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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May - 31 May 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONOFFICER IN CHARGE

D'WAYNE GRAY
LtCol USMC
25 Jul 71 - 31 May 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

J. H. COLLINS
LCDR USN
1 May 72 - 31 May 72

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

G. GOLDEN
Maj USMC
25 Apr 72 - 1 May 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(Thua Thien Province/Hue)

D. J. DOUGLAS
Capt USMC
19 Apr 72 - 19 May 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(1st VNUMC Div/Hue)

R. R. ALLEN
LT USN
1 May 72 - 31 May 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(1st Airborne Div/Hue)

E. S. SCHICK III
Capt USMC
24 May 72 - 31 May 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(3rd ARVN Div/Phu Bai)

J. J. BURKE III
LT USN
28 May 72 - 31 May 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(FRAC/Phu Bai)

C. G. COLLINS
Maj USMC
15 Apr 72 - 31 May 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(1st ARNV Div/Camp Eagle)

H. L. HELMS
Capt USMC
22 Apr 72 - 31 May 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(FRAC/DaNang)

R. A. WIDDOWS
Maj USMC
15 Apr 72 - 31 May 72

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Naval Gunfire Liaison Team (DaNang (Rear))	A. D. GARRETT Lt(jg) USN 1 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (2nd ARVN Div/Chu Lai)	F. J. MEYERS 1stLt USMC 30 Apr 72 - 23 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (22nd ARVN Div/Ba Gi)	S. T. KUYKENDALL Capt USMC 24 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (Binh Dinh Province/Qui Nhon)	W. J. NAGLE III Lt(jg) USNR 23 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (Binh Dinh Province/Phu Cat)	W. J. NAGLE III Lt(jg) USNR 23 Apr 72 - 22 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (ROK Tiger Div/Tiger Town)	R. OWENS GySgt USMC 23 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (Phouc Tuy Province/Baria)	U. S. GRANT JR. Capt USMC 30 Apr 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison Team (DRAC/Can Tho)	W. J. LOFTUS 1stLt USMC 23 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team (DRAC/Binh Thuy)	G. C. KOONS 1stLt USMC 24 May 72 - 31 May 72
Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team (9th ARVN Div/Rach Gia)	R. W. MARSTELLER Capt USMC 11 Apr 72 - 31 May 72
	J. S. VOGT Maj USMC 24 Apr 72 - 31 May 72
	M. E. ROLAND LT USNR 1 May 72 - 31 May 72

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Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(An Xuyen Province/Ca Mau)

C. R. REEVES
GySgt USMC
3 Apr 72 - 24 May 72

W. E. CORCORAN
1stLt USMC
25 May 72 - 31 May 72

2. LOCATION, 1 - 31 May 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

E. J. DYER JR.
Maj USMC
25 Feb 72 - 31 May 72

Adjutant

J. H. COLE JR.
CWO-2 USMC
22 Jan 72 - 31 May 72

Operations Officer

D. P. THROOP
Lt(jg) USNR
11 Apr 72 - 8 May 72

R. I. STILL
LT USN
9 May 72 - 31 May 72

Supply Officer

R. K. HARRIS
CWO-4 USMC
11 Nov 72 - 31 May 72

4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 31 May 1972

<u>MILITARY REGION I</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
DANANG	10	24	1	0
HUE CITY	12	37	3	1
PHU BAI	5	4	0	0
TAN MY	1	3	0	0
CHU LAI	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	30	73	5	1

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<u>MILITARY REGION II</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF /	ENL	OFF /	ENL
QUI NHON	0	2	0	0
BA GI	0	3	1	0
PHU CAT	2	0	0	0
LZ CRYSTAL	1	1	0	0
TIGER TOWN	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION II TOTAL	4	8	1	0
<u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	5	33	1	1
BARIA	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION III TOTAL	6	36	2	1
<u>MILITARY REGION IV</u>				
CAN THO	1	2	0	0
BINH THUY	1	2	0	0
RACH GIA	0	4	1	0
CA MAU	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL	2	13	1	0
GRAND TOTAL	42	133	10	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May 1972 the NVA offensive continued on several fronts embracing all four military regions. Responding to this threat, naval gunfire usage increased markedly over the previous month. The number of ship days provided by CTG 70.8 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) rose to 405 with the number of rounds fired per ship day rising significantly from 129.5 in April to 144 in May with 58,341 rounds of all types and calibers being fired in support of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, the Vietnamese Marine Corps, and Vietnamese provincial forces. The arrival of the USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) with her 8" guns on the gun line on 11 May 1972 provided added firepower and range that was previously lacking. Naval gunfire ships continued to receive heavy counterbattery fire in northern MR I with several of them receiving direct hits from enemy artillery.

