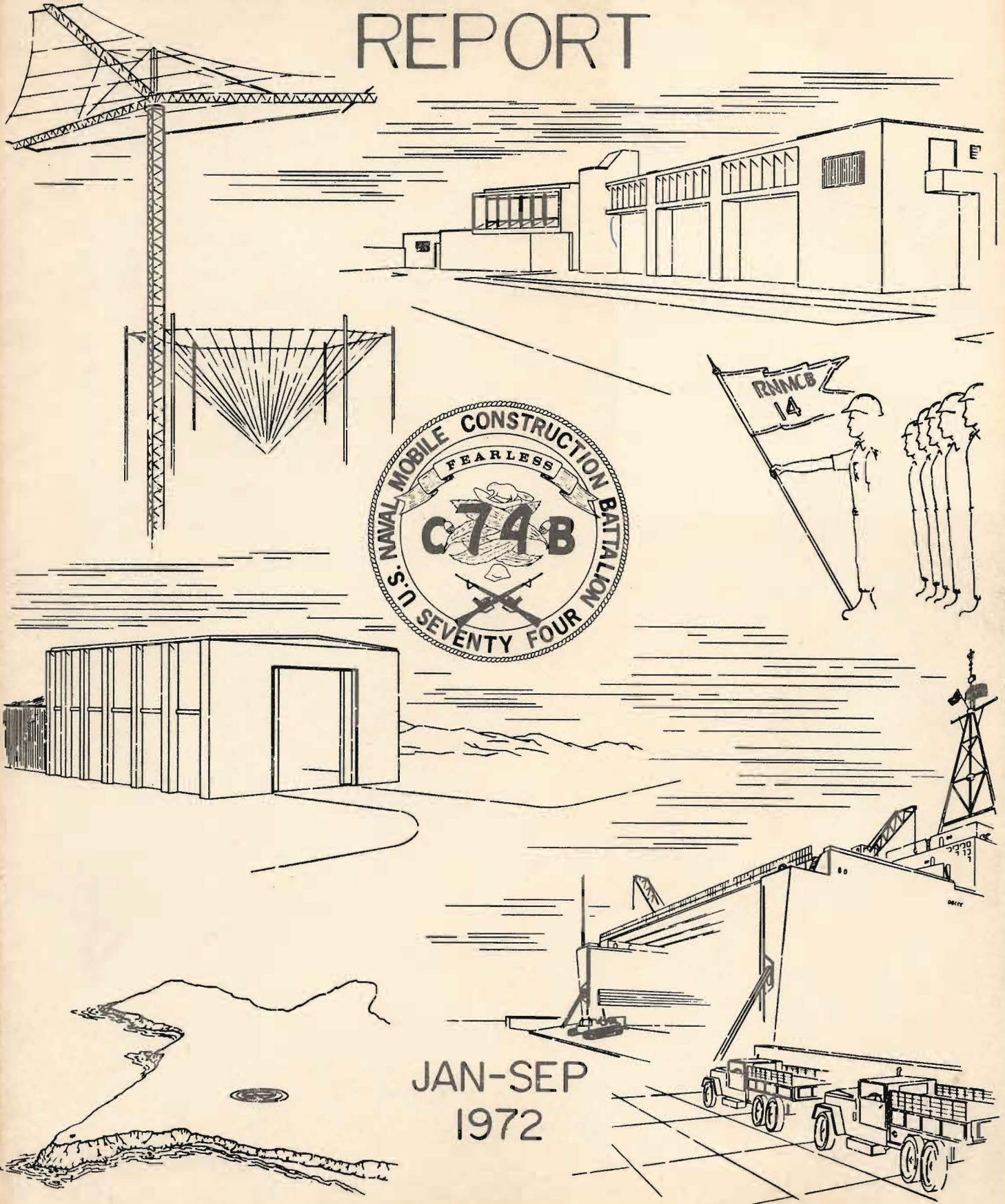


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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) is forwarded.

2. NMCB-74 was deployed to the Carribean as the Atlantic Fleet Alert Battalion as directed by reference (b). The main body was located at Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, with details located at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; AUTEK Andros Island, Bahamas; Summit, Canal Zone, Panama; NAVFAC Antigua, TWI; Fort Allen, Ponce, Puerto Rico; Thurmont, Maryland; Cross Cay, near Culebra Island; and Puerto Chaguaya, Bolivia, South America.

3. As pointed out in references (c) through (e), operating by details is a world apart from the original P-25 concept. As can be seen from references (c) through (e) and this report, personnel and basic structural changes in the P-25 are required if operations by detail are to be continued effectively and efficiently. It is recommended that careful consideration be given to such changes at an early date.


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DEPLOYMENT SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

UNIT MOVEMENTS

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

INTRODUCTION

This deployment as the Atlantic Fleet Alert Battalion was our first non-Vietnam deployment. As such, different concepts were encountered basically in the class of construction projects assigned. The requirement was for a higher caliber work with less emphasis on hasty construction. Speed of construction was not overlooked however.

Several problems were encountered during the deployment which weren't so different from those of the Vietnam era. Communications and logistics were definite problem areas this deployment. Naval messages proved to be the most dependable means of communications with all details. While good telephone service was available with some details it was nearly impossible with others.

Long lead times and high cost of delivery of materials and supplies from CONUS necessitated extensive use of local procurement. Often times difficulties were encountered in locating needed items in Puerto Rico, although the use of three Spanish speaking expeditors minimized the problem.

The tropical climate of most of the detail sites enabled construction to progress in most cases without major interruptions due to weather. Detail CORTEZ battled the heavy Panamanian rainfall, which hindered progress but did not alter the completion of their project.

