

COMMAND HISTORY MAY-DECEMBER 1971

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SEVENTY-FOUR
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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). This history is to be used in conjunction with the Monthly Operations Reports and in connection with the Command History for Fiscal Year 1970-71 submitted in November 1971, in accordance with OPNAVINST 5070.1 and section E-2001 of the U. S. Navy Public Affairs Regulations (NAVSO P-1035, Rev 12-65).


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- 3 MAY 71 NMCB-74's delayed party consisting of two officers and 11 enlisted men returned to CONUS from Bien Hoa, RVN.
- 3 MAY 71 NMCB-74's delayed party disestablished.
- 15 MAY 71 Personnel from NMCB-74 participated in Armed Forces Day activities at CBC, Gulfport.
- 22 MAY 71 Seabee Teams 7405 and 7406 reported on board NMCB-74 Gulfport from Trust Territories, Pacific Islands.
- 31 MAY 71 Seabee Teams 7405 and 7406 disestablished.
- 7 JUN 71 Detail CAJUN consisting of one officer and 11 enlisted men deployed to Naval Support Activity, New Orleans.
- 13 JUN 71 Seabee Team 7409 reported on board NMCB-74, Gulfport from RVN.
- 13 JUN 71 Seabee Team 7409 disestablished.
- 25 JUN 71 RADM W. M. ENGER, Commander, NAVFACENGCOM, visited Detail CAJUN, NSA, New Orleans.
- 11 JUL 71 Battalion tool kits and gear arrived by ship from RVN, having been in transit for 42 days.
- 15 JUL 71 Ten NMCB-74 personnel went TAD to NAS Oceana.
- 26 JUL 71 NMCB-74 received notification from COMSERVLANT of the battalion's selection as runner-up in Service Force; Atlantic Battle Fleet Efficiency competition for FY 71.
- 27 JUL 71 Rear Admiral R. A. Macpherson, Commandant Eighth Naval District visited Detail CAJUN job sites.
- 30 JUL 71 NMCB-74 Commanding Officer and 310 men participated in change of command of 20th NCR/CBC Gulfport. CAPT. J. M. Hill, Jr. was relieved by CAPT. W. M. ZOBEL.
- 2 AUG 71 CAPT. W. R. ROGERS, COMSERVLANT, visited NMCB-74 Gulfport, Mississippi.
- 2 AUG 71 NMCB-74 began military training.
- 16 AUG 71 Seabee Team 7411 detached to begin training with 80NCR.
- 16 AUG 71 Commanding Officer, NMCB-74, departed on 14 days regular leave.

16 AUG 71 Seabee Team 7411 began training with 2ONCR.

30 AUG 71 NMCB-74's Commanding Officer returned from 14 days regular leave.

1 SEP 71 NMCB-74 assumed role as Atlantic Fleet back up Alert Battalion with a mission of maintaining a 72 hour mount out capability.

7 SEP 71 Commanding Officer, NMCB-74 departed Gulfport for Commanding Officer's conference in Davisville.

10 SEP 71 NMCB-74's Commanding Officer returned aboard from Davisville.

15 SEP 71 Seabee Team 7410 detached to begin training by 2ONCR.

15 SEP 71 Seabee Team 7410 began training by 2ONCR.

18-19 SEP 71 Commanding Officer, NMCB-74 attended a special composite drill of RMCB-24 in Atlanta, Georgia.

25-27 SEP 71 A Provisional Rifle Company consisting of 4 officers and 209 enlisted men departed Gulfport for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for two week crew served weapon training.

28-29 SEP 71 Commanding Officer visited Camp Lejeune and NMCB-74 personnel TAD to ACB-2 NAS Oceana.

2-3 OCT 71 Commanding Officer visited RMCB-14 in Atlanta, Georgia.

8-10 OCT 71 A Provisional Rifle Company consisting of 4 officers and 209 enlisted men returned to Gulfport from Camp Lejeune.

14 OCT 71 Commanding Officer and party departed Gulfport for the pre-deployment visit to Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico in preparation for the relief of NMCB-62.

21 OCT 71 Detail Cajun returned from USA, New Orleans.

21 OCT 71 Detail Cajun disestablished.

23 OCT 71 Commanding Officer and party arrived in Gulfport from the pre-deployment visit.

27 OCT 71 Visit to Washington, D.C. and Thurston, WA by Commanding Officer and party in preparation for the relief of NMCB-62.

29 OCT 71 Commanding Officer and party returned to Gulfport.

6-12 NOV 71 Commanding Officer attended Senior Officer preventive maintenance course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

15 NOV 71 NMCB-74 began the Battalion FEX (Field Exercise) at Camp Swampy, Keesler AFB. (See NOV 71 Monthly Operations Report for further details)

22 NOV 71 Battalion began its Administrative Inspection.

3 DEC 71 Dedication of new Enlisted Men's Barracks, CBC Gulfport.

3 DEC 71 Administrative Inspection for all NMCB-74 personnel.

6 DEC 71 LCDR Stephen J. QUIGLEY, CEC, USN relieved LCDR PLUNNECKE as Executive Officer, MCB-74.

6-10 DEC 71 Rifle range training and qualification for all personnel who had not completed this part of training earlier

13 DEC 71 Battalion reorganized into details.

13 DEC 71 Headquarters Company disestablished and reformed into divisions.

14-17 DEC 71 Commanding Officer and party made pre-deployment visit to Canal Zone.

15 DEC 71 Battalion Christmas Party.

17 DEC 71 Seabee Team 7411 graduated.

27-31 DEC 71 Commanding Officer took annual leave.

28 DEC 71 NMCB-74's Advance Parties to Roosevelt Roads, Antigua, Guantanamo Bay, and Thurmont departed Gulfport.

1. COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION

On 3 December 1966, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR was recommissioned under the command of CDR G. W. SCHLEY, CEC, USN. He was relieved by CDR J. A. D'EMIDIO, CEC, USN, on 2 October 1968. CDR James D. KIRKPATRICK, current Commanding Officer, took command of NMCB-74 on 27 August 1970.

On the first day of this history NMCB-74 was in Gulfport, Mississippi. Operational and Administrative control was with the TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment.

2. OPERATION AND ACTIVITIES

NMCB-74's homeport consisted of more than 16 homeport projects, (see Monthly Operations Reports, previously submitted), various military training, numerous schools, a special Self Help Project by Detail CAJUN at NSA, New Orleans, and an Administrative Inspection. (For all specifics on these above items, see Monthly Operation Reports, previously submitted)

3. PERSONNEL

As of December 1971, NMCB-74 had 612 enlisted men and 25 officers for a total of 627 men.

4. CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS

NMCB-74's Civic Action Projects included the erection of a backstop and two baseball dugouts, the erection of a cyclone fence at the Pass Christian City Park, rehabilitation of an existing building at St. Martin's Girl Scout Camp, building a seahut at the Orange Grove Girl Scout Camp, building construction at Camp Wilkes, and a pier and breakwater at Long Beach, Mississippi.

5. AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

See Monthly Operations Reports, previously submitted.

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Refer to chronological summary.