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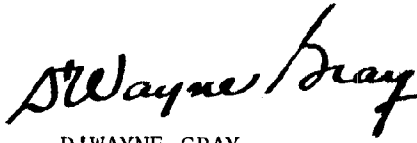
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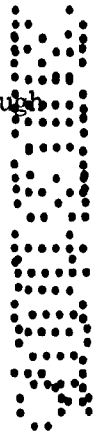
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April - 30 April 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

OFFICER IN CHARGE

D'WAYNE GRAY
LtCol USMC
25 Jul 71 - 30 Apr 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(FRAC/DaNang)

J. H. COLLINS
LCDR USN
18 Mar 72 - 30 Apr 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(FRAC (Fwd)/Hue)

R. B. ALLEN
LT USN
9 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

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

J. B. EISENSTEIN
1stLt USMCR
27 Feb 72 - 24 Apr 72

G. GOLDEN
Maj USMC
25 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

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

A. D. GARRETT
Lt(jg) USN
22 Nov 71 - 6 Apr 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(Binh Dinh Province/Qui Nhon)

W. J. NAGLE III
Lt(jg) USN
23 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(DRAC/Can Tho)

R. B. ALLEN
LT USN
11 Mar 72 - 7 Apr 72

R. W. MARSTELLER
Capt USMC
11 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

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Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (Thua Thien Province/Hue)	D. J. DOUGLAS Capt USMC 19 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (DRAC/Binh Thuy)	G. C. KOONS 1stLt USMC 17 Apr 72 - 23 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (21st ARVN Div/Ca Mau)	J. S. VOGT Maj USMC 24 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (9th ARVN Div/Rach Gia)	R. I. STILL LT USN 22 Jan 72 - 7 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (FRAC/DaNang)	R. I. STILL LT USN 11 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (VNMC Div/Hue)	R. A. WIDDOWS Maj USMC 15 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (1st ARVN Div/Camp Eagle)	M. E. MEE Capt USMC 22 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (Thua Thien Province/Hue)	H. L. HELMS Capt USMC 22 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (Binh Dinh Province/Phu Cat)	C. G. COLLINS Maj USMC 15 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72
	U. S. GRANT JR. Capt USMC 25 Apr 72 - 26 Apr 72

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Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(Binh Dinh Province/Phu Cat)

F. L. TURNER
Capt USMC
26 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

2. LOCATION, 1 - 30 April 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

E. J. DYER JR.
Maj USMC
25 Feb 72 - 30 Apr 72

Adjutant

J. H. COLE JR.
CWO-2 USMC
22 Jan 72 - 30 Apr 72

Operations Officer

R. W. MARSTELLER
Capt USMC
8 Dec 71 - 10 Apr 72

Supply Officer

D. P. THROOP
Lt(jg) USNR
11 Apr 72 - 30 Apr 72

R. K. HARRIS
CWO-4 USMC
11 Nov 71 - 30 Apr 72

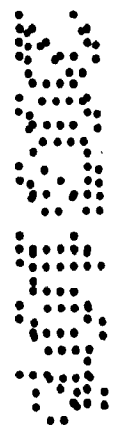
4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 30 April 1972

<u>MILITARY REGION I</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>/ ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>/ ENL</u>
DANANG	9	25	0	0
QUANG TRI	2	5	0	1
HUE	3	13	1	0
CAMP EAGLE	1	3	0	0
TAN MY	0	3	0	0
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	15	49	1	1

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<u>MILITARY REGION II</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
QUI NHON	0	4	1	0
LZ ENGLISH	0	2	0	0
LZ CRYSTAL	0	2	0	0
PHU CAT	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION II TOTAL	2	8	1	0
<u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	<u>4</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
MILITARY REGION III TOTAL	4	29	1	1
<u>MILITARY REGION IV</u>				
BINH THUY	3	0	0	0
CAN THO	1	5	0	0
RACH GIA	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL	4	9	2	0
GRAND TOTAL	25 / 95		5 / 2	



