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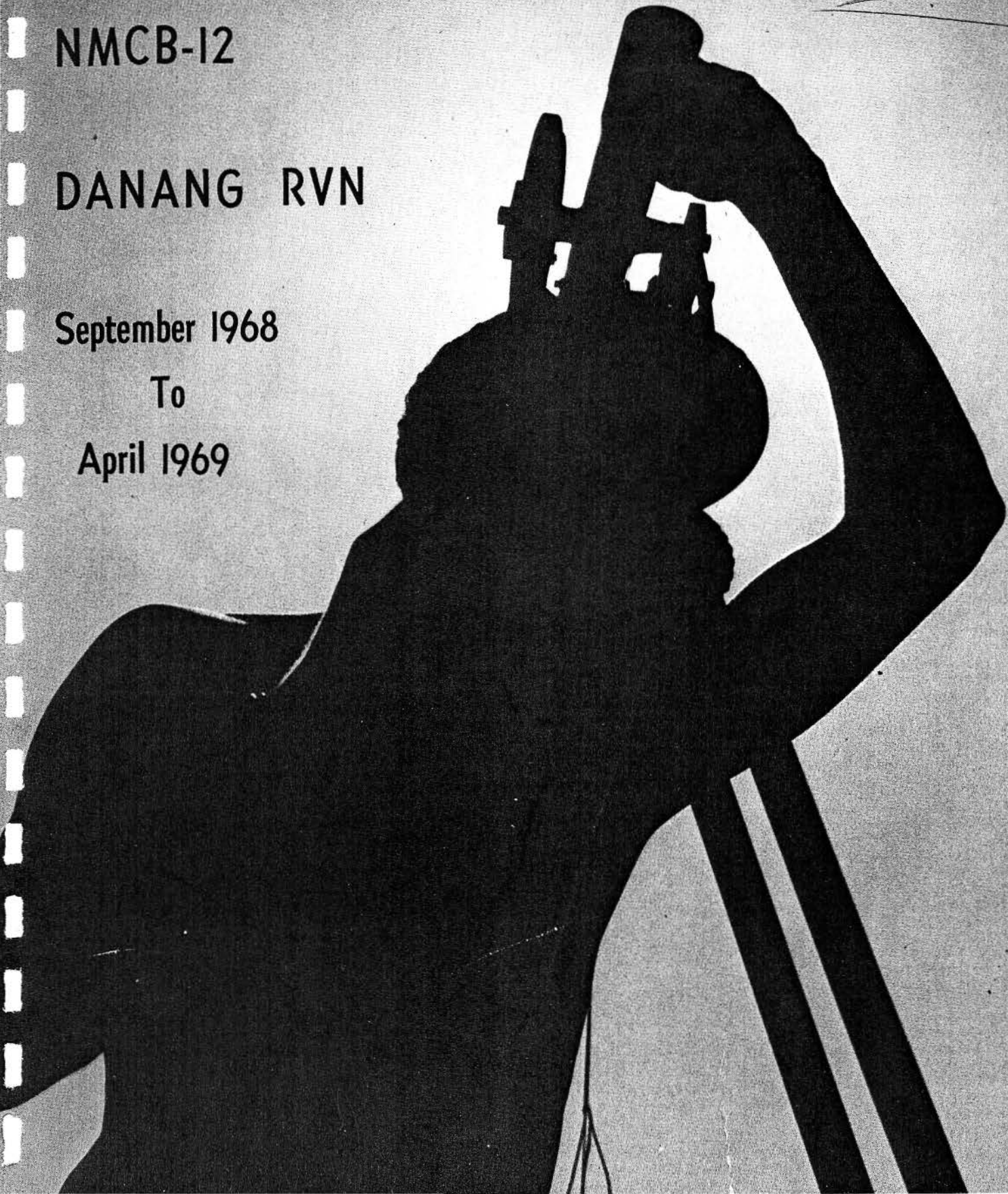
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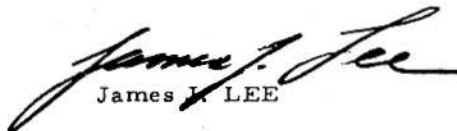
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the Completion Report for the deployment of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWELVE to Camp Adenir, DaNang East, Republic of Vietnam, during the period of September 1968 to April 1969 is hereby submitted.


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FOREWORD

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWELVE, first commissioned in July 1942, served with pride and distinction during World War II in the remote areas of Kodiak, Chiniak, and Afognak, Alaska; Dutch Harbor, Attu, Shemya, and Adak.

Re-called from reserve status in May of 1968, TWELVE was re-commissioned and trained for duty in Southeast Asia. Its deployment to DaNang East in the Republic of Vietnam was marked with major construction accomplishments in support of Free World Forces throughout the I Corps Tactical Zone.

True to its past history the men of the "Yankee Battalion" maintained a standard of excellence which personified the "Will Do" motto established early in the deployment.

