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1st Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
Fleet Marine Force
APO San Francisco 96309

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November-30 November 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

OFFICER IN CHARGE

G. E. JONES
LtCol USMC
17 July 72 - 30 Nov 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

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

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

R. W. MARSTELLER
Capt USMC
7 Oct 72 - 15 Nov 72

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

H. L. DOAK
Capt USMC
16 Nov 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

J. R. PROVINI
1stLt USMC
11 Sep 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

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

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(FRAC/Danang)

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

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

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

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

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

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

R. E. CRANE
Capt USMC
8 Oct 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

C. R. STICHER
Capt USMC
26 Sep 72 - 30 Nov 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(DRAG/Can Tho)

G. B. ATKINSON
Capt USMC
3 Oct 72 - 30 Nov 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(DRAG/Binh Thuy)

T. W. WILSON
1st Lt USMC
26 Oct 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

M. S. HINKLE
Sgt USMC
26 Oct 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

L. W. SPERBERG
ENS USNR
3 Oct 72 - 19 Nov 72

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J. N. YOUNG
Lt (jg) USNR
20 Nov 72 - 30 Nov 72

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

S. P. WALKER
Sgt USMC
29 Oct 72 - 17 Nov 72

T. L. TAYLOR
SSgt.. USMC
18 Nov 72 - 22 Nov 72

L. W. SPERBERG
ENS USNR
23 Nov 72 - 30 Nov 72

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2. LOCATION, 1-30 November 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 Nov 72

Deputy Officer in Charge MR I

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

Adjutant

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

Operations Officer

W. E. CORCORAN
1stLt USMC
1 Nov 72 - 30 Nov 72

Supply Officer

F. RIVAS
1stLt USMC
26 Oct 72 - 30 Nov 72

4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 30 Nov 1972

<u>MILITARY REGION I</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	EML	OFF	EML
DANANG	16	19	0	0
HUE CITY	14	24	3	1
PHU BAI	2	0	0	0
QUANG NGAI	1	7	1	0
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	33	50	4	1

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MILITARY REGION II

QUI NHON

USMC
OFF/ENL

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USN
OFF/ENL

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TAM QUON

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1 ∅

PHU MY

∅ 2

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IZ ENGLISH

∅ 2

1 ∅

MILITARY REGION II TOTAL

4 1∅

2 ∅

MILITARY REGION III

SAIGON

5 4∅

∅ 1

MILITARY REGION III TOTAL

5 4∅

∅ 1

MILITARY REGION IV

CAN THO

3 6

∅ ∅

VI THANH

∅ 4

1 ∅

RACH GIA

∅ 3

1 ∅

CA MAU

∅ 3

∅ 1

MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL

3 16

2 ∅

GRAND TOTAL

45 116

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, CTF 75 (Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) provided 365 ship days in support of Allied operations. The number of rounds fired per ship day increased significantly in November from 123 in October to 185 with 67,672 rounds of all types and calibers being fired in support of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces.

During November the Vietnamese continued their drive to recapture territory held by the NVA invading forces. The majority of the fighting was concentrated above Quang Tri City as the Vietnamese Marine and Airborne Divisions pushed toward the Cua Viet River in Lam Son 72. Communist gunners continued to concentrate heavy volumes of rocket and mortar fire on the government forces; on several occasions an excess of 1000 rounds per day was expended on the advancing Vietnamese.

On 1 November, Naval Gunfire began firing on preplanned targets in northern MR I to support Vietnamese Marine units which were attempting to reconstruct a bridge over the Thach Han River. The purpose of this reconstruction was to allow the movement of armor over the river to effect support of the Vietnamese Marine units toward Phase Line Brown. Naval Gunfire was credited with destruction of two 130 mm guns that had successfully deterred the Airborne Divisions' attempt to move along the western flank in the axis of advance. The destruction of this site made possible the recapture of Firebase Barbara by the Vietnamese Airborne units.

In Quang Ngai Province of southern MR I, the enemy studiously avoided large scale contacts with government forces. He is still husbanding men and materials for future use. These efforts, however did not preclude an almost constant shelling of friendly positions via rocket and mortar attacks.

