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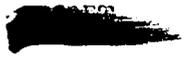
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April - 30 April 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

OFFICER IN CHARGE

D'WAYNE GRAY
Lt Col 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

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

G. GOLDEN
Maj USMC
25 Apr 72 - 30 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. HEIMS
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>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
DANANG	9	25	0	0
QUANG TRI	2	5	0	1
HUE	3	13	1	0
CAMP EAGLE	1	3	0	0
TAN MY	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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>
<u>MILITARY REGION II TOTAL</u>	2	8	1	0
 <u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	<u>4</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>MILITARY REGION III TOTAL</u>	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>
<u>MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL</u>	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 became 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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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 BADGER (DE-1071)
USS BAUSELL (DD-845)
USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14)
USS BUCKLEY (DD-808)
USS CRAIG (DD-885)
USS DAVID (DE-1050)
USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045)
USS GURKE (DD-783)
USS HAMMOND (DE-1067)
USS HANMER (DD-718)
USS HANSON (DD-832)
USS J.P. JONES (DDG-36)

USS EDWARDS (DD-950)
USS LARSON (DD-830)
USS LOCKWOOD (DE-1064)
USS J.S. MCCAIN (DDG-36)
USS OUELLET (DE-1077)
USS PARSON (DDG-31)
USS ROARK (DE-1053)
USS ROWAN (DD-782)
USS SAMPLE (DE-1048)
USS STODDERT (DDG-22)
USS STRAUSS (DDG-16)
USS THOMAS (DD-764)
USS WADDELL (DDC-24)
USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062)

CRUISERS

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

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	18,445
6"/47	2,241	0	0	0	2,241
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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8	April	Requested immediate augmentation of 21 officer and enlisted Marines. Msg. OIC Sub Unit One, First ANGLICO 080545Z APR 72.
8 - 10, 17, 21-26	April	USS PARSONS supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
8 - 11, 16 - 22	April	USS BAUSELL supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 11 structures, damaged 9 structures; which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA's.
8 - 12, 28 - 30	April	USS CRAIG supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions.
8 - 17, 25 - 30	April	USS SAMPLE supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 3 structures; and caused 6 secondary explosions.
8 - 21	April	USS HAMMOND supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, and damaged 8 structures.
9 - 11, 24 - 30	April	USS QUELLET supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 1 structure; and caused 2 secondary explosions.
10	April	Requested additional augmentation of 20 officer (Navy and Marine) and enlisted (Marine). Msg. OIC Sub Unit One, First ANGLICO 100411Z APR 72.
10 - 14, 24 - 28	April	USS STODDERT supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, and damaged 2 structures.
11 - 14, 26 - 30	April	USS DAVID supported the 2nd and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 9 structures; and caused 2 secondary explosions.

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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 (19 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 13 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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OIC 081121Z APR 72

OIC 100411Z APR 72

OIC 101220Z APR 72 (S)

COMUSMACV 111133Z APR 72

CG FMFPac 112214Z APR 72

COMUSMACV 151608Z APR 72

CG FMFPac 152316Z APR 72 (C)

CG FMFPac 162241Z APR 72

OIC 240809Z APR 72

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

OIC 080545Z APR 72

OIC 081121Z APR 72

OIC 100411Z APR 72

OIC 101220Z APR 72 (S)

COMUSMACV 111133Z APR 72

CG FMFPac 112214Z APR 72

COMUSMACV 151608Z APR 72

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CG 7th AF PAC HAWAII

COMNAVFORV SGN

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CG III MAF OKINAWA

CG 3D MARDIV OKINAWA

CG 1ST MAW IWAKUNI JAPAN

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REQUEST FOR AUGMENTATION (U)

1. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS OF NGF SPT NOW
 REQUIRED AND BEING PROVIDED IN NORTHERN MRI, TOTAL
 OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF THIS UNIT IS BEING SHIFTED TO
 THAT AREA. SOME AUGMENTATION IS STILL NEEDED, HOWEVER,
 TO SUSTAIN THE AROUND-THE-CLOCK TEMPO OF OPERATIONS.

