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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 December-31 December 1972

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

## OFFICER IN CHARGE

G. E. JONES  
 LtCol USMC  
 17 July 72 - 31 Dec 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

J. A. COLLINS  
 LCDR USN  
 1 May 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

H. I. DOLE  
 Capt USMC  
 16 Nov 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

C. R. PROVINT  
 1stLt USMC  
 11 Sept 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

W. H. SCHNEBEL  
 Capt USMC  
 1 Dec 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

R. G. BAIDWIN  
 SSgt USMC  
 6 Aug 72 - 31 Dec 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team  
 (FRAC/Danang)

B. HASTINGS  
 Maj USMC  
 11 Aug 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

W. A. WALL  
 Maj USMC  
 3 Sep 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

F. J. MEYERS  
1stLt USMC  
17 Sep 72 - 31 Dec 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
(Binh Dinh Province/Gai Thon)

R. E. CRANE  
Capt USMC  
8 Oct 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

C. R. SMICHTER  
Capt USMC  
26 Sep 72 - 31 Dec 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison Team  
(DRAC/Can Tho)

G. B. ATKINSON  
Capt USMC  
5 Oct 72 - 31 Dec 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team  
(DRAC/Binh Thuy)

E. W. WILSON  
1stLt USMC  
26 Oct 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

H. S. HINCHIE  
Sgt USMC  
26 Oct 72 - 31 Dec 72

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

J. W. VOGEL  
1stLt USMC  
20 Nov 72 - 31 Dec 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team  
(Hien Giang Province/Nach Gia)

I. W. SPENCER  
1stLt USMC  
25 Nov 72 - 31 Dec 72

2. LOCATION, 1 - 31 December 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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

J. S. VOGEL  
Maj USMC  
11 Aug 72 - 31 Dec 72

Deputy Officer in Charge MR I

W. A. HALL  
Maj USMC  
4 Jun 72 - 31 Dec 72

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Adjutant

J. H. COLE, JR.  
1stLt USMC  
22 Jan 72 - 31 Dec 72

Operations Officer

W. E. COCHRAN  
1stLt USMC  
1 Nov 72 - 31 Dec 72

Supply Officer

F. RIVAS  
1stLt USMC  
26 Oct 72 - 31 Dec 72

4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 31 Dec 1972

<u>MILITARY REGION I</u>	USMC		USM	
	OFF	EML	OFF	EML
DANANG	15	23	1	0
HUE CITY	12	21	2	1
PHU BAI	2	0	0	0
QUANG NGAI	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	30	51	4	1
<u>MILITARY REGION II</u>				
QUI NHON	4	5	0	0
TAM QUON	0	1	1	0
PHU MY	0	2	0	0
LE ENGLISH	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION II TOTAL	4	10	2	0
<u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	<u>7</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
MILITARY REGION III TOTAL	7	48	0	1

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MILITARY REGION IV

CAN THO

USMC  
OFF/ENL

3 3

USN  
OFF/ENL

0 0

VI THANH

0 5

1 0

RACH GIA

0 3

1 0

CA MAU

0 3

0 0

MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL

3 14

2 0

GRAND TOTAL

44 123

8 2

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, CTF 75 (Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group, Seventh Fleet) provided 323 ship-days in support of allied operations. The number of rounds fired per ship-day increased in December from 185 in November to 197 with 63,877 rounds of all types and calibers being fired in support of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces.

During December, South Vietnamese forces continued in their offensive operations against enemy held locations. Although the severest fighting took place in Quang Tri Province, with Vietnamese Marine and Airborne units in the attack, the Quang Tin and Quang Ngai forces executed various successful thrusts which made further incursions into enemy held territory. The Marine and Airborne units push north to the Qua Viet River and west toward the mountains was slowed by the deteriorating weather conditions in conjunction with the constant attacks by fire from enemy gunners.

All through December, Naval Gunfire was utilized to engage preplanned targets acquired through aerial reconnaissance, radar and allied ground spotters in northern Military Region I.

During the latter half of the month, an intensive effort was made to secure Barrier Island just south of Hoi An in Quang Nam Province. Supported by massive expenditures of ordnance by Naval Guns and USMC planes, the Regional Forces in Quang Tin Province moved on to the island and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy as well as destroying his supply and ammunition caches. Naval Gunfire was credited, through radio intercept, with inflicting 80 casualties on Viet Cong units in the immediate area.

In southern MR-I, Quang Ngai Province continued to be the scene of sporadic enemy initiated action. Government forces were able to drive the enemy farther west than on previous occasions, which necessitated the use of 5"/54 guns capable of achieving the greater range.

With weather being marginal, the enemy activity was expected to increase as the ships sailed storm evasion courses. An increase in unobserved missions occurred as a result of the monsoons.

In Military Region II, enemy action continued to be light and sporadic throughout the month. The majority of fire missions were conducted in the I. N. English and Han gun areas of Binh Dinh Province. On one occasion, an AFM100 aerial observer received several rounds of small arms fire in his aircraft as he attempted to fly below heavy cloud cover.

