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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June - 30 June 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

OFFICER IN CHARGE

D. WAYNE GRAY
LtCol USMC
25 Jul 71 - 30 Jun 72

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

J. H. COLLINS
LCDR USN
1 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

R. R. ALLEN
LT USN
1 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

E. S. SCHICK III
Capt USMC
24 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(FRAC/Phu Bai)

C. G. COLLINS
Maj USMC
15 Apr 72 - 25 Jun 72

B. HASTINGS
Maj USMC
26 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

J. J. BURKE III
LT USN
1 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(FRAC/DaNang)

R. A. WIDDOWS
Maj USMC
15 Apr 72 - 17 Jun 72

J. S. VOGT
Maj USMC
18 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(FRAC (Rear)/DaNang)

A. D. GARRETT
Lt(jg) USN
1 May 72 - 24 Jun 72

W. A. HALL
Maj USMC
25 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

S. T. KUYKENDALL
Capt USMC
24 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(22nd ARVN Div/Ba Gi)

W. J. NAGLE III
Lt(jg) USNR
23 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(Binh Dinh Province/LZ Crystal)

R. O. BLUM
1stLt USMC
25 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

R. OWENS
GySgt USMC
23 May 72 - 7 Jun 72

W. J. LOFTUS
1stLt USMC
8 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

U. S. GRANT JR.
Capt USMC
30 Apr 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(ROK Tiger Div/Tiger Town)

W. J. LOFTUS
1stLt USMC
23 May 72 - 7 Jun 72

W. H. KELLY
Cpl USMC
8 Jun 72 - 14 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(Phouc Tuy Province/Baria)

G. C. KOONS
1stLt USMC
24 May 72 - 3 Jun 72

M. E. ROLAND
LT USNR
4 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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Naval Gunfire Liaison Team
(DRAC/Can Tho)

R. W. MARSTELLER
Capt USMC
11 Apr 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Air Spot Team
(DRAC/Binh Thuy)

J. S. VOGT
Maj USMC
24 Apr 72 - 17 Jun 72

G. W. CARSTENSEN
GySgt USMC
18 Jun 72 - 22 Jun 72

R. T. CORE
1stLt USMC
23 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

Naval Gunfire Liaison/Spot Team
(9th ARVN Div/Rach Gia)

G. M. LOGAN
Lt(jg) USNR
1 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

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

W. E. CORCORAN
1stLt USMC
25 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

2. LOCATION, 1 - 30 June 1972, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

E. J. DYER JR.
Maj USMC
25 Feb 72 - 3 Jun 72

Deputy Officer in Charge

G. GOLDEN
Maj USMC
4 Jun 72 - 30 Jun 72

Deputy Officer in Charge

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

Adjutant

J. H. COLE JR.
CWO-2 USMC
22 Jan 72 - 30 Jun 72

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Operations Officer

R. I. STILL

LT USN

9 May 72 - 30 Jun 72

Supply Officer

R. K. HARRIS

CWO-4 USMC

11 Nov 72 - 30 Jun 72

4. STRENGTH as of 2400, 30 June 1972

	USMC		USN	
<u>MILITARY REGION I</u>	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
DANANG	12	23	0	0
HUE CITY	16	45	4	1
PHU BAI	2	0	0	0
TAN MY	0	3	0	0
CHU LAI	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION I TOTAL	32	76	5	1
<u>MILITARY REGION II</u>				
QUI NHON	1	8	1	0
BA GI	0	3	1	0
PHU CAT	3	0	0	0
LZ CRYSTAL	2	7	1	0
TIGER TOWN	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION II TOTAL	7	20	3	0
<u>MILITARY REGION III</u>				
SAIGON	4	28	1	1
BARIA	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION III TOTAL	5	31	2	1

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<u>MILITARY REGION IV</u>	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL.	OFF	ENL
CAN THO	1	2	0	0
BINH THUY	1	1	0	0
RACH GIA	0	5	1	0
CA MAU	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MILITARY REGION IV TOTAL	3	11	1	0
GRAND TOTAL	47	/ 138	11	/ 2

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June 1972 NYA activity continued on several fronts; however, of particular note is the fact that allied forces have mounted offensives to retake those areas of South Vietnam now occupied by NVA and VC units. Responding to the allied initiatives, 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 533 with the number of rounds fired per ship day rising significantly from 144 in May to 183 in June with 97,535 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. Naval gunfire ships continued to receive heavy counter-battery fire in northern MR I underscoring the NVA's concern over the destructive fires being delivered by the U.S. Navy's destroyers and cruisers.

