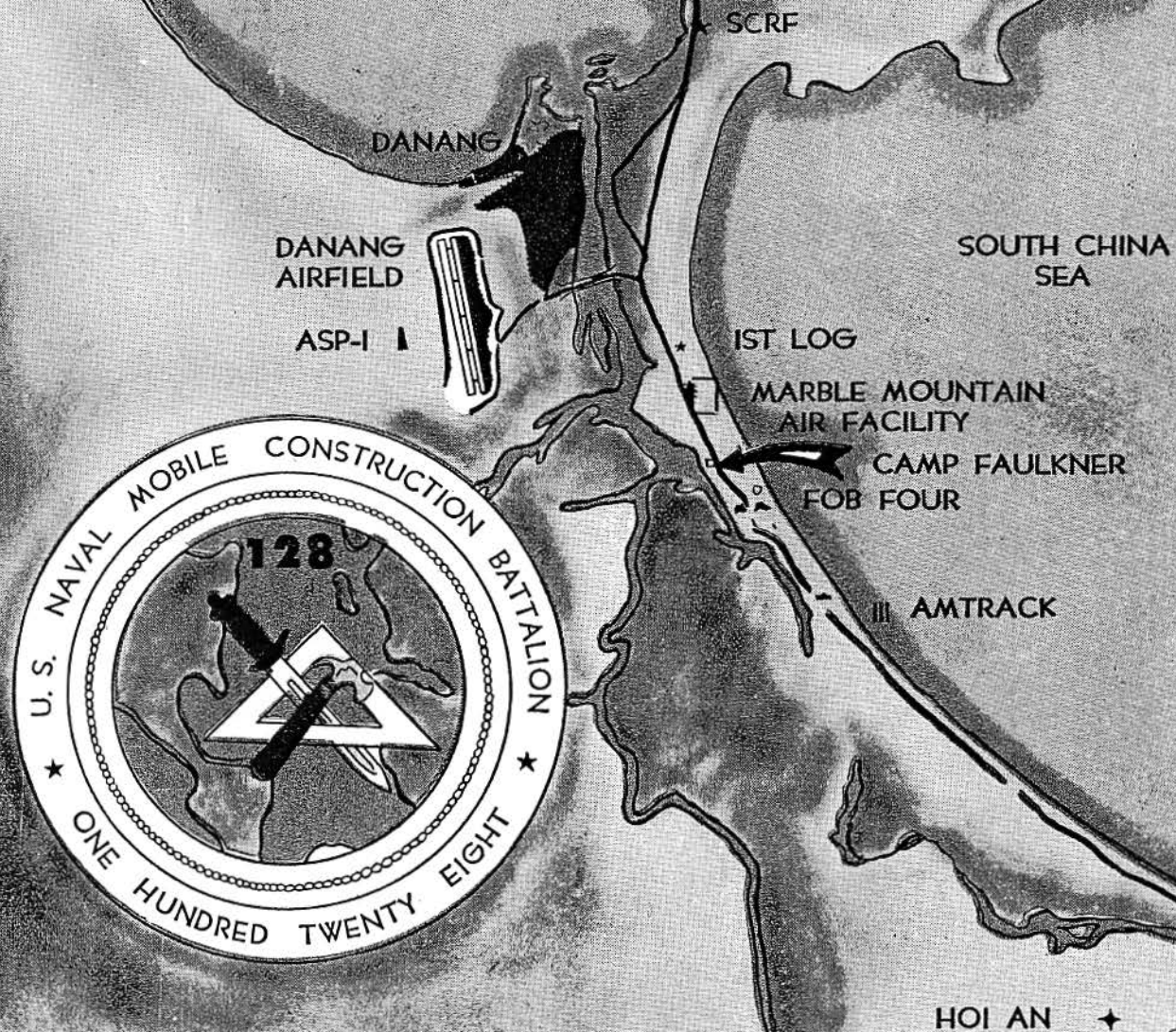


DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT



**CAMP FAULKNER, DANANG,
RVN, OCTOBER 67-JULY 68
USNMCB ONE-TWO-EIGHT**

UNITED STATES NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT

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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY-EIGHT
To: Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: Deployment Completion Report; submission of