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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April 1972, the NVA offensive assumed major proportions, with the fighting reaching a level of intensity unequalled since Tet 1968. In response to the massive enemy assault, the utilization of naval gunfire was increased substantially. The number of ship days provided by CTG 70.8 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) rose to 295 with the number of rounds fired per ship day rising significantly from 92 in March to 129.5 in April, with 39,203 rounds of all types and calibers being fired in support of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam units and Vietnamese provincial forces. The augmentation of naval gunfire support assets included twenty-seven destroyers, the addition of two light cruisers, and the expected arrival, in May, of USS Newport News (CA-148) with her eight inch guns. Heavy counter battery fire was encountered in northern MR I, with several assets receiving direct hits from enemy artillery.

On 1 April 1972, after three days of intense bombardment by enemy rockets, mortars and artillery, outpost Alpha 2 was evacuated by helicopter. During the preceding days, naval gunfire had been directed by ANGLICO personnel from the outpost upon enemy troop staging areas, advancing enemy formations, likely avenues of approach, and in suppression of observed enemy firing positions. The presence of naval gunfire had delayed the inevitable fall of Alpha 2, but by 1 April 1972, the outpost was cut off, surrounded, and the ARVN battalion had withdrawn in general disorder. During the emergency evacuation, 1stLt D. C. BRUGGEMAN was mortally wounded and Cpl J. F. WORTH came missing in action.

From the Quang Tri Combat Base, naval gunfire was directed after the fall of Alpha 2, upon the advancing NVA units. Tanks, trucks, and massed enemy formations were taken under fire. The preponderance of naval gunfire support during the three days following the fall of Alpha 2 was unobserved due to continued rain, heavy cloud cover, and low visibility which served to mask the enemy assault.

On Easter Sunday, 2 April 1972, four ANGLICO air observers were located at Phu Bai Air Base, flying VNAF L-19 Birdog aircraft. Despite the continued bad weather, these observers were able to spot naval gunfire by ducking through breaks in the cloud cover, and by flying at extremely low and hazardous altitudes. During this same period, naval gunfire attacked tank formations by direct fire, engaged massed enemy personnel along the beach, and began to receive heavy, though sporadic, enemy counter battery fire.

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Due in large part to naval gunfire support, the enemy advance was slowed, and ARVN units reformed and established a stable line of defense along the Cua Viet River. Naval gunfire assets, continually being augmented, hammered the area between the Cua Viet and Ben Hai rivers, destroying an estimated 15-20 enemy tanks, 300-400 enemy KIA, suppressing enemy coastal defense sites, and scattering observed enemy troop formations.

On 7 April 1972, with twelve hours notice, the ANGLICO operations in MR 4 were closed down, and its personnel transferred to MR 1. On 11 April 1972, at the specific request of the Commanding General, Delta Regional Assistance Command, ANGLICO personnel were re-established in MR 4. The 21st ARVN Division had departed the Delta area on 8 April 1972, in order to relieve besieged An Loc, a provincial capitol west of Saigon, with 9th ARVN Division assuming control of the 21st ARVN Division's area of operations in addition to its own. The subsequent increase of enemy initiated activity prompted the request for ANGLICO's return.

On 8 April 1972, the Officer in Charge requested a personnel augmentation of twenty-one Marines, primarily aerial observers in order to provide continuous daylight air cover for three divisions. He further requested an additional eighteen Marines and two naval officers on 10 April 1972, when the requirement for reestablishment of NGF in MR 4 became known. Augmentation personnel, attached TAD, began arriving on 13 April 1972.

On 10 April 1972, the air observers at Phu Bai were transferred to DaNang and began flying with the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron, U.S. Air Force. The Seventh Air Force command, upon request from MACV, agreed to provide up to 42 OV-10 flight hours daily, weather allowing, providing continuous dawn to dusk air coverage for both the 1st and 3rd ARVN Division. On 27 April 1972, additional night missions commenced.