The dual role as alert battalion and construction unit somewhat hinders the accomplishment of both missions. As top priority projects are assigned a fine line has to be drawn between the requirement for training and construction. From a morale standpoint, personnel dislike training when they are already working extended hours on high priority jobs.

Problems inherent to the detached unit deployment were very real during the deployment also. The extensive traveling of command personnel placed an added load on much of the Battalion staff. In addition, the shortage of CM's and support personnel placed an added strain on the details as well as the main body throughout the deployment.

UNIT MOVEMENTS

- 28 DEC 71 NMCB-74's Advance Parties for Camp Moscrip, Detail CORTEZ and Detail COLUMBUS consisting of eight officers and 100 enlisted personnel deployed to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 29 DEC 71 Detail DE LEON's Advance Party consisting of one officer and 24 enlisted personnel deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to conduct the BEEP and prepare for detail turnover.
- 1 JAN 72 Seabee Team 7411 deployed to Tan An, Republic of Vietnam.
- 3 JAN 72 Detail THURMONT consisting of 21 enlisted personnel moved to NSF, Thurmont, Maryland.
- 4 JAN 72 One officer and 24 enlisted personnel of Detail DESOTO deployed to AUTEK, Andros Island, Bahamas to begin dredging operations.
- 10 JAN 72 Detail COLUMBUS Advance Party arrived at NAVFAC, Antigua.
- 12 JAN 72 One officer and 22 enlisted personnel of Detail CORTEZ deployed to the Naval Transmitting Facility, Summit, Canal Zone.
- 14 JAN 72 Thirteen enlisted personnel departed Camp Moscrip to join Detail CORTEZ in the Canal Zone.
- 18 JAN 72 NMCB-74's first main body flight arrived at Roosevelt Roads via Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Eighty enlisted personnel joined Detail DE LEON in Cuba and two officers and 68 enlisted personnel arrived at Camp Moscrip.
- 18 JAN 72 Seabee Team 7410 deployed to Yap Island, Trust Territory, Pacific.
- 20 JAN 72 Seven officers and 150 enlisted personnel arrived in Camp Moscrip on the second main body flight.
- 21 JAN 72 Twenty-three men of Detail MAGELLAN moved to Ft. Allen, Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- 10 - 16 FEB 72 Twenty-three personnel left Camp Moscrip to augment Detail DE LEON in Cuba.

24 MAR 72 Detail MAGELLAN returned to Camp Moscrip from Ft. Allen.

25 APR 72 Seabee Team 7411 redeployed to CONUS from RVN.

8 MAY 72 Personnel moved to Cross Cay to begin construction there.

15 MAY 72 Seabee Team 7411 arrived in Camp Moscrip from Gulfport.

2 JUN 72 Seabee Team 7412 deployed to Puerto Chaguaya, Bolivia.

10 JUN 72 Detail COLUMBUS returned to Camp Moscrip from NAVFAC, Antigua.

14 JUL 72 Twenty-one Detail CORTEZ personnel arrived in Camp Moscrip, leaving a 15 man maintenance force in the Canal Zone.

25 AUG 72 NMCB-74 Advance Party departed Camp Moscrip for Gulfport.

28 AUG 72 Detail DESOTO departed Andros except for a 4 man delayed party.

29 AUG 72 Detail THURMONT departed NSF Thurmont, Maryland except for 7 men TAD to Public Works, NSF Thurmont.

1 SEP 72 Detail DESOTO's delayed party departed Andros.

1 SEP 72 Seabee Team 7412 departed Lake Titicaca, Bolivia for CBC Gulfport.

13 SEP 72 First main body flight departed Camp Moscrip with personnel of Detail DE LEON, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

14 SEP 72 Second main body flight departed Camp Moscrip.

16 SEP 72 Third main body flight departed Camp Moscrip for homeport at CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 11 JAN 72 Commanding Officer departed Gulfport for visits to Detail DESOTO and Detail COLUMBUS enroute to Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads.
- 11 - 14 JAN 72 Operations Officer visited Detail DE LEON, GTMO.
- 14 JAN 72 Commanding Officer arrived on board Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, P.R.
- 18 JAN 72 NMCB-74's cargo flight arrived at Roosevelt Roads.
- 18 - 20 JAN 72 NMCB-74's main body arrived in Camp Moscrip.
- 20 JAN 72 Commander Frank M. NEWCOMB, Commanding Officer, NMCB-62 was relieved as Commander, THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment by Commander James D. KIRKPATRICK, Commanding Officer, NMCB-74. Camp Moscrip was turned over to NMCB-74 by NMCB-62.
- 25 - 27 JAN 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail DE LEON at GTMO.
- 30 JAN 72 Operations Officer visited Details ANDROS and CORTEZ and 20NCR.
- 2 FEB 72 CAPT W. A. MACKEY, USN, COMAFWR visited Camp Moscrip.
- 6 FEB 72 RNMCB-14 personnel arrived in Camp Moscrip for their pre-deployment visit.
- 10 - 11 FEB 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail COLUMBUS at NAVFAC, Antigua.
- 15 FEB 72 Commanding Officer departed for visits to detail sites at Andros Island, GTMO, Thurmont and the Canal Zone plus BUPERS and 20NCR.
- 16 FEB 72 RADM WALTON, CEC, USN, COMLANTDIVNAVFAC visited NMCB-74's Detail DE LEON in Cuba.
- 19 FEB 72 RNMCB-14's pre-deployment visit ended.

28 FEB 72 Commanding Officer returned from trip to detail sites.

1 - 6 MAR 72 NMCB-74 successfully completed a full scale mount-out drill, moving all cargo to pierside in 39 hours. Seventy-eight vehicles, 75 tons of cargo and 217 men were loaded aboard the USS PENSACOLA (LSD 38) in 10 hours, and the Battalion cruised to St. Thomas, V.I. for a weekend of liberty.

