G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1970 — PHU NHUAN (4)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1970

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 January 1970
Commander	1stLt D. J. Andrea (1–11 January); 1stLt W. T. Collins (12–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen; LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Nhuan (4), Nam Chanh (1), Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet, Liberty Bridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (32 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Nhuan (4)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for January 1970 place it most often at or near Phu Nhuan (4) (11 of 34 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Nam Chanh (1), Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet, Liberty Bridge.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt D. J. Andrea (1–11 January); 1stLt W. T. Collins (12–31 January); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–14 January); LtCol F. D. Leder (15–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 39 entries this month (32 combat, 6 organization, 1 movement).

On 4 January 1970: Squad on patrol at AT 918522 hit an M-26 booby trap with a pressure device on a trail — 3 USMC WIA, medevac completed.

On 4 January 1970: Squad at an OP site at AT 922541 saw a vehicle set off a 40-lb pressure-type rock mine in the tire tread of the road — 3 USMC WIA, first aid, medevac completed.

On 6 January 1970: Golf platoon returning from an ambush site at AT 937543 found a ChiCom grenade on a stake rigged with a trip wire beside the trail — Destroyed in place.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Phu Nhuan (4) operations	January 1970	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 January 1970 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
4 Jan 09:00	Squad on patrol at AT 918522 hit an M-26 booby trap with a pressure device on a trail — 3 USMC WIA, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 12:00	Squad at an OP site at AT 922541 saw a vehicle set off a 40-lb pressure-type rock mine in the tire tread of the road — 3 USMC WIA, first aid, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 20]
6 Jan 07:15	Golf platoon returning from an ambush site at AT 937543 found a ChiCom grenade on a stake rigged with a trip wire beside the trail — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 26]
7 Jan 11:10	Squad at an OP site at AT 923539 saw a dump truck set off a 40-lb box mine on the right side of the road; no wires found, but it was thought command-detonated — 1 USMC WIA (Company D, 7th Engineers), first aid [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 28]
7 Jan 13:45	A 6x6 truck from the 11th Motors struck a 40-lb command-detonated box mine as a Golf squad was being relieved at an OP site; the unit then took small-arms fire from a treeline — 1 USMC KIA, 7 WIA; returned fire, negative [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 28]
7 Jan 20:05	Golf platoon in an ambush site at AT 925535 saw 2 VC/NVA walking down the road toward the OP; fired small arms — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 28]
9 Jan 10:00	Golf squad with an amtrac on an LVTE run at AT 941533 found 2 60mm HE rounds, an 81mm HE round and a 40-lb box mine in a trench line — All blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 32]
12 Jan 19:00	Moving to an ambush site at AT 901466, a Golf Marine set off an M-26 pressure-release booby trap buried in the ground — 3 USMC WIA, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Jan 07:15	A Golf squad returning from an ambush site at AT 913495 set off an M-26 booby trap hidden in high grass with a trip wire — 2 USMC WIA evac, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 44]