On 12 April 1972, in the pre-dawn darkness, an unobserved naval gunfire barrage of 300 rounds was fired from DaNang harbor into Elephant Valley. A morning aerial reconnaissance revealed an estimated 50-100 enemy KIA.

On 23 April 1972, upon COMUSMACV directive, naval gunfire was reestablished in MR 2. Headquartered at Qui Nhon, ANGLICO personnel were flying out of Phu Cat Air Base. Fighting was extremely heavy in the area, and many lucrative targets were taken under fire.

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On 27 April 1972, a heavy daybreak bombardment by naval gunfire on a suspected regimental command post south of Hoai An, Binh Dinh Province, resulted in an estimated 50-100 enemy KIA.

On 29 April 1972, LZ English, in northern MR 2, was receiving heavy incoming fires. Nearby Hoai An had already been overrun. ANGLICO personnel along with U.S. Army advisors were preparing to evacuate.

On 30 April 1972, owing to increasing enemy pressure from both heavy artillery barrages and probing enemy ground assaults, resulting in the fall of Dong Ha on the Cua Viet River, the loss of Quang Tri appeared imminent.

By 30 April 1972, the tactical situation in both MR 1 and 2, was extremely fluid and uncertain. Although ARVN units continued to withdraw, the enemy gains have been less rapid than initially feared. ANGLICO operations are expected to remain at a high level in the foreseeable future.



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PART III

LISTINGS 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 April 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS ANDERSON (DD-786)	USS EDWARDS (DD-950)
USS BADGER (DE-1071)	USS LARSON (DD-830)
USS BAUSELL (DD-845)	USS LOCKWOOD (DE-1064)
USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14)	USS J.S. MCCAIN (DDG-36)
USS BUCKLEY (DD-808)	USS OUELLET (DE-1077)
USS CRAIG (DD-885)	USS PARSON (DDG-31)
USS DAVID (DE-1050)	USS ROARK (DE-1053)
USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045)	USS ROWAN (DD-782)
USS GURKE (DD-783)	USS SAMPLE (DE-1048)
USS HAMMOND (DE-1067)	USS STODDERT (DDG-22)
USS HAMNER (DD-718)	USS STRAUSS (DDG-16)
USS HANSON (DD-832)	USS THOMAS (DD-764)
USS J.P. JONES (DDG-36)	USS WADDELL (DDG-24)
	USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062)

CRUISERS

USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)
USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6)

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

U.S. AIR FORCE

20th Tactical Air Support Squadron
21st Tactical Air Support Squadron

ALLIED

116 VNAF Squadron
120 VNAF Squadron
122 VNAF Squadron

U.S. ARMY

175th Combat Assault Aviation Company

d. U.S. and allied units supported during the month of April include:

U.S.

None

ALLIED

VNMC Division
1st ARVN Division
2nd ARVN Division
3rd ARVN Division
9th ARVN Division

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ALLIED

21st ARVN Division
 22nd ARVN Division
 9th ROK Capitol Division
 Binh Dinh Provincial Forces
 Thua Thien Provincial Forces

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

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

	<u>MR I</u>	<u>MR II</u>	<u>MR III</u>	<u>MR IV</u>	<u>MR Total</u>
KIA (CONFIRMED)	30	0	0	0	30
KIA (ESTIMATED)	320	100	0	0	420
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	191	10	0	33	234
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	171	25	0	6	202
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	72	16	0	10	98

f. The following number of missions were fired during April with the indicated ammunition expenditures:

	<u>MR I</u>	<u>MR II</u>	<u>MR III</u>	<u>MR IV</u>	<u>MR Total</u>
MISSIONS	650	13	0	30	693
AMMUNITION					
5"/54	18,517	0	0	0	18,517
5"/38	15,624	1,326	0	1,495	18,443
6"/47	<u>2,241</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,241</u>
GRAND TOTAL	36,382	1,326	0	1,495	39,203
Total Unobserved	20,293	410	0	68	20,673

