G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

NOVEMBER 1969 — LZ LILY

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for November 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 November 1969
Commander	1stLt T. R. Woolens (1–11 November); 1stLt D. J. Andrea (12–30 November)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Lily, Henderson Hill, Hill 65, Tam Hoa hamlet
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (35 combat entries)
Base of Operations	LZ Lily
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for November 1969 place it most often at or near LZ Lily (17 of 32 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Henderson Hill, Hill 65, Tam Hoa hamlet.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt T. R. Woolens (1–11 November); 1stLt D. J. Andrea (12–30 November); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–30 November).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 42 entries this month (35 combat, 4 organization, 2 movement, 1 civic).

On 2 November 1969: While taking in resupply, a Marine was wounded in the left shoulder; direction and type of fire unknown because of helicopter noise — 1 USMC WIA, medevaced.

On 3 November 1969: Golf in a night position at AT 871540 took a burst of small arms fire; returned small arms and grenades — 1 USMC evac.

On 3 November 1969: Crossing a stream at AT 890523, Golf took small arms and light automatic fire from about 15 VC/NVA; returned small arms, M-60 and M-79 — Search found 3 Vietnamese civilians wounded; all 3 medevaced.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
LZ Lily operations	November 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 November 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 Nov 17:00	Squad sweeping a village at AT 879536 found 500 lb rice and 3 civilians with 3 bags of rice — Rice extracted [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 17]
1 Nov 22:15	At its night position at AT 876536 Golf's 2nd Platoon heard movement in front of its lines and threw an M-26 grenade; a search found the movement was its own 2nd Platoon "A" element, which was supposed to be 200 m east. An investigating officer was appointed — Friendly casualties: 2 emergency and 4 priority evacuations; 1 non-battle evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 17]
2 Nov 10:30	Golf returning from a day movement found 2 dead NVA at AT 877527 — 1 AK-50 with magazine and a wallet with documents [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 19]
2 Nov 13:30	Platoon sweeping a village at AT 870539 found a woman with a head wound that had blinded her; the senior corpsman said it might be corrected — Woman medevaced on the resupply helicopter [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 19]
2 Nov 15:30	Moving to a night position at AT 870545, Golf found a ChiCom grenade — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 19]
2 Nov 15:30	Golf moved from LZ Lily (AT 870 539) to Reported position (AT 870 545) (means not stated). Moving to a night position at AT 870545, Golf found a ChiCom grenade. Result: Destroyed. Starting point is Golf's last reported position (02 Nov 1330), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 19]
2 Nov 16:00	While taking in resupply, a Marine was wounded in the left shoulder; direction and type of fire unknown because of helicopter noise — 1 USMC WIA, medevaced [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 19]
3 Nov 02:15	Golf in a night position at AT 871540 took a burst of small arms fire; returned small arms and grenades — 1 USMC evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 21]
3 Nov 11:15	Crossing a stream at AT 890523, Golf took small arms and light automatic fire from about 15 VC/NVA; returned small arms, M-60 and M-79 — Search found 3 Vietnamese civilians wounded; all 3 medevaced [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 21]