Ref: (a) COMCBPACINST 5213.1 Series
(b) COMCBPAC OPORD 22-67

Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Equipment Status Report
(3) Training Report
(4) Labor Distribution Report
(5) Construction Item Summary
(6) Progress and Performance Chart
(7) Fiscal Summary of Construction Operations
(8) General Construction Information
(9) Lessons Learned
(10) Progress Photographs
(11) Civic Action Summary
(12) Security, Ordnance, Communications Summary

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the Deployment Completion Report for U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT's October 1967 to July 1968 deployment to Camp Faulkner, Danang East, Republic of Vietnam is hereby submitted. The Operations Report for the period ending 8 July 1968 is incorporated within the Completion Report.

2. Employment Status. In accordance with COMCBPAC OPORD 22-67 U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT was deployed to Camp Faulkner, Danang East, Republic of Vietnam from 25 October 1967 until 15 July 1968. The primary mission of the Battalion was construction in support of the THIRD Marine Amphibious Force and other U. S. and Allied Forces under the direction of the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and the THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment.

3. Unit Movements

a. The NMCB 128 Advance Party deployed to Vietnam on 25 September 1967 with 116 men under the leadership of Lieutenant Commander E. W. McLAUGHLIN, CEC, USN, Operations Officer.

b. The first of NMCB 128's Main Body departed Gulfport, Miss-

issippi to Camp Faulkner on 22 October 1967 with Commander D. W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer on board. The movement of the entire Main Body was completed by 26 October 1967 utilizing eight C-141 aircraft.

c. On 15 June 1968, NMCB 128's Advance Party under Lieutenant W. C. HILDERBRAND, CEC, USNR departed Camp Faulkner to return to the Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi to coordinate and organize the Battalion's Homeport Training Program.

d. On 12 July 1968 Commander D. W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, departed on the first flight of NMCB 128's Main Body to Gulfport, Mississippi. The movement of the entire Main Body was completed by 21 July 1968 utilizing 7 C-141 aircraft and 1 charter Boeing 707.

4. Significant Events.

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| 24 October 1967 | Commander D.W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB 128 relieved Commander E.H. MARSH, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB 133 at Camp Faulkner, Danang East, Republic of Vietnam. |
| 24 October 1967 | EON2 K.A. McENANY, 917 44 91 died of shrapnel wounds received when the vehicle he was driving struck a land mine approximately one mile south of Camp Faulkner. |
| 28 October 1967 | Memorial Services were conducted for EON2 K.A. McENANY. Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment attended the Services. |
| 6 November 1967 | An arrival conference for NMCB 128 was conducted at the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade Headquarters. |
| 7 November 1967 | Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited NMCB 128's project, Special Forces Camp, Forward Operating Base Four, Danang East. |
| 11 November 1967 | Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited Camp Faulkner and NMCB 128 job sites. |
| 18 November 1967 | Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited NMCB 128's project, Special Forces Camp, Forward Operating Base Four. |

20 November 1967 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and NMCB 128 job sites.

1 December 1967 Captain C.G. MILLER, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC; Commander B.J. HACKENSON, SC, USN, Logistics Officer, COMCBPAC; and Commander G.J. DONNELLY III, SC, USN, Logistics Officer, COMCBLANT visited Camp Faulkner.

3 December 1967 Rear Admiral A.C. HUSBAND, CEC, USN, Rear Admiral W.M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Captain H.H. LOEFFLER, CEC, USN, Captain T.J. DOYLE, CEC, USN, Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Captain J.M. DANIELS, CEC, USN, Captain C.J. MERDINGER, CEC, USN, Colonel W.R. GOULD, USMC and Captain G.A. GOETZKE, CEC, USN visited various NMCB 128 project sites and were guests for lunch in the Camp Faulkner Wardroom.