2. WITH THE 21-MAN AUGMENTATION RECOMMENDED BELOW,
 THIS UNIT CAN PROVIDE A NGF AIR SPOTTER OVER EACH OF
 THREE DIVISIONS CONTINUOUSLY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS
 PROVIDED AIRCRAFT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE. ADDITIONALLY,

J. TONEY, PFC, USMC, CLERK, MACV 4488

J. H. COLE, JR., CWO, USMC, ADJUTANT 4483

W. Cole

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NECESSARY WATCHES IN I CORPS AND THREE DIVISION HQ CAN BE MAINTAINED 24 HOURS A DAY. THIS AUGMENTATION WILL NOT ALLOW RECONSTITUTION OF ANGLICO CAPABILITY IN IV, NOR WILL IT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER FOR FORMING GROUND SPOT TEAMS ON OTHER THAN A TEMPORARY, EMERGENCY BASIS.

3. FOR COMUSMACV: RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR OF AUGMENTATION OF THIS UNIT BY 21 MARINES. CURRENT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM SPACE CEILING FOR THIS UNIT (FRN 99K048) IS 82. NEW REQUIREMENT IS 103.

4. FOR CG FMFPAC: UPON COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF ABOVE RECOMMENDATION, REQUEST FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE AUGMENTATION ON TAD BASIS FROM WESTPAC SOURCES. PERIOD OF TAD INDEFINITE, BUT RECOMMEND AUGMENTEES HAVE AT LEAST 60 DAYS REMAINING ON WESTPAC TOUR.

1 CAPT 0805

8 LT 0805

1 CAPT 0840

3 3
3 LT 0840

3 SGT 2531

5 CPL/BELOW 2531

5. FOR COMNAVFORV: REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTIONS
RE USMC ACCOUNT IN OSD SEA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM BE
INITIATED UPON COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF REQ IN
PAR 2 ABOVE.

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- CG III MAF OKINAWA
- CG 3RD MAR DIV OKINAWA
- CG 1ST MAW IWAKUNI JAPAN

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REQUEST FOR AUGMENTATION (U)

- 1. OIC SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO 080545Z APR 72
- 1. REF A HAS REQUESTED IMMEDIATE AUGMENTATION OF THIRTEEN (13) OFFICERS ON A TAD BASIS FROM WESTPAC SOURCES.
- 2. IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED, AND IN VIEW OF THIS UNITS LIMITED MEDICAL AND LOGISTICAL ABILITY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH OFFICER:
 - A. HAVE CURRENT FLIGHT PHYSICAL
 - B. BRING A COMPLETE ISSUE OF FLIGHT EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE HELMET, FLIGHT SUITS, GLOVES, FLYING BOOTS, KNEE BOARD, AND SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT. PRIMARY AIRCRAFT TO BE UTILIZED WILL BE USAF OV-10.
- 3. THESE ABOVE (PAR 2) REQUIREMENTS ARE NEEDED FOR THE RAPID INTEGRATION OF THESE OFFICERS INTO THIS UNIT'S OPERATIONS.

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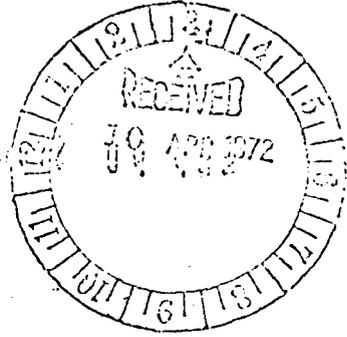
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SECOND REQUEST FOR AUGMENTATION (U)

A. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO FMF 080545Z APR 72 (C)

1. BY REF A I REQUESTED AUGMENTATION OF THIS UNIT BY 21 MARINES TO ALLOW MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT IN NORTHERN MR 1; COMUSMACV NOW HAS DIRECTED THAT NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT BE REINSTITUTED IN MR4. I AM IN THE PROCESS OF CUTTING INTO ASSETS NOW DEPLOYED IN MR 1 TO RECONSTITUTE A MARGINAL NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON AND AIR SPOTTING ORGANIZATION IN MR 1, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE EFFORT IN MR 4 A FURTHER AUGMENTATION OF 20 MEN IS

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REQUIRED;

2. FOR COMUSMACV: RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL AUGMENTATION OF THIS UNIT BY TWO NAVY OFFICERS AND 10 MARINES; REQUIRED SPACES FOR THIS UNIT NOW TOTAL 9 NAVY AND 121 USMC, INCLUDING THE SPACES REQUESTED BY REF A;

3. FOR CG FMFPAC: UPON COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF ABOVE RECOMMENDATION, REQUEST FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE AUGMENTATION ON SAME BASIS DESCRIBED IN REF A1.

