G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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 July 1970
Commander	Capt M. B. Darling (1–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder; LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (29 combat entries)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for July 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt M. B. Darling (1–31 July); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–26 July); LtCol T. M. Hamlin (27–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 35 entries this month (29 combat, 5 movement, 1 medical).

On 4 July 1970: Golf found and destroyed 1 booby trap.

On 14 July 1970: Golf's G21 killed 1 VC/NVA with an AK-47 rifle.

On 14 July 1970: Golf's G4 killed 1 VC/NVA and wounded 1.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Arizona	140800H – 181915H June 1967 (2/5 participation; the S-2 lists the operation as 15–19 June); previously listed as 13–26 June	"On 18 and 19 July, a company cordon and search operation by Company Golf reinforced with an S-2 search team was conducted in the Tau Phuoc area of the eastern Arizona … Immediately after the strike Company Golf and the S-2 Team were lifted into cordon positions west of Tau Phuoc (2) and (3).

4. Chronology of Company G Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for July 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 Jul 09:10	Golf found and destroyed 1 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
6 Jul 16:20	Golf's G2 found 1 VC/NVA pack with misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
6 Jul 17:50	Golf and S-3 found 2 of the 3 bodies that drowned [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
6 Jul 20:55	Golf CP received 2 grenades — 1 USMC (E) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
8 Jul 08:15	Golf's G2-1 spotted 2 VC/NVA with rifles — Checked area, negative [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 22]
8 Jul 08:15	Golf's G21 detained 1 9-year-old male [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 22]
9 Jul 09:00	Golf's G13 detained 2 males [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 23]
9 Jul 16:55	Golf received about 15 AK rounds from a treeline [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 23]
10 Jul 09:45	Golf's G21 destroyed 1 bunker and captured misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 24]
11 Jul 16:30	Golf CP heard 30-40 rounds near the CP [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 25]
14 Jul 06:30	Golf's G21 killed 1 VC/NVA with an AK-47 rifle [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 07:05	Golf's G4 killed 1 VC/NVA and wounded 1 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 08:35	Golf's G22 spotted and killed 1 VC/NVA with a pack [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 09:15	Golf's G22 killed 2 VC/NVA with packs and medical gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 09:30	Golf's G22 had a man trip 1 M-26 booby trap — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 14:30	Golf's G12 man tripped 1 ChiCom booby trap — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]

Date	Activity / Events
14 Jul – 16 Jul	Golf moved overland into blocking positions north of the village before first light while Foxtrot and the command post landed by helicopter to the south. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) Golf moved overland into the cordon north of the village (its own entry); Foxtrot and the jump command post were lifted into the cordon to the south (July chronology, PDF p. 7). [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 6; 2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
14 Jul	Golf moved from Not stated to Cordon positions north of Le Nam (1) on foot. "From 14–16 July, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) with maneuver elements consisting of Company's Golf and Fox controlled by the jump Command Post, conducted a cordon and search of the Le Nam (1) area … Company Golf moved overland into cordon positions north of Le Nam (1) just prior to first light, while Company Fox and the jump Command Post helolifftted into cordon positions to the south" (PDF p. 7). (From the July 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
18 Jul 10:30	Golf CP detained 1 male, 45 years of age [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
18 Jul 21:00	Golf's G2 killed 1 and captured 1 AK-47 rifle [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
18 Jul 21:35	Golf's G31 spotted 4 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
18 Jul 22:10	Golf's G31 killed 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
18 Jul – 19 Jul	"On 18 and 19 July, a company cordon and search operation by Company Golf reinforced with an S-2 search team was conducted in the Tau Phuoc area of the eastern Arizona … Immediately after the strike Company Golf and the S-2 Team were lifted into cordon positions west of Tau Phuoc (2) and (3). Fox Company maintained blocking positions east of the Tinh Yen River" (PDF p. 7). (From the July 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
18 Jul	Golf with an S-2 search team moved from Not stated to Cordon positions west of Tau Phuoc (2) and (3), eastern Arizona by helicopter. "On 18 and 19 July, a company cordon and search operation by Company Golf reinforced with an S-2 search team was conducted in the Tau Phuoc area of the eastern Arizona … Immediately after the strike Company Golf and the S-2 Team were lifted into cordon positions west of Tau Phuoc (2) and (3). Fox Company maintained blocking positions east of the Tinh Yen River" (PDF p. 7). (From the July 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
19 Jul 07:25	Golf's G21 captured 1 SKS rifle [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
19 Jul 15:30	Golf's G33 found and destroyed 1 illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
20 Jul 06:00	Golf's G2 hit a claymore booby trap — 3 USMC E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
20 Jul 09:00	Golf arrived in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
21 Jul 13:00	Golf's G1 killed 2 VC/NVA and captured 1 .38-cal pistol [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
21 Jul 14:00	Golf's G3 killed 1 VC/NVA in a treeline [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
21 Jul 19:00	Golf CP spotted 2 VC/NVA with 1 AK-47 rifle [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
24 Jul 10:30	Golf's G3 tripped 1 booby trap — 1 P/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 39]
24 Jul 14:15	Golf's G31 tripped 1 60mm booby trap — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 39]
31 Jul 06:40	Golf's H2 tripped 1 M-26 booby trap — 1 N/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 16:15	Golf's G13 detained 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]

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 Jul 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048129).

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