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g. Rest and Recreation

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1	April	After three days of intense rocket, artillery, and mortar bombardment by NVA forces, with ARVN forces disintegrating and the imminent probability of a ground attack, NGF personnel were evacuated from outpost Alpha Two. 1stLt BRUGGEMAN, OIC of the SFCP at that position was mortally wounded during the evacuation. Cpl WORTH became missing in action.
1 - 21, 26 - 30	April	USS WADDELL supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 8 structures; and caused 2 secondary explosions.
1 - 5, 21 - 27	April	USS STRAUSS supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 13 structures, damaged 12 structures; caused 12 secondary explosions and resulted in 12 confirmed KIA and 30 estimated KIA.
1 - 5	April	USS BUCHANAN supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 4 structures; and resulted in 3 confirmed KIA and 8 estimated KIA.
1 - 5	April	USS HAMNER supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 13 structures; and caused 4 secondary explosions, which resulted in 5 estimated KIA.

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1 - 5, 15 - 28	April	USS ANDERSON supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 55 structures, damaged 78 structures; and caused 18 secondary explosions.
1 - 6	April	USS BAUSELL supported the 21st and 9th ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 8 structures, damaged 7 structures; and caused 7 secondary explosions.
5 - 14, 24 - 30	April	USS THOMAS supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 6 structures; and caused 2 secondary explosions.
5 - 16, 26 - 30	April	USS LOCKWOOD supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 59 structures, damaged 38 structures; and caused 3 secondary explosions.
6 - 17 - 22	April	USS LARSON supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 22 structures, damaged 10 structures; and caused 16 secondary explosions.
7 - 8	April	USS HIGBEE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
7 - 11	April	USS ROWAN supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 5 structures; and caused 2 secondary explosions.
7 - 12, 28 - 30	April	USS OKLAHOMA CITY supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 1 structure; and caused 20 secondary explosions.
7, 17 - 20	April	USS GURKE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.

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11 - 19	April	USS BADGER supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures.
12 - 19	April	A total of 39 (18 Officers and 21 enlisted Marines) augmentation personnel arrived from 1st MarDiv, 3rd MarDiv, MCB Camp Lejeune, and 1st MarBde.
12 - 21, 26 - 30	April	USS WHIPPLE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
14 - 30	April	USS ROWAN supported the 9th Division; Her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 33 structures; and caused 10 secondary explosions.
15	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team with FRAC headquarters in DaNang.
15	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team at Hue in support of Thua Thien Province.
18 - 23, 28 - 30	April	USS ROARK supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.
19	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team at Hue to support Thua Thien Province.
20 - 30	April	USS J.P. JONES supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 18 structures.
22	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team with the Vietnamese Marine Corps Division at Hue.
22	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team with the 1st ARVN Division at Camp Eagle.

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22 - 30	April	USS LARSON supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 18 structures, damaged 8 structures; and caused 4 secondary explosions.
22 - 30	April	USS BAUSELL supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 13 structures, damaged 7 structures; caused 6 secondary explosions, which resulted in 100 estimated KIA.
24	April	Established Naval Gunfire Spot Teams at LZ English and LZ Crystal in MR II.
25	April	Established a Naval Gunfire Spot Team at Phu Cat in MR II in support of Binh Dinh Province.
26 - 27	April	USS EDWARDS supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
28 - 30	April	USS PROVIDENCE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
29 - 30	April	USS MCCAIN supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 2 structures; and caused 3 secondary explosions.
29 - 30	April	USS BUCKLEY supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
30	April	USS DAVIDSON supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- A - OIC 080545Z APR 72
- B - OIC 081121Z APR 72
- C - OIC 100411Z APR 72
- D - OIC 101220Z APR 72 (S)
- E - COMUSMACV 111133Z APR 72
- F - CG FMFPac 112214Z APR 72
- G - COMUSMACV 151608Z APR 72
- H - CG FMFPac 152316Z APR 72 (C)
- J - CG FMFPac 162241Z APR 72
- J - OIC 240809Z APR 72

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