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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 February - 29 February 1972

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## PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONOFFICER IN CHARGE

D'WAYNE GRAY  
 LtCol, USMC  
 25 July - 29 Feb 1972

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team  
 (XXIV Corps/Danang )

R. M. KREASSIG  
 LCdr, USN  
 17 Nov - 29 Feb 1972

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

W. H. SADLER  
 Lt(jg), USN  
 9 May - 21 Feb 1972

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

A. D. GARRETT  
 Lt(jg), USN  
 22 Nov - 29 Feb 1972

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

E. J. DYER  
 Major, USMC  
 18 Jun - 24 Feb 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team  
 (TRAC/Long Binh)

R. B. ALLEN  
 Lt, USN  
 3 Dec - 12 Feb 1972

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team  
 (DRAC/ Can Tho)

C. G. CREAMER  
 Lt, USN  
 16 Nov - 29 Feb 1972

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

W. J. NAGLE  
 Lt(jg), USN  
 12 Dec - 12 Feb 1972

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team  
 (DRAC/Binh Thuy)

W. H. LEPPIG  
 1stLt, USMC  
 28 Jun - 29 Feb 1972

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

R. I. STILL  
 Lt, USN  
 22 Jan - 29 Feb 1972

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

W. H. COUNCIL  
1stLt, USMC  
30 Nov - 29 Feb 1972

2. LOCATION, 1 - 29 February 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Adjutant

J. H. COLE JR.  
CWO-2, USMC  
22 Jan - 29 Feb 1972

Operations Officer

R. W. MARSTELLER  
Capt, USMC  
8 Dec - 29 Feb 1972

Supply Officer

R. K. HARRIS  
CWO-4, USMC  
11 Nov - 29 Feb 1972

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## 4. Strength as of 2400, 29 February 1972

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>MILITARY REGION 1</u>				
DANANG	1	22	1	0
QUANG TRI	3	12	1	1
CHU LAI	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION 1 TOTAL	5	39	3	1
<u>MILITARY REGION 2</u>				
VACANT				
<u>MILITARY REGION 3</u>				
SAIGON	<u>6</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
MILITARY REGION 3 TOTAL	6	36	1	1
<u>MILITARY REGION 4</u>				
RACH GIA	1	2	0	0
BINH THUY	2	0	1	0
CAN THO	0	2	2	0
CA MAU	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION 4 TOTAL	3	15	4	0
GRAND TOTAL	14	90	8	2

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Tet, 1972 edition, remained surprisingly peaceful. Despite frequent warnings of a possible NVA/VC offensive, no such actuality developed. ANGLICO personnel, along with all U.S. and Free World Forces, maintained a grey alert status throughout the month, with three ships maintained in MR 1 during Tet and for most of the two weeks following. Contingency plans were formulated by XXIV Corps NGLO for the emergency evacuation of Outpost Alpha Two, but fortunately proved unnecessary.

The level of naval gunfire activity controlled by Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, FMF, actually decreased slightly during the month of February 1972. Although the support provided by CTG 70.8 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet), rose to 99 ship days in order to meet Tet contingencies, the number of rounds fired per ship day fell sharply to 79 in February, with 7,862 rounds of all types and caliber being fired in support of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam units and Vietnamese provincial forces.

In MR 1, enemy initiated activity remained at a low level throughout the reporting period. The Alpha Two outpost continues to receive sporadic rocket and mortar attacks, and naval gunfire is utilized in counterbattery and nightly interdiction fire into the DMZ area. On 14 February, a two man Spot Team was dispatched to Tan My, to help protect the U.S. Coast Guard Loran Station located there.

On 25 February 1972, LCdr KREASSIG, XXIV Corps NGLO, was involved in a helicopter crash while returning from a liaison visit to the USS Craig (DD885) in Danang Harbor. Seven personnel were killed, including an ARVN General and Colonel, and a US Army Colonel and Major. LCdr KREASSIG sustained only minor injuries and was released from the 3rd Evacuation Hospital on 28 February 1972. Cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Several times during the month, naval gunfire was used to fire into Elephant Valley, a major approach lane to Danang, from Danang Harbor. Although no significant damage assessment was made, the missions were conducted without major problems.

Some time in early March, XXIV Corps headquarters will be deactivated. ANGLICO personnel are prepared to shift their support to First Regional Assistance Command headquarters.

On 24 February 1972, the last element of the 2nd Brigade, Republic of Korea Marine Corps completed its stand down. Members of the Air Naval Gunfire Platoon continued to the last, providing air support liaison and direction. Subsequent to the Korean stand down, the platoon was dissolved and its members reassigned within the Sub Unit.

