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Encl: (1) Narrative History for May-December 1971

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). This history is to be used in conjunction with the Monthly Operations Reports and in connection with the Command History for Fiscal Year 1970-71 submitted in November 1971, in accordance with OPNAVINST 5070.1 and section E-2001 of the U. S. Navy Public Affairs Regulations (NAVSO P-1035, Rev 12-65).

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16 AUG 71	Seabee Team 7411 began training with 20NCR.
30 AUG 71	NMCB-74's Commanding Officer returned from 14 days regular leave.
1 SEP 71	NMCB-74 assumed role as Atlantic Fleet back up Alert Battalion with a mission of maintaining a 72 hour mount out capability.
7 SEP 71	Commanding Officer, NMCB-74 departed Gulfport for Commanding Officer's conference in Davisville.
10 SEP 71	NMCB-74's Commanding Officer returned aboard from Davisville.
15 SEP 71	Seabee Team 7410 detached to begin training by 20NCR.
15 SEP 71	Seabee Team 7410 began training by 20NCR.
18-19 SEP 71	Commanding Officer, NMCB-74 attended a special composite drill of RMCB-24 in Atlanta, Georgia.
25-27 SEP 71	A Provisional Rifle Company consisting of 4 officers and 209 enlisted men departed Gulfport for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for two week crew served weapon training.
28-29 SEP 71	Commanding Officer visited Camp Lejeune and NMCB-74 personnel TAD to ACB-2 NAS Oceana.
2-3 OCT 71	Commanding Officer visited RMCB-14 in Atlanta, Georgia.
8-10 OCT 71	A Provisional Rifle Company consisting of 4 officers and 209 enlisted men returned to Gulfport from Camp Lejuene.
14 OCT 71	Commanding Officer and party deposted Gulfport for the pre-deployment visit to Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico in preparation for the relief of NMCB-62.
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6-12 NOV 71	Commanding Officer attended Senior Officer preventive maintenance course at Fort Knox, Kontucky.
15 NOV 71	NMCB-74 began the Battalion FEX (Field Exercise) at Camp Swampy, Keesler AFB. (See NOV 71 Monthly Operations Report for further details)
22 NOV 71	Battalion began its Administrative Inspection.
3 DEC 71	Dedication of new Enlisted Men's Barracks, CBC Gulfport.
3 DEC 71	Administrative Inspection for all NMCB-74 personnel.
6 DEC 71	LCDR Stephen J. QUIGLEY, CEC, USN relieved LCDR PLUNNECKE as Executive Officer, MCB-74.
6-10 DEC 71	Rifle range training and qualification for all personnel who had not completed this part of training earlier
13 DEC 71	Battalion reorganized into details.
13 DEC 71	Headquartérs Company disestablished and reformed into divisions.
14-17 DEC 71	Commanding Officer and party made pre-deployment visit to Canal Zone.
15 DEC 71	Battalion Christmas Party.
17 DEC 71	Scabce Team 7411 graduated.
27-31 DEC 71	Commanding Officer took annual leave.
28 DEC 71	NMCB-74's Advance Parties to Roosevelt Roads, Antigua, Guantanamo Bay, and Thurmont departed Gulfport.

1. COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION

On 3 December 1966, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR was recommisioned under the command of CDR G. W. SCHLEY, CEC, USN. He was relieved by CDR J. A. D'EMIDIO, CEC, USN, on 2 October 1968. CDR James D. KIRKPATRICK, current Commanding Officer, took command of NMCB-74 on 27 August 1970.

On the first day of this history NMCB-74 was in Gulfport, Mississippi. Operational and Administrative control was with the TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment.

2. OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES

NMCB-74's homeport consisted of more than 16 homeport projects, (see Monthly Operations Reports, previously submitted), various military training, numerous schools, a special Self Help Project by Detail CAJUN at NSA, New Orleans, and an Administrative Inspection. (For all specifics on these above items, see Monthly Operation Reports, previously submitted)

3. PERSONNEL

As of December 1971, NMCB-74 had 612 enlisted men and 25 officers for a total of 627 men.

4. CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS

NMCB-74's Civic Action Projects included the erection of a backstop and two baseball dugouts, the erection of a cyclone fence at the Pass Christian City Park, rehabilitation of an existing building at St. Martin's Girl Scout Camp, building a seahut at the Orange Grove Girl Scout Camp, building construction at Camp Wilkes, and a pier and breakwater at Long Beach, Mississippi.

5. AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

See Monthly Operations Reports, previously submitted.

6. <u>DISTINGUISHED VISITORS</u>

Refer to chronological summary.