G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1970
Commander	Capt M. B. Darling (1–31 May)
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 (50 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 May 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 (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 54 entries this month (50 combat, 2 civic, 1 medical, 1 organization).

On 1 May 1970: Golf's G3B tripped a 60mm booby trap — 1 USMC and 2 RF wounded evac.

On 1 May 1970: Golf's G3B found and destroyed a 60mm booby trap.

On 1 May 1970: Golf's G31A spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Liberty Bridge operations	May 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 May 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 May 13:45	Golf's G3B tripped a 60mm booby trap — 1 USMC and 2 RF wounded evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 May 14:10	Golf's G3B found and destroyed a 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 May 20:25	Golf's G31A spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 15]
4 May 14:00	Golf's G1 with tanks detained 11 men and women and 17 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 23]
4 May 18:40	Golf's G1 with tanks released detainees to Phu Loc (6) [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 23]
5 May 09:55	Golf observed a Vietnamese hit a box mine — 1 Vietnamese wounded [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 25]
5 May 21:05	Golf had a trip flare activate and fired 200 rounds [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 25]
6 May 04:10	Golf's 81s had a fire caused by a candle [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 27]
6 May 07:00	Golf's G1 spotted 3 VC/NVA and killed 1 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 27]
6 May 07:00	Follow-up: Golf's G1 found a .38-cal pistol [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 May 07:30	Golf's G3 found and destroyed a ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 29]
7 May 09:15	Golf's G3 found a grave with a VC/NVA body in it [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 29]
7 May 12:25	Golf's G3 received sniper fire from 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 29]
7 May 14:15	Golf's G3 killed 1 VC/NVA and received 1 casualty — 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 29]
8 May 01:45	Golf CP received 30 rounds incoming (attack on Liberty Bridge) [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 01:45	Follow-up: Golf had 9 wounded evacuated and 12 not evacuated [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]

Date	Activity / Events
8 May 01:45	Follow-up: Golf swept the area and found 10 bodies [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 05:30	Follow-up: Golf's G3 called 106s and killed 3 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 06:30	Golf's G1 found 2 launching sites and a ramrod [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 08:40	Golf's G2 tripped a 60mm booby trap — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 09:00	Golf's G2 found and destroyed 3 booby traps [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 12:00	Golf's G1 set off an M-26 booby trap — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
8 May 14:45	Golf's G2 found and destroyed an 81mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
9 May 07:15	Golf's G1B found and destroyed a tube and canisters [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 33]
9 May 18:10	Golf's G2 received sniper fire [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 33]
9 May 20:10	Golf's G2B received sniper fire and fired illumination [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 33]
9 May 20:50	Golf received 3 lob bombs and called in artillery [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 33]
11 May 09:35	Golf's G1 detained 1 VC/NVA suspect [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 37]
11 May 20:45	Golf received 1 lob bomb outside the perimeter [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 37]
12 May 06:10	Golf's G2 spotted 3 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 39]
12 May 17:30	Golf's G2 spotted 4 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 39]
13 May 15:40	Golf observed 2 VC/NVA wearing green [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 41]
14 May 08:00	Golf's G33 flushed 2 VC/NVA out of a treeline [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 43]
16 May 14:35	Golf had one man (non-battle) from an accidental discharge [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 47]
18 May 16:00	Golf spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 53]
19 May 10:15	Golf's G32 found and destroyed a lob-bomb booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 55]
21 May 11:00	Golf's G11 detained 12 Vietnamese males [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 59]
22 May 08:20	Golf's G2 spotted 8 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 61]
22 May 08:50	Golf's G2 detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 61]

Date	Activity / Events
23 May 07:30	Golf's G23 found 23 sandbags of rice [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
23 May 07:55	Golf's G11 spotted 20 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
23 May 21:30	Golf observed lights and fired 60mm [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
24 May 08:50	Golf's G22 spotted 10-12 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
24 May 11:40	Golf's G22 tripped a booby trap — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
24 May 12:40	Golf's G22 detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 63]
25 May 09:30	Golf's G11 found and destroyed a 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 67]
26 May 09:05	Golf's G23 spotted 6 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 69]
26 May 11:00	Golf's G6 on a VR spotted 3-4 sampans and called artillery [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 69]
27 May 07:24	Golf's G11 found and destroyed a 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 71]
28 May 08:20	Golf's G12 tripped an M-26 booby trap — No casualties [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 73]
28 May 15:25	Golf's G2 received from Vietnamese a boy with an M-79 wound; 1 Vietnamese died [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 73]
29 May 12:30	Golf VIP report [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 75]
30 May 06:45	Golf's G12 found and destroyed a 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 77]
30 May 15:05	Golf's G3 received a woman hit by a civilian motorcycle [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 77]

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 May 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048127).

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