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There was no naval gunfire activity in MR 2. In MR 3, liaison team 3-1, attached to Third Regional Assistance Command headquarters in Long Binh, Binh Hoa Province, was deactivated with its personnel transferred to Saigon for further reassignment. Although this closes out naval gunfire activity in MR 3, headquarters section in Saigon is maintaining air observers and ground spotters as a contingency force, available upon request from TRAC.

In MR 4, air observers were located in Bac Lieu and Binh Thuy, flying L-19 and O-1 aircraft with the VNAF. The preponderance of air support is now being provided by VNAF. There have been some minor problems in making this adjustment, but on the whole VNAF has been enthusiastic.

Market time asset, consisting of patrol gunboats and an LST, with 3" 50 guns, were utilized to attack minor targets around Ben Tre, Kien Hoa Province, with no significant results.

A Vietnamese Navy destroyer, with 5" 38 guns, fired in the Song Ong Doc area, on the west coast of the Ca Mau Peninsula. No ANGLICO assistance was required. Although this small step in Vietnamization is interesting, no particular significance should be attached to it, since the Vietnamese Navy lacks the assets to assume an active naval gunfire support role.

Liaison Spot Team 4-3, located in Rach Gia, Kien Giang Province, will be closed, possibly in early March. The 9th ARVN Division need of naval gunfire support is considered secondary to the requirements of the 21st ARVN Division. Personnel will be maintained at DRAC headquarters for redeployment to Rach Gia as necessary.

The main air strip at Ca Mau, An Xuyen Province, was reopened during the Tet alert period, then closed again for resurfacing. Although the loss of this strip inconveniences the operations of Liaison/Spot Team 4-2 in Ca Mau, operational effectiveness has not been affected.

The majority of naval gunfire support to the 21st ARVN Division has been along the west coast of the Ca Mau peninsula. Even though a high percentage of naval gunfire rounds fell within the perimeter of existing artillery coverage, significant damage assessments have been obtained.

On 9 February 1972, a OV-10A aircraft crashed after conducting an NGF mission. The pilot was killed, but the aerial observer, 1stLt E. D. BRINDLE, USMC survived with serious injuries. He was rescued by a motor whaleboat from the USS Albert David (DE1050), and flown by medevac helicopter to the 3rd Surgical Hospital at Binh Thuy, Phong Dinh Province, and subsequently medevaced to CONUS. Cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Increasingly, ANGLICO is reducing its support role throughout Vietnam, and is streamlining its operation in terms of personnel and organization. Emphasis is being given to the contingency possibilities of both ANGLICO and naval gunfire support. Therefore, even while reducing the size and scope of its mission, ANGLICO is maintaining its capability to reestablish its units wherever and whenever required.

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## 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 February 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS STRAUSS (DDG-16)	USS THOMAS (DD 764)
USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20)	USS KNOX (DED 52)
USS ISBELL (DD 869)	USS WADDEL (DDG 24)
USS CHEVALIER (DD 805)	USS ANDERSON (DD 786)
USS MORTON (DD 948)	USS CRAIG (DD 885)
USS DAVID (DE-1050)	

b. The following units provided spotting aircraft to Liaison/Spot Teams of Sub Unit One, 1st ANGLICO:

USA

Light Attack Sqd 4  
175th Combat Assault Aviation  
Company  
173 Combat Assault Aviation Co.

ALLIED

116 VNAF Squadron  
120 VNAF Squadron

c. U.S. and allied units supported during the month of February include:

U.S.

None

ALLIED

147th VNM C Bde  
2nd ARVN Division  
3rd ARVN Division  
9th ARVN Division  
21st ARVN Division  
258th VNM C Bde

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

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

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	<u>MR 1</u>	<u>MR 2</u>	<u>MR 3</u>	<u>MR 4</u>	<u>MR Total</u>
KIA (CONFIRMED)	5	0	0	7	12
KIA (ESTIMATED)	3	0	0	5	8
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	22	0	0	17	39
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	5	0	0	45	50
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	12	0	0	93	105

f. The following number of missions were fired during February 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	1,125	0	0	112	1,237
AMMUNITION					
5"/54	4,318	0	0	0	4,318
5"/38	966	0	0	2,578	3,544
5" Total	5,284	0	0	2,578	7,862
Total Unobserved	2,778	0	0	122	2,900

g. Logistics.