During the second week of June the ARVN 2nd Division mounted an offensive into the Que Son Mountains which encountered light resistance. The enemy appears to have pulled back into the mountains away from the coast and out of naval gunfire range. With the exception of this action, the activity in the southern portion of MR I remained static and comparatively quiet.

Activity in northern MR I centered on the Vietnamese Marine Corps and Vietnamese Airborne Divisions which maintained near continuous contact with the enemy throughout the month by means of thrusts into enemy occupied territory and by their prominent positions along friendly front lines. From 4-6 Jun 72, units of the Vietnamese Airborne Division made probing thrusts through and behind enemy lines under the protective umbrella of naval gunfire units stationed just off the coast. On 8 and 9 Jun 72, Vietnamese Marine Corps units conducted operation Song Thanh 8-72 making helicopter assaults behind enemy lines in southern Quang Tri Province. Again from 18-20 Jun 72, Vietnamese Marines penetrated enemy territory by way of helicopter and water borne assaults. In each of these three operations naval gunfire units fired missions ranged from landing zone/beach preps, direct support missions, and harassment and interdiction missions. Enemy resistance varied hour to hour, day to day, from very light to extremely heavy including fanatical counter-assaults with keyed-up troops supported by tanks and other tracked vehicles. The value of the naval gunfire supporting arm was consistently lauded by Vietnamese commanders and American advisors in the field. These probes set the stage for operation Lan Son 72, the Vietnamese counter offensive to retake enemy held portions of Military Region I. This operation began on 28 June with naval gunfire units firing in excess of 4000 rounds of ammunition. Friendly troops reported encountering only light resistance when advancing through areas previously fired upon by naval gunfire units. Airborne and ground spotters called in numerous

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missions on enemy tank formations, troops, gun emplacements, and logistics storage points. On the 29th and 30th of Jun 72 friendly forces continued their advanced encountering only sporadic pockets of moderate enemy resistance, with naval gunfire units providing in excess of 8000 rounds.

For Military Region II the month of June brought forth flurries of enemy activities and thus greater utilization of naval gunfire assets. On 1 June LZ Crystal found itself besieged by NVA forces and receiving rocket, mortar, and artillery fire. The ARVN commander requested two U.S. Navy destroyers with 5"/54 caliber guns be made available for continuous long range coverage. From 4-14 June the gunline commander provided two such destroyers which fired in support of friendly troops. On 16 June the ARVN conducted an amphibious assault in the vicinity of the Phu Cat Mountains, a VC stronghold since the time of the Japanese occupation. The Vietnamese swept ashore following a beach prep by the USS EDWARDS (DD-950). The friendly troops encountered little resistance, and the operation ended with no appreciable gains. During the third week of June naval gunfire operations shifted to the vicinities of Hoai An, Hoai Nhon, and Tam Quan in northern Binh Dinh Province, in an effort to disrupt lines of enemy communications, locate and destroy enemy strongpoints and to generally reconnoiter the area in preparation for a possible assault by friendly troops into this area.

Naval gunfire missions in Military Region III throughout this month of June were entirely within Phouc Tuy Province and centered on the enemy held towns of Xuyen Moc and Dat Do. In the latter part of the month, air and ground assets were shifted to other more crucial parts of the country and naval gunfire continued to fire unobserved missions at enemy staging and supply areas.

Enemy activity in Military Region IV continued in Choung Thien Province and the north eastern extremities of An Xuyen, both out of range of naval gunfire. Air observers directed fire missions along the western coast of the delta against enemy supply routes and staging areas, achieving numerous KIA's, secondary explosions and other GDA.

The month of June has seen naval gunfire become a more viable and certainly more responsive supporting arm due to its coordinated usage in conjunction with the initiatives by the Vietnamese Marine Corps and Vietnamese Airborne Divisions. Progress throughout Vietnam has not been achieved without increased personnel injuries and deaths. This unit awarded seven purple hearts in the month of June to personnel injured in combat; there were no deaths. As allied forces push on towards Quang Tri City and as allied efforts to re-take enemy held portions of MR II materialize, the role of naval gunfire will no doubt increase as the enemy is more firmly entrenched in these areas.

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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 June 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam.

