G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1969 — LZ LILY

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 1969

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Golf Company (G Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 December 1969
Commander	1stLt D. J. Andrea (1–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Lily, Phu Da (1) and (2), Tam Hoa hamlet, Duc Duc District headquarters
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (39 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 December 1969 place it most often at or near LZ Lily (16 of 27 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Da (1) and (2), Tam Hoa hamlet, Duc Duc District headquarters.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt D. J. Andrea (1–31 December); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–31 December).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 42 entries this month (39 combat, 2 civic, 1 movement).

On 1 December 1969: Platoon at AT 855485 killed a VC/NVA running across a rice paddy in a white shirt and black shorts carrying C rations and rice — 1 KIA.

On 2 December 1969: Squad at AT 825462 killed a VC/NVA in green uniform carrying a pack with 10 lb rice, 6 cans of fish, a hammock and poncho — 1 KIA.

On 2 December 1969: Platoon at AT 815475 heard movement in a tree line; fired small arms and 81mm illumination — Negative results.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
LZ Lily operations	December 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 December 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 Dec 13:15	Platoon at AT 855485 killed a VC/NVA running across a rice paddy in a white shirt and black shorts carrying C rations and rice — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Dec 10:00	Squad at AT 825462 killed a VC/NVA in green uniform carrying a pack with 10 lb rice, 6 cans of fish, a hammock and poncho — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 16]
2 Dec 19:15	Platoon at AT 815475 heard movement in a tree line; fired small arms and 81mm illumination — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 16]
3 Dec 08:00	Golf at AT 817485 received 52 refugees and 5 children; the refugees led Golf to a LAAW — LAAW destroyed; refugees to ITT [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Dec 10:00	Golf CP at AT 821484 received 20 refugees and 2 ralliers — Refugees to Duc Duc; 2 Chieu Hoi to ITT [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Dec 13:45	Squad at AT 825547 found a VC/NVA apparently killed by a Golf platoon on 2 December, with a drawing of booby traps and pills — 1 body found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Dec 15:00	Golf in an OP at AT 806484 found a tunnel 15 ft long, not used recently — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Dec 18:45	Platoon in an OP at AT 817468 saw 10-15 VC/NVA moving to a tree line; called 81mm and 40 HE rounds — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Dec 11:00	Platoon at AT 797502 killed 2 of 5 VC/NVA in black carrying an AK-47, sandals, 10 lb rice, an NVA pack, 2 hammocks, 3 bottles of medical supplies, gauze, a mask and papers — 2 KIA; items captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Dec 04:05	Platoon at an ambush site at AT 826466 killed a VC/NVA in green utilities carrying a ChiCom grenade and papers — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Dec 08:50	Moving to a day position at AT 821492, Golf killed 3 VC/NVA (1 woman, 2 men) carrying 3 ChiCom grenades, an M-26, 2 M-16 magazines with 40 rounds, .45 rounds,

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	2 cartridge belts, documents, medical gear, 3 packs, 4 cans of C rations and a bag of rice — 3 KIA; items captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Dec 11:10	Moving to a night position at AT 854517, Golf found a booby trap made from a 105mm round — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Dec 18:00	A rallier and the Combat Intelligence Team led a Golf platoon to rice at AT 851521, 854523, 851529, 848529 and 856519; 9,600 lb found — 1,800 lb sent out on the resupply; the rest destroyed with C-4 and dumped in the water [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Dec 12:30	Golf in its day position at AT 858519 found 3 ChiCom grenades and 2 M-26 grenades — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 30]
7 Dec 09:00	Platoon on patrol at AT 858541 destroyed 20 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
7 Dec 12:50	Platoon on patrol at AT 872547 found an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire on a trail — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
7 Dec 14:10	Platoon on patrol at AT 870552 destroyed an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire in a sugar cane field — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
7 Dec 19:15	Squad moving to an ambush site at AT 870552 took 10-15 rounds of AK fire; returned fire — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
7 Dec 21:30	Golf in its night position at AT 862545 made contact with AK-47, B-40 and M-79 fire — 3 USMC: 1 emergency evac, 1 priority evac; a ChiCom grenade found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
8 Dec 18:00	Squad on patrol at AT 866518 saw a VC/NVA in black moving west — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 36]
10 Dec 08:15	Platoon on a sweep at AT 886553 took 3 sniper rounds — 1 USMC WIA routine evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 42]
10 Dec 19:00	Squad in a stinger site at AT 867518 had 2 VC/NVA walk into its ambush site; opened fire — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 42]
11 Dec 11:00	Platoon on patrol at AT 866515, 869503 and 861512 destroyed 628 rice beds and 3-4 vegetable crops — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]
11 Dec 11:00	Platoon on patrol at AT 862511 detained a suspect aged 15 — 1 detainee [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]
11 Dec 12:45	Squad on patrol at AT 864517 saw 3 VC/NVA moving north with packs, unarmed; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 46]
12 Dec 08:00	Platoon at AT 857515 destroyed 10 rice seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
12 Dec 18:30	Squad moving to an ambush site at AT 864513 saw 2 VC/NVA run into a village; fired — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
13 Dec 09:15	Platoon on patrol at AT 840533 killed a VC/NVA in green trousers and white shirt — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 50]
13 Dec 14:05	Squad on patrol at AT 865503 tripped an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire on a trail — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 50]
14 Dec 08:30	Platoon on patrol at AT 874513 searched a village and found 15 vats of unhusked rice — 6,000 lb in all [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]

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14 Dec 08:35	Golf on patrol in grid squares 8651 and 8751 found 23 rice seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]
14 Dec 15:00	Squad returning to its position at AT 862513 saw a VC/NVA moving southeast in a camouflage shirt and green trousers — Captured; he was a VC supply man [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]
15 Dec 08:00	Golf on patrol at AT 866508 found 4,000 lb unhusked rice stored in jars — Rice taken out with 40 refugees to Duc Duc [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
15 Dec 08:10	Searching a hootch at AT 866508, Golf found 2 ChiCom grenades, NVA medical gear, documents and the occupant — Captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
15 Dec 08:15	Golf on patrol at AT 864509 found 8 well-built bunkers — Destroyed by engineers [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
16 Dec 05:00	Moving to a position at AT 827536, Golf saw 3 VC/NVA in a hootch — 1 killed, 2 fled southwest; 2 packs, a rice belt and clothing captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 05:00	Golf moved from Last reported position (AT 864 509) to Reported position (AT 827 536) (means not stated). Moving to a position at AT 827536, Golf saw 3 VC/NVA in a hootch. Result: 1 killed, 2 fled southwest; 2 packs, a rice belt and clothing captured. Starting point is Golf's last reported position (15 Dec 0815), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 08:00	Squad in a blocking force at AT 826545 saw 5 VC/NVA in green and blue shorts and fired — 4 KIA; medical gear, an NVA canteen and documents captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 12:15	Squad in a blocking position at AT 826545 saw a VC/NVA in black in high grass — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
18 Dec 09:05	Squad on patrol at AT 876522 killed 3 VC/NVA in green utilities carrying a pack, wallet, diary and medical gear — 3 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 64]
29 Dec 09:30	Platoon on patrol at AT 944486 saw 6 VC/NVA in green shirts and black shorts carrying weapons and packs; called an 81mm mission — Could not get clearance [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Dec 19:10	Golf in its night position at AT 928486 took about 20 rounds of AK-47 fire and 1 claymore, which was turned in the opposite direction; returned fire — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 90]

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 Dec 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048122).

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