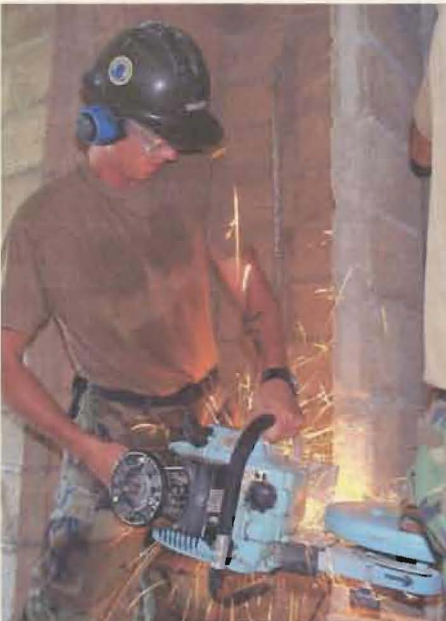
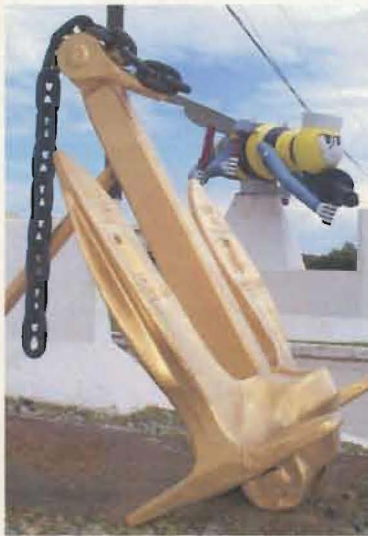


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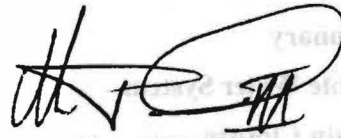
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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference
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2. Per reference (b), NMCB 74 deployed to Camp Moscrip,
Puerto Rico from 15 January 1999 to 15 August 1999 with
details deployed to Vieques, Puerto Rico; Sabana Seca,
Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Norfolk, Virginia;
Andros, Bahamas; Jacksonville, Florida; and Mayport,
Florida. In addition, Deployments for Training were sent
to Guatemala; Haiti; Dominica; and Great Inagua,
Commonwealth of the Bahamas. NMCB 74 deployed task
oriented details to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Operation Sustain
Hope - Kosovo Refugee Camp) and Honduras (CESE and TOA
retrograde - Hurricane MITCH).


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Chapter 1 - Executive Summary

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 deployed to Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico from 15 January 1999 to 15 August 1999. Details were deployed to Vieques, Puerto Rico; Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Norfolk, Virginia; Andros, Commonwealth of the Bahamas; Jacksonville, Florida; and Mayport, Florida. Deployment-for-Training (DFT) teams were sent to Guatemala; Haiti; Dominica; and Great Inagua, Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Task oriented details were deployed to Honduras and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Operation Sustain Hope).

ADMINISTRATION:

The Administrative Department provided a full range of customer services in the administrative, personnel, legal, and career counselor areas. Administrative and Personnel Departments processed a combined 56 transfers, 107 receipts, 32 re-enlistments, and 100 advancements.

TRAINING:

Training Department completed 1,818 mandays of training during the deployment, with emphasis on practical application of military skills and physical fitness. Two all-hands training days conducted in April focused on military skills such as: land navigation, Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) instruction, Basic Combat Skills (BCS) I, fire plans, weapons, and communications training. Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction (PMI) and range qualification days for the M-16 service rifle and 9MM were held in July. Forty-four Seabees from NMCB 74 were Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW) qualified during the deployment.

OPERATIONS:

NMCB 74 completed over 28,000 mandays of project tasking in Puerto Rico, Honduras, and detail sites in Mayport and Jacksonville, Florida; Norfolk, Virginia; Andros, Bahamas; Vieques and Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and DFTs to Guatemala, Dominica, and the Bahamas. Five Seabees were assigned to U.S. Support Group Haiti to provide engineering and facilities maintenance assistance. Initial deployment tasking involved retrograde of a complete battalion Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE) and tool/equipment Table of Allowance (TOA) from Honduras to Puerto Rico. The mission included preparation of all TOA assets for sea embarkation to Puerto Rico after Hurricane MITCH. The Camp Moscrip TOA was embarked by NMCB 7 to support the tremendous volume of disaster recovery work accomplished in support of Operation FUERTE APOYO and Joint Task Force (JTF) Bravo headquartered at Soto Cano Air Force Base in Honduras.

