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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 September - 30 September 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

OFFICER IN CHARGE

G. E. JONES  
LtCol USMC  
17 Jul 72 - 30 Sep 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

J. A. COLLINS  
LCDR USN  
1 May 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
(1st VNMV Division/Hue)

R. R. ALLEN  
Lt USN  
1 May 72 - 30 Sep 72

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

S. E. RAGLAND  
1stLt USMC  
20 Aug 72 - 10 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
(FRAC/Phu Bai)

C. R. PROVINI  
1stLt USMC  
11 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

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

T. W. WILLIAMS  
Capt USMC  
11 Aug 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team  
(FRAC/Danang)

B. HASTINGS  
Maj USMC  
11 Aug 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
(FRAC (Rear)/Danang)

R. W. MARSTELLER  
Capt USMC  
28 Jul 72 - 2 Sep 72

W. A. HALL  
Maj USMC  
3 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

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

T. K. TOLLE  
 1stLt USMC  
 31 Aug 72 - 16 Sep 72

F. J. MEYERS  
 1stLt USMC  
 17 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
 (22nd ARVN Div/LZ Crystal)

J. J. BURKE III  
 Lt USN  
 6 Aug 72 - 11 Sep 72

W. J. NAGLE  
 Lt(jg) USNR  
 12 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

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

P. M. WHEELER  
 Sgt USMC  
 5 Aug 72 - 15 Sep 72

D. S. REYNOLDS  
 Sgt USMC  
 16 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

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

F. L. TURNER  
 Capt USMC  
 1 Jul 72 - 25 Sep 72

C. R. STICHTER II  
 Capt USMC  
 26 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team  
 (DRAC/Can Tho)

W. E. CORCORAN  
 1stLt USMCR  
 16 Jul 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team  
 (DRAC/Binh Thuy)

G. W. CARSTENSEN  
 GySgt USMC  
 1 Jul 72 - 30 Sep 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
 (Kien Giang Prov/Rach Gia)

S. P. WALKER  
 Sgt USMC  
 14 Aug 72 - 13 Sep 72

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

S. P. WALKER  
 Sgt USMC  
 14 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

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 Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
 (21st ARVN Div/Vi Thanh)

L. D. THARP  
 LCpl USMC  
 9 Aug 72 - 4 Sep 72

C. L. RUNYAN  
 Sgt USMC  
 5 Sep 72 - 30 Sep 72

2. LOCATION, 1 - 30 September 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer/Deputy Officer  
 in Charge MR II, III and IV

J. S. VOGT  
 Maj USMC  
 11 Aug 72 - 30 Sep 72

Deputy Officer in Charge MR I

W. A. HALL  
 Maj USMC  
 4 Jun 72 - 30 Sep 72

Adjutant

J. H. COLE JR.  
 1stLt USMC  
 22 Jan 72 - 30 Sep 72

Operations Officer

R. I. STILL  
 Lt USN  
 9 May 72 - 30 Sep 72

Supply Officer

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

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4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 30 September 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	6	19	0	0
HUE CITY	13	24	1	1
PHU BAI	1	0	0	0
CHU LAI	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	21	47	1	1

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<u>MILITARY REGION II</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
QUI NHON	1	0	0	0
TAM QUON	0	1	0	0
PHU CAT	1	0	0	0
LZ CRYSTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION II TOTAL	2	10	1	0
<u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	<u>11</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
MILITARY REGION III TOTAL	11	43	2	2
<u>MILITARY REGION IV</u>				
CAN THO	1	3	0	0
VI THANH	0	5	0	0
CA MAU	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL	2	11	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	36	111	4	3

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September 1972 South Vietnamese initiated offensives supported by massive U.S. air and naval gunfire support resulted in the recapture of the Citadel in Quang Tri City, ending a month long stalemate. CTF 75 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) provided 483 ship-days in support of allied operations. The number of rounds fired per ship-day decreased markedly from 136 in August to 117 with 56,596 rounds of all types and calibers being fired in support of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces. Typhoons sweeping over the coastal areas of Military Region I were the greatest single contributing factor to the overall decrease in naval gunfire expenditures during the month of September.