7 - 9 MAR 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail DE LEON at GTMO.

7 -15 MAR 72 Operations Officer visited Detail DESOTO.

11 MAR 72 NMCB-74 main body celebrated Seabee/CEC Birthday. CAPT W. A. MACKEY, COMFAIRCARIB addressed the Battalion at a candlelight supper.

13 MAR 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail MAGELLAN at Ft. Allen.

13 MAR 72 Commanding Officer departed for Detail DESOTO, Andros Island enroute to Washington, D.C. for Seabee Commanders Conference.

18 MAR 72 Commanding Officer returned to Camp Moscrip from Washington after visiting Detail THURMONT.

20 MAR 72 BUC CONLEY, CBLANT Safety Chief, and BUC MILTON, CBLANT Safety Chief (prospective) arrived Camp Moscrip to begin a Safety MIV to Details DE LEON, CORTEZ, DESOTO and the main body.

23 - 24 MAR 72 Operations Officer visited Detail COLUMBUS.

24 MAR 72 Detail MAGELLAN disestablished.

26 MAR 72 RNMCB-14's Advance Party of two officers and 26 enlisted men arrived Camp Moscrip.

28 - 30 MAR 72 Commanding Officer and Operations Officer visited Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone.

30 MAR 72 CDR J. T. LARSEN, Commanding Officer, RNMCB-14 arrived at Camp Moscrip.

1 APR 72 RNMCB-14's main body arrived in Camp Moscrip to begin two weeks of ACDUTRA.

4 APR 72 Commanding Officer departed for two day visit to Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

4 - 6 APR 72 CAPT W. R. ROGERS, COMCBLANT, visited Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

6 APR 72 CAPT ROGERS and the Commanding Officer arrived in Camp Moscrip from GTMO.

8 APR 72 CAPT ROGERS departed Camp Moscrip.

11 APR 72 CAPT W. M. ZOBEL, COM20NCR, arrived in Camp Moscrip for a four day visit.

13 APR 72 RADM's W. M. ENGER and G. R. REIDER, COMNAV FACENCOM and COMLRNCB, respectively, arrived in Camp Moscrip to visit NMCB-74 and RNMCB-14.

15 APR 72 RNMCB-14's main body's flights departed Puerto Rico for return to CONUS.

25 APR 72 Seabee Team 7411 departed RVN for Gulfport, Mississippi.

1 MAY 72 Commanding Officer returned from visit to detail sites and the Supply Officer returned from visit to Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

5 - 8 MAY 72 Operations Officer visited Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

8 MAY 72 EOCS STARK and 22 personnel began moving to Cross Cay to begin project there.

8 -11 MAY 72 CBLANT, Equipment Management Assistance visit to Camp Moscrip and Detail COLUMBUS.

8 -12 MAY 72 Executive Officer attended Senior Officer Preventive Maintenance school at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

9 -11 MAY 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail DE LEON, GTMO.

12 - 14 MAY 72 Operations Officer visited Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone.

15 MAY 72 Seabee Team 7411 disestablished.

15 MAY 72 Seabee Team 7412 established.

17 - 18 MAY 72 Detail OIC's conference at Camp Moscrip.

22 MAY 72 Commanding Officer departed for tour of detail sites and CBLANT's Commanding Officers Conference.

31 MAY 72 Operations Officer departed for Cuba to visit Detail DE LEON.

1 JUN 72 Operations Officer returned from pre-final inspection of GTMO EM Club.

2 JUN 72 Seabee Team 7412 deployed to Puerto Chaguaya, Bolivia to begin construction of a hospital barge.

3 JUN 72 Commanding Officer returned from visit to detail sites and CO's Conference.

7 JUN 72 CDR RUSCUK, CO NMCB-4 and party arrived for pre-deployment visit.

7 -10 JUN 72 Operations Officer attended a redesign conference on project RRD-41, NRL Maintenance Facility at LANTDIVNAVFAC, Norfolk.

10 JUN 72 BOD established for one and a half million dollar EM Club at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

9 -12 JUN 72 Commanding Officer and NMCB-4 party visited Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

13 JUN 72 Detail COLUMBUS was disestablished.

17 JUN 72 NMCB-4's pre-deployment visit ended.

15 - 19 JUN 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone and Seabee Team 7412, Bolivia.

20 - 21 JUN 72 Commanding Officer and Operations Officer attended the NTCC 40% design review conference at LANTDIV.

22 - 23 JUN 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail DESOTO, Andros Island.

27 JUN 72 Operations Officer departed for site visit to Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone.

30 JUN 72 Executive Officer to Detail DE LEON for grand opening of the GTMO EM Club.

30 JUN 72 Thirteen antennas completed and accepted at Summit Transmitter site, Canal Zone.

1 JUL 72 Grand opening ceremonies for GTMO EM Club at Detail DE LEON.

1 JUL 72 Operations Officer returned from visit to Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone.

3 JUL 72 Executive Officer returned from visit to Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

7 -10 JUL 72 Supply Officer visited Detail DE LEON, Cuba.

14 - 16 JUL 72 Supply Officer visited Detail CORTEZ.

16 - 18 JUL 72 Supply Officer visited Detail DESOTO.

25 - 27 JUL 72 Commanding officer visited Detail DE LEON.

31 JUL-3 AUG 72 Annual Supply inspection of NMCB-74 performed by CBLANT personnel.

3 - 8 AUG 72 Commanding Officer visited Detail CORTEZ, Canal Zone and Seabee Team 7412, Bolivia.

8 - 15 AUG 72 Operations Officer visited Davisville to attend COMCBLANT Operations Meeting on project Reindeer Station, and conferred with NMCB-74 P&E team at Davisville.