- 2 LT 1100 USN
- 3 LT 0805 USMC
- 2 LT 0840 USMC
- 3 SSGT 0849 OR GYSGT 0861 USMC
- 10 CPL/BELOW 2531 USMC

4. FOR COMNAVFORVI REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTIONS RE USMC ACCOUNT IN OSD SEA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM BE INITIATED UPON COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF REQ IN PAR 2 ABOVE.

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SITUATION AND PROSPECTS (U)

A. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO 080545Z APR72 (C)

B. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO ¹⁰⁰011411Z APR72 (C)

1. WITH THE RETURN TO COMBAT OF AN NVA FORCE EMPLOYING INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, AND ARMOR IN A COORDINATED MANNER THROUGHOUT NORTHERN MR I, NAVAL GUNFIRE HAS AGAIN PROVED INVALUABLE ON THAT BATTLEGROUND. DESTROYERMAN MANNING 5" GUNS UNDER CONTROL OF MY OBSERVERS AT ALFA TWO AND IN VNAF BIRDDOGS, FLYING OUT OF QUANG TRI, DID MORE THAN THEIR SHARE TOWARDS PREVENTING A SIGNIFICANT DEFEAT FROM TURNING INTO IRREVERSIBLE TRAGEDY. THE PRICE WE PAID FOR REMAINING WITH THE BATTALION ON ALFA TWO UNTIL ITS DEPARTURE ON 1 APR WAS ONE KIA AND ONE MIA OUT OF A FIVE MAN TEAM.

2. IN MY OPINION, THE MOST DRAMATIC SUCCESS STORY TO

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R.W. MARSTELLER, CAPT, MACV 3022

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DATE HAS BEEN THE STAND AT DONG HIA BY THE 3D VNMC BN AND THE 20TH ARVN TANK BN, OF WHICH YOU CERTAINLY HAVE HEARD. ALTHOUGH NOTHING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DETRACT FROM THE COURAGE AND SKILL DISPLAYED BY THOSE TWO UNITS (AND THEIR ADVISORS), IT ALSO SHOULD BE KNOWN THAT WITHOUT NAVAL GUNFIRE THEIR TASKS WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. NAVAL GUNFIRE MAY NOT LITERALLY HAVE "SAVED" THEM, AS THEY HAVE REPORTED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, BUT THAT THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THOSE TWO UNITS, SUPPORTED BY NCF, SAVED QUANG TRI IS A CERTAINTY IN MY MIND. IT IS NOT MY PLACE TO MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT IF THOSE TWO UNITS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED UNIT AWARDS, IT WILL BE A SHAME. I WOULD HOPE THAT MY PEOPLE AND THE SHIPS WOULD BE INCLUDED ALSO.

3. AT THE MOMENT I AM TOTALLY COMMITTED IN NORTHERN MR 1. I HAVE TEAMS WITH THE 3D DIVISION AT QUANG TRI AND AM GETTING ESTABLISHED WITH THE MARINE DIVISION AT HUE AND

THE 1ST DIVISION AT CAMP EAGLE, NEAR PHU BAI, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE 21ST DIVISION FROM MR 4 TO MR3, NAVAL GUNFIRE WILL HAVE TO TAKE UP SOME OF THE SUPPORTING ARMS SLACK IN THE DELTA, SO I HAVE A MAKESHIFT TEAM GOING BACK THERE TODAY. (MY EARLIER GUIDANCE HAD BEEN TO FORGET ABOUT THE DELTA, BUT CG DRAC IS INSISTENT ON HAVING AT LEAST ONE SHIP, AND MACV HAS CONCURRED.)

