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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT
To: Commander Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Subj: Homeport Deployment Report for the Month of April 1961

Ref: (a) COMCBLANT INSTRUCTION 5202.1D
(b) COMCBLANT OPLAN NO. 2
(c) COMCBLANT Movement Order No. 2-61

Encl: (1) Administrative Status Report
(2) Training Report
(3) Material Readiness Report
(4) Labor Distribution Report

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. Since the Battalion moved in accordance with reference (c) on 13 and 14 April 1961, this report covers the period 1-14 April 1961.

A. E. FLOYD

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ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS REPORT

ON BOARD STRENGTH: The distribution of personnel assigned as of 14 April 1961 was:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>
MCB EIGHT, DAVISVILLE, R.I.	10	342
TAD MCB SEVEN	1	0
REAR ECHELON (Security)	0	14
REAR ECHELON (CBLANT)	0	14
LEAVE	0	0
TOTAL- - - - -	<u>11</u>	<u>370</u>

Within the period 1 to 14 April, the following personnel action was accomplished:

Receipts	33
Transfers	04
Discharges	0
Reenlistments	0

LTJG LATELL was detached on 13 April 1961. The following named Officers reported aboard MCB EIGHT:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
ENS N. L. ZIOMEK, CEC, USNR	2 April 1961
ENS R. O. SEVERANCE, CEC, USNR	1 April 1961
ENS J. G. BERRY, CEC, USNR	4 April 1961

ESTABLISHMENT AND MOVEMENT INFORMATION: Aboard U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, East Greenwich, Rhode Island in accordance with COMCBLANT OPLAN No. 2. LCDR A. E. FLOYD, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer. In accordance with COMCBLANT Movement Order #2-61 and COMCBLANT Training Plan #1-61 Military Training Deployment commenced 13 April 1961.

MORALE AND WELFARE: It is considered that morale of this Battalion is continuing to improve as a result of the Military Training Deployment.

DISCIPLINE: The disciplinary problems of the Battalions were processed as follows the first two weeks of April:

Captain's Mast Cases	0
Awards of NJP	0
Summary Courts-Martial	0
Special Courts-Martial	0

No disciplinary problems exist.

HOUSING: The barracks condition is satisfactory. Upon return from Camp Lejeune, the berthing spaces will be assigned by company. In order to accomplish this and to provide unit integrity, as well as provide space for all personnel, additional barracks space is required.

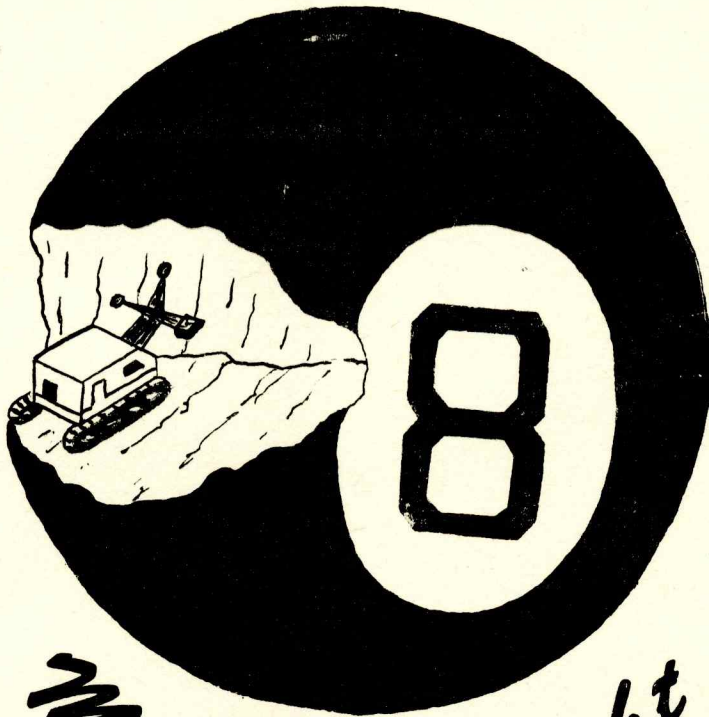
SAFETY: No lost time accident. Projects were reassigned to battalions in residence at CBCEN on 31 March.

PLANNING: Planning is centered on the six (6) weeks Military Training at Camp Lejeune.