Allied sources are expectant of an "uprising campaign" to immediately precede the signing of the peace agreement. In anticipation of the withdrawal of NVA forces as a condition of the peace agreement, NVA Officers and NCO's are being transferred to V. C. units throughout the Province to better control the main force units. There is still a continuation of enemy efforts in Communist controlled areas to force the civilian populace to join Viet Cong cadres.

In Military Region II, the enemy avoided major confrontations with government forces throughout November. In MR II the enemy units restricted activities to attacks on convoys and small scale assaults of short duration on isolated areas. The 47th Regiment assumed, in toto the role of a mobile striking force to better react to these hit and run tactics.

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The monsoon rains have greatly curtailed the effectiveness of air support in Binh Dinh Province. As a consequence, Naval Gunfire was the only mobile asset available on a twenty-four hour basis. The weather further counteracted the mission fulfillment of ANGLICO observers. There was, as a result, an increase in unobserved rounds fired in MR II for the month of November.

In Military Region IV, the step up in terrorist activity at the village level continues. Intelligence reports and the observations of ANGLICO observers indicate a significant increase in enemy infiltration and resupply in Kien Giang and An Xuyen Provinces. The ability of ANGLICO personnel to react to this threat is limited to a large degree by the rules of engagement concerning waterborne logistics craft. Closer liaison is being attempted with the Vietnamese Navy to obtain a more rapid response to information passed by the aerial observers. The 21st ARVN Division is now obtaining intelligence of this type from U. S. Naval Intelligence sources and relaying it to the Vietnamese Navy.

Main force V. C. units are located inland with the support and headquarters units locating within Naval Gunfire range capability. More and more, these units are directing the main thrust of their activities at the metropolitan areas located throughout the Delta. Again reports indicate that the population in these areas is being subjected to Viet Cong harassment in the form of conscription and taxation.

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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 November 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS ANDERSON (DD-786)
 USS BAUSELL (DD-845)
 USS BLANDY (DD-943)
 USS BORDEN (DD-881)
 USS COCHRANE (DDG-21)
 USS GOLDBOURG (DDG-20)
 USS GRAY (DE-1054)
 USS HOEL (DDG-13)
 USS HOLLISTER (DD-788)
 USS KING (DIG-10)
 USS KYES (DD-787)
 USS LANG (DE-1060)
 USS LAWRENCE (DDG-4)
 USS MEYERKORD (DE-1058)
 USS MORTON (DD-948)
 USS PARKS (DD-824)
 USS PARSONS (DIG-73)
 USS PAUL (DE-1080)

CRUISERS

USS PERRY (DD-884)
 USS RAMSEY (DEG-2)
 USS RAINBOW (DE-1057)
 USS REEVES (DIG-24)
 USS RICH (DD-820)
 USS ROBINSON (DDG-12)
 USS ROJAN (DD-782)
 USS RUPERTUS (DD-851)
 USS SCHOFIELD (DEG-3)
 USS SEBELON (DD-780)
 USS SHIELDS (DE-1066)
 USS TOMERS (DEG-9)
 USS TUCKER (DD-875)
 USS WILSON (DDG-7)
 USS WILSIE (DD-716)

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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
 23rd 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
 62nd Aviation Detachment

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

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VNMC Division
 1st 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
 Kien Giang Provincial Forces

d. 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)	63	∅	∅	8	71
KIA (ESTIMATED)	3	∅	∅	∅	3
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	151	33	∅	53	237
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	237	26	∅	7	270
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	306	∅	∅	∅	306

f. The following number of missions were fired during the month of November 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	853	65	∅	71	989
AMMUNITION					
8"/55	2,936	∅	∅	∅	2,936
6"/47	2,867	∅	∅	∅	2,867
5"/54	24,090	1,058	∅	∅	25,148
5"/38	37,779	93	∅	1,556	39,428
GRAND TOTAL	67,672	1,151	∅	1,556	70,379
TOTAL UNOBSERVED	46,182	43	∅	114	46,339