Date	Activity / Events
3 Nov 12:00	Golf CP setting a night position at AT 870540 took 5 rounds of harassing fire; returned fire — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 21]
3 Nov 14:00	Golf sweep at AT 893527 found a dud 500-lb bomb — Destroyed by engineers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 21]
4 Nov 14:30	Platoon with National Police on patrol from AT 870550 detained 4 civilians (1 man, 3 women); 2 women led the unit to a village at AT 871549 to point out villagers who knew of a VC cache — 1 man and 1 woman released as innocent civilians [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 24]
4 Nov 14:30	Platoon on patrol at AT 872551 found 7 hootches with bunkers — All 7 bunkers destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Nov 10:00	Golf moving to a new position at AT 875555 took about 8 rounds from a VC/NVA; returned M-79 — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Nov 10:00	Golf moved from Last reported position (AT 872 551) to Reported position (AT 875 555) (means not stated). Golf moving to a new position at AT 875555 took about 8 rounds from a VC/NVA; returned M-79. Result: Search negative. Starting point is Golf's last reported position (04 Nov 1430), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Nov 15:30	Platoon on patrol at AT 873558 saw 2 Vietnamese men run from a village when a woman shouted a warning; the Kit Carson Scout identified the 2 women who shouted as the men's wives — 2 women brought to the rear for questioning; 1 bunker destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 26]
7 Nov 07:30	Golf sweeping a tree line at AT 891555 saw 4 VC/NVA in civilian clothes running east carrying food; fired small arms and M-79 — 1 VC/NVA KIA; 9mm pistol, ChiCom grenade, pack with battle dressing and food captured; 5 detainees [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 29]
7 Nov 10:30	Platoon on a sweep at AT 898558 found 6 fortified bunkers — Searched with negative results; destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 29]
8 Nov 10:30	Golf patrol found 7 bunkers near the same grid — Searched and destroyed by engineers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 11:00	Squad on patrol at AT 876558 found a harboring site for 100-200 men: fresh dug fighting holes and bunkers; tunnels and trails on the island used often — Tunnels destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
13 Nov 12:20	Golf on a sweep at AT 872614 spotted 2 VC/NVA at AT 875606 and pursued with a squad; small arms fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 38]
14 Nov 09:00	Golf on a sweep at AT 862595 found a dud 105mm round — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 39]
16 Nov 08:15	A Vietnamese boy turned in a dud 105mm round to Golf at AT 884582 — Boy paid [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 41]
17 Nov 16:05	Squad captured a VC/NVA with a bag of rice at AT 825529 — 1 captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 43]
17 Nov 23:30	Golf on the move at AT 843544 fired on a VC/NVA — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 43]
18 Nov 07:45	Golf in day position at AT 850546 took 4 M-79 rounds from AT 855548; returned fire — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 44]

Date	Activity / Events
18 Nov 09:00	Golf at AT 827533 found a hootch with a bag of rice and 2 ChiCom grenades — Rice to rear; grenades blown [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 44]
19 Nov 08:45	Golf on a sweep at AT 835543 fired at a VC/NVA and wounded him — Search failed to find him [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 09:45	Golf on a sweep (grid typed AT 840945) took 6 rounds of sniper fire; returned small arms — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 10:50	Golf on a sweep at AT 848543 blew up a dud 250-lb bomb — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 11:30	Golf on a sweep at AT 848544 took 1 M-16 round and 3 M-79 rounds — 1 USMC WIA evac, 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 13:30	Golf on a sweep at AT 845545 took 5 M-79 rounds — 7 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
20 Nov 17:40	Platoon called a 60mm mission on 6 VC/NVA at AT 882526 — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 48]
21 Nov 09:00	Golf crossing the river at AT 905527 took 8 rounds of small arms fire and returned fire — 3 enemy killed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 50]
21 Nov 18:00	Golf on a sweep detained 2 Vietnamese men in a hootch at AT 887518 — 2 detainees [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 50]
21 Nov 18:35	Squad ambush on its way to the site took fire from about 15 VC/NVA — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 50]
22 Nov 08:50	Golf on the way to a new position captured a rallier at AT 859519 with small arms wounds in the left leg and chest — 1 Chieu Hoi [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 51]
23 Nov 11:30	Platoon patrol at AT 859515 found 10 VC/NVA bodies — 10 bodies found [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 52]
25 Nov 09:00	Platoon patrol fired on 2 VC/NVA at AT 890555 — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 16]
25 Nov 18:15	Golf in a night position at AT 894553 took 15 rounds of small arms fire from AT 893550; returned fire — 3 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 16]
27 Nov 07:45	Golf on a sweep at AT 903529 killed 2 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 55]
27 Nov 08:50	Platoon in a blocking position at AT 903529 apprehended a Vietnamese man — 1 detainee [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 55]

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 Nov 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048121).

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