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1. Enclosures (1) through (8) provide the subject report in accordance with reference (a).

2. In accordance with reference (b), U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR deployed to Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico from 6 January 1992 to 15 August 1992 with details at Andros Island, Bahamas; Bermuda, United Kingdom; Guanatanamo Bay, Cuba; Panama; and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

3. Contingency operations included participation in Operation Guantanamo supporting Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo in Cuba. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY FOUR detail Guanatanamo provided outstanding construction support for the JTF in humanitarian assistance of Haitain migrants. The battalion also deployed details for training to Barbados, Honduras, and Guatemala.

4. The battalion construction program included over twenty-seven thousand direct labor mandays on forty-one projects valued at almost six million dollars in construction materials. The command prioritized safety and quality workmanship, resulting in few lost workdays and accidents, and high quality construction.

5. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR successfully achieved our primary goals of safety, quality construction, and readiness during this Caribbean deployment. The battalion's flexibility to respond to contingency



operations such as Operation Guantanamo further enhanced the reputation of the Seabees throughout the U. S. Military.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR deployed to Camp Moscrip, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, from 6 January 1992 to 15 August 1992. Details deployed to Andros Island, Bahamas; Bermuda, United Kingdom; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Panama; and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. Deployments for Training (DFT) went to: Barbados in support of Exercise Trade Winds 1992; Honduras in support of Exercise Ahas Tara 1992; and, Guatemala to perform waterwell drilling operations and host nation assistance projects. The battalion forwarded DFT reports under separate cover.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative department provided a full range of services including PAO, ESO, legal, and personnel accounting. The Administrative/Personnel office processed 58 transfers, 86 receipts, 31 reenlistments, and 146 advancements.

TRAINING

The battalion conducted a modified field training exercise concentrating on weapons familiarization and basic combat skills. All battalion personnel battle zero (BZO) sighted their TOA weapons and crew served weapon teams conducted a live fire exercise on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

OPERATIONS

1. Contingency Operations.

Detail Guantanamo supported Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo during Operation Guantanamo. The JTF's mission was to rescue Haitians at sea who attempted to migrate to the United States. The detail constructed facilities for the migrants and provided general engineering support for the JTF.

2. Quality

Throughout the deployment, every project site demonstrated the battalion's strong commitment to quality construction. Customers and visiting officials noted top quality workmanship at the mainbody and detail project sites alike.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

The Supply Department provided a full range of service to support battalion personnel and operations including galley services, disbursing, tools, greens issue, and automotive repair parts.

EQUIPMENT

1. Equipment Management

The battalion operated and maintained 409 pieces of equipment during the deployment. The battalion deployed 26 pieces of Civil Engineering Support Equipment (CESE) to support three DFT's. In addition, the battalion deployed 10 pieces of CESE to support Operation Guantanamo.

ADMINISTRATION

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. ITEM: Telephone System

DISCUSSION: Three telephone lines to building 3018 service the Administrative, Personnel, Legal and Educational Services Offices. These lines could not handle the large demand during normal working hours. Alpha Company experienced similar problems. In addition, the antiquated rotary dial system required numerous repairs.

RECOMMENDATION: Increase the telephone service capability for the camp and replace the rotary dial telephones with touch-tone.

b. PROBLEM: Dental TOA air compressor

DISCUSSION: The deployed Field Training Exercise (FTX) revealed that the Dental TOA air compressor is inoperable. The compressor had been stored for an excessive period of time without preventive maintenance.

ACTION: The battalion ordered repair parts and coordinated future repair of the compressor with Commander, Second Naval Construction Brigade, Mail Station, Atlantic and Naval Dental Center, Roosevelt Roads. The resident battalion should store the repaired compressor in the Dental Clinic to ensure proper preventive maintenance.

2. NARRATIVE. The Administration Department provided the full range of administrative services, including processing of incoming and outgoing correspondence and messages, files and service record maintenance, directives issuance, and awards preparation. The Personnel Office performed a full range of personnel related functions including, educational services and personnel accounting. During the deployment the office processed 58 transfers, 86 receipts, 31 reenlistments, 64 discharges, 146 advancements, and administered 149 enlisted military leadership and 342 advancement exams. The Legal Office processed 44 Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) offenses originated during the deployment, 20 administrative discharges, 3 special court martials and 2 general court martials. The Medical Department provided treatment for all battalion personnel and saw a total of 1,672 patients. The Dental Department saw 695 patients, completed 4,784 ADA procedures, and maintained an outstanding Operational Dental Readiness of 95%. Naval Dental Center, Roosevelt Roads provided prosthetic laboratory work and emergency supply items. The Dental Center also provided training to the battalion Dental Technicians and Dental Officer. The Dental Officer received staff privileges at Naval Hospital, Roosevelt Roads and excellent support from the Oral Surgery Department. The Chaplains Office coordinated services with NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads to satisfy all religious needs and coordinated visits to the Safe Harbor Servicemen's Center in Ceiba, Puerto Rico. The battalion participated in the 50th anniversary Seabee Ball and threw an 'Over the Hump' party midway through the deployment.