Two hundred fourteen reserve Seabees from nine NCF units, including the NMCB 74 Augment unit, contributed over 2,500 mandays in support of supply, equipment maintenance, and construction operations during the Puerto Rico deployment. Reservists shared professional experience in the areas of tile setting, plastering, HVAC, cabinetry, and a vast array of other construction, maintenance, and supply related functions. Reserve support significantly contributed to the rapid CESE/TOA reconstitution and tremendous improvements in supply and CESE readiness during the deployment. Seabees of the following units were fully integrated into the daily on and off-duty activities of NMCB 74:

UNIT	SEABEES
NCFSU 3	1
7 NCR	5
NMCB 14	3
NMCB 21	38
NMCB 24	27
NMCB 26	72
NMCB 27	4
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SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS:

The Supply Department provided a full range of services to support battalion personnel at the mainbody and detail sites. Supply operations included galley, disbursing, postal, barber, materials, central tool room, central storeroom, uniform issue and automotive repair parts. A Supply Department highlight was complete reconstitution and reconfiguration of the TOA to support the core modular Maritime Prepositioning Force concept. The Supply Department action plan for reconstituting the Camp Moscrip TOA into the modular core configuration was completed within 90 days and was subsequently adopted by Commander, SECOND Naval Construction Battalion (2NCB) as a model for future NMCB efforts.

EQUIPMENT:

Alfa Company started the Puerto Rico deployment with 11% availability and 94 pieces of battalion CESE on deadline as a result of hurricane disaster recovery efforts in Honduras. Improving equipment conditions of readiness was set as the battalion's highest priority. By mid-deployment, Alfa Company completed reconstitution of 242 pieces of CESE. 173 O3 PM's were completed during the deployment. By the end of the deployment CESE availability was elevated to a high of 94% and deadline equipment was reduced 87% to 11 pieces of CESE. Alfa Company's paint and corrosion program exceeded 2NCB tasking by 150%, having completed treatment of 33 pieces of CESE and 14 attachments.

CAMP MAINTENANCE:

Camp Maintenance completed 3,373 mandays of direct labor on 44 Standing Job Orders (SJO), 2,643 Emergency Service Authorizations (ESA) and 45 Specific Job Orders. NMCB 74 made significant improvements to Camp Moscrip during the Caribbean deployment. The Wardroom, the Senior Enlisted Dining Facility, and the installation of two telephone lines per barracks room were significant contributions that will continue to benefit Camp Moscrip Seabees well into the future.

Chapter 2 - Administration

1. Admin/Personnel/Legal

The Administrative Department was undermanned for most of the deployment due to the loss of a YN1 and two senior YN3 Seabees. Manning in Personnel was stable throughout the deployment. The LNI processed numerous administrative discharges, JAGMAN investigations, litigation reports, and NJP disciplinary actions. She also processed more than 30 wills and 200 powers of attorney.

2. Dental

Dental readiness throughout the deployment was consistently 98%. Advance planning and the completion of all annual exams for detail personnel prior to the deployment contributed to the high state of readiness. 2NCB increased quarterly funding from \$1,000 to \$3,000 substantially improving the quality and scope of dental services provided. This action also decreased Camp Moscrip reliance upon the host dental command. The command was downgraded to status as a branch dental clinic during the deployment. Branch Dental Clinic Roosevelt Roads provided sick call services for periods when the battalion dental officer was either TAD or on leave. U.S. Army Southern Command (USARSO), as exercise New Horizons executive agent, funded a two-week deployment of the dental officer to provide humanitarian dental services in Guatemala. The battalion dental officer and dental technicians stood watch with the base clinic throughout the deployment.

3. Medical

The NMCB 74 medical department provided care to over 700 reservists and active duty Seabees. Medical provided treatment for over 2,400 patient encounters, completed 75 physical exams, and provided several hundred immunizations, all contributing to an overall operational readiness rating of 94%. Medical also performed monthly sanitation inspections of the galley, chief petty officer (CPO) and officer mess facilities, barbershop, and barracks. Medically related training performed during battalion wide general military training (GMT) not only increased training readiness but also provided invaluable Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW) information. A complete inventory of the entire medical TOA was performed. The department then coordinated with 2NCB to complete a \$100,000 overhaul to cover TOA shortfalls. The medical officer stood duty as Physician-on-Duty in the Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads Emergency Room each month. He also voluntarily stood duty in the internal medicine clinic one afternoon each week.

4. Command Religious Program

In addition to regular Sunday worship opportunities, the Command Religious Program maintained an active presence in both the command and local community. The Command Religious Program was able to expand beyond the confines of Camp Moscrip to sites in Guatemala, Haiti, Vieques, Sabana Seca, Norfolk, and Cuba. This was made possible by the Naval Station C-12 aircraft availability, the close proximity of Puerto Rico detail sites, and externally funded TAD opportunities. The chaplain's office coordinated several relationship retreats to Ceiba and Vieques, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for both single and married Seabees. Several members of the local community attended these retreats.

Seabees were hosted by the Christian Serviceman Center for Friday evening fellowship and Sunday brunch. Several Seabees were highly active in the local community, volunteering personal time to support minor repair and construction projects at the Serviceman Center. NMCB 74 worked cooperatively with Naval Station chaplains providing pastoral coverage for Camp Moscrip Seabees during periods when the battalion chaplain was TAD. One such period was a USARSO funded, two-week DFT Guatemala deployment. To assist with Seabee homecoming preparations, NMCB 74 coordinated a CBC Gulfport Family Service Center (FSC) visit to conduct a weeklong "Return and Reunion" program. The seminars covered a wide range of topics and were well received by Camp Moscrip, Vieques, and Sabana Seca Seabees.