12 December 1967 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited various NMCB 128 projects.

27 December 1967 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 projects.

7-21 January 1968 Ensign J. VAN ANTWERP, CEC, USNR and fifteen enlisted men from U. S. Naval Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE were attached to NMCB 128 to provide assistance in the erection of a pontoon pier for NAD Lower Base.

15-17 January 1968 A team from COMCBPAC headed by Lieutenant Arnold T. GERMAN, CEC, USN, conducted Equipment Administration Inspection for NMCB 128.

20 January 1968 Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, visited the Naval Advisory Detachment Lower Base Pier Project.

20 January 1968 NMCB 128 Officers hosted NMCB 74 Officers at "HURRY BACK FOR MORE, SEVENTY FOUR" party. Guests included Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Regiment; Captain C.C. HEID, CEC, USN; Commander G.W. SCHLEY, CEC, USN; Commander W.W. DEGROOT, CEC, USN, and Commander R.A. BOWERS, CEC, USN.

30 January 1968 Maximum Alert Ground Defense Condition ONE was set due to a rocket and mortar attack on nearby facilities. NMCB 128 assisted the

direction of fire from artillery and helicopters onto enemy positions. No casualties or incoming rounds.

31 January 1968

Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar and rocket attacks on nearby facilities. Enemy launching sites observed by NMCB 128 were reported to the sector fire coordinator. Enemy river boats and swimmers sighted in river along West perimeter of Camp Faulkner. The sector fire coordinator authorized the use of M-60 Machineguns, M-16 Automatic Rifles and M-79 Grenade Launchers against the enemy. Subsequent fire resulted in two detainees and two enemy killed. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

1 February 1968

Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar attack on nearby facilities. Provided coordinates of launching sites to the sector fire coordinator. Sighted enemy movement along causeway 400 meters Southwest of the Camp Faulkner perimeter. Assisted Marine Patrol in locating enemy by firing tracer rounds. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

3 February 1968

Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar and rocket attack on Danang area. Provided the sector fire coordinator and other units with coordinates of enemy launching positions.

4 February 1968

At 0945 Lieutenant (junior grade) Michael Dennis HOLLINGSWORTH, 710345/5105 and BUI Paul Truvill HALLMAN, 273 50 27 were killed in action when their jeep was destroyed by a land mine approximately 6 miles Northwest of Danang.

6 February 1968

Memorial Services held for LTJG Michael D. HOLLINGSWORTH and BUI Paul T. HALLMAN. Guests at the services included:

Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN
COM3RDNCB

Captain H.J. JOHNSON, CEC, USN
Deputy Commander, PACDIVNAVFAC

Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN
COM30THNCR

LT Colonel T.R. TORGESON, USA
Deputy CO, 16TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP

LT Colonel W.A. MIDDLETON, USA
 CO, 212TH AVIATION COMPANY
 Commander R.A. BOWERS, CEC, USN
 CO, NMCB 53
 Commander C.H. SWIFT, CHC, USN
 Chaplain, CBPAC
 Major E.L. BISHOP, USA
 212TH AVIATION BATTALION
 LT E.H. HUBEL, CEC, USN
 30TH NCR Liaison Officer
 LT J.R. FIOL, CHC, USN
 NMCB 53
 LCDR R.H. SHACKELFORD, CEC, USN
 OPS Officer, NMCB 53
 YN2 V.E. ARCHIBALD-3RDNCB
 YN3 J.L. VALKENBURG-3RDNCB
 BU2 H.G. PERRENOT-3RDNCB

6 February 1968 Commander C.H. SWIFT, CHC, COMCBPAC conducted administrative inspection for the Battalion's Religious Program.

6 February 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE when the perimeter security watch observed rocket flashes. Provided coordinates of launching sites to the sector fire coordinator. No NMCB 128 Casualties or incoming rounds.

16 February 1968 Captain C.W. TURNER, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 job sites.

18 February 1968 LCDR L.E. VANN, SC, USN; LT H.G. GOHRBAND, SC, USN, and CUCM P.F. McCAREY, USN visited Camp Faulkner and conducted a Supply and Disbursing Administrative Inspection.

