



U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION EIGHT



DEPLOYMENT
COMPLETION

Report

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U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION EIGHT
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Ref: (a) COMCBPACINST 5213.1E
(b) COMCBPAC OPOD 03-69
(c) COMCBPACDET RVN OPOD 1-69

Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Equipment Summary
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1. The completion report of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT's deployment to Danang, Republic of Vietnam, during the period March 1969 to November 1969 is forwarded, as enclosures (1) through (12), in accordance with references (a) and (b).

2. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (b), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT was deployed to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to perform construction in support of U. S. Forces from March 1969 until November 1969. The following units were employed at other locations.

a. Detachments: None

b. Details:

(1) Detail Zulu, consisting of 70 enlisted men and one officer, was employed in Hue paving Route QL-1 and North Hue By-Pass.

(2) Detail Yankee, consisting of 60 enlisted men and one officer, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing bunkers.

(3) Detail X-ray, consisting of 51 enlisted men and one officer, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing a helicopter operations area, bunkers, arming pad and an ammunition storage point.

(4) Detail Whiskey, consisting of 20 enlisted men, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing bunkers.

(5) Detail Victor, consisting of 16 enlisted men, was employed at the Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp repairing the airfield.

(6) Detail Uniform, consisting of 6 enlisted men, was employed at Hill 41 constructing a 250 man cantonment (less mess hall).

(7) Detail Tango, consisting of 7 enlisted men, was employed at the encampment of Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, located near Hai Van Pass, constructing an access road to the encampment.

(8) Detail Sierra, consisting of 21 enlisted men, was employed at the Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp upgrading the airfield.

(9) Detail Romeo, consisting of 9 enlisted men, was employed at the Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, in the Hai Van Pass, constructing a secondary electrical distribution system.

(10) Detail Quebec, consisting of 18 enlisted men, was employed at the U. S. China Beach R & R Center constructing a R & R Center for the ROK Marines.

c. Seabee Team 0810: Deployed to Can Tho and Rach Goi, Republic of Vietnam in accordance with reference (c).

d. Seabee Team 0811: Deployed to Bac Lieu, Republic of Vietnam in accordance with reference (c).

3. Unit Movements.

a. Advance Party, consisting of 110 enlisted men and 6 officers, departed Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California via MAC CG141 aircraft, on 1 March 1969 and arrived at Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam on 3 March 1969.

b. NMCB EIGHT main body deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via MAC charter aircraft. The first flight departed NAS Point Mugu, California 17 March 1969 and the last flight arrived in Danang 21 March 1969.

c. Detail Zulu, deployed from Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa Combat Base via helicopter on 20 March 1969.

d. Detail Yankee, deployed from Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa Combat Base via helicopter on 20 March 1969.

e. Detail Yankee returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam from An Hoa Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 1 April 1969.

f. Seabee Team 0810 deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California to Can Tho, Republic of Vietnam via government aircraft on 2 April 1969.

g. Seabee Team 0811 deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California to Bac Lieu, Republic of Vietnam via government aircraft on 2 April 1969.

h. Detail X-ray deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam on 24 April 1969.

i. Detail X-ray returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 8 May 1969.

j. Detail Whiskey deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 23 June 1969.

k. Detail Whiskey returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 27 June 1969.

l. Detail Victor deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp via C-123 aircraft on 25 July 1969.

m. Detail Victor returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via C-123 aircraft on 16 August 1969.

n. Detail Uniform deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to Hill 41 via Seabee convoy on 19 August 1969. A five man electrical crew departed for Hill 41 via Seabee convoy as part of Detail Uniform on 25 August 1969.

o. Detail Uniform returned to Camp Haskins South via Seabee convoy on 9 September 1969.

p. Detail Tango deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 27 August 1969, to encampment of Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, located near Hai Van Pass.

q. Detail Sierra deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to Tien Phouc via C-123 on 23 September 1969. Detail Sierra was augmented by an additional 12 men, transported by airlift, on 28 September 1969.

r. Detail Tango returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 15 October 1969.

s. Detail Romeo deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 15 October 1969 to encampment of Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines located near Hai Van Pass.

t. Detail Zulu returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 20 October 1969.

u. Detail Quebec deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 21 October 1969 to ROK Marine R & R Center, adjacent to south side of China Beach R & R Center, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

v. Detail Sierra returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam, via C-123 aircraft on 28 October 1969.

w. Advance party deployed to CONUS via government aircraft on 31 October 1969 and arrived at NAS Point Mugu on 2 November 1969.

x. Detail Romeo returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 1 November 1969.

y. Detail Quebec returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 16 November 1969.

