20 Oct 12:00	Golf on a sweep up the hill at AT 812577 found a harboring site for 40-50 men used within the last 2 weeks: black pajamas, 2 NVA packs, 25-30 B-40 casings and documents — Items found [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 35]

Date	Activity / Events
20 Oct 15:15	Platoon at AT 815576 took about 15 rounds of sniper fire from AT 816578; answered with 81mm — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 35]
21 Oct 09:35	Platoon patrol at AT 811575 took fire from AT 810578; answered with 81mm — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 36]
21 Oct 16:00	Platoon patrol at AT 813576 found a pressure-type booby trap buried in the ground — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 36]
21 Oct 17:30	Platoon patrol at AT 811575 took 20 rounds of sniper fire from AT 814577; answered with 60 rounds — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 36]
30 Oct 13:30	Golf fired small arms, 30 60mm rounds and 106s from its position at AT 875543 at 45 VC/NVA at AT 879539 — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 47]
30 Oct	Golf moved from Not stated to Not stated by helicopter. As Golf landed, groups of 10–15 enemy were seen fleeing, and gunships killed 20. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 6]
31 Oct 08:50	Golf found a 250-lb bomb (grid typed AT 992800) — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 48]
31 Oct 13:30	Golf at AT 862560 saw 2 VC and killed 1 — 1 VC KIA; 1 M-16 and 4 magazines recovered [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 48]
31 Oct 17:45	Golf at AT 877552 ambushed 15 NVA — 4 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA; 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 1 ChiCom grenade, 3 AK magazines, 200 rounds, a pack with clothing, poncho and documents [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 48]
31 Oct 18:30	Golf (grid typed AT 87_557) fired on 2 VC/NVA and killed one with a grenade when he hid in a bunker — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 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 Oct 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048120); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969.

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for October 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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— 2/5 Command Chronology Oct 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048120)

— U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969

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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, October 1969