12 - 22 AUG 72 Commanding Officer visited CBLANT, BUPERS, Detail THURMONT and Detail DESOTO, Andros.

15 - 16 AUG 72 Operations Officer visited BUPERS concerning Battalion requirements for project Reindeer Station.

16 - 20 AUG 72 Operations Officer visited CBC, Gulfport to discuss homeport projects.

24 AUG 72 NMCB-4's Advance Party arrived at Camp Moscrip.

25 - 31 AUG 72 Executive Officer TAD to Gulfport with the Advance Party.

6 SEP 72 NMCB-4's second Advance Party flight arrived at Camp Moscrip.

5 - 7 SEP 72 Captain N. W. CLEMENTS, COMCBLANT, visited Camp Moscrip.

15 SEP 72 32NCR change of command ceremonies. Turn-over of Camp Moscrip to NMCB-4.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY
PERSONNEL AND REENLISTMENTS
(See Charts)

AVERAGE MONTHLY PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION

GRADE	ON BOARD AT EMPLOY. SITE	ATTACHED BUT NOT AT SITE										TOTAL ASSIGNED
		DETAIL/ DETACH.	SEABEE TEAMS	REAR ECHEL.	ADV/DELAY PARTY	TRG.	HOSP.	BRIG	LV.	RECEIPTS	TRANS	
E-9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
E-8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
E-7	17	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	29
E-6	38	24	4	11	1	1	-	-	2	2	3	80
E-5	53	27	6	9	1	1	-	-	2	1	5	99
E-4	84	73	5	4	1	-	-	-	5	3	16	172
NR	93	56	1	-	1	1	-	-	4	11	7	156
TOTAL	291	186	18	27	4	3	-	-	14	17	32	543
OFF	16	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	23

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SAFETY

The Battalion Safety Program was administered by the Safety Chief under the direction of the Safety Officer. The Battalion was deployed to nine different locations throughout the Caribbean area. Visits to the detail sites by the Safety Officer and Safety Chief ensured the safety policy was being carried out. Safety inspections were conducted on all the detail sites and all of the job sites to ensure that a minimum of hazards existed.

The Safety Policy and Safety Supervisors Committees were instrumental in establishing the Battalion Safety Policy and ensuring that the policy was kept up to date and that our safety goals were still within the established policy. Stand-up safety meetings and lectures were highly stressed at all the sites. With safety encompassing such a broad field, the Safety Office maintained personal contact with all the men in the field, not just the supervisors. The Safety Office felt that individual contact and evaluation of ideas would create a greater interest in safety. This method proved to be very effective in promoting safety. The details were assigned, by letter, a Detail Safety Supervisor of pay grade E-7 or above. The Detail Safety Supervisors were required to establish a Safety Supervisors Committee within their details. The detail's committee meeting minutes were required to be in the Battalion Safety Office the first of the month, and were enclosed in the Battalion Safety Policy minutes.

The Battalion established a stringent Hazard Control Program for the deployment. Emphasis was placed on Human Factors Engineering, Quality Assurance and Proper Personnel Protective Equipment, to ensure compliance with ANSI standards.

The plan of the day was an effective method of relating safety notes to all personnel. A Safety Newsletter was published and copies distributed to all hands. This paper was a good means to relay new safety methods, notices and publications. All new jobs were reviewed by the Safety Office, to make sure all the necessary safety equipment was available prior to the job being assigned.

The Battalion experienced a high accident rate the first month of the deployment. This high rate was attributed to two factors, the transition from homeport to a working environment which usually produces more cuts, bruises and sprains; and the Battalion required that every cut, bruise and sprain be reported to sickbay. Accounting for all accidents is a must. The Safety Office kept a record of all accidents and could establish the ratio of first aid to lost time accidents. The Battalion had a ratio equivalent to civilian industry. This gave the Safety Chief an indication as to the effectiveness of the Battalion Safety Program.

ALPHA Company conducted classes on international road signs and driving in foreign countries the week before the deployment. These classes were instrumental in keeping the off station accidents to a minimum.