4. Significant Events.

a. NMCB THREE turned over Camp Haskins South to NMCB EIGHT on 19 March 1969

b. 28 March 1969 - RADM J. G. DILLON welcomed NMCB EIGHT at arrival conference held at Camp Haskins South.

c. 20 April 1969 - CAPT J. E. POWELL came aboard for an awards ceremony.

d. 27 April 1969 - ASP-1 was damaged by fire.

e. 2 May 1969 - NMCB EIGHT commenced rebuilding of 3MP camp destroyed by fire.

f. 7 May 1969 - An Hoa Passenger Terminal, ASP, Radio Battalion Bunkers, Arming Pad and Helo Ops Area complete three days ahead of schedule.

g. 21 May 1969 - NMCB EIGHT commenced rebuilding of Freedom Hill Exchange damaged by ASP-1 explosion.

h. 6 June 1969 - RADM W. V. COMBS, Jr., Commander, Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited NMCB EIGHT and conducted a tour of the Freedom Hill Exchange job site near Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

i. 7 June 1969 - Rebuilding of THIRD MP Battalion Facilities damaged by ASP-1 explosions of 27 April 1969 complete.

j. 20 Jun 1969 - RADM W. M. HEAMAN, Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade conducted a tour of the Freedom Hill Exchange and Bridge Cargo Ramp job sites.

k. 4 - 5 July 1969 - Command and Logistics Management Inspection conducted by CAPT C. G. MILLER, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC and CDR B. J. HACKENSON.

l. 10 July 1969 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hoa Minh Village Office Building, NMCB EIGHT's largest and most successful civic action project to date.

m. 12 July 1969 - Rebuilding of the Freedom Hill Exchange Complex damaged by ASP-1 explosion of 27 April 1969 complete.

n. 20 July 1969 - Reopening ceremonies for the Freedom Hill Exchange Complex. LTGEN H. NICKERSON, Jr., Commander, THIRD Marine Amphibious Force, and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade attended.

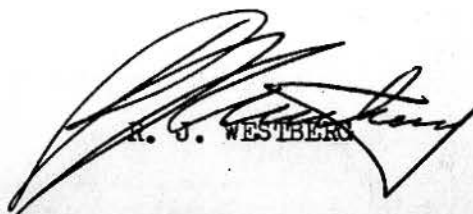
o. 22 July 1969 - Mid-deployment briefing conducted for CAPT J. E. POWELL, Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and his staff.

p. 13 - 14 August 1969 - Management Inspection visit by CDR W. L. WILSON, COMCBPAC and LT R. M. RHORBAC.

q. 1 - 3 September 1969 - Annual Supply Inspection conducted by LT MESTERHAZY of COMCBPAC.

r. 20 November 1969 - Main body of NMCB EIGHT deployed to Port Hueneme, California.

5. Major Problems. None


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inform homeport personnel as to the activities of EIGHT while in the Republic of Vietnam. Photos were sent on a bi-weekly basis.

(6) EIGHT is also publishing a 160 page cruisebook containing a photographic record of EIGHT's current deployment. Included in the book were 24 full-color pages showing the men of EIGHT at work and play, individual portraits of each member of the Battalion, a history of EIGHT from first commissioning to the present, and many pictures depicting camp life. The cruisebook is to be printed through the facilities of the American Yearbook Company, Visalia, California. Over 900 copies are to be distributed upon arrival in homeport.

(7) In preparation for return to CONUS, PAO sent a representative with the advance party to help inform the public of EIGHT's return. Among the media used to announce EIGHT's return were radio and television spot announcements, posters in conspicuous places through the homeport area, bumper stickers, and 3,000 2 1/4" lapel buttons reading "HAVE DONE", overprinted onto an eightball.

9. PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY.

a. Advancement Section.

LTJG	5
CWO	1
E-9	1
E-8	1
E-7	3
E-6	15
E-5	51
E-4	92
E-3	59
E-2	0

b. Decorations.

(1) Bronze Star

(a) LCDR J. M. GREENWALD

(b) LTJG L. E. BELAND

(2) Navy Commendation Medal

(a) LCDR J. T. PATTERSON

(b) LT W. U. KLAUSS

(c) CSI C. E. MILLER

(d) BUC A. J. MORRIS

(e) BUC T. P. CURTIN

(f) BU2 J. E. CAMPBELL

(3) Navy Achievement Medal.

(a) BUC A. J. MORRIS

(b) CE1 W. G. BRAZELL

(c) BU1 A. G. BARTOLOMEI

(d) YN2 A. J. DREXLER

(e) CE2 R. D. RINESMITH

(f) ETN2 C. B. HALL

(g) SN C. D. SHOEMAKER

(h) LTJG R. D. LAIME

(i) CWO2 R. K. GOUDY

(j) BUCS J. W. CURLEY

(k) CSC H. H. FORTUNE

(l) SW1 M. S. SCHUSTER, Jr.

(m) SW1 W. J. SCIENIEWSKI

(n) BU2 E. L. KOPP

(4) Purple Heart.

(a) EO2 J. W. FULTON

(5) Combat Action Ribbon.

(a) 220 recipients

c. Awards.

- (1) Good Conduct Awards: 21
- (2) Expert Rifle Medals: 21
- (3) Expert Pistol Medals: 4
- (4) Letters of Commendation or Appreciation: 283
- (5) NAV Certificates: 263

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