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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January - 31 January 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONOFFICER IN CHARGE

D'WAYNE GRAY
LtCol, USMC
25 July - 31 Jan 1972

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(XXIV Corps/Danang)

R. M. KREASSIG
LCdr, USN
17 Nov - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(3rd ARVN Div/Quang Tri)

W. H. SADLER
Lt(jg), USN
9 May - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(2nd ARVN Division/Chu Lai)

A. D. GARRETT
Lt(jg), USN
28 Nov - 31 Jan 1972

Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon
(2nd Bde, ROKMC/Hoi An)

E. J. DYER
Major, USMC
18 Jun - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(TRAC/Long Binh)

R. B. ALLEN
Lt, USN
3 Dec - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(Phuoc Tuy Sector/Phuoc Le)

W. J. NAGLE
Lt(jg), USNR
12 Dec - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(DRAC/Can Tho)

C. G. CREAMER
Lt, USN
16 Nov - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(DRAC/Binh Thuy)

W. H. LEPPIG
1stLt, USMC
28 Jun - 31 Jan 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(21st ARVN Div/Ca Mau)

R. I. STILL
Lt, USN
22 Jan - 31 Jan 1972

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Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(9th RVN Div/Rach Gia)

W. H. COUNCIL
1stLt, USMCR
30 Nov - 31 Jan 1972

2. LOCATION, 1 - 31 January 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Adjutant

R. E. SCOTT
1stLt, USMC
1 Jan - 21 Jan 1972

J. H. COLE JR.
CWO-2, USMC
22 Jan - 31 Jan 1972

Operations Officer

R. W. MARSTELLER
Capt, USMC
8 Dec - 31 Jan 1972

Supply Officer

R. K. HARRIS
CWO-4, USMC
11 Nov - 31 Jan 1972

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4. Strength as of 2400, 31 January 1972

<u>MILITARY REGION 1</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
DANANG	0	15	1	0
QUANG TRI	4	12	1	0
HOI AN	3	22	0	1
CHU LAI	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION 1 TOTAL	8	56	3	1
<u>MILITARY REGION 2</u>				
VACANT				
<u>MILITARY REGION 3</u>				
SAIGON	4	40	1	1
LONG BINH	0	3	1	0
BARIA	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION 3 TOTAL	4	46	3	1
<u>MILITARY REGION 4</u>				
RACH GIA	1	3	0	0
BINH THUY	1	0	0	0
CAN THO	0	3	1	0
CA MAU	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION 4 TOTAL	3	15	2	0
GRAND TOTAL:	15	/ 117	8	/ 2

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The level of naval gunfire activity controlled by Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, FMF, remained fairly stable during January 1972. Naval gunfire ships fired 8,870 rounds of all types and caliber in support of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam units and Vietnamese provincial forces, as compared with the 8,324 rounds fired during the previous month. CTG 70.8 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) provided 84 ship days in January compared with 78 for December. The number of rounds fired per ship day remained fairly constant at 104. The level of utilization seems to be stabilizing with slight decreases possible through the next few months.

Since ANGLICO personnel now exclusively support Vietnamese units, increased usage has been made of Vietnamese air assets. Although some difficulties have been encountered, the majority have been satisfactorily resolved, and VNAF is providing adequate support.

In MR 1, enemy initiated activity remained at a low level. The Alpha Two outpost continued to receive sporadic rocket and mortar attacks, and naval gunfire is utilized in counterbattery fire. Recent army intelligence indicates these harassment attacks may serve as a diversion to cover infiltrators through the DMZ. Nightly interdiction fire by naval gunfire ships are being used to inhibit these movements.

The possibility of firing naval gunfire support from Danang Harbor into Elephant Valley has been explored on the XXIV Corps staff level. A ship was brought into the harbor twice during the month, but necessary clearances were not available and the mission was aborted. The concern of XXIV Corps staff is to demonstrate the feasibility of this mission as a contingency force.

The Air and Naval Gunfire Platoon continues to assist the 2nd Brigade, Republic of Korea Marine Corps in their stand down. With only one battalion remaining on 31 January 1972, the platoon expects to complete its mission by mid-February. On 26 January 1972, the official stand down ceremony for the Brigade was held.

There was no naval gunfire activity in MR 2.