DEPLOYMENT ACCIDENT SUMMARY

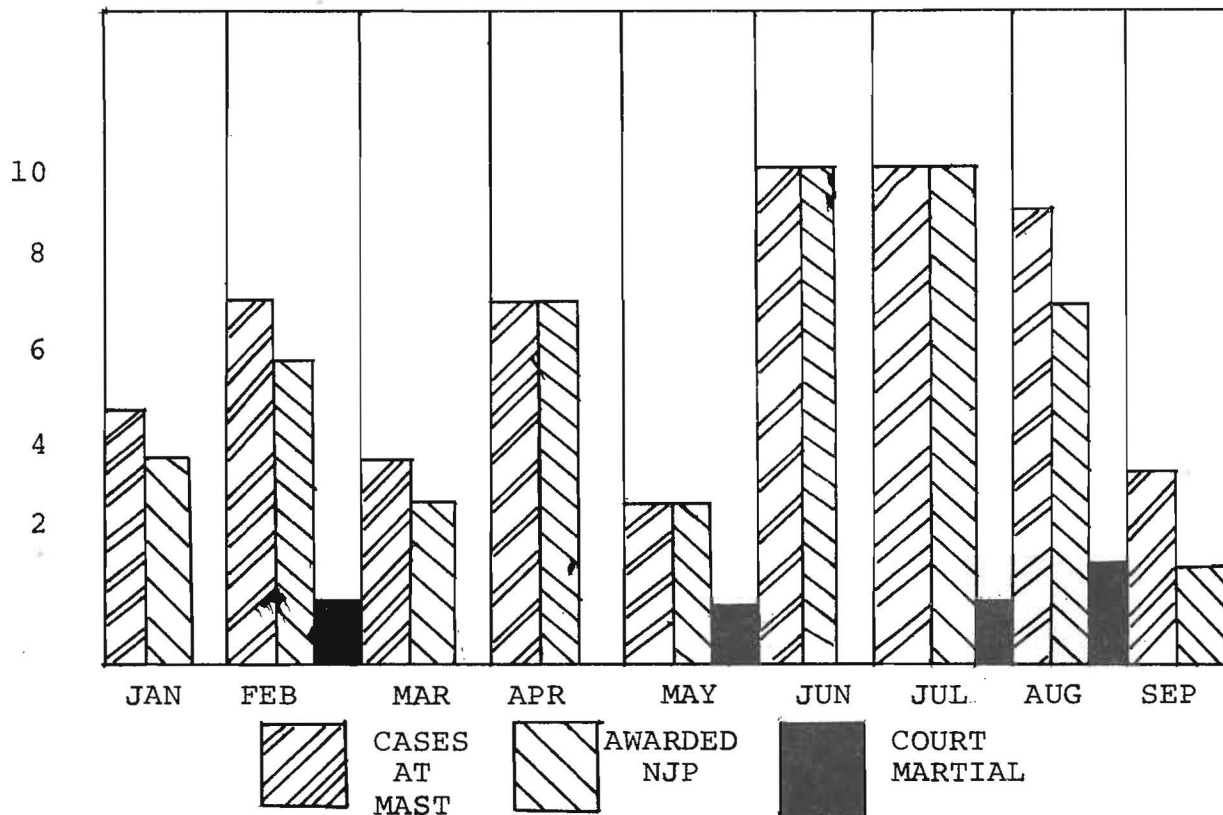
	<u>ON DUTY</u>	<u>OFF DUTY</u>	<u>MANDAYS LOST</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>
FIRST AID	73	50	NA	NA
LOST TIME	5	1	34	NA
VEHICLE	25	1	NA	\$4782.70
STAND-UP SAFETY MEETING		661		

DISCIPLINE

A consistent workload which allows the individual to relate with accomplishments of the Battalion, a recreational program which emphasizes participation and comfortable berthing reduces the temptation to deviate from the accepted standards of behavior. As can be seen from the chart below, the number of disciplinary offenses increased in the latter months of the deployment when the arrival of men from different detail sites contributed to a more crowded condition in the camp.

<u>CASES AT MAST BY TYPE</u>		<u>NUMBER</u>
86	UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE	40
87	MISSING MOVEMENT	1
91	INSUBORDINATION TO NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER	5
92	FAILURE TO OBEY LAWFUL ORDER, DERELICTION IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTY	11
117	PROVOKING SPEECHES OF GESTURES	1
128	ASSAULT	8
134	GENERAL ARTICLE	11

DISCIPLINE



MORALE

GENERAL

Battalion morale remained at a relatively high level through the duration of the deployment. Prior to the deployment, briefings, lectures and slide presentations were given to all hands which gave all a realistic outlook as to what would be in store at each site on deployment. Although the command was split with details in Maryland, Canal Zone, Cuba, Antigua, Andros and Puerto Rico, it was obvious that even the isolated duty in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba would be an improvement over the previous deployments to Vietnam.

As the main body and details arrived at each of the deployment sites in mid-January, work began immediately. A steady and varied workload at all sites provided ample work for all rates. The excellent quality of the projects available during the deployment, especially at the detail sites, gave all a feeling of satisfaction as their work was more meaningful and the results of their toil gratifying. Projects assigned to the main body were not as good early in the deployment, however, work on Pier 3 Maintenance Facility and NTCC Building provided ample challenge to main body personnel toward the end. Material and tool shortages were not the problem experienced on the previous deployment and thus construction progress moved steadily ahead throughout the deployment.

With the exception of Detail DE LEON in Cuba, all the details remained at close to their organized strength. As a result excessive movement of personnel between details was not encountered.

The announcement in February to end the three month early release policy had an adverse effect on morale as many Battalion personnel had EAOS' during the deployment. This drop in morale was amplified in March when the two month early release for personnel with EAOS' in May was announced as the last of the early release program.

Morale improved noticeably after Exercise Bee Alert 1-72. The actual mount-out of the main body to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, with a weekend of liberty there, was well received by the men and served as a tangible reward for their efforts during the mount-out.

The excellent weather and abundant recreational opportunities of the Carribean combined to make Puerto Rico and Antigua especially conducive to off duty activities. While

Cuba was isolated duty, a special R & R program was initiated upon completion of the EM Club which allowed personnel to fly to Jamaica for a day at a minimal charge.

Two 'Commanders Calls' were held during the last half of the deployment for all E-5 and below personnel. This gave the men an excellent opportunity to voice, directly to the CO, any problems or complaints they had. Questions raised were varied from command policy to the lack of girls in the EM Club. These meetings proved very beneficial to all concerned. The CO held similar meetings with E-6 and E-7 personnel.

Command policy for leave and liberty was a great asset in maintaining good morale. The extended work day, frustrations and family separations of a deployment are definite problem areas in keeping morale high. Also, the resemblance between the deployment and homeport hurt morale. As the Alert Battalion training was placed above construction which is not popular among Seabees, especially on deployment. These deterrents were offset by the command policy of 96 hour liberty weekends over Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. This gave personnel, who desired, the chance to return home for a few days or to see more of the Caribbean area. It also provided excellent opportunity for family visits to Puerto Rico. Leave was also available for seven days during the deployment.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services within the Battalion presented many problems during the deployment as the Battalion was required to be part of the Command Recreation Fund in the area of operation where deployed. Some of the problems encountered were (1) inability to generate funds to meet Battalion needs for special services (2) commands being unaware of their requirement and in some cases unwilling to support the Battalion and (3) the timing of recreation facilities and athletic events being geared to shore duty personnel and their dependents, thus hindering Seabee personnel from participation due to Seabee working hours. After much effort on behalf of the command and Special Services personnel, some of the above problems were resolved, but never to a fully satisfactory situation.