4. I BELIEVE I HAVE ENOUGH EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE THE JOB. I AM HURTING FOR PEOPLE, HOWEVER. BY REFS A AND B I HAVE ASKED FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF. I CANNOT PREDICT THE DURATION OF THE REQUIREMENT, BUT I WOULD THINK THAT WITHIN IN MONTH OR SO THINGS WILL HAVE BECOME CLEARER. I NEED THE AIR SPOTTERS MSST URGENTLY. I WAS UNDERSTRENGTH IN OFFICERS WHEN THIS THING BROKE OUT, AND SINCE THEN I HAVE LOST TWO, ONE KIA, ONE MIA. TO PROPERLY EMPLOY ALL THOSE SHIPS I NEED TO KEEP OBSERVERS ALOFT WHEN WEATHER PERMITS.

5. RELATIVE TO AIR SPOTTERS, COMUSMACV HAS, BY OTHER MEANS,

TOLD COMSEVENTHFLT (INFO CG FMFPAC, AMONG OTHERS) OF A REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SPOTTERS FOR MR 1. THE MACV MSG WAS BASED UPON A QUICK ESTIMATE SEVERAL DAYS AGO, BEFORE I HAD TO DIVERT SOME OF MY PEOPLE TO OTHER JOBS (SUCH AS LIAISON IN THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED I CORPS FWD CP). ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT RELEASED UNTIL 9 APR, AFTER I HAD FORMULATED AND RELEASED REF A, IT DID NOT TAKE REF A INTO ACCOUNT. REFS A AND B ARE MY TOTAL CURRENT REQUIREMENTS, AND MACV APPROVAL SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON. IN THE SAME MSG, COMUSMACV ASKED COMSEVENTHFLT THE NUMBER OF SPACES REQUIRED FOR AUGMENTATION OF THIS UNIT. IF COMSEVENTHFLT'S REPLY COULD BE INFLUENCED TO REFLECT THE TOTAL OF 41 IN REFS A AND B, IT WOULD TIDY UP THE NUMBERS GAME SOMEWHAT. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THAT TO HAPPEN IN ORDER TO GAIN MACV APPROVAL OF REFS A AND B, HOWEVER.

6. THE SADDEST EXPERIENCE, OF COURSE, IS THAT OF HAVING TWO MARINES MIA. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ALL ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THEM AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RECOVER THEM. NONETHELESS, AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, MORALE IS HIGHER IN THE UNIT RIGHT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE ON MY WATCH. I AM BESEIGED WITH REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS. I HAVE SUBMITTED TWO OF THEM BY MSG AND MAY ACQUIESCE TO MORE. MOST OF THEM CAN WAIT A WHILE, HOWEVER; I HAVE ONLY A FEW PEOPLE ROTATING DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. I HAVE KEPT MY COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF AND ONE RADIO TECHNICIAN PAST THEIR RTD'S, AT THEIR REQUEST, BUT WILL GET THEM OUT BY THE END OF THE MONTH, ABOUT 20 DAYS PAST THEIR RTD. I HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED, BUT NOT SURPRISED, AT THE UNIT'S REACTION TO THIS NEW CHALLENGE.

7. IN SUM, WE HAVE:

A. SEEN A DIVISION START TO CRUMBLE UNDER THE BEST-EXECUTED AND BEST-SUPPORTED ENEMY ATTACK OF THE WAR;

B. CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT DIVISION'S PARTIAL RECOVERY;

C. SHIFTED OUR TOTAL EFFORT TO NORTHERN MR 1;

D. REACTED TO A CHANGED REQUIREMENT AND STARTED RECONSTITUTION OF OUR CAPABILITY IN THE DELTA;

E. BEGUN TO SEAR UP FOR THE EXPECTED BATTLE FOR HUE BY ESTABLISHING LIAISON WITH THE 1ST DIVISION AND THE MARINE DIVISION.

F. OBTAINED A COMMITMENT FROM 7TH AF TO PROVIDE THE SPOTTER AIRCRAFT WE NEED IN MR 1; AND

G. REQUESTED THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WE NEED

8. WE ARE:

A. SADDENED BY OUR THREE CASUALTIES;

B. PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE;

C. DELIGHTED WITH THE NAVY'S RESPONSE TO ADDED GUNFIRE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS;

D. TIRED; AND

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E. DETERMINED NOT TO LET THE MARINE CORPS DOWN.

