

Project Name: Diego Garcia Diving Support

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Organizations/People Involved:

NMCB-74

UCT One; LCDR Weyler

UCT Two; LCDR Stamm, LCDR Marshall

Date: 1971- 1980

Project Summary:

Commencing in 1971, underwater construction divers were assisting with the building of the naval installation at Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T.

Seabee divers, then attached to NMCB-74 performed a variety of harbor maintenance and construction services including mooring and underwater connection of fuel and cement transfer lines ashore, inspection of underwater pipelines, recovery of equipment dropped overboard during supply ship cargo transfer operations, inspection and repair of all channel marker and fleet mooring buoys, and repair of the offshore sewage outfalls.

Further support was provided by UCT One for install of the POL pipelines, surveyed in 1973 with install accomplished in 1975.

Commencing in April 1974, UCT Two provided continuous diving support to the Naval Construction Forces projects on Diego Garcia. UCT Two had a rotating detachment of five divers assigned to island support through to June 1980, excluding the period from May 1976 to June 1977. This was the longest presence of any NCF unit on island. The majority of effort from June 1977 to June 1980 was spent assisting the Pier Team on construction of the POL pier.

Project Report Link: none