Date	Activity / Events
14 Jan 07:30	Moving to an OP site at AT 926519, Golf found an 81mm round with a trip wire set as a booby trap on the trail about 20 m from the OP — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Jan 08:30	Golf in day positions at AT 914476 had a Vietnamese boy bring in a 60mm HE round — Child paid 100 piasters; round blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 44]
16 Jan 10:10	A Golf squad in an OP at AT 924517 saw an explosion from a command-detonated 155mm round; the unit spotted VC/NVA and fired small arms — 1 USMC KIA, medevac completed; negative results [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Jan 10:30	A Golf squad on a day patrol at AT 901512 came across a small village and in a hooch found a Vietnamese male about 53 without an ID card — Sent to S-2 for questioning [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Jan 11:45	Returning to an OP site at AT 923516, a Golf squad set off a 60mm pressure-type booby trap — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 48]
17 Jan 17:00	Golf in night positions at AT 906477 saw 4 Vietnamese children at AT 908472 running; pursued them but found only 2 M-26 booby traps with trip wires on high ground — Booby traps destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 50]
18 Jan 07:50	A Golf squad at an OP site at AT 921517 found an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire on a bamboo stick; searched further and found an 81mm illumination round — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Jan 09:20	In position at AT 900482, 3 Vietnamese children brought the warhead of a 122mm rocket to the Golf CP — Children paid 200 piasters; rocket destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Jan 11:20	In company position at AT 906478 a Vietnamese brought a dud 105mm HE round to the Golf CP — Child paid 400 piasters; round blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Jan 15:30	A Golf squad on patrol at AT 906511 tripped an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire on a trail — 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 52]
19 Jan 10:45	In position at AT 903477, the Golf CP received a child who brought a disarmed booby trap: C-4 packed in a can with a friction pull fuse — Child paid 100 piasters; ordnance blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 54]
19 Jan 16:20	A Golf squad on a day patrol at AT 925505 set off a daisy chain of 3 M-26 grenades in a U shape on the side of the trail with a trip wire — 3 USMC WIA evac, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 54]
20 Jan 15:25	A Vietnamese child brought a dud 105mm round to the Golf CP at AT 906477 — Child paid 500 piasters; round to be blown by EOD [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 58]
21 Jan 08:20	A Golf squad at an OP at AT 925519 found an M-26 grenade set as a booby trap with a trip wire on high ground — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 60]
23 Jan 07:05	A Golf squad at an OP site at AT 909480 set off an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire on high ground — No casualties [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 68]
23 Jan 09:00	Golf in day positions at AT 906477 received 2 Vietnamese children with a dud 8-inch round — Children paid 600 piasters; round blown by engineers [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 68]
24 Jan 08:00	Setting up an OP site at AT 916516, a Golf platoon hit an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 72]

Date	Activity / Events
24 Jan 09:05	Golf CP in day positions at AT 906477 had a Vietnamese boy bring in a dud M-26 and an NVA belt; questioned about where he found them, he said near AT 888492 — Boy given 4 cans of chow; ordnance blown; belt sent to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 72]
24 Jan 20:20	On the way to an ambush site at AT 910491, a Golf squad set off an M-26 booby trap set up on a trail; while setting up, a claymore Marine set off a booby trap — 1 USMC WIA, routine evac [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 74]
25 Jan 12:30	A Golf squad on a day patrol at AT 916515 set off a 105mm pressure-type booby trap — 2 USMC WIA evac, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 78]
26 Jan 10:10	Going to an OP site at AT 915508, a Golf squad found an M-79 pressure-release booby trap about 5 m off the side of the road — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 80]
26 Jan 10:15	In an OP site at AT 906481, a Golf squad saw an explosion off the side of the road and found 350-400 ft of parachute cord leading to a treeline; the explosion was thought to be a 175mm round command-detonated with a pull-friction fuse — No casualties reported [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 80]
26 Jan 14:45	Golf CP in day positions at AT 906477 had a Vietnamese man bring in a homemade bangalore torpedo — Paid 100 piasters; blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 80]
27 Jan 08:15	Moving to an OP site at AT 909480, a Golf squad found a 105mm illumination canister rigged with a trip wire along a trail — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 84]
27 Jan 09:20	A Golf platoon on patrol at AT 906502 found 10 bunkers and 2 male suspects, one about 25 and one about 35, both without ID cards — Bunkers searched, negative; suspects sent to the rear [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 84]
27 Jan 13:10	A Golf squad on patrol at AT 905504 set off a 60mm booby trap with a trip wire on a trail; the men were 20 m apart with flak jackets and helmets — 2 USMC WIA evac, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 84]
27 Jan 15:10	A Golf squad on patrol at AT 938499 took 20 AK-47 rounds from 2 VC/NVA in a treeline; returned fire — Negative [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 84]
28 Jan 09:55	A Golf squad on patrol at AT 904473 found a Vietnamese male of 15-16; when the unit approached he ran, and Golf caught him; no ID card — Sent to the rear for S-2 questioning [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 88]
29 Jan 16:25	In an OP site at AT 915507, a Golf Marine set off a pressure-type M-26 booby trap covered with cardboard and buried beside a trail on high ground — 1 USMC WIA, emergency evac, medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 92]
31 Jan 20:20	Set in and secure on Hill 119 OP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1970, PDF p. 102]

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 Jan 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048123).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for January 1970 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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