DESTROYERS

USS ANDERSON (DD-786)
USS BADGER (DE-1071)
USS BAUSELL (DD-845)
USS BERKELEY (DDG-15)
USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14)
USS BUCKLEY (DD-808)
USS CECIL (DD-835)
USS CRAIG (DD-885)
USS DAVID (DE-1050)
USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045)
USS EDWARDS (DD-950)
USS EVERSOLE (DD-789)
USS FOX (DD-829)
USS GLENNON (DD-840)
USS GURKE (DD-783)
USS HAMMOND (DE-1067)
USS HAMNER (DD-718)
USS HANSON (DD-832)
USS HIGBEE (DD-806)

CRUISERS

USS HULL (DD-945)
USS J.P. JONES (DDG-32)
USS LOCKWOOD (DE-1064)
USS MACKENZIE (DD-836)
USS MCCAIN (DDG-36)
USS MULLINNIX (DD-944)
USS OUELLET (DE-1077)
USS OZBOURN (DD-846)
USS ROARK (DE-1053)
USS ROBINSON (DDG-12)
USS ROWAN (DD-782)
USS SAMPLE (DE-1048)
USS SANSFIELD (DD-837)
USS SOMERS (DDG-34)
USS STODDERT (DDG-22)
USS STRAUSS (DDG-16)
USS THOMAS (DD-764)
USS WADDELL (DDG-24)
USS WHIPPLE (DE-1062)
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

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

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

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175th Combat Assault Aviation Company

ALLIED

ROK Tiger Division

ALLIED

VNMC Division

1st ARVN Division

2nd ARVN Division

3rd ARVN Division

9th ARVN Division

18th ARVN Division

22nd ARVN Division

40th ARVN Regiment

41st ARVN Regiment

Thua Thien Provincial Forces

Quang Ngai Provincial Forces

Binh Dinh Provincial Forces

Quang Tin Provincial Forces

Quang Nam Provincial Forces

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

New Life Campaign 21 Song Thanh 8 - 72

Lan Son 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)	463	3	0	0	466
KIA (ESTIMATED)	16	4	0	1	21
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	229	58	0	34	321
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	367	51	0	17	435
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	387	22	2	13	424

f. The following number of missions were fired during the month of June 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	1,173	126	80	58	1,437

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	<u>MR I</u>	<u>MR II</u>	<u>MR III</u>	<u>MR IV</u>	<u>MR Total</u>
AMMUNITION					
8"/55	2,596	0	0	0	2,596
6"/47	3,881	0	0	0	3,881
5"/54	31,403	6,533	0	0	37,936
5"/38	<u>46,106</u> 77,504	<u>1,395</u>	<u>3,465</u>	<u>2,156</u>	<u>53,122</u>
GRAND TOTAL	83,986	7,928	3,465	2,156	97,535
Total Unobserved	53,702	3,851	2,773	149	60,475

g. Rest and Recreation

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

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h. Sequential Listings

1 - 3	June	USS THOMAS supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires caused 2 secondary explosions.
1 - 3, 14 - 30	June	USS CECIL supported the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 6 structures and caused 1 secondary explosion.
1 - 4, 28 - 30	June	USS OKLAHOMA CITY supported the 1st ARVN Division, and 1st VNMC Division. Her fires caused 4 secondary explosions.
1 - 4, 16 - 30	June	USS MCCAIN supported the 1st VNMC and 1st ABN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 25 structures, damaged 14 structures and caused 15 secondary explosions.
1 - 5	June	USS OZBOURN supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions.
1 - 5	June	USS BERKELEY supported the 1st VNMC Division.

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1 - 6	June	USS HANSON supported the 1st VNMC Division. Her fires caused 1 secondary explosion.
1 - 8	June	USS SOMERS supported the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 12 structures, damaged 5 structures, and caused 3 secondary explosions.
1 - 8	June	USS GLENNON supported the 18th Division. Her fires caused 1 secondary explosion.
1 - 12	June	USS DAVID supported the 2nd ARVN Division.
1 - 16	June	USS MULLINNIX supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, and caused 7 secondary explosions.
1 - 20	June	USS J.P. JONES supported the 1st VNMC and 3rd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 2 structures, and caused 8 secondary explosions.
1 - 25	June	USS WADDELL supported the 1st VNMC Division. Her fires caused 3 secondary explosions.
1 - 25	June	USS CRAIG supported the 9th ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 14 structures, damaged 30 structures, and caused 12 secondary explosions.
1 - 30	June	USS ANDERSON supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 74 structures, damaged 45 structures, and caused 136 secondary explosions, which resulted in 28 confirmed KIA's.
4 - 6	June	Vietnamese Airborne Division conducts probing operation in southern Quang Tri Province
4 - 6, 26 - 30	June	USS NEWPORT NEWS supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, damaged 6 structures, and caused 18 secondary explosions.
4 - 11, 22 - 30	June	USS BUCKLEY supported the 1st VNMC Division. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 3 structures, and caused 12 secondary explosions.

