G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 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	1–30 April 1970
Commander	Capt M. B. Darling (1–30 April)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Liberty Bridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (31 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for April 1970 place it most often at or near Liberty Bridge (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt M. B. Darling (1–30 April); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–30 April).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 36 entries this month (31 combat, 2 medical, 2 civic, 1 organization).

On 8 April 1970: Golf's G3 found and destroyed 2 60mm booby traps.

On 9 April 1970: Golf's G3B tripped a 105mm round — 1 WIA evac.

On 10 April 1970: Golf spotted 16 VC/NVA — 5 killed by fire mission.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Liberty Bridge operations	April 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 April 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
8 Apr 11:00	Golf's G3 found and destroyed 2 60mm booby traps [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 29]
8 Apr 14:45	Golf observed an engineer grader kill a Vietnamese woman [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 29]
8 Apr 23:00	Golf received 5 sensor activations [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 29]
9 Apr 12:15	Golf's G3B tripped a 105mm round — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 33]
9 Apr 22:10	Golf received an 82mm round meant for Liberty Bridge [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 33]
10 Apr 13:30	Golf spotted 16 VC/NVA — 5 killed by fire mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 37]
10 Apr 20:30	Golf's G1B received 5 tracer rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 37]
11 Apr 12:00	Golf had one casualty from an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 21:00	Golf received 3 incoming rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
12 Apr 12:10	Follow-up: Golf CP, 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 14:45	Golf's G3 found 500 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 14:45	Golf's G3 found 300 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 15:00	Golf's G3 found a converted mortar pit [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 16:00	Golf's G3 found 3 bunker complexes [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
13 Apr 20:50	Golf picked up enemy movement on radar [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
14 Apr 20:41	VC living in a village [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 47]
16 Apr 14:30	Golf's G3B found 450 lb of rice and other equipment [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
16 Apr 19:10	Golf had an accidental discharge of an M-60 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
16 Apr 22:10	Golf follow-up: the rice cache was only 200 lb [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
17 Apr 10:15	Golf's G2 detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]

Date	Activity / Events
17 Apr 18:30	Golf requests EOD [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
21 Apr 11:40	Golf's G3C had one man bitten by an unknown reptile [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
21 Apr 12:15	Golf's G3C spotted a brush fire causing secondary explosions [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
21 Apr 12:30	Golf's G3C detained 1 Vietnamese female [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
23 Apr 14:35	Golf's G3 found 75 lb of rice and 3 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 67]
23 Apr 21:10	VIP ordnance report from Golf [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 67]
24 Apr 06:15	Golf's G1 received 200-300 rounds of small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 69]
26 Apr 22:26	Golf's G2C spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
28 Apr 07:30	Golf's G1D made contact with 18 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
28 Apr 07:30	Follow-up: Golf's G1D found equipment caches [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
28 Apr 14:10	Golf's G1 received 20 rounds of small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
28 Apr 14:10	Follow-up: Golf sending in 5 detainees [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
28 Apr 15:50	Golf's G1 found a 105mm illumination booby trap — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
28 Apr 20:20	Golf CP fired on brush and received a secondary explosion [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
30 Apr 07:15	Golf: road sweep to MedCap (1/6 Golf) [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 83]
30 Apr 21:20	Golf's G13A detected movement and spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 83]

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 Apr 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048126).

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

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology Apr 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048126)

SECONDARY SOURCES

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