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For a period of approximately two weeks, the ship on station in MR II was diverted to MR I for higher priority missions. The ship, however, was in an alert status and could be recalled to MR II within a four hour period if necessary. The monsoons during December had a neutralizing effect on Naval Gunfire as they grounded the aerial observers and forced the ships to sail storm evasion courses.

Enemy activity in Military Region IV is characterized by a decrease in VC/NVA main force activity while local forces and guerrilla units have increased their activity. Intelligence sources cite strong evidence that the enemy has begun a program to strengthen and revitalize local forces and guerrilla units in the Delta. Reports indicate that new local force battalions are being formed. The assumption is that the existence of the battalions will strengthen the hand of the Viet Cong in the event of a cease-fire and would provide convenient organizations for absorbing NVA troops.

The role of Naval Gunfire in this situation has been and is limited to countering infiltration along the coast in Kien Giang and An Xuyen Provinces. Typical targets are waterborne logistical craft, supplies, and occasionally small groups of Viet Cong involved in the resupply of enemy forces beyond our range capability. The implementation of night surveillance activity supplemented with Naval Gunfire during December continues. The system works in this way: By use of its radar, the ship picks up activity along the coast and determines a grid to which the craft is headed; the grid is cleared and the ship is allowed to fire on the target from the coast to two kilometers inland. Intelligence indicates that major infiltration may take place only two to three times per month.

Understandably the 21st ARVN Division is primarily concerned with maintaining its control over key populated areas. In that the Naval Gunfire target area is chiefly unpopulated, ARVN operations in the area are rare.

The production of target intelligence relies primarily on our own observations, ship's radar surveillance, and reports from agents operating in and around the target area. Most of these agent reports are received three to four days after the fact and hence are of dubious value.

The role played by Naval Gunfire in counter infiltration in MR IV is limited by our inability to conduct observed fire missions at night, lack of friendly maneuver forces in the target area, rules of engagement which preclude firing on off shore water craft, a lack of timely intelligence, and finally by the limitations of the weapons system, i.e., firing on point targets with an area weapon.

We have, nevertheless, been successful in inflicting some losses of personnel and supplies on an enemy who is already starving in the area of replacements and logistical support. Perhaps more important is the fact that the daily VNA's and harassing fire at night place constraints on the enemy's movement which would not exist without the presence of Naval Gunfire.

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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 ABNLTCC in support of operations conducted during the month of December 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

<u>DESROCKERS</u>		<u>CRUISERS</u>	
USS ANDERSON (DD-786)	USS COALMAN (DD-1051)	USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)	
USS BRADY (DD-945)	USS CRETCH (DD-851)		
USS CAROLINE (DD-851)	USS PARRIS (DD-884)		
USS BROOKSTEIN (DD-1057)	USS PARSONS (DDG-58)		
USS BOGARD (DDG-81)	USS PAUL (DE-1380)		
USS COLE (DD-864)	USS PERRY (DD-824)		
USS ANDERSON (DD-718)	USS PREMIE (CLG-15)		
USS GOLDBROUGH (DD-20)	USS RANTFURN (DD-1057)		
USS GRAY (DD-1054)	USS RICH (DD-820)		
USS ANDERSON (DD-785)	USS ROAN (DD-782)		
USS COLLISTER (DD-788)	USS RIFERTUS (DD-851)		
USS KING (DD-10)	USS STONFIELD (DD-8)		
USS HARRIS (DD-849)	USS STURGEON (DD-780)		
USS MYERS (DD-787)	USS TOWERS (DD-8-9)		
USS LAMP (DD-1060)	USS TUCKER (DD-878)		
USS LIND (DD-768)	USS WILSON (DD-7)		
USS LAWRENCE (DD-4)	USS WILLIAMS (DD-726)		
USS MCCAFFERY (DD-860)			
USS MORTON (DD-948)			

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b. The following units provided spotting aircraft to Liaison Squadron of Sub Unit One, 1st ABNLTCC:

U. S. AIR FORCE

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

ARMY

110 VAWF Squadron 118 VAWF Squadron  
111 VAWF Squadron  
116 VAWF Squadron

U. S. NAVY

8th Air Cavalry Squadron  
62nd Aviation Detachment

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

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- 2nd ARVN Division
- 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)	54	0	0	7	61
KIA (ESTIMATED)	0	2	0	11	13
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	122	9	0	42	173
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	143	6	0	18	167
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	450	0	0	0	450

f. The following number of missions were fired during the month of December 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	743	19	0	69	831
AMMUNITION	<u>MR I</u>	<u>MR II</u>	<u>MR III</u>	<u>MR IV</u>	<u>MR TOTAL</u>
8"/55	0	0	0	0	0
6"/47	934	0	0	0	934
5"/54	26,747	444	0	1,741	28,972

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AMMUNITION	<u>MR I</u>	<u>MR II</u>	<u>MR III</u>	<u>MR IV</u>	<u>MR TOTAL</u>
5"/38	33,363	0	0	1,731	35,104
3"/50	648	0	0	0	648
GRAND TOTAL	61,692	444	0	1,741	63,877
TOTAL UNSERVED	36,045	72	0	160	36,297

g. Rest and Recreation

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1, 20 - 27; 29 - 31      December    USS MCROCK supported the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 3 structures and caused 18 secondary explosions.