The following report presents a record of the accomplishments of MCB TWELVE during its first and only deployment to the Republic of Vietnam prior to returning to reserve status in April of 1969.

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

In accordance with reference (b), U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWELVE was deployed to Camp Adenir, DaNang East, Republic of Vietnam, from September 1968 through April 1969. The primary mission of the unit was construction in support of U.S. Military and other Free World Forces, under the operational control of the THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment. Units were employed at other locations as follows:

- a. Detachment YANKEE: From 9 September 1968 to 4 February 1969, one officer and forty-two enlisted men were employed at Ca Lu to operate and maintain a 75 ton per hour rock crusher, under the operational control of the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade.
- b. Detachment ROMEO: From 16 December 1968 to 20 April 1969, one officer and an average of forty-five enlisted men were employed at Quang Tri to set up and operate an asphalt batch plant and to haul aggregate in connection with the LOC Upgrade Program, under the operational control of the THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment.
- c. Detail DELTA ONE: From 13 January 1969 to 26 March 1969, one officer and an average of twenty-five enlisted men were employed at Chu Lai to build five barracks for MAG 13 in support of MCB's 74 and 58.
- d. Detail CHARLIE ONE: From 24 September 1968 to 1 November 1968, nine enlisted men were employed at the 1st LAAM site in the Hai Van Pass to repair storm damage to the installation.
- e. Detail ALPHA ONE: From 27 September 1968 to 12 October 1968, eighteen enlisted men were employed at Phu Bai to provide equipment support for NMCB 133.
- f. Detail ALPHA TWO: From 27 September 1968 to 1 November 1968, thirty enlisted men were employed at Quang Tri to provide equipment support for NMCB 11.
- g. Detail ALPHA THREE: From 15 October 1968 to 26 October 1968, fourteen enlisted men were employed at Vinh Dai to provide security support for NMCB 7.
- h. Detail ALPHA FOUR: From 23 January 1969 to 26 February 1969, one enlisted man was employed at Thien Phuoc to operate equipment for the repair of Special Forces landing strips.
- i. Detail ALPHA FIVE: From 15 March 1969 to 20 April 1969, two enlisted men were employed at Tra Bong to operate equipment for the repair of 5th Special Forces Landing Strips.
- j. Detail DELTA TWO: From 15 March 1969 to 20 April 1969, one officer and an average of sixty enlisted men were employed at Dien Ban to construct cantonments for the 1st Battalion of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade and the 466th Regional Force Rifle Company, and to make repairs to the Song Cau Lau Bridge.

UNIT MOVEMENTS

- 15 August 1968 The first flight of NMCB TWELVE's Advance Party departed Gulfport for DaNang, RVN. The Advance Party consisted of nine (9) Officers and one hundred and eleven (111) Enlisted men. The movement of the Advance Party was completed on 19 August 1968.
- 22 September 1968 The first flight of the main body of NMCB TWELVE arrived at Camp Adenir. The movement of the main body was completed on 26 September 1968.
- 19 April 1969 The first main body flight departed DaNang for the return to CONUS. The movement consisted of one (1) aircraft to Boston, Massachusetts; one (1) aircraft to Brunswick, Maine; one (1) aircraft to Quonset Point, Rhode Island with an intermediate stop at Boston; and three (3) aircraft to Gulfport, Mississippi. The move was completed on 25 April 1969.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 21 Sep. 68 Formal turnover of Camp Adenir from CO, NMCB 53 to CO, NMCB 12.
- 03 Oct. 68 CAPT MILLER, Chief Staff Officer, CDR HACKENSON, Supply Officer and CDR YOUNG, Equipment Officer for COMCBPAC visited the command on a pre-admin inspection tour.
- 09 Oct. 68 Ca Lu Detachment came under enemy sniper fire during which approximately 30 rounds were fired. No casualties were received.
- 12 Oct. 68 RADM BARTLETT, COM3NCB, CAPT FISHER, COM30NCR, and members of their staffs visited camp. RADM BARTLETT gave a welcoming address to the Officers and Chiefs, and toured the project sites after lunch.
- 14 Oct. 68 Heavy monsoon rains commenced. Approximately thirty inches of rain fell during the week.
- 21 Oct. 68 "C" Day held to convert all Military Payment Certificates to a new series. No one allowed to leave camp.
- 30 Oct. 68 At 2300 the air-conditioning system at III MAF Combat Operations Center went on the line.
- 04 Nov. 68 CAPT FISHER, COM30NCR visited Camp Adenir for a briefing and tour of Battalion Civic Action Projects.
- 12 Nov. 68 RADM BARTLETT, COM3NCB toured Battalion construction projects at NSA Covered Storage.
- 13 Nov. 68 COMCBPAC Operations and Administration Inspection Party arrived, led by CDR WILSON.
- 29 Nov. 68 LT GERMAN, 31st NCR Equipment Representative arrived for an ALPHA Company Management Inspection.
- 30 Nov. 68 RADM HEAMAN, COMCBPAC, RADM BARTLETT, COM3NCB, and CAPT FISHER, COM30NCR visited camp for a luncheon, briefing and tour of Battalion construction projects in the DaNang East area.
- 11 Dec. 68 CAPT MILLER, Chief Staff Officer and CDR HACKENSON, Supply Officer for COMCBPAC arrived for a Management Inspection visit.
- 14 Dec. 68 Completed revetment covers were turned over to the Executive Officer of Marine Air Group 16.
- 17 Dec. 68 30NCR concrete batch plant operated by NMCB 12 set a new plant record by batching 422 cubic yards of concrete in an 8 1/2 hour period.
- 30 Dec. 68 Construction was completed at the III MAF Telephone Exchange Facility.
- 02 Jan. 69 At 0142 Camp Adenir went to Condition I. Fragments from a 122 MM Rocket which impacted outside of camp caused minor damage to one CHARLIE Company berthing hut.
- 10 Jan. 69 It was announced that the Battalion would revert to Reserve status at the completion of the current deployment.
- 12 Jan. 69 At 1600 the Cooper Bridge was opened to light traffic.
- 18 Jan. 69 CAPT. D. G. ISELIN, COMCBLANT visited Camp Adenir, received a briefing on Battalion projects and plans, and toured construction projects in the DaNang East area.