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4 - 12	June	USS OUELLET supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 10 structures, damaged 12 structures, and caused 1 secondary explosion.
5 - 14, 25 - 30	June	USS ROWAN supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Divisions. Her fires destroyed 10 structures, damaged 8 structures, and caused 14 secondary explosions.
5 - 20	June	USS STRAUSS supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 20 structures, damaged 14 structures, and caused 1 secondary explosion, which resulted in 11 estimated KIA's.
6 - 10	June	USS DAVIDSON supported the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 4 structures.
6 - 11, 24 - 26	June	USS HULL supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Division.
8 - 9	June	Vietnamese Marine Corps conducts helicopter-borne assaults behind enemy lines in Quang Tri Province in conjunction with Operation Song Thanh 8 - 72.
8 - 11	June	USS GURKE supported the 1st ARVN Division.
8 - 18	June	USS LOCKWOOD supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 5 structures, and caused 2 secondary explosions.
8 - 30	June	USS SAMPLE supported the R.F. and P.F. units in MR III.
9 - 12	June	USS GLENNON supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, and caused 8 secondary explosions.
10 - 13, 24 - 30	June	USS BUCHANAN supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 1 structures, and caused 2 secondary explosions.
10 - 13	June	USS SANSFIELD supported the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 2 structures, and caused 9 secondary explosions.

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10 - 22, 26 - 30 June USS FOX supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Divisions. Her fires destroyed 41 structures, damaged 25 structures, and caused 13 secondary explosions.

11 - 16, 26 - 30 June USS HAMMER supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 2 structures, and caused 13 secondary explosions.

11 - 20, 25 - 30 June USS ROBINSON supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 24 structures, damaged 3 structures, and caused 15 secondary explosions, which resulted in 10 KIA's.

11 - 30 June USS THOMAS supported the 1st VNMV and 2nd ARVN Divisions. Her fires destroyed 41 structures, damaged 39 structures, and caused 16 secondary explosions.

11 - 30 June USS BAUSELL supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Divisions. Her fires destroyed 10 structures, damaged 7 structures, and caused 32 secondary explosions.

13 - 14, 24 - 26 June USS STODDERT supported the 1st VNMV Division. Her fires destroyed 22 structures, damaged 6 structures, and caused 9 secondary explosions, which resulted in 1 estimated KIA.

13 - 15 June USS DAVID supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 4 structures, damaged 5 structures, and caused 2 secondary explosions.

13 - 27 June USS EDWARDS supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 40 structures, damaged 37 structures, and caused 7 secondary explosions.

13 - 30 June USS HIGBEE supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Divisions. Her fires destroyed 5 structures, damaged 12 structures, and caused 7 secondary explosions, which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA's and 4 estimated KIA's.

14 - 27 June USS MACKENZIE supported the 1st ARVN and 1st VNMV Divisions. Her fires destroyed 36 structures, damaged 18 structures, and caused 13 secondary explosions, which resulted in 125 confirmed KIA's.

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17 - 30	June	USS WHIPPLE supported the 1st, 3rd ARVN and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires damaged 4 structures, and caused 7 secondary explosions.
18 - 20	June	Vietnamese Marine Corps units make helicopter and water borne assaults behind enemy lines south of Quang Tri City supported by U.S. Navy gunfire support ships off the coast.
19 - 30	June	USS EVERSOLE supported the 1st VNMC Division. Her fires destroyed 19 structures, damaged 2 structures, and caused 8 secondary explosions, which resulted in 4 estimated KIA's.
20 - 30	June	USS HAMMOND supported the 1st ARVN Division. Her fires caused 3 secondary explosions.
21 - 30	June	USS LOCKWOOD supported the 1st, 3rd ARVN, and 1st VNMC Divisions. Her fires destroyed 3 structures, and caused 9 secondary explosions.
25 - 30	June	USS PROVIDENCE supported the 1st VNMC Division.
26 - 30	June	USS SANSFIELD supported the 9th ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 2 structures, damaged 4 structures, and caused 1 secondary explosion, which resulted in 1 estimated KIA.
27 - 30	June	USS BADGER supported the 1st VNMC Division.
27 - 30	June	USS HULL supported the 22nd ARVN Division. Her fires destroyed 1 structure, damaged 4 structures and caused 9 secondary explosions.

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