1; 3 - 4              December    USS PAUL-no missions fired.

1, 7 - 11; 16 - 17      December    USS RICH supported the 2nd ARVN Division and the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 1 structure, and caused 6 secondary explosions which resulted in 2 KIA's confirmed.

1; 3 - 7              December    USS PARSONS supported the Airborne Division and the VMIC Division, her fires caused 11 secondary explosions.

1; 3 - 9              December    USS SCHFIELD supported the 1st ARVN Division, her fires caused 1 secondary explosion.

1 - 4, 15 - 19; 21      December    USS EYLES supported the 1st ARVN Division and the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 1 structure.

1; 12 - 20            December    USS CONRARD supported the VMIC Division, her fires destroyed 5 structures and caused 37 secondary explosions which resulted in 5 KIA's confirmed.

1 - 4; 6              December    USS ANDERSON supported the 10th Regional Force and the Local Defense Forces.

1; 3 - 4              December    USS CALIFORNIA CITY supported the VMIC Division.

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1; 3 - 10      December    USS LAWRENCE supported the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 2 structures and caused 27 secondary explosions.

1, 3 - 16;  
29 - 31      December    USS RUPERTUS supported the 21st ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 18 structures which resulted in 5 KIA's confirmed.

3 - 8, 20 - 25;  
27 - 31      December    USS BLANDY supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 13 structures and caused 21 secondary explosions.

3 - 8      December    USS PARKS supported the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires damaged 1 structure and caused 13 secondary explosions.

3 - 4, 6, 8 -  
10; 15 - 22;  
24 - 31      December    USS TOMERS supported the 2nd ARVN Division, the 1st Airborne Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 5 structures and caused 20 secondary explosions.

5 - 16; 18 -  
19      December    USS RAMBURN supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 6 structures, damaged 4 structures and caused 17 secondary explosions which resulted in 24 KIA's confirmed.

6 - 18      December    USS LANG supported the 1st ARVN Division, 22nd ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 5 structures and damaged 9 structures which resulted in 5 secondary explosions.

6      December    USS ROGAN supported the VMC Division.

7 - 9      December    USS SPELICH supported the VMC Division.

7 - 18; 29 -  
31      December    USS WILSON supported the 2nd ARVN Division, 22nd ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 10 structures and caused 23 secondary explosions which resulted in 4 KIA's confirmed.

8 - 13, 18 -  
25; 27 - 31      December    USS TUCKER supported the 2nd ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 38 structures, damaged 48 structures and caused 66 secondary explosions which resulted in 3 KIA's confirmed.

8 - 12; 14 -  
20      December    USS BROUSSEIN supported the VMC Division, her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.

8 - 17      December    USS GRAY supported the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 12 structures, damaged 3 structures and caused 12 secondary explosions.

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9 - 14; 21 - 24 December USS GOLDSBOROUGH supported the 2nd ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 3 structures and caused 30 secondary explosions.

9 - 10; 29 - 31 December USS WILSIE supported the VMC Division, her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.

9 - 10, 12 - 13; 29 - 31 December USS COLEMAN supported the VMC Division, her fires caused 16 secondary explosions.

11 - 15; 20 - 21 December USS COLE supported the 1st ARVN Division and the VMC Division.

11 - 13; 23 - 25 December USS MCCAFFERY supported the 2nd ARVN Division and the VMC Division.

12 - 14 December USS KING supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 1 structure and caused 6 secondary explosions.

13 - 15; 17 - 31 December USS PERLUS supported the 2nd ARVN Division, VMC Division, 1st ARVN Division, and 4th ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 11 structures, damaged 15 structures and caused 59 secondary explosions.

15 - 21; 24 - 31 December USS HENDERSON supported the 1st ARVN Regional Forces, 2nd ARVN Division, VMC Division, and the 1st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 5 structures and caused 2 secondary explosions.

16 - 25; 27 - 31 December USS WYBURN supported the 21st ARVN Division, her fires destroyed 9 structures, damaged 24 structures which resulted in 2 KIA's confirmed.

18 - 22; 27 - 31 December USS LANE supported the 22nd ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 8 structures, damaged 4 structures, and caused 10 secondary explosions which resulted in 15 KIA's confirmed.

20 - 27 December USS PERRY supported the 1st ARVN Division and the VMC Division, her fires caused 8 secondary explosions which resulted in 3 KIA's confirmed.

23 December USS CRLECK supported the VMC Division, her fires caused 8 secondary explosions.

23 - 28 December USS SCORDELON supported the VMC Division, her fires destroyed 12 structures, damaged 9 structures and caused 11 secondary explosions.

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26 - 29

December USS PREBLE supported the VMAC Division, her fires damaged 3 structures and caused 35 secondary explosions.

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December USS MCLISTER no missions fired.

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None

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