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DEPLOYMENT



MC8 Eight

17 APRIL

26 MAY

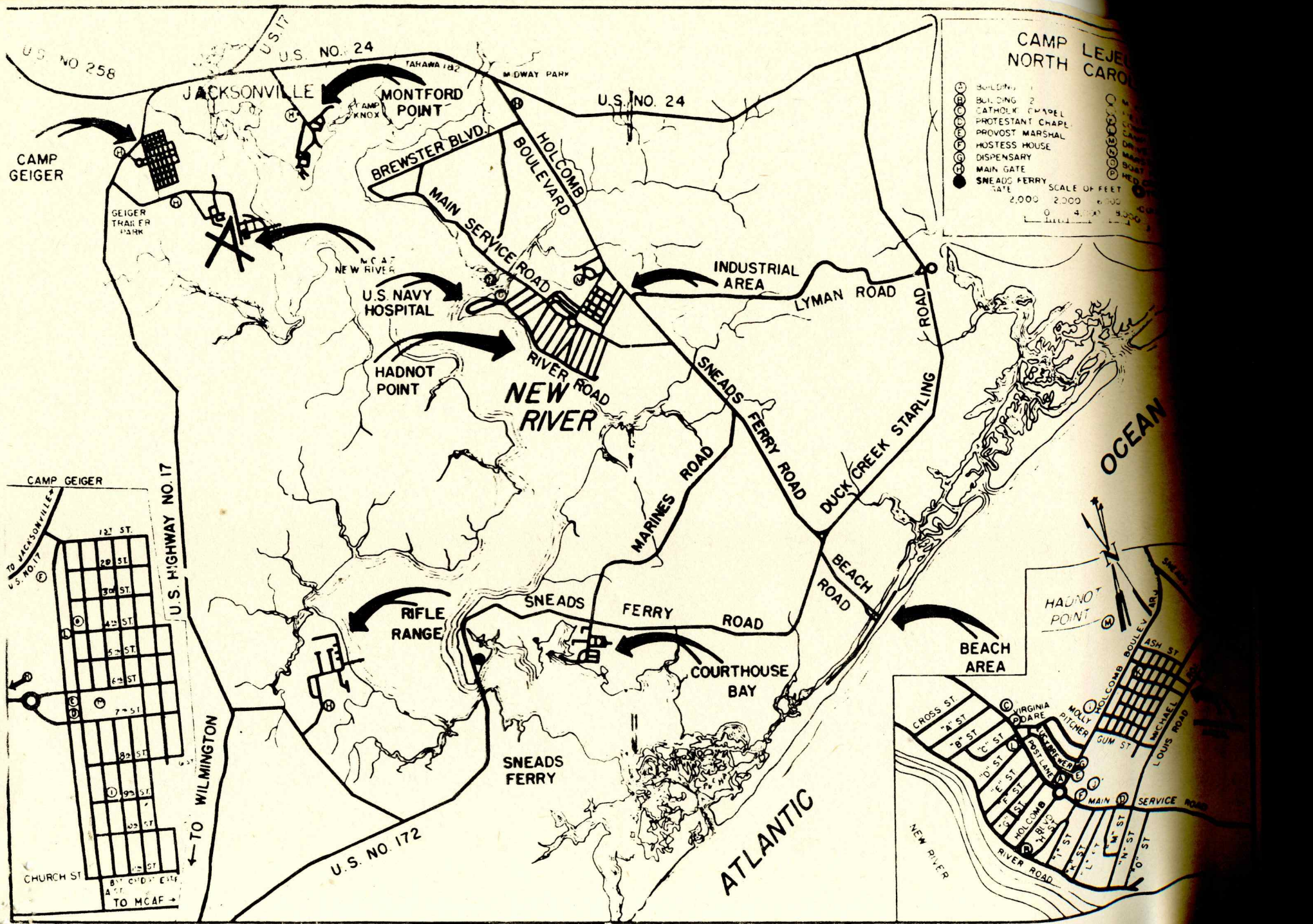
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Battalion will deploy by air to the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina for six weeks training in infantry combat with primary emphasis on field training. The actual training under the direction of the U.S. Marines will commence the morning of 17 April, however, all hands are advised that special emphasis will be placed on proper military appearance and attitude the last few weeks here in Davisville.

The air lift to the Marine Air Facility, New River, North Carolina will commence on about 13 April originating from the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point. Approximately nine (9) planes will be required, each one of which will carry about 30 men.