Prior to departing homeport on deployment, funds were procured from CBC Gulfport, which were used to subscribe to newspapers and magazines for the main body and all detachments. The newspapers were satisfactorily received but the magazines which were ordered through ANCORP National Services, Inc., New Orleans were never received. This money was recovered. The

Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads provided the Battalion with the daily San Juan Star and the Daily Miami Herald newspapers, but no magazines. Late in the deployment, station Special Services subscribed to a number of magazines for the Camp Moscrip Seabees which should prove satisfactory for future Battalions at Camp Moscrip. However, magazines for outlying detachments remains a problem.

The Battalion was successful in obtaining movies from the Station Special Services operated motion picture exchange for both the main body and the detail at Cross Cay Island, however, projector repairs and bulbs were a continuing problem.

The Battalion deployed with a limited amount of recreational gear, including three 16MM projectors, two of which were new. Also, the Battalion took over from the previous Battalion a large amount of recreational gear, including a vast amount of stereo tape equipment. Most of the taping equipment proved to be in very poor condition and over half of it had to be surveyed due to being beyond economical repair. A request was submitted to station Special Services for replacement of this gear, however, due to budget restrictions, replacement was not expected within the near future.

Athletic events within the Battalion consisted mostly of intra-Battalion events with a few men participating individually in station golf, tennis and bowling events. NMCB-74 did field a softball team which finished fifth in the league and had three men selected for the station All-Star Team.

The main body received party money, 15 cents per man per month, from station Special Services which was used to celebrate the Seabee Birthday with an athletic day barbecue and beer bust. Additionally, a pre-deployment party was held prior to the Battalion returning to the States.

During the deployment, the Battalion maintained an Enlisted Recreation Committee with the Chairman carrying the suggestions to, and serving on the station Welfare and Recreation Committee. Additionally, the Battalion had officer representation on the station recreation council.

Recreation facilities at Camp Moscrip consisted of a recreation gear locker, comprising a tape room and recreation gear issue room, outdoor theater, weight room, TV room, pool room, lighted softball field and lighted basketball and volleyball court. The EM Club at Camp Moscrip was operated by the station Navy Exchange.

The details had Special Services facilities available at the various host commands and they too experienced problems similar to those of the main body. In some cases, recreational equipment was furnished by the main body for the various details. Detail DE LEON had a softball and a hardball team which competed in a base league.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The primary mission of the Public Affairs Office was to keep the families at home and the general public aware of the accomplishments of the Battalion and its men. Other objectives included proper recognition for individual achievements and boosting morale and pride.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the Public Affairs staff published a monthly magazine-style newsgram, "Beaver's Tale", and general news releases on the Battalion were sent to the "Seabee Courier", the "Seabee Coverall", "Pac-Facts", "Trident", "All Hands", "Navy Times" and the "Mira Que Pasa", Roosevelt Road's station newspaper which was written in Spanish and English and was part of the civilian newspaper of Fajardo, P.R. Articles and pictures were printed in "Pac-Facts", "Seabee Courier" and the "Mira Que Pasa". In addition, the Commanding Officer wrote a monthly Familygram which was distributed by the Public Affairs Office. Efforts were made to distribute the "Beaver's Tale" and the Familygram at staggered intervals so families would receive news from the Battalion every two weeks.

The following is a summary of activities during the deployment:

- (1) Fleet Home Town News Releases 64.
- (2) General News Releases 183.
- (3) Battalion Cruise Book; one edition, 100 pages, 400 copies.
- (4) "Beaver's Tales" published; six editions, 16 pages per edition, one edition, 20 pages, 1,000 copies per issue.
- (5) Familygrams; seven editions, 600 copies per letter.

Additional activities included giving seven separate guided tours of Camp Moscrip. Groups shown the camp included three college groups from the United States, one Roosevelt Roads Day Camp, Luquillo Elementary School, a local Brownie Troup and the Crusaders of America, for a total of 615 persons. Slide presentations were given to the three college groups. News releases were sent on three civic action projects; one transporting water to Humacao, another concerning

the paving of sidewalks at Fajardo High School, and work done at the Loiza Aldea School.

Additionally, "Welcome Aboard" letters and pamphlets from NMCB-74 and a Guide and Directory magazine from the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station were distributed by the Public Affairs Office to all new incoming personnel.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

During the Battalion's deployment to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, the overall function of the Educational Services Office was to provide both civilian and military educational opportunities to all hands through guidance and materials. The United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) offers the serviceman various programs for furthering his education while on active duty. In the course of the deployment 16 High School GED tests were ordered. Of these 11 were successfully completed and five remain pending. Also, 14 college level examinations were ordered, with three passed, three failed and eight pending.

Another program offered by USAFI is the Correspondence Course program. A total of 25 men from the Battalion took courses from this program, and three were completed during the deployment period.

Educational Services also had responsibility for administering Navy Correspondence courses leading to advancement in rate. Approximately 175 military and professional courses were ordered, with 130 courses being completed prior to the August exams.

Officer Correspondence Courses are offered to all eligible personnel in areas such as military justice, Navy regulations and other more technical areas of military training. Of the 14 Officer Correspondence Courses taken by officers and enlisted men, 6 were completed during the deployment.

The semi-annual Navy-wide advancement examinations are a large portion of the Educational Services Office work. Given in February and August, these examinations are more difficult than usual to administer while on deployment. Arrangements must be made for all remote detail sites and assorted personnel to take the advancement exams. During the deployment both the February and August exams were given to the main body and all detail sites. For the February exams there were seven details plus personnel on rear echelon. For this exam approximately 200 examinations were ordered, with 175 of them being administered in Camp Moscrip and the several details.