In MR 3, only Market Time assets were utilized against minor tactical targets. On 29 January 1972, Liaison/Spot Team 3-2 was closed down and the personnel transferred to Long Binh. Preparations are being made for the closing out of ANGLICO teams from MR 3, due to the low level of enemy activity along the coastal regions, and the commensurately reduced naval gunfire requirement.

In MR 4, the level of military activity was low. Continued building of fire bases in the southern Ca Mau peninsula area necessitated retaining the naval gunfire asset at point Virginia through most of the month. Until these bases

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are completed ARVN Commanders are concerned primarily with security. Most missions during the month were aimed at collection points, staging areas, and suspected base camps. During January, 45% of naval gunfire was outside existing artillery fans. This percentage will gradually be reduced until early March, when land based artillery is expected to completely cover the Delta Region. Support has been withdrawn from the regimental level of the 9th ARVN Division, at ARVN request. All targeting information will now be passed directly to the 9th ARVN Division TOC, where liaison/Spot Team 4-3 maintains personnel. This change is consistent with the generally increased use of, and dependence upon, the ARVN chain of command and channels of communication.

With the steady reduction of U.S. personnel in Vietnam, and the gradually reducing role for naval gunfire, some reduction in the size and scope of ANGLICO's mission is foreseeable, but its extent is as yet unknown.

PART III

LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT DATA

1. Allied Organizations committed to combat.

a. The following ships operated with elements of Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO in support of operations conducted during the month of January 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS MASON (DD 852)	USS WADDEL (DDG 24)
USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20)	USS ANDERSON (DD 786)
USS ISBELL (DD 869)	
USS MACKENZIE (DD 836)	
USS CHEVALIER (DD 805)	
USS BAUSELL (DD 845)	
USS PARSONS (DDG 33)	
USS MORTON (DD 948)	

b. The following aviation units operated with the Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon at Hoi An in support of the 2nd Brigade, Republic of Korea, Marine Corps:

11th Combat Air Group	236th Medical Detachment, USA
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c. The following units provided spotting aircraft to Liaison/Spot Teams of Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO:

USA

Light Helo Attack Sqd 3
 Light Attack Sqd 4
 175th Combat Assault Aviation
 Company
 74th Recon Aircraft Company
 173 Combat Assault Aviation Co.

ALLIED

116 VNAF Squadron
 122 VNAF Squadron
 120 VNAF Squadron

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d. U.S. and Allied units supported during the month of January include:

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>ALLIED</u>
NONE	2nd Bde, ROKMC 2nd ARVN Division 3rd ARVN Division 9th ARVN Division 21st ARVN Division 258th Marine VN Brigade Phouc Tuy Province 36th USARV Individual Training Group

e. Personnel of Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO participated in the following named combat operations during January 1972:

New Life Campaign	Operation Tran Hung Dao
Operation C-L	

f. The following damage was inflicted on the enemy by ANGLICO controlled naval gunfire during the reporting period:

	<u>MR 1</u>	<u>MR 2</u>	<u>MR 3</u>	<u>MR 4</u>	<u>MR TOTAL</u>
KIA (CONFIRMED)	0	0	0	3	3
KIA (ESTIMATED)	0	0	0	5	5
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	18	0	0	22	40
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	1	0	0	24	25
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	2	0	0	42	44

g. The following number of missions were fired during January with the indicated ammunition expenditures:

	<u>MR 1</u>	<u>MR 2</u>	<u>MR 3</u>	<u>MR 4</u>	<u>MR TOTAL</u>
MISSIONS	607	0	0	106	776
AMMUNITION					
5"/54	3,295	0	0	176	3,471
5"/38	1,902	0	0	3,497	5,399
5" Total:	5,197	0	0	3,673	8,870
Total Unobserved:	3,500	0	0	53	3,553

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h. The following are statistics resulting from ANGLICO controlled air operations conducted during January:

FIXED WING SORTIES	0
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HELO SORTIES	972
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MEDEVACS	1
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DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

KBA (CONFIRMED)	0
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KBA (ESTIMATED)	0
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STRUCTURES DESTROYED	0
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STRUCTURES DAMAGED	0
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SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	0
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ORDNANCE EXPENDED

BOMBS (LBS)	0
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NAPALM (LBS)	0
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ROCKETS (2.75)	0
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40MM (RDS)	0
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20MM (RDS)	0
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7.62 (RDS)	0
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i. Administration

The personnel situation in the unit at present is stable with continued emphasis on the reduction to the new manning level of 90 Marine enlisted by 1 March 1972.