The Vietnamese Airborne Division seized the three forts guarding the southern approaches to the Citadel in Quang Tri City on 9 September 1972. In previous attempts to recapture the Citadel, friendly forces had been unable to secure these forts, thus exposing those assaulting the Citadel to a withering crossfire. On 11 September elements of the Vietnamese Marine Corps Division entered the Citadel and raised the red and yellow standard of South Vietnam. Several more days were required to destroy pockets of enemy resistance who remained scattered throughout the huge Citadel complex. Naval gunfire was the deciding factor in preventing the North Vietnamese from reinforcing and resupplying the Citadel defenders. Targets varying from heavily laden supply barges, to tanks, rocket and mortar positions, to anti-aircraft and coastal defense sites were all engaged by ANGLICO spotters and gunline ships to the north and west of Quang Tri City.

The USS TOWERS (DDG-9) has been designated by CTF 75 (Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) as the test platform for the operational evaluation of the new 4" Rocket Assisted Projectile for use in 5"/54 gun mounts. On 22 September the USS TOWERS engaged a bunker complex near Cam Lo on the Cua Viet River at a range of 35,000 yards. Twenty-six rounds were fired, and the mission was termed a success. Additional extended range missions will be conducted in accordance with the ship's test schedule.

The situation in Quang Ngai Province in southern Military Region I became critical this month as NVA units captured sections of Mo Duc and Duc Pho and threatened the City of Quang Ngai itself. Limited available air assets and inclement weather together accounted for the limited amount of observed naval gunfire missions in support of 2nd and 3rd ARVN Division forces in the area. Gunline ships were off station evading seasonal typhoons from the second through the fourth of September and again on the fifteenth and sixteenth of September. Aircraft assets, both

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VNAF and USAF, were assigned priority missions in Quang Tri Province and were seldom diverted south. The motives of this latest push into Quang Ngai Province are seen as two-fold. In addition to the propaganda value of controlling the North Vietnamese Premier's home town, the local rice crop will come to maturity in several weeks. Historically, the NVA/VC have striven for military control during the harvest period, taxing/appropriating the crop after the harvest. As the situation in northern Military Region I stabilizes, more resources will be diverted south. Intense fighting is expected to continue in this area for the foreseeable future.

From the third through the sixth of September Typhoon Elsie grounded aircraft and forced gunline ships to sail storm evasion courses, thus denying naval gunfire support to friendly forces in Binh Dinh Province, Military Region II. NVA units operating in northern Binh Dinh Province scored significant successes in two raids on LZ Crystal and Firebase Bravo on the eighth and ninth of September respectively. ARVN losses were placed at 1500 105 howitzer rounds destroyed, 3500 propellant bags destroyed, 10,000 fuses destroyed, 2 howitzers and two vehicles destroyed, and 25 friendly killed and 29 wounded. Thirty-three enemy soldiers were killed. Truck convoys traveling QL-1 were subject to frequent attacks. On the night of 29 September Phu Cat Air Base came under attack from enemy rockets. No ANGLICO personnel were injured. The 22nd ARVN Division Intelligence Officer states that this attack is the beginning of a new campaign by the enemy to isolate and render ineffective the air base.

On 5 September 1972 a liaison team was attached to the 21st ARVN Division headquarters at Vi Thanh, Chuong Thien Province, Military Region IV. On 13 September 1972 the Naval Gunfire Liaison Team at Rach Gia was disestablished as it only duplicated that work which was being accomplished at Vi Thanh. All Naval Gunfire missions were conducted in Kien Giang and An Xuyen Provinces along the west coast of the delta against enemy routes of supply. Enemy activity remained at a moderate level with attacks being confined to rural CP's in Dinh Tuong and Chuong Thien Provinces. The attacks are seen as a means by which the enemy hopes to restrict province forces from operating outside their CP's, thus permitting enemy supplies to be moved unimpeded. Such tactics also allow enemy forces to expand their control over populated rural areas and discredit the gun security/pacification program.