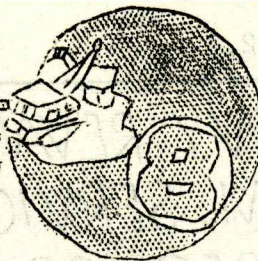
Military Training will terminate 26 May, and the Battalion will return to Davisville at that time. No extended leave from Lejeune will be granted because of the Administrative Inspection by COMCBLANT scheduled early in June. Further, the same number of people driving down to Camp Lejeune in POV's will be required to return to Davisville in a like manner.



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VOL. I, NO. 4

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.

APRIL 24, 1961

SIMPSON TOP SHOOTER

EIGHT MOVES TO CP. GEIGER

With one week at the Rifle Range completed, the Battalion is now ready to undertake the major part of its Camp Lejeune training at Camp Geiger.

Under Marine instruction, intensive schooling, in the classroom and in the field, will be given in the next four weeks, leading to the final week of preparing and holding a defensive position in the field.

Individual Combat Training begins this week and will end May 5. The Advanced Combat Training will be from May 8 through the 19th.

The classes will include such topics as field medicine, combat formations, principles of defense, scouting and patrolling, techniques of firing, hand grenades (practice and live), booby traps, infiltration techniques, and close combat. These are just a few of the many subjects to be covered.

Field training aids are especially good at Lejeune, including a "combat town", in which men are taught (con't on page four)

Robert W. SIMPSON, BU3, of "B" Company, emerged as the top M-1 shooter of the Battalion in Friday's Rifle Range qualifications. Simpson shot a 317 out of a possible 340, and found his \$1.00 a very fine investment.

His scores were: slow fire, 55; rapid fire sitting, 76; kneeling, 75; prone, 79; and 500 yard prone, 32. He hadn't fired the M-1 since boot camp.

Twelve men of 346 firing in the Battalion shot expert scores, with 51 in the sharpshooter class, and 120 qualifying as marksmen. This gave MCB-8 a 52.9 per cent qualification total, an excellent percentage.

EIGHTY MEN TRY FOR PROPAY

Nominated to participate in the fiscal year 1962 Proficiency Pay examinations on May 2 and 4 were 80 men from the Battalion.

The men include 15 chiefs, 20 first class petty officers, 24 second class, and 21 third class. They will be competing for the extra \$30.00 per month P-1 stipend under the Navy's incentive pay program.

Men in pay grades E-6 through E-9 will take their tests on May 2, and E-4 and E-5 enlisteds will have theirs on May 4.

Proficiency pay is open to career personnel who have demonstrated outstanding effectiveness in their professional and military performance.

Behind Simpson, three men were deadlocked at 314: CHIEF O'NEAL, SKCS; J. R. EDWARDS, EON3; and M. H. MASSEY, CN.

Except for Simpson, the winners of the money pools are as yet undetermined. Official figures of the qualifications have not yet been compiled.

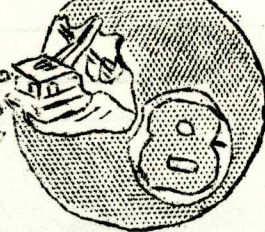
However, three men--G. W. GRILL, CN; L. E. ELLIS, CEN3; and J. W. HEITZINGER, CN--were deadlocked at 305, the high sharpshooter total.

Four men tallied the high marksmen total of 291: J. D. BROWN, BUR2; S. W. HOUCK, BUL2; D. K. BARNCORD, BUR3; and J. G. LORANCE, CN.

The Battalion's officers turned out to be better shots than the enlisted men. They compiled a 72.7% qualification total, in contrast to the 52.2% total of the EM's.

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.

MAY 8, 1961

COMCBLANT TO VISIT

TWO SHIP OVER IN FIELD CEREMONY

Georgé F. JACOBS, UT1, and Charles E. SMITH, UTA3, each raised the right hand before the Commanding Officer, in reenlistment ceremonies in the field on Wednesday afternoon.

It was a very unusual setting for the two six-year ship-overs.

How many men have reenlisted in the service while wearing greens and field pack and bearing an M-1?

On hand to "add color" to the occasion was J. E. BURGESS, BU1, who, with a rifle pointed at Jacobs' back, made "sure" that he didn't back out at the last minute!

For Smith, it was his first reenlistment; for Jacobs, who has completed 10 years of service, it was his second.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Jacobs is married and has one daughter, who appropriately enough, was born on the Seabees' birthday. Smith as yet is unmarried, but who knows what will happen with that big reenlistment bonus!

Congratulations are in order for the two UT's.

The Commander of U.S. Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Captain Jule C. TATE, will be observing the training progress and effectiveness of the Battalion, this coming Thursday and Friday, the 11th and 12th of May.