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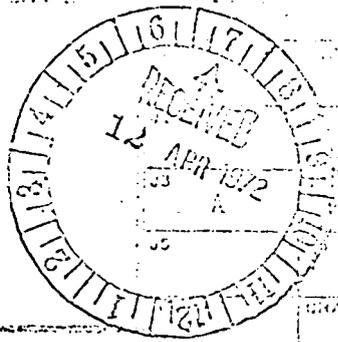
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SUBJECT: Request for Augmentation (U)

REFERENCE: OIC SUB-UNIT ONE ANGLICO MSG 080545Z Apr72 (C). (NOTAL)

- (C) Reference requests MACV approval of 21 man Marine augmentation for ANGLICO. Augmentation required to support present operational requirements.
- (C) MACV concurs with reference. Force structure action to establish Marine Corps RVN TNY account to provide spaces for requested increase will be initiated by separate action. GP4

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PERS AUGMENTATION TO SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO

A. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO 083545Z APR72 (C) (NOTAL)

B. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO 102411Z APR72 (C) (NOTAL)

C. COMUSMACV 111133Z APR72 (C) (NOTAL) (PASEP)

D. CINCPACFLT 113249Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)

E. CURR SEA DEVELOPMENTS AND INFO PRESENTED IN REFS A AND B;

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NECESSITATE UNMET PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF PERS TO SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO,

2. PERS AUGMENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED ON A TAD BASIS FOR A PER OF 1ST 90 DAYS. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOL:

PROVIDING COMD	MOSIS	RANKS	REQUIREMENTS
FIRST MARDIV	0842	CAPT/LT	2
	0849	SSGT	1
	0861	MSGT/GYSGT	1
THIRD MARDIV	0805	MAJ/CAPT	11
	2531	SGT	3
	2531	CPL/BELOW	15
FIRST MARBDE	0805	CAPT/LT	1
	0822	CAPT	3
	0840	LT/WO	1
	0849	SSGT	1
FIRST ANGLICO	1100	LT/ENS (USN)	2

3. CONSIDERING THE UNIQUE MISSION ASSIGNED SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO, WHICH NECESSITATES SEMI-INDEPENDENT DETACHMENT TYPE OPERATIONS, THE NEED FOR HIGHEST CALIBER MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASIZED. MAXIMUM USE OF VOLUNTEERS IS ENCOUR-

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AGED. APPROPRIATE OOR/SRB ENTRY WILL BE MADE STAYING INDIVIDUAL

IS/IS NOT A VOLUNTEER.

4. IN VIEW OF THE DESIRED RAPID INTEGRATION OF THESE PERS FOR REPORTING AS WELL AS THE LIMITED MEDICAL/LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIRED THE FOL BE ACCOMPLISHED ASAP:

- A. CURR FLIGHT PHYSICAL (OFF) TO BE IN A FLIGHT STATUS.
- B. COMPLETE IN-COUNTRY IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.
- C. CERTIFY COR/SRB AUDIT COMPLETE.

5. OFF TO BE IN A FLIGHT STATUS WILL BRING A COMPLETE ISSUE OF FLIGHT EQUIP TO INCLUDE HELMET, FLIGHT SUITS, GLASSES, FLIGHT BOOTS, KNEE BOARD AND SURVIVAL EQUIP. PRIMARY AIRCRAFT TO BE UTILIZED WILL BE USAF OV-10. ALL PERS WILL CARRY THEIR HEALTH, PAY, DENTAL AND COR/SRB RECORDS.

6. NECESSARY IN-COUNTRY BRIEFINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO.

7. COMDS SENDING PERS TAD WILL DETERMINE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FUNDS REQUIRED. REPORT AMOUNT TO THIS HQ (ATTN: COMPT).

8. SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO WILL DETERMINE ADDITIONAL O&M HC FUNDS REQUIRED TO SPT SUBJ OPERATION. REPORT AMOUNT TO THIS HQ (ATTN: COMPT).

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9. FOR CG, THIRD MARDIV; EXECUTE IMMED TOTAL 8825 REQUIREMENTS PAR 2 ABOVE PLUS 3 SGT AND 5 CPL/BELOW REQUIREMENTS.