The final destruction and surrender of enemy forces defending the massive Citadel in Quang Tri City provided the South Vietnamese Government with a great moral victory. The deeds of the Vietnamese Marine Corps in the accomplishment of this feat have been lauded by President Nguyen Van Thieu and propagandized throughout the country. Tactically, the recapture of the Citadel signalled the end to the fiercest struggle the South Vietnamese Forces have yet to encounter in their quest to liberate from the NVA/VC the territory south of the Cua Viet River. In Military Region

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II recent enemy attacks in coastal areas have prompted a reorganization of Provincial and Division Forces' area of responsibility. This realignment will take effect within the next few weeks. Naval gunfire assignments will necessarily be readjusted so as to provide coverage for all fire support bases occupied by friendly forces. The build-up in enemy strength throughout Military Region IV has yet to manifest itself into any large scale offensives. Significant offensive actions by NVA/VC forces are expected throughout all of South Vietnam during the month of October as a means of embarrassing the President prior to the elections in November.

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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 September 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS ANDERSON (DD-786)  
 USS BAUSSELL (DD-845)  
 USS BERKELY (DDG-15)  
 USS BUCKLEY (DD-808)  
 USS COCHRANE (DDG-21)  
 USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045)  
 USS DAVIS (DD-937)  
 USS EDWARDS (DD-950)  
 USS EVERSOLE (DD-789)  
 USS GLENNON (DD-840)  
 USS GRAY (DE-1054)  
 USS HANSON (DD-832)  
 USS HEPBURN (DE-1055)  
 USS HEWES (DE-1078)  
 USS HOEL (DDG-13)  
 USS HOLLISTER (DD-788)  
 USS HOLT (DE-1074)  
 USS HULL (DD-945)  
 USS KYES (DD-787)

CRUISERS

USS LANG (DE-1060)  
 USS LAWRENCE (DDG-4)  
 USS MEYERKORD (DE-1058)  
 USS MULLINIX (DD-944)  
 USS OZBOURN (DD-846)  
 USS PARKS (DD-884)  
 USS RAMSEY (DEG-2)  
 USS ROBISON (DDG-12)  
 USS ROWAN (DD-782)  
 USS SARSFIELD (DD-837)  
 USS SHELTON (DD-790)  
 USS SHIELDS (DE-1066)  
 USS SOMERS (DDG-34)  
 USS STODDERT (DDG-22)  
 USS TOWERS (DDG-9)  
 USS TUCKER (DD-875)  
 USS WILSON (DDG-7)  
 USS WILTSIE (DD-716)

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  
 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron

ALLIED

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

U.S. ARMY

8th Air Cavalry Squadron

c. U.S. and Allied units supported during the month of September included:

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U.S.

175th Combat Assault Aviation Company

ALLIED

YNMC Division  
 1st ARVN Division  
 2nd ARVN Division  
 9th ARVN Division  
 22nd ARVN Division  
 Thua Thien Provincial Forces  
 Quang Ngai Provincial Forces  
 Binh Dinh Provincial Forces  
 Quang Tin Provincial Forces  
 Quang Nam Provincial Forces  
 21st ARVN Division  
 An Xuyen Provincial Forces

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

Bac Bonh Vuong 22/18

Lam Son 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)	641	39	0	0	680
KIA (ESTIMATED)	43	13	0	0	56
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	183	31	0	29	243
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	276	32	0	4	312
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	158	17	0	20	195

f. The following number of missions were fired during the month of September 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	830	95	0	33	958

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AMMUNITION	MR I	MR II	MR III	MR IV	MR TOTAL
8"/55	3,574	0	0	0	3,574
6"/47	2,529	0	0	0	2,529
5"/54	16,305	2,810	0	0	19,115
5"/38	30,049	0	0	1,329	31,378
GRAND TOTAL	52,457	2,810	0	1,329	56,596
TOTAL UNOBSERVED	31,934	576	0	0	32,510

g. Rest and Recreation

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1 - 2                    September    USS WILSON supported the VNMC.

1 - 2                    September    USS COCHRANE supported the 2nd ARVN Division.

1 - 2, 6 - 10            September    USS ANDERSON supported the VNMC. Her fires resulted in one confirmed KIA.

1 - 3, 21 - 28           September    USS SOMERS supported the VNMC. Her fires destroyed 12 structures, damaged 4 structures and caused 4 secondary explosions, which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA's.

1 - 5                    September    USS KYES supported the 22nd ARVN Division.

1 - 6                    September    USS MEYERKORD supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, and caused one secondary explosion.

1 - 8, 22 - 30           September    USS BUCKLEY supported the VNMC and the 21st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 17 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions.

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1 - 10, 25 - 30 September USS NEWPORT NEWS supported the VNUMC. Her fires destroyed 5 structures, damaged 11 structures and caused 9 secondary explosions which resulted in 2 confirmed KIA's.