The August examination had its' own special problems. While the number of details had decreased, the remoteness of Seabee Team 7412 made for special difficulties. When these were overcome the exam went on as scheduled. There were 175 exams ordered, with 160 being administered in Camp Moscrip and at the details. These exams covered the rates of E-4 through E-7.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS*

Navy Commendation Medal

EOCS S. M. STARK (w/ Combat 'V')

Navy Achievement Medal

SWC E. C. HINSON

UT1 R. CIFRANIC

EA2 R. L. LOTT (w/ Combat 'V')

UT2 J. L. McELROY (w/ Combat 'V')

*Awards presented during the deployment not including those pending

PROMOTIONS

LTJG to LT	1
ENS to LTJG	1
E-8 to E-9	1
E-7 to E-8	1
E-6 to E-7	1
E-5 to E-6	4
E-4 to E-5	14
E-3 to E-4	46
E-2 to E-3	26
E-1 to E-2	6

MEDICAL

When the Battalion deployed to Camp Moscrip in January the Medical Department consisted of one Medical Officer and 11 Hospital Corpsmen. In addition, both Seabee Team 7410 and 7411 had a first class corpsman assigned. Medical Department personnel were assigned to the Details as follows:

HM2 - Detail DE LEON (120 men)
HM2 - Detail COLUMBUS (27 men)
HM2 - Detail DESOTO (24 men)

Details at NAVCOMSTA, Canal Zone and Thurmont, Maryland did not have Battalion corpsmen, but military medical assistance was readily available. The Camp Moscrip Dispensary provided care for a minimum of 250 and a maximum of 350 men. It was manned by the Medical Officer, an HMC and an average of two HMI's, one HM2 and one HM3. Approximately mid deployment the corpsmen from DESOTO and COLUMBUS returned to the main body while two were assigned to Cross Cay and Seabee Team 7412. Three corpsmen were discharged during the deployment.

Facilities at Camp Moscrip consisted of a 960 square foot dispensary, equipped with the following; two in-patient beds, minor trauma sit-ups, routine sickcall and physical examination equipment, a laboratory equipped for routine and some bacteriologic studies, an X-ray for extremities and PA chest exams. The building was large enough, but the floor plan was usually difficult to work with, especially when crowded. The dispensary had a few air conditioners, but the heat was a definite problem, both in working conditions and from a health-equipment maintenance standpoint.

The Roosevelt Roads Naval Hospital was twenty minutes away and referrals varied for a waiting period of hours to weeks. Services not provided at the hospital were covered by private practitioners in San Juan.

Training sessions were conducted throughout the deployment for Medical personnel and the Battalion personnel where indicated. Corpsmen were cross-checked in the various jobs in the Medical Department to ensure smooth change over when one man had to replace another.

Routine sickcall was held at 0730-0830 Monday through Saturday and 1300-1400 Monday through Friday in Camp Moscrip and at the detail sites. Emergencies were seen anytime. A

corpsman was on duty 24 hours a day. The Medical Department administered immunizations for smallpox, cholera, plague and intermediate PPD skin tests. Laboratory procedures were performed as necessary. Physicals, minor surgery, preliminary examinations prior to hospitalization and follow ups were done on a routine basis. Throughout the deployment, a high level of camp sanitation existed under the close surveillance of the Medical Department.

The common medical cases treated by the NMCB-74 Medical Department were as follows:

- (1) Skin lesions; mostly fungal; moderately heavy.
- (2) Musculoskeletal; mostly muscle-ligament strain; moderately heavy.
- (3) Neuroses-psychiatric; moderately heavy.
- (4) Drug Abuse; moderate.
- (5) ETOH; Light
- (6) Accidents; Sports about equal to work; moderately heavy.
- (7) Gastrointestinal; very sporadic.
- (8) Epidemics; none

Summation of medical cases:

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| (1) Hospitalized: | 39 |
| (2) Sick Call: | 2048 |
| (3) VD Cases: | 14 |
| (4) Accidents: | 144 |
| (5) Drug Abuse | 0 |

DENTAL

Throughout the deployment the Dental Department staff consisted of one Dental Officer, one second class and one third class Dental Technician. The Dental Officer was responsible for the overall dental care of NMCB-74 and 32NCR personnel. He also implemented the Tooth Abuse program and was president of the Narcotics Board.

The second class DT carried out NMCB-74's Tooth Abuse program. This entailed scaling, cleaning, polishing and applying stannous fluoride to the teeth of the Battalion personnel. He gave group and individual oral hygiene lectures and assisted in teaching patients proper oral hygiene. His other duties involved supply procurement, accounting, minor maintenance and repairs on dental equipment, and all dental administrative work.

The third class DT was utilized as a full time chair side assistant, enabling the Dental Officer to employ reclining or 'sit down' four handed dentistry. In this manner more work can be completed faster with less fatigue to the operators. He also was responsible for exposing and processing X-ray films, maintaining dental records and scheduling appointments. Both technicians were responsible for cleaning and sterilizing dental instruments as necessary.

During the month of February the Dental Officer and one technician flew to Antigua, The West Indies for one week to examine, treat and instruct personnel of Detail COLUMBUS. No modern dental equipment exists at the Naval Facility in Antigua so part of the field dental unit was taken along to aid in diagnosis and treatment.

In May the Dental Officer and one technician flew to Andros Island, Bahamas to examine, treat and instruction Detail DESOTO personnel. The facilities at AUTEK were excellent and a great deal of work was accomplished during the one week stay. Both the Detail in Cuba and the Detail in Panama received dental support from the military hospitals in their respective areas.

