G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1970 — BALDY COMBAT BASE (LZ BALDY)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 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 December 1970
Commander	Capt R. O. Tilley (1–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy), Hill 510, Hill 848, Thach Khe (CUPP 5)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for December 1970 place the battalion most often at or near Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy) (14 of 21 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 510, Hill 848, Thach Khe (CUPP 5). None of Company G’s own entries names a place.

Company G was commanded by Capt R. O. Tilley (1–31 December); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–31 December).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 4 entries this month (4 combat).

On 17 December 1970: G3 observed movement, employed small arms, received M-79 return fire — 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy) operations	December 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 December 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
14 Dec 11:00	G3 located a tunnel complex with clothing and food [2/5 ComdC Dec 1970, PDF p. 26]
16 Dec 10:00	G-2 located a company-size base camp with 782 gear, clothing and food [2/5 ComdC Dec 1970, PDF p. 27]
17 Dec 10:00	G3 observed movement, employed small arms, received M-79 return fire — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1970, PDF p. 28]
17 Dec 11:00	G1 located a VC rest and eating area [2/5 ComdC Dec 1970, PDF p. 28]

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 Dec 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049004).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for December 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 Dec 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049004)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Cosmas, Graham A. and Terrence P. Murray. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1986.

— “Golf Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | Golf Company, 2/5 Marines, December 1970