10. FOR CG FIRST MARDIV; EXECUTE TOTAL OFF REQUIREMENTS IMMED.

11. FOR ALL: (LESS CINCPACFLY)

A. PARENT COMDS WILL EFFECT NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS TO SAIGON, UPON ARRIVAL PERS WILL CALL TELEPHONE 923-4714/923-4488/923-4328 FOR TRANSPORTATION TO US UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO.

B. PARENT COMDS WILL PROVIDE THIS HQ INFO CG III MAFT OIC US UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO BY PRIORITY MSG, MAGRANT MSG, ETC (SAIGON), ALL PERS ASSIGNED AUGMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, ADDITIONAL EXECUTE INSTRUCTIONS TO FOL.

12. FOR CINCPACFLT THIS MSG CONSTITUTES RESPONSE TO REF D, HOWEVER, IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE REQ FOR SEVEN PERS ADDRESSED IN REF D IS PART OF THE TOTAL 21 REQUESTED IN REF A AND APPROVED IN REF C.

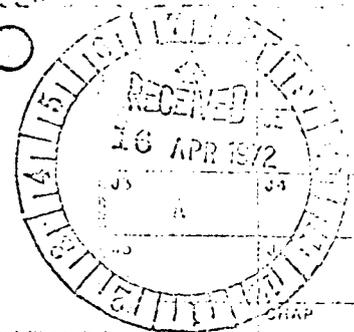
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Subj: Request for Augmentation (U)

Ref: a. OIC SUB-UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO, 080545Z Apr 72 (C)

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b. COMUSMACV 111133Z Apr 72 (C) (NOTAL)

c. OIC SUB-UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO, 100411Z Apr 72 (C)

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1. (C) Reference a requested 21 man Marine augmentation for ANGLICO to support operational requirements in MR1. Reference b is MACV concurrence with reference a. Reference c requests

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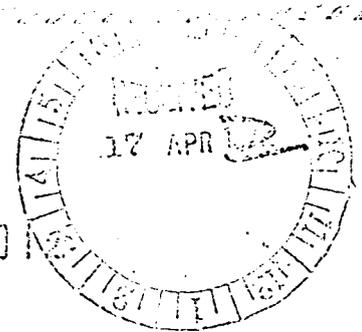
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approval of additional augmentation of 2 Navy and 18 Marine personnel to provide Naval Gunfire Support for NMA.

2. (C) MACV concurs with reference a. Total augmentation is 39 Marines and 2 Navy. Total includes seven man augmentation requested from COMSEVENTH FLT by other means. Force structure change to establish Marine Corps RVN TDY account and provide Navy spaces for requested 41 space increase will be submitted by separate action.

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ANGLICO RVN SUPPORT (U)

A. OIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO 151220Z/APR 72 (S)

1. (C) THE REPORT CONTAINED REF A ON SUB UNIT ONE 1ST ANGLICO'S PARTICIPATION DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THE PRESENT ENEMY OFFENSIVE WAS NOTED WITH INTEREST AND PRIDE. THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ANGLICO PERSONNEL, BACKED BY NAVY SHIPS, TO HELP STEM THE ENEMY TIDE AT DONG HA AND QUANG TRI DEMONSTRATES WHAT "A FEW GOOD MEN" CAN DO.

2. (U) EXTEND TO ALL PERSONNEL MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR SUPERB PERFORMANCE DURING AN EXTREMELY CRUCIAL PERIOD. [TG] JONES SENDS.

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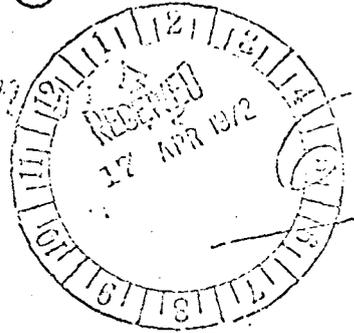
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PERS AUGMENTATION TO SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO

A. COMUSMACV 151608Z APR 72 (C) (NCTAL) (PASEP)

B. CG FMFPAC 112211Z APR 72 (S)

1. REF A APPROVES ADDITIONAL AUGMENT INCREMENT (2 NAVY AND 18 MARINE PERS) TO SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO. TOTAL APPROVED AUGMENT NOW 41 PERS (2 NAVY AND 39 MARINES).