Vice Admiral J. M. TAYLOR, USN, COMPHIBLANT, and Maj. Gen. J. P. BERKELEY, Division Commander, Headquarters, 2nd Marine Division, FMF, have accepted the invitation of the Commanding Officer to attend on May 11.

Commodore Tate and his staff will arrive from an inspection tour of MCB SEVEN in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, at the Marine Corps Air Facility in New River. Estimated time of arrival is 1300 on Thursday.

His tentative itinerary for the afternoon includes

HALFWAY MARK REACHED

Friday was the halfway mark in the Battalion's Camp Lejeune deployment. The two weeks of individual combat training were completed.

It had been a very educational and a very difficult past fourteen days. Under the supervision and training of the Marine Corps' First Infantry Training Regiment, the Battalion has been instructed in everything from techniques of fire to field medicine, from hand-to-hand combat to scouting and squad movement, from use of the bayonet and rifle to use of field sanitation facilities.

All the training will (con't on page five)

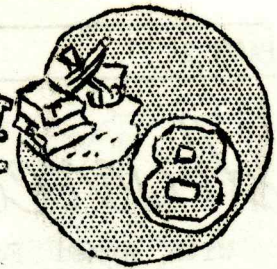
office calls on Maj. Gen. R. B. LUCKEY, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; Maj. Gen. J. P. BERKELEY, Commanding General, Second Marine Division; and Col. L. A. ENNIS, Deputy Commander, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Forces in the Atlantic.

A night fire demonstration, highlight of the visit, will be conducted for the Commodore that evening when he will have a chance to see the techniques and methods learned by the Battalion in organization, communications, dispersal of fire, and other military skills.

The Commodore will be tendered a reception at the Camp Geiger Officers Club earlier in the evening. Besides his staff, which includes his Chief Staff Officer, CDR J. A. (con't on page four)

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VOL. I, NO. 6

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.

MAY 22, 1961

HM2 SHIPS

Look almost any place and you can find a Seabee re-upping for another term of that good Navy duty.

While at Camp Lejeune, the Battalion has had men reenlist out in the boon-docks, one even with an M-1 lodged against his spine!

On May 17, the NCO Club was the site of a big beer blast for MCB-8's senior petty officers and officers. It was also an important site for Lawrence P. DILLEY, HM2, who raised the right hand in the presence of his Commanding Officer, and signed up for another six years.

Dilley has been in the Naval service since August

BATTALION PREPARES FOR FIELD EXERCISE

We have been working on a construction project in an area held by the enemy until the recent advance by our forces placed it in our hands. Our front lines are well forward of us and now we are on our own. Scouting patrols disclosed this morning that an enemy guerrilla force has us surrounded, and is likely to attack in sizeable force. We have established our defensive positions and are waiting to repel the enemy attack.

This is the situation, or one similar to it, that the Battalion will face in the final week of its Camp Lejeune deployment. This will be the final and decisive test of how well the

1951. He just recently reported to the Battalion, arriving, in fact, right in the middle of the Lejeune deployment.

Married and the father of four children, he has (con't on page four)

Battalion has learned and remembered its lessons in the first five weeks.

The Battalion will be up against a Marine aggressor force that will spare no efforts in its attempts to break the defensive lines of MCB-8. The attacks will come any place or any time; the Battalion's weapons skill, effective use of fire power, communications, reconnaissance efforts, preparedness, and courage all will be put to the test.

The success or failure of the entire mission may depend upon the alertness of just one individual. All hands will be essential to the operation.

A unified and disciplined group of men will be able to withstand the aggressors; if MCB-8 is as we know it is, then success in the field exercise is a very definite probability.

forty-five advanced

Donning new crow's or striker patches last week were 45 men in the Battalion. On May 16, those who passed the February fleet-wide examinations finally received their deserved promotions.

The men included one new first class petty officer advanced, 18 new seconds, 19 thirds, and seven designated strikers.

Three other men in the Battalion will also be advanced in the near future, to chief petty officer. They are LAUGHLIN, BAYNHAM, and OLEY.

Builders led the advancement parade, with nine men making second, another three promoted to third, and five designated as strikers.

The list of the men who were promoted and the rate

to which each was advanced is as follows:

RUNDELL, Sydney J.	EO1
BULLOCK, David J.	SWE2
TWIGGS, William G.	BUL2
COOPER, Eldon V.	BUL2
HARMAN, Michael T.	BUL2
TREADWELL, Arthur E.	BUL2

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