1 - 10, 30 September USS HULL supported the 22nd ARVN Division and the VNUMC.

1 - 10, 30 September USS WILTSIE supported the VNUMC and the 2nd ARVN Division.

1 - 11, 19  
24 - 25 September USS DAVIS supported the VNUMC and the 2nd ARVN Division.

1 - 12 September USS MULLINIX supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 7 structures and caused 3 secondary explosions which resulted in 2 estimated KIA's.

1 - 12 September USS GLENNON supported the VNUMC. Her fires caused 2 secondary explosions and was credited with 60 confirmed KIA's.

1 - 22 September USS STODDERT supported the VNUMC, 2nd ARVN Division and the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires damaged 12 structures and caused 1 secondary explosions

1 - 25 September USS HOEL supported the VNUMC. Her fires destroyed 22 structures, damaged 15 structures, and caused 9 secondary explosions which resulted in 10 confirmed KIA's.

1 - 30 September USS TOWERS supported the VNUMC and the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 21 structures and caused 5 secondary explosions, which resulted in 35 confirmed KIA's and 20 estimated KIA's.

3 - 15 September USS HEWES supported the VNUMC. Her fires destroyed 10 structures, damaged 3 structures, and caused 16 secondary explosions which resulted in 7 confirmed KIA's and 2 estimated KIA's.

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3 - 15, 24 - 26 September USS BERKLEY supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 23 structures, damaged 1 structure and caused 4 secondary explosions.

3 - 30 September USS PARKS supported the VNMIC and the 21st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 23 structures and caused 22 secondary explosions.

5 - 12 September USS SANSFIELD supported the VNMIC. Her fires damaged 3 structures and caused 11 secondary explosions.

6 - 8, 19 - 30 September USS HOLLISTER supported the VNMIC and the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 11 structures and caused 9 secondary explosions which resulted in 27 confirmed KIA's.

6 - 13 September USS ROWAN supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 44 structures and caused 1 secondary explosion which resulted in 130 confirmed KIA's.

6 - 20, 23 - 30 September USS TUCKER supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 14 structures, damaged 6 structures and caused 9 secondary explosions which resulted in 142 confirmed KIA's and 2 estimated KIA's.

7 - 17, 25 - 28 September USS HOLT supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 23 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions which resulted in 5 confirmed KIA's.

8 - 30 September USS HANSON supported the VNMIC and the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires resulted in 5 confirmed KIA's, 8 estimated KIA's and 5 secondary explosions.

10 - 30 September USS DAVIDSON supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 18 structures, damaged 6 structures and caused 16 secondary explosions which resulted in 22 confirmed KIA's.

11 - 14 September USS EDWARDS supported the VNMIC.

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11 - 25	September	USS PROVIDENCE supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 10 structures, damaged 8 structures and caused 4 secondary explosions which resulted in 26 estimated KIA's.
12 - 22	September	USS LANG supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 10 structures and damaged 12 structures.
12 - 27	September	USS SHELTON supported the VNMIC and the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 59 structures, damaged 14 structures and was credited with 92 confirmed KIA's.
16 - 25	September	USS BAUSSELL supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 3 structures and caused 21 secondary explosions which resulted in 80 confirmed KIA's.
16 - 28	September	USS SHIELDS supported the 2nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 18 structures, damaged 7 structures and caused 12 secondary explosions which resulted in 35 confirmed KIA's and 11 estimated KIA's.
16 - 30	September	USS GRAY supported the VNMIC and the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 5 structures, damaged 2 structures and caused 3 secondary explosions.
18 - 22	September	USS OZBOURN supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 5 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions which resulted in 5 estimated KIA's.
19, 29 - 30	September	USS EVERSOLE supported the VNMIC. Her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 8 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions.
20 - 30	September	USS ROBISON supported the VNMIC and the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 5 structures and caused 1 secondary explosion which resulted in 4 confirmed KIA's.
29 - 30	September	USS LAWRENCE supported the VNMIC.
29 - 30	September	USS HEPBURN supported the 2nd ARVN Division.

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September USS OKLAHOMA CITY supported the VNMC.

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September USS RAMSEY supported the VNMC.

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