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1	November	USS ROWAN supported the VMIC Division.
1 - 5, 8, 10; 19 - 25	November	USS HOLLISTER supported the VMIC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 24 structures, damaged 7 structures, which resulted in 46 secondary explosions.
1 - 5	November	USS PARSONS supported the VMIC Division, her fires caused 3 structures to be destroyed.
1 - 9, 23; 27 - 30	November	USS ANDERSON supported the VMIC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 19 structures, damaged 1 structure, and caused 41 secondary explosions which resulted in 2 KIA's confirmed.
1 - 5, 7 - 10; 25 - 30	November	USS RUPERTUS supported the VMIC Division and the 21st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 12 structures, and caused 9 secondary explosions which resulted in 2 KIA's confirmed.
1 - 11; 13 - 30	November	USS MORTON supported the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 7 structures, which resulted in 14 secondary explosions.
1 - 14	November	USS PARKS supported the VMIC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires caused 1 secondary explosion which resulted in 2 KIA's confirmed.
1 - 6; 8 - 25	November	USS RATHBURN supported the VMIC Division, 1st ARVN Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 33 structures, damaged 9 structures, and caused 25 secondary explosions which resulted in 9 KIA's confirmed.
1 - 11; 15 - 28	November	USS NEWPORT NEWS supported the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 15 structures, damaged 17 structures, and caused 7 secondary explosions which resulted in 29 KIA's confirmed.
2 - 16; 18	November	USS TOWERS supported the VMIC Division and the 22nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 24 structures and damaged 29 structures.

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2 - 3, 14 - 16;
18 - 21 November USS WILTSIE supported the VMC Division, her fires damaged 13 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions.

2 - 16 November USS SHIELDS supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 26 structures, and caused 14 secondary explosions.

2, 13 - 18;
22 - 23 November USS HCEL supported the VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 31 structures, damaged 15 structures and caused 64 secondary explosions which resulted in 3 KIA's confirmed.

3 - 4; 6 - 25 November USS TUCKER supported the 21st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 30 structures and caused 1 secondary explosion which resulted in 6 KIA's confirmed.

4 - 11 November USS RBISCH supported the VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 30 structures, damaged 19 structures and caused 25 secondary explosions which resulted in 3 KIA's estimated.

5 - 21 November USS PROVIDENCE supported the VMC Division.

8 November USS REEVES no missions fired.

8; 10 - 25 November USS SHELTON supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 16 structures, damaged 15 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions.

10 - 16 November USS GRAY supported the 1st ARVN Division, her fires damaged 1 structure and caused 2 secondary explosions.

11 - 17; 19 - 23 November USS LANG supported the VMC Division, 2nd ARVN Division and the 1st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 23 structures, damaged 15 structures, and caused 14 secondary explosions.

13 - 18 November USS MEYERKORD supported the VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division and the 1st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 2 structures and caused 12 secondary explosions.

15 - 28 November USS PERRY supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 3 structures and caused 4 secondary explosions.

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17 - 23 November USS KING supported the 22nd ARVN Division, her fires damaged 2 structures.

17 - 23; 25 - 30 November USS SCHOFIELD supported the VMC Division and the 1st ARVN Division.

19 - 25 November USS RANSEY supported the VMC Division and the 22nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 4 structures and damaged 2 structures.

19 - 26 November USS BAUSELL supported the VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 4 structures and caused 7 secondary explosions.

22 - 23 November USS GOLDSECURUGH supported the VMC Division, her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.

22 - 30 November USS KYES supported the VMC Division, her fires damaged 2 structures and caused 3 secondary explosions.

23, 30 November USS COCHRANE supported the Airborne Division.

23 - 30 November USS LAWRENCE supported the VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 1 structure and caused 4 secondary explosions.

24 - 30 November USS PAUL supported the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 6 structures and caused 7 secondary explosions.

24 - 30 November USS BLANDY supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 6 structures and damaged 2 structures.

26 - 29 November USS WILSON supported the Airborne Division, VMC Division and the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 2 structures and damaged 2 structures.

16; 28 - 30 November USS BORDELON supported the VMC Division.

27 - 30 November USS OKLAHOMA CITY supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 1 structure.

27 - 30 November USS RICH supported the 2nd ARVN Division.

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None

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