

# DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT



U.S. NAVAL  
MOBILE  
CONSTRUCTION  
BATTALION  
ELEVEN

DANANG EAST  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FEBRUARY - OCTOBER 1966

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To: Commander Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific  
Subj: MCB ELEVEN Deployment Completion Report  
Ref: (a) COMCBPAC Instruction 5213.1C  
Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report (3 copies)

1. Enclosure (1), a summary of the February thru October 1966 deployment of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ELEVEN, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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Ref: (a) COMCBPAC OPORD 28-65

1. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (a), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ELEVEN was deployed to Camp Adenir, DaNang East, Republic of Vietnam for construction support of U. S. Forces from February thru October 1966.

2. Unit Movements.

30 December 1965 thru 5 January 1966 - The MCB ELEVEN Advance Party, consisting of five officers and one-hundred and one enlisted personnel, deployed by air from CBC Port Hueneme to Camp Adenir.

1 February thru 5 February 1966 - The MCB ELEVEN Main Body, consisting of fourteen officers and four-hundred and ninety-nine enlisted personnel, deployed by air from CBC Port Hueneme to Camp Adenir.

26 February 1966 - Seabee Team 1106 completed training at CBBU Port Hueneme and, in accordance with COMCBPAC OPORD 1-66, deployed to CBPAC DET, RVN to perform work in support of USOM.

18 March 1966 - Seabee Team 1105 completed their work with CBPAC DET, RVN in support of USOM and returned to CBBU Port Hueneme for disestablishment.

7 April 1966 - Seabee Team 1107 was established and returned to COM31NCR Port Hueneme for training.

18 August 1966 - Seabee Team 1107 completed training and, in accordance with COMCBPAC OPORD 15-66, deployed to CBPAC DET, RVN to perform work in support of USOM.

10 September 1966 - Seabee Team 1106 completed their work with CBPAC DET, RVN and returned to MCB ELEVEN at Camp Adenir for disestablishment.

13 September thru 17 September 1966 - The MCB ELEVEN Advance Party, consisting of two officers and twenty-four enlisted personnel, deployed by air from Camp Adenir to CBC Port Hueneme.

9 October thru 18 October 1966 - The MCB ELEVEN Main Body, consisting of twenty-one officers and seven-hundred and nine enlisted personnel, deployed by air from Camp Adenir to CBC Port Hueneme.

3. Significant Events.

25 January 1966 - Two personnel of the Advance Party were wounded during a Viet Cong mortar attack on Camp Adenir. Both men subsequently received the Purple Heart Award.

10 February 1966 - For the first time in Seabee history, an MCB ELEVEN Provisional Rifle Platoon commenced twenty-four hour security and civic action work in the local hamlet of My Thi.

16 March 1966 - MCB ELEVEN hosted a Seabee Birthday Celebration for all Regimental and Battalion personnel in Vietnam.

15 May 1966 - CDR W. L. WILSON, CEC, USN relieved CDR W. W. BARRON, CEC, USN as Commanding Officer, MCB ELEVEN. LCDR J. C. TOTTEN, CEC, USN relieved LCDR W. D. MIDDLETON, CEC, USN as Executive Officer.

1 June 1966 - The THIRD Naval Construction Brigade was commissioned at ceremonies hosted by MCB ELEVEN at Camp Adenir.

23 July 1966 - At 2001 hours, MCB ELEVEN, along with other commands in the Marble Mountain complex, came under heavy Viet Cong 81mm mortar attack. Camp Adenir received twenty rounds resulting in the wounding of five personnel and the damaging of nine units of equipment. The wounded personnel all were awarded the Purple Heart.

13 October 1966 - CDR E. J. WILLIAMS, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of MCB FIVE assumed command of Camp Adenir from CDR W. L. WILSON, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of MCB ELEVEN.

4. Major Problems. The constant unavailability of equipment assigned the Battalion caused major problems in meeting construction deadlines and scheduling construction projects throughout the deployment. The cause and effect of this equipment unavailability is discussed in ANNEX C.

(1) The Civic Action Program of MCB ELEVEN was similar to that of other Battalions except for the efforts of the Provisional Rifle Platoon assigned to the hamlet of My Thi as described in ANNEX B. Responsibility for the program was assigned to the S-2 as the collateral duty of Civic Action Officer. He was specifically assisted in his efforts by the Battalion Chaplain, Medical Officer and Dental Officer. General areas of civic action work accomplished by the Battalion were as follows:

(a) The Chaplain conducted English language classes twice a week for the school children of the hamlet of An Hai.

(b) The Medical and Dental Departments participated in the DaNang East MEDCAP program with sick call for the area held twice a week at the local Sacred Heart Orphanage.

(c) Battalion personnel donated funds to pay school teacher's salaries at a refugee village near China Beach, DaNang East.

(d) Battalion garbage was donated to the Sacred Heart Orphanage, DaNang East to be used as animal feed.

(e) Various units of the Battalion donated money and clothing to individual children of the local area for the purpose of providing formal schooling or vocational training.

## 9. Awards and Promotions

### a. Awards

Navy Commendation Medals: 3

LT L. M. SANDRINI, CEC, USN  
LTJG P. A. O'NEAL, CEC, USNR  
EOC H. M. KNOWLES, USN

Navy Commendation Ribbon for Achievement: 4

LCDR W. D. MIDDLETON, CEC, USN  
CMC J. (N) BISHOP, USN  
YN1 J. B. DUNLAP, USN  
BU1 J. E. BLACKBURN, USN

Purple Heart Medals: 7

CMA3 D. L. CORNELIUS, USN, 25 January VC attack  
CN R. J. DZIEMA, USN, 25 January VC attack  
BUH3 C. A. LONG, USN, 23 July VC attack  
SWE3 F. E. COPSON, USN, 23 July VC attack  
EOH3 G. G. SYLTE, USN, 23 July VC attack  
CN T. W. BURKHART, USN, 23 July VC attack  
CN L. MILLER, USN, 23 July VC attack

Good Conduct Awards: 26

Expert Rifle or Pistol Medals: 6