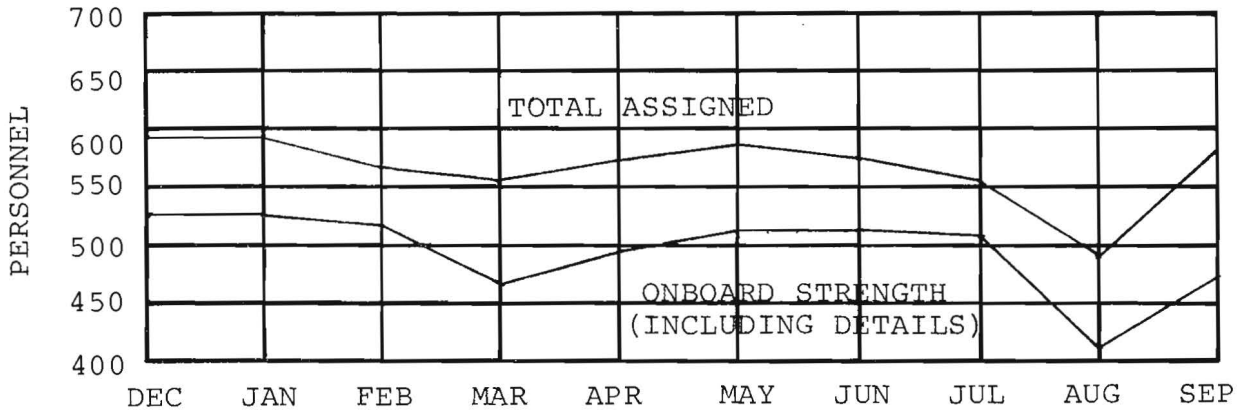
Camp Moscrip had excellent dental equipment. It consisted of a 28 foot semi-trailer containing a waiting room and two well equipped dental operating rooms. Complete dental X-ray equipment was included along with a dark room for processing. The equipment was in good repair and there was little 'down time' for repairs.

Specialized support was given by the Dental Department, USNH, Roosevelt Roads for prosthetic appliances and complex oral surgery procedures. Also, the Pathology Department assisted with all tissue consultations. The USNH Dental repairman was of great assistance in making repairs and solving other problems involving the dental equipment.

From 20 January 1972 to 15 September 1972 the following dental procedures were performed by the Battalion Dental Department:

Total dental treatment procedures	1603
Total dental treatment patients	580
Total preventive treatment procedures	697
Total preventive treatment patients	221
Total prosthetic procedures	6

PERSONNEL STATUS
OFFICER AND ENLISTED



NMCB-74 GROUP VIII PERSONNEL SUMMARY
DEPLOYMENT AVERAGE

RATE GRADE	CM	EO	CE	UT	BU	SW	EA	CN	GROUP VIII TOTAL
E-9	1					1			2
E-8	1	2	1	1	1				6
E-7	3	3	2	1	7	2	1		19
E-6	6	20	4	5	13	5			53
E-5	5	18	6	4	20	7	5		65
SUB TOTAL	16	43	13	11	41	15	6		145
E-4	17	37	11	17	46	20	2		150
NON RATED	15	48	8	8	33	8	5	9	134
TOTAL	48	128	32	36	120	43	13	9	429

CHAPLAIN'S ACTIVITIES

Period of 20 January through 15 September 1972

The NMCB-74 Base Camp was located at Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Protestant services were held each Sunday in the Camp Moscrip Chapel. Catholic services were held at Camp Moscrip and Bundy Chapels. When the services were held at Bundy, ALPHA Company provided the transportation. NMCB-74 Chaplain held 59 services this deployment at Camp Moscrip and visited various other sites. 867 persons attended some form of Chapel services this deployment at the Camp Moscrip Chapel. The Chapel sponsored one prayer breakfast on the World Day Of Prayer with 27 persons attending.

Chapel funds received from the Protestant services amounted to \$308.24, from the Catholic services \$125.14, making a total of \$433.38.

A large part of the Chaplain's time during the deployment was spent in personal and group counseling. 557 group and individual counseling sessions were held this deployment. The Chaplain's office processed 67 Red Cross messages and made arrangements for approximately 27 emergency leaves this deployment.

The Chaplain's office corresponded with dependents in CONUS and assisted in resolving their personal problems through CBC's Chaplain's office in Gulfport, Mississippi. The Battalion has enjoyed a close and harmonious relationship with homeport Chaplains. Such relationships have benefitted both commands.

Chaplain McMANUS of CBC, Gulfport relieved Chaplain SMITH during the deployment simultaneously assuming each others responsibilities and positions.

EVALUATIONS

The close proximity to homeport, the expense of returning home and the peace time status of work projects resulted in morale being somewhat lower than previous deployments. However, the command's liberal leave policy and extreme fairness in dealing with emergency problems have coupled to ease the hardships such a deployment brings.

REENLISTMENT STATISTICS

FIRST TERM				
	NUMBER ELIGIBLE	RECOMMEND/ NOT RECOM.	NUMBER REENLISTED	PERCENT
USN				
A) DPPO	9	8/1	0	0.0%
B) OTHER	56	45/11	2	3.6%
SUB TOTAL	65	53/12	2	3.1%
USNR				
A) 2 X 6	47	40/7	1	2.1%
B) VOLUNTEER	23	20/3	0	0.0%
C) INVOLUN- TARY RECALL	0	0/0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	70	60/10	1	1.4%
GRAND TOTAL	135	113/22	3	2.2%

CAREER			
NUMBER ELIGIBLE	RECOMMENDED/ NOT RECOMMEND.	NUMBER REENLISTED	PERCENT
15	15/0	13	86.7%