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j. Supply Matters

(1) The third quarters FY-72 fund authorization was received during the month. Quarterly authorizations are: \$14,300.00 in Planning Estimate Holder funds (requisitions to other than Marine Corps supply sources, i.e., Army, Navy, ISSA orders), \$2,800.00 in Requisition Authority (RA) funds (requisitions to Marine Corps supply sources, i.e., Account MRI, 3d FSR, Okinawa), and no additional monies for subsistence in that the present balance will suffice until the Hoi An mess hall is closed in February, 1972. Total authorized to date is: PE \$52,300.00, RA \$8,300.00 and subsistence (PC Z) \$53,200.00. This represents a considerable decrease between fund availability to date, and the amount requested in the FY-72 budget of \$63,000.00 in PE and \$30,000.00 in RA through the 3d quarter, however due to the decline in the personnel manning level and low level of operational activity, the funds authorized appear to be adequate. The TAD ceiling was raised to \$12,219.00 for FY-72, but it appears unlikely that this amount will be obligated, in that the ceiling is actually for TAD costs, emergency and special leave costs which total \$3,291.00 to date.

(2) During the monthly TAD trip by supply personnel to 3d FSR, the usual fiscal transactions were accomplished by delivering the Fiscal Document Transmittals (FDT's) and monthly fiscal reconciliation reports to the Fiscal Officer, 3d FSR. An error in the unit records of \$1,228.00 was discovered and corrected as a direct result of the trip. Personal contact was made with Fleet Stock Account (MRI) personnel concerning requirements for BA-626 metal air batteries, and supporting components. Unit requirements were satisfied.

(3) Shipment was negotiated for 19 pieces of communications/electronics equipment from MFAG-4, the Secondary Depot Repairable Maintenance Float, to replace like unserviceable items shipped by us to MFAG-4.

(4) Discussions with the Float Manager, MFAG-4, concerning availability of motor transport assemblies revealed some assemblies are available. As the in-country maintenance facilities close, it appears the unit personnel and MFAG-4 will be our primary maintenance source in the near future.

k. Motor Transport

Truck, M151A1 No. 335959 was reported as stolen from the XXIV Corps team. Investigative action is underway. During the month one truck, 3/4 ton, M-37 was delivered over the road to the Ca Mau team, and one truck, 1/4 ton, M151A1 and trailer was delivered over the road to the Can Tho team, with one M151A1 being driven back to Saigon for rehabilitation. One M151A1 was repainted through use of AIK funds. We have experienced considerable trouble during the month with vehicles burning out voltage regulators.

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1. Rest and Recreation

The following are statistics for Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO during January for each out-of-country R&R location:

HAWAII/CONUS 7&7	1
BANGKOK	1
TAIPEI	2
CONUS LEAVE	3

m. Awards

	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Bronze Star Medal	8	3
Air Medal	9	5
Joint Service Commendation Medal	1	0
Navy Commendation Medal	7	8
Navy Achievement Medal	11	2
Combat Action Ribbon	3	1
Cross of Gallantry (VN)	0	4

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n. Sequential Listings

1 - 11 January 1972	USS Mackenzie supported the 9th & 21st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 21 structures and damaged 3 structures and caused 7 secondary explosions.
1 - 22 January 1972	USS Goldsborough supported the 2nd & 3rd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 1 structure and caused 3 secondary explosions.
10 - 22 January 1972	USS Mason supported the 2nd & 3rd ARVN Division. Her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.
11 January 1972	USS Parsons supported the 9th & 21st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure caused 5 secondary explosions which resulted in 5 estimated KIA's.
11 January 1972	USS Bausell supported the 9th & 21st ARVN Division.
11 January 1972	USS Anderson supported the 9th & 21st ARVN DIVISION. Her fires caused 5 secondary explosions.
11-16-20-31 January 1972	USS Chevalier supported the 9th & 21st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 20 structures, damaged 21 structures, caused 5 secondary explosions and had 3 KIA's confirmed.
22 January 1972	USS Wadell supported the 9th & 21st ARVN Division.
22 - 31 January 1972	USS Isbell supported the 2nd & 3rd ARVN Division. Her fires caused 1 secondary explosion.
26 - 31 January 1972	USS Morton supported the 2nd & 3rd ARVN Division.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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