a. The regular monthly liaison visit to 3d FSR went smoothly. Required fiscal and supply reports were delivered and discussed. Secondary depot reparable were exchanged and shipping arrangements made to deliver replacements to Saigon.

b. The mess hall operated in support of the Air/NGF platoon, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade at Hoi An ceased operation on 12 February 1972. The mess hall equipment was turned over to the Marine Advisors with the Vietnamese Marine Corps. On 24 February 1972 the Hoi An camp site closed and all remaining Marine Corps property was convoyed over the road to Camp Tien Sha, Danang, for staging redistribution, or shipment to Saigon.

h. Motor Transport.

a. The new motor transport chief, SSgt C. T. GIBB Jr. reported aboard as relief for SSgt E. C. PAPE.

b. Received one truck M151A1 from third FSR. This vehicle was flown to Danang for the team at Quang Tri.

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c. Due to difficulties experienced in MR 1 in obtaining vehicle repairs a mechanic has been permanently assigned to the liaison team at Camp Tien Sha, Danang and a driver assigned to the Shore Fire Control team at Quang Tri.

i. Rest and Recreation.

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

7&7 Hawaii/CONUS 3                      Taipei

j. Awards.Awards RecommendedBronze Star Medal

1stLt V. E. CARLIN  
Sgt J. L. ENGLAND  
Sgt W. F. EXUM  
Sgt D. M. NEWLIN  
Lt(jg) W. H. SADLER III  
Sgt G. J. VINES

Air Medal

1stLt E. D. BRINDLE (1-2)  
1stLt V. E. CARLIN (2-10)

Navy Commendation Medal

Cpl J. S. BRIDGES  
GySgt B. WILLIAMS  
1stLt R. M. WRIGHT

Navy Achievement Medal

LCpl G. T. GILLOOLY  
Sgt W. H. KEITH  
LCpl E. F. SANTIAGO  
Cpl D. R. SUTHERLAND

Combat Action Ribbon

1stLt D. C. BRUGGEMAN  
LCpl J. J. EVANS  
Sgt J. L. NEWTON  
Cpl J. F. WORTH

Certificate of Commendation

LCpl P. N. HAMOVITZ  
Cpl G. D. HAYNES  
LCpl W. B. TACKETT

Awards ApprovedBronze Star Medal

1stLt T. E. ALLEN  
1stLt G. E. EVANS  
Capt P. D. PAYNE

Air Medal

Lt(jg) R. M. CARTER (2-3)  
Lt C. G. CREAMER (3-4)  
Lt(jg) J. C. DEVANNEY (1-3)  
1stLt J. B. EISENSTEIN  
1stLt G. E. EVANS (2)  
Cpl B. W. FARR (2)  
1stLt D. C. LINDEMANN (2-4)  
LtCol E. E. SHOULTS (3-5)  
Lt(jg) D. P. THROOP (2-4)

Navy Commendation Medal

CWO-2 J. R. MORRISSETTE

Navy Achievement Medal

Cpl R. D. BIGHAM  
LCpl J. E. BROWN  
Cpl N. R. CORZINE  
Cpl R. O. JARCZYK  
Cpl F. L. MARCONI  
Cpl E. A. PATTERSON  
GySgt E. TONWNSEND

Combat Action Ribbon

LCpl A. J. LEWANDOWSKI

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k. Sequential Listings

1 - 2 February	USS Chevalier - supported the 9th and 21st ARVN Divisions her fires destroyed 2 structures.
1-2, 9 - 14 February	USS Isbell - supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 5 structures, damaged 1 structure and caused 4 secondary explosions.
1 - 4 February	USS Isbell - supported the 9th and 21st ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 20 structures and damaged 9.
1 - 18 February	USS Morton - supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 1 structure and caused 1 secondary explosion.
5 - 23 February	USS David - supported the 9th and 21st ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 66 structures, damaged 32 structures caused 17 secondary explosions which resulted in 7 KIA confirmed and 5 KIA estimated.
12 - 20 February	USS Goldsborough - supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires damaged 2 structures, caused 10 secondary explosions which resulted in 5 KIA confirmed and 3 KIA estimated .
15 - 29 February	USS Strauss - Supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fire destroyed 6 structures, damaged 1, and caused 4 secondary explosions.
19 - 25 February	USS Craig - Supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
21 - 29 February	USS Anderson - supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires damaged 1 structure and caused 2 secondary
24 - 27 February	USS Thomas supported the 9th and 21st ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 5 structures and damaged 4 structures.
27 February	USS Waddell - Supported the 9th and 21st ARVN Division.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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