20 Jan. 69 A mid-deployment operations briefing was presented to COM30NCR.

21 Jan. 69 At 1400 an MRS struck a mine while operating on Route 13C. Two ALPHA Company men were wounded, an ARVN Engineer Trainee was injured, and the MRS was extensively damaged.

27 Jan. 69 The CO, NMCB-4 and members of his staff arrived at Camp Adenir for the Pre-Deployment visit.

28 Jan. 69 The quarry and rock crusher detachment at Ca Lu ceased all operations at 1800. The detachment completed the move back to Camp Adenir on 4 FEB.

31 Jan. 69 RADM BARTLETT, COM3NCB and CAPT FISHER, COM30NCR visited Battalion construction and civic action projects.

04 Feb. 69 A round of "friendly" 155MM illumination impacted in the EM Club, causing moderate damage to the building and furnishings. There were no casualties.

13 Feb. 69 The first increment of aircraft parking revetments for MAG-16 was completed two days ahead of schedule.

20 Feb. 69 The CBPAC Inspection Team arrived to conduct an Administrative Inspection.

23 Feb. 69 At 0208 Camp Adenir went to Condition I. This was the start of a period of maximum readiness which continued until 1245 on 25 FEB 69, at which time normal security was set. During the period there was no ground attack, and no mortar or rocket rounds fell in camp.

02 Mar. 69 The only fatality to occur during the deployment happened when UT2 Roger BURNHAM drowned while swimming in the South China Sea, off Special Forces FOB-4.

04 Mar. 69 RADM BARTLETT, COM3NCB, RADM DILLON, prospective COM3NCB, and CAPT FISHER visited Camp Adenir and toured the MAG-16 revetment project.

16 Mar. 69 During the night of 15-16 March, the mortar crew consisting of Headquarters and Security Company personnel fired 285 rounds of 81MM illumination in support of BRAVO Company, First Military Police Battalion (Marine). Results of the action were 1 hostile KIA.

20 Mar. 69 At 0211 Camp Adenir went to Condition I. Seven rounds of 82MM Mortar fire landed within the camp perimeter outside the MLO Yard. No casualties or property damage resulted.

29 Mar. 69 The first element of the advance party of NMCB-4 arrived at Camp Adenir.

31 Mar. 69 The BEEP (Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program) started, being completed on 14 APR.

05 Apr. 69 RADM DILLON, COM3NCB and CAPT POWELL, COM30NCR visited Camp Adenir and toured Battalion construction projects in the DaNang East area.

10 Apr. 69 RADM DILLON and CAPT POWELL toured Battalion construction projects in the DaNang East area, and the Dien Ban area. Also on this date, the detachment at Quang Tri started the operational production of asphaltic concrete at Quang Tri.

17 Apr. 69 At 1530 a command-detonated mine was exploded under the boom of a mobile crane which was being moved in convoy from the Song Cau Lau bridge to Cooper bridge. Only minor damage and no casualties resulted. BUC J. A. RUFF of DELTA Company apprehended a suspect running from the scene and turned him over to U. S. and R. O. K. Marines in the area.

- 20 Apr. 69 At 1953 Camp Adenir went to Condition I when a 122MM Rocket round impacted in the CHARLIE Company area of the Northern perimeter. Two men of NMCB 12 and two men of NMCB 4 were wounded and two berthing huts were extensively damaged.
- 21 Apr. 69 An informal turnover conference was held by CAPT POWELL, COM30NCR, signifying the turnover of camp and project responsibility to NMCB-4.