G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MARCH 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 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 March 1970
Commander	1stLt W. T. Collins (1–23 March); Capt M. B. Darling (24–31 March)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Liberty Bridge, Duc Duc District headquarters, An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (51 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for March 1970 place the battalion most often at or near Liberty Bridge (5 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Duc Duc District headquarters, An Hoa Combat Base. None of Company G’s own entries names a place.

Company G was commanded by 1stLt W. T. Collins (1–23 March); Capt M. B. Darling (24–31 March); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–31 March).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 62 entries this month (51 combat, 5 medical, 3 organization, 2 movement, 1 civic).

On 1 March 1970: Golf's G1C tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA evac.

On 3 March 1970: Golf's G2A spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms.

On 3 March 1970: Golf's G1 killed 1 VC/NVA carrying documents.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: Liberty Bridge operations	March 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 March 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
1 Mar 07:40	Golf's G1C tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 14]
2 Mar 20:15	Golf spotted 2 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 16]
3 Mar 07:00	Golf's G2A spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Mar 10:25	Golf's G1 detained 2 POWs and captured food, documents and equipment [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Mar 12:15	Golf's G1 killed 1 VC/NVA carrying documents [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Mar 22:15	Follow-up: Golf's G1 swept the area and found footprints [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 18]
4 Mar 16:15	Golf's G1B took sniper rounds from the east [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 20]
5 Mar 08:00	Golf's G1B found a ChiCom grenade in the ground [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 22]
5 Mar 08:20	Golf's G2 tripped an M-26 — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 22]
8 Mar 10:00	Golf's G1B found an area filled with punji stakes [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 28]
11 Mar 16:20	Golf tripped a 105mm booby trap — 1 USMC KIA, 3 WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar 18:45	Casualty report from Golf: 4 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 38]
11 Mar 21:50	Casualty report from Golf: 2 non-battle evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 38]
12 Mar 01:00	Golf's G1 spotted 3 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 05:00	Golf's G1B reached its position with KIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 08:20	Golf's G3A received enemy fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]

Date	Activity / Events
12 Mar 12:00	Casualty report from Golf: 1 non-battle emergency evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 17:20	Casualty report from Golf: 6 non-battle [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 23:45	Golf's G1 spotted 3 VC/NVA and called a 60mm mission [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Mar 11:25	Golf set off a 60mm booby trap — 3 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 13:28	Golf's G2C tripped a ChiCom — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 14:00	Golf observed 20 explosions caused by fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
14 Mar 08:58	Golf's G3 spotted 3 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
15 Mar 10:10	Golf's G1B killed 5 VC/NVA in a firefight [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Mar 10:00	Golf's G2B found 1 body [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 11:30	Golf's G2 detained 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 12:47	Golf had 1 non-battle casualty [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 13:00	Golf's G3C engaged 4 VC/NVA moving south — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 13:00	Golf's G3C follow-up: contents of 4 NVA packs [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 15:35	Golf's G1B took small-arms fire — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 15:50	Golf's G1B detained 3 Vietnamese males without ID cards [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 17:30	Golf called for a helicopter to lift 60 refugees [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 17:45	Golf received enemy rounds — killing 1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 19:40	Golf's G3C received 2 ChiComs — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 23:55	Golf warned about restricted areas [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar	The 51st ARVN began a five-day sweep south of Phu Loc (6) with Golf blocking. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 6]

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16 Mar	Golf moved from Not stated to Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet (AT 927 527) on foot. The 51st ARVN began a five-day sweep south of Phu Loc (6) with Golf blocking. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 6]
17 Mar 02:00	Golf move cancelled [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 12:00	Golf's G2B found an NVA uniform [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 14:40	Golf began the heli-lift of 141 detainees [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 15:00	Golf's gunships killed 4 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 15:15	Golf's G1 killed 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 15:50	Golf's G2B spotted 2 VC/NVA and detained 1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 16:20	Golf's G1 detained 13 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
17 Mar 16:40	Golf's G1 follow-up: 1 dead on arrival, 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 17:45	Follow-up: detained 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Mar 10:30	Golf's G1A found 5 VC/NVA dead [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Mar 17:45	Follow-up: two male detainees set free [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Mar 18:15	Golf's G1C found and destroyed a 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
20 Mar 21:15	Golf's G2A heard a bullhorn and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
25 Mar 17:00	Golf's G2 found a bunker complex [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 70]
26 Mar 13:00	Golf's G2A found and destroyed a 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Mar 14:15	Golf's G3A found and destroyed 3 60mm booby traps [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Mar 15:30	Golf's G3B found numerous equipment and clothes [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Mar 16:20	Golf sector OPCON to Mike Company [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Mar 18:00	Golf's G3A follow-up: food caches found [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]

Date	Activity / Events
27 Mar 14:40	Golf's G2C found and destroyed 2 box mines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
27 Mar 14:45	Golf's G1 found documents [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
27 Mar 17:45	Golf's G2C received fire from 5 VC/NVA — 3 detained [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
28 Mar 07:50	Golf's G2 found and destroyed 2 hootches [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 78]
28 Mar 18:45	Golf's G3 tripped a daisy chain of 60mm — 1 USMC KIA, 1 WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 78]
29 Mar 08:00	One platoon of Golf will wait until the medevac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 80]

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 Mar 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048125).

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