For Military Region I the first day of May saw the evacuation of Quang Tri City which had been subjected to four days of near continuous enemy rocket, mortar, and artillery fire. This event marked the collapse of the 3rd ARVN Division and the beginning of a mass exodus to the south of civilians and soldiers alike. The ANGLICO team members were the last Americans evacuated from Quang Tri, continuing to direct naval gunfire on the enemy from the helicopters that rescued them. New liaison arrangements were established with the restructured ARVN forces defending Hue, and planning soon began for the return to the offensive. On 13 and 14 May 1972 and again from 24 through 27 May 1972, Vietnamese Marine Corps Battalions conducted spoiling operations behind enemy lines. Naval gunfire assets employed in support of this operation fired missions ranging from close support of troops in contact to harassment and interdiction fires. More than 12,000 rounds were expended in support of these operations.

On 19 May 1972 at approximately 1600H CWO-2 THOMAS, William E., 184-26-1456, USMC, and the pilot of an OV-10 ejected from their aircraft after being hit by enemy fire. SAR operations met with no success, and CWO-2 THOMAS is listed as missing in action.

In Military Region II the month of May began with the fall of LZ English on 1 May 1972 after four days of intense bombardment by enemy rockets and mortars. ANGLICO personnel were evacuated by helicopter without injury. During the preceding days, observed and unobserved naval gunfire had been directed by ANGLICO personnel from the outpost upon enemy troop staging areas, advancing formations, likely avenues of approach, and in suppression of observed enemy firing positions. The presence of naval gunfire had delayed the inevitable fall of LZ English, but by 1 May the LZ was cut off, surrounded, and the ARVN

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unit present was retiring. On 20 May 1972 through 26 May 1972 the USS GLENNON (DD-840) supported an ARVN operation which resulted in the recapture of LZ Salem and LZ Olive to the north of LZ Crystal. Observed naval gunfire adjusted by spotters flying out of Phu Cat and unobserved harassment and interdiction and blocking fires played an important part in this operation. Gun damage assessment included 6 secondary explosions, 3 secondary fires, 8 structures destroyed, 16 structures damaged, and 2 bunkers damaged.

On 24 May 1972 upon COMUSMACV directive a naval gunfire liaison/spot team was established in Baria, Phouc Tuy Province, Military Region III in support of a combined task force consisting of Vietnamese Rangers, elements of the 18th ARVN Division, and Phouc Tuy province forces. Naval gunfire assets are an integral part in the continuing drive to liberate the enemy held towns of Xuyen Moc and Dat Do.

The naval gunfire role in Military Region IV took on a new look this month as the 9th ARVN Division relocated the larger part of its 14th and 16th Regiments further inland to counter threats posed by NVA forces massing in Chông Thien Province. The areas vacated by the 9th Division were turned over to An Xuyen province forces and prompted the establishment of a liaison team at Ca Mau with the province headquarters elements on 3 May 1972. Secondary explosions totaling 49 in number taken together with the 36 confirmed KIA's reported by aerial observers confirm reports of the use of coastal areas as supply routes.

That naval gunfire and other United States supporting arms are making times difficult for the NVA is evidenced by the lack of any successful large scale enemy operations throughout most of the month. With new leadership the South Vietnamese forces have recovered from the initial shock of the offensive and have established order and stability throughout their commands. The situation is one conducive to guarded optimism.

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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 May 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS ANDERSON	(DD-786)	USS HULL	(DD-945)
USS BAUSELL	(DD-845)	USS J.P. JONES	(DDG-32)
USS BERKELEY	(DDG-15)	USS LARSON	(DD-830)
USS BUCKLEY	(DD-808)	USS MACKENZIE	(DD-836)
USS CECIL	(DD-835)	USS MCCAIN	(DDG-36)
USS CRAIG	(DD-885)	USS MULLINIX	(DD-944)
USS DAVID	(DE-1050)	USS OUELLET	(DE-1077)
USS DAVIDSON	(DE-1045)	USS OZBOURN	(DD-846)
USS EVERSOLE	(DD-789)	USS ROARK	(DE-1053)
USS FOX	(DD-829)	USS ROWAN	(DD-782)
USS GLENNON	(DD-840)	USS SAMPLE	(DE-1048)
USS GURKE	(DD-783)	USS SOMERS	(DDG-34)
USS HANSON	(DD-832)	USS STODDERT	(DDG-22)
		USS THOMAS	(DD-764)

CRUISERS

USS NEWPORT NEWS	(CA-148)
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

U.S. ARMY

None

ALLIED

110 VNAF Squadron	122 VNAF Squadron
112 VNAF Squadron	223 VNAF Squadron
114 VNAF Squadron	
116 VNAF Squadron	
2nd Brigade VNAF	

c. U.S. and Allied units supported during the month of May include:

U.S.