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2. REF B REFERS:

A. FOR CG, THIRD MARDIV: EXECUTE IMMED REMAINING ENL REQUIREMENTS (10 CPL/BELOW);

B. FOR CG, FIRST MARDIV: EXECUTE IMMED TOTAL ENL REQUIREMENTS (1 SSGT AND 1 MSGT/GYSGT);

C. FOR CG, FIRST MARBDE: EXECUTE IMMED TOTAL OFF AND ENL REQUIREMENTS (5 OFF AND 1 ENL);

D. FOR FIRST ANGLICO: EXECUTE IMMED OFF REQUIREMENT (2 NAVY OFF);

3. FOR ALL (LESS CINCPACFLT)

REQUEST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF. B.

4. FOR SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO:

REQUEST YOU NOTIFY THIS HQ, CG, III MAF AND PARENT COMMAND, BY PRIORITY MSG, UPON ARRIVAL OF ADD AUGMENTATION PERSONNEL;

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INFO: CG FETPAC HAWAII

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NAVAL GUNFIRE IN RVN, 31 MAR - 5 APR 72 (U)

A. CIC SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO 101230Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG FETPAC 152318Z APR 72 (C) (NOTAL)

2. (C) REF A WAS BY REPORT TO CG FETPAC ON THIS UNIT'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE INITIAL PHASES OF THE REVENUE WAR. PERTINENT PORTIONS ARE QUOTED BELOW AS POSSIBLY BEING OF INTEREST TO YOU:

QUOTE: WITH THE RETURN TO COMBAT OF AN MVA FORCE EMPLOYING INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, AND AIRBORNE IN A COORDINATED MANNER THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER 68, NAVAL GUNFIRE HAS AGAIN PROVED INVALUABLE ON THAT BATTLEGROUND. DESTROYER BRANCHING 5" GUNS UNDER CONTROL OF BY OBSERVERS AT ALEX TWO

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2. IN REF B, CG PAPPAC TOLD ME, QUOTE THE REPORT...ON... THE EARLY PHASES OF THE PRESENT ENEMY OFFENSIVE WAS NOTED WITH INTEREST AND PRIDE. THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ANGLO PERSONNEL, BACKED BY NAVY SHIPS, TO HELP STEM THE ENEMY TIDE

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PERIOD. LIEUTENANT JOHN SPINDE. END QUOTE.

3. OVER THE YEARS THE TERM "NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM" HAS
SIGNIFIED OUR APPROACH TO ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION. THIS
APPROACH WAS AGAIN PUT TO THE TEST BY FIRE DURING THE PERIOD
31 MAR - 5 APR. WHEN THAT TEST CASE, IT WAS OUR GOOD FORTUNE
AND OUR HONOR TO SHARE THE TEAM EFFORT WITH YOU. NO MORE
PROFESSIONAL, IMPROVISED, AND COURAGEOUS SHIPS OF THE LINE
COULD HAVE BEEN DESIRED. STATISTICS COULD BE COMPILED THAT
WOULD APPEAR TO ADD CREDENCE TO OUR CLAIMS OF SUCCESS, BUT
THE MOST MEANINGFUL FACT IS THAT AS FIRE BARRAGES WERE FALLING
TO ENEMY ASSAULT, ARVN CANNONERS WERE DRIVEN FROM THEIR GUNS
BY COUNTERBATTERY FIRE, AND FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT WERE KEPT ON
THE GROUND BY WEATHER, THE TEAM OF YOUR SHIPS AND MY OBSERVERS
PROVIDED THE ONLY CONTINUOUS EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT AVAILABLE.

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FOR THE NEWS BUREAU I HAVE BEEN TO THIS POINT I HAVE
BEEN TEACHING THAT JOE ON THE BME WAS PREPARING THESE
IN THE HOPE OF "DISASTER PREVENTION". I INSIST THAT WE
HAVE FURNISHED THAT PREDICTION. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO
SERVE WITH YOU. LEOLO D'WAYNE GRAY USMC SENIOR.

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