175 Combat Assault Aviation Company

ALLIED

VNMC Division	18th ARVN Division
1st ARVN Division	22nd ARVN Division
2nd ARVN Division	40th ARVN Regiment
3rd ARVN Division	41st ARVN Regiment
9th ARVN Division	ROK Tiger Division

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Thua Thien Provincial Forces
 Phuoc Tuy Provincial Forces
 Binh Dinh Provincial Forces
 Quang Tin Provincial Forces
 Quang Nam Provincial Forces
 Quang Ngai Provincial Forces

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

New Life Campaign 21, Song Thanh 8 - 72, Song Thanh 8A - 72

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)	231	1	3	36	271
KIA (ESTIMATED)	31	0	0	2	33
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	236	61	2	48	347
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	448	45	0	65	558
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	222	6	0	49	277

f. The following number of missions were fired during May 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	832	78	9	50	969
AMMUNITION					
8"/55	3,438	0	0	0	3,438
6"/47	7,400	0	0	0	7,400
5"/54	18,830	0	0	0	18,830
5"/38	<u>23,246</u>	<u>2,666</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>28,673</u>
GRAND TOTAL	52,914	2,666	539	2,222	58,341
Total Unobserved	33,669	1,373	330	184	35,556

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g. Rest and Recreation

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1 - 2, 10 - 31	May	USS OKLAHOMA CITY supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNBC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 32 structures, damaged 41 structures; caused 16 secondary explosions and resulted in 30 confirmed KIA's.
1 - 3	May	USS OUELLET supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires caused 1 secondary explosion.
1 - 3	May	USS HANSON supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 12 structures and caused 3 secondary explosions.
1 - 5	May	USS ROARK supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
1 - 5	May	USS ROWAN supported the 9th ARVN Division. Her Her fires damaged 2 structures.
1 - 5, 28 - 31	May	USS THOMAS supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN, 1st VNBC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 13 structures and damaged 16 structures.
1 - 6	May	USS SAMPLE supported the 2nd ARVN Division.
1 - 8, 19, 23-25	May	USS PROVIDENCE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN, 1st VNBC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 45 structures, damaged 15 structures; caused 37 secondary explosions, which resulted in 9 confirmed KIA's.
1 - 13	May	USS DAVID supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 9 structures and caused 4 secondary explosions.

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1 - 14	May	USS CRAIG supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 42 structures, damaged 44 structures; caused 3 secondary explosions, which resulted in 1 confirmed KIA.
1 - 22	May	USS DAVIDSON supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN, and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 15 structures, damaged 4 structures; caused 12 secondary explosions, which resulted in 1 estimated KIA.
1 - 27	May	USS BUCKLEY supported the 9th ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 31 structures, damaged 11 structures; caused 9 secondary explosions.
1 - 31	May	USS MCCAIN supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN, 1st VNMC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 15 structures, damaged 11 structures; caused 27 secondary explosions, which resulted in 50 confirmed KIA's.
2 - 5	May	USS FOX supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 5 structures.
2-7,10-11,21-31	May	USS CECIL supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNMC, 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 1 structure; caused 4 secondary explosions, which resulted in 1 confirmed KIA.
2, 8, 18, 26	May	61 personnel arrived for temporary additional duty from 1st MarDiv, 3d MarDiv, 1st MarBde, and 1st ANGLICO, FMF.
3 - 14, 28 - 31	May	USS STODDERT supported the 2nd ARVN, and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 63 structures, damaged 18 structures; caused 8 secondary explosions.
3 - 15, 20 - 31	May	USS HULL supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNMC, 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 14 structures, damaged 8 structures; caused 22 secondary explosions, which resulted in 25 confirmed KIA's.
5 - 14	May	USS ROWAN supported the 2nd ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 1 structure; which resulted in 20 confirmed KIA's.

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6 - 8	May	USS ANDERSON supported the 2nd ARVN Division.
6 - 8, 10 - 20	May	USS GURKE supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 8 structures, damaged 13 structures; caused 4 secondary explosions, which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA's.
6 - 10, 17 - 18	May	USS EVERSOLE supported the 2nd ARVN Division.
10 - 23	May	USS LARSON supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 1 structure; which resulted in 1 confirmed KIA.
11 - 26	May	USS NEWPORT NEWS supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNMC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 30 structures, damaged 20 structures; and caused 54 secondary explosions, which resulted in 5 confirmed KIA's.
13 - 25	May	USS BERKELEY supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNMC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 48 structures, damaged 38 structures; and caused 17 secondary explosions.
16 - 31	May	USS MULLINNIX supported the 2nd ARVN, 1st VNMC, and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 106 structures, damaged 36 structures; and caused 29 secondary explosions, which resulted in 31 confirmed KIA's and 10 estimated KIA's.
19	May	CWO-2 William E. THOMAS, 184-26-1456, USMC, and the pilot of an OV-10 ejected from their aircraft after being hit by enemy fire. CWO-2 THOMAS is currently listed as MIA.
19 - 31	May	USS GLENNON supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 33 structures, damaged 15 structures; and caused 4 secondary explosions.
19 - 31	May	USS OZBOURN supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 2 structures; and caused 3 secondary explosions, which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA's.

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21 - 31	May	USS BAUSELL supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 7 structures; and caused 2 secondary explosions.
22 - 28	May	USS HANSON supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 12 structures; and caused 3 secondary explosions.
24 - 31	May	USS J.P. JONES supported the 2nd ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires caused 5 secondary explosions, which resulted in 50 confirmed KIA's, and 10 estimated KIA's.
26 - 31	May	USS SOMERS supported the 2nd ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 18 structures, damaged 1 structure; and caused 3 secondary explosions.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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