22 February 1968 LCDR R.M. NEWCOMB, CEC, USN; Major C.J. TYSON USMC, and LCDR G.R. MATTHEWS, CEC, USN conducted COMCBPAC Administrative Inspection of Communications, Ordnance, Plans and Embarkation.

24 February 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to rocket attack on the Danang area. Reported coordinates of enemy launching sites to sector fire coordinator. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

25 February 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to rocket attack on the Marble Mountain Air Facility. No casualties or incoming rounds.

3 March 1968 Celebrated the SEABEE Birthday with cookouts in clubs, softball, and basketball games with NMCB FIFTY THREE teams, and a stage show, "The Tikiwis".

4 March 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to rocket attack on Danang installations including the Naval Support Activity Hospital and the Marble Mountain Air Facility. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

7 March 1968 Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 construction projects.

10 March 1968 The NMCB 128 Wardroom celebrated the 101ST Anniversary of the founding of the Civil Engineering Corps. A cocktail party was held for representatives of NMCB 128's customer activities. The guests included:

Rear Admiral S.H. KINNEY, USN
Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN
Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN

17 March 1968 Conducted Awards Ceremony at Battalion Formation.

18 March 1968 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN visited Camp Faulkner and the ASP-1 project site.

20-21 March 1968 Captain C.G. MILLER, CEC, USN and Commander B.J. HACKENSON, SC, USN conducted a CBPAC Management Assistance visit with NMCB 128.

22 March 1968 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Prospective Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 projects.

24 March 1968 One round estimated to be 105mm or larger air burst directly over the West perimeter. Ground Defense Condition ONE set. Origin of round not determined. No NMCB 128 casualties. Minor shrapnel damage inflicted on one NMCB 128 pickup truck.

25 March 1968 Captain C.W. TURNER, CEC, USN and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN visited Camp Faulkner.

31 March 1968 Celebrated first anniversary of recommissioning of NMCB 128. Cookouts and parties were held at the clubs and a ball game was played. In the evening entertainment was provided by two stage shows. "The Psychedelics-A-GO-GO" and the "Soul Survivors".

5 April 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 job sites.

15 April 1968 Captain D.G. ISLIN, CEC, USN, Prospective Commander, Construction Battalions, Atlantic and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner.

17 April 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various job sites.

26-27 April 1968 Commander W.L. WILSON, CEC, USN, Operations Officer, U. S. Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific came aboard for the Battalion's Operations Department Administrative Inspection.

28 April 1968 LT J.L. HENLEY, CEC, USN, Administrative Officer, U. S. Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific inspected the Battalion's Administrative/Personnel Departments.

1 May 1968 Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment attended ribbon cutting ceremonies at the dedication of a four room school building built by NMCB 128 at Son-Bien Elementary School, Canang East.

3-8 May 1968 Commander C.R. WHIPPLE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE and party visited Camp Faulkner on their pre-deployment site inspection.

5 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar attack on Danang area. Provided ambulance assistance to nearby units. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

8 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE when the perimeter security watch sighted rockets fired at Danang installations. Provided the coordinates of launching sites to the sector fire coordinator. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

12 May 1968 LT Colonel R.E. HAEBEL, USMC, Commanding Officer, THIRD Amphibious Tractor Battalion dedicated their new messhall to the memory of the first NMCB 128 SEABEE to die in action, Petty Officer Keith A. McENANY. Participating in the ceremony were Major General Donne ROBERTSON, USMC, Commanding General, FIRST Marine Division, Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment.

12 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to rocket attack on Danang area. Dispatched electrician line crew to Marble Mountain Air Facility to provide emergency repairs to power line damaged from rocket attack. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

14 May 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited various NMCB 128 job sites.

20 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar attack on Danang area. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

22 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition ONE due to mortar and rocket attack on Danang installations. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

24 May 1968 Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 projects.

29 May 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition 1 due to rocket attack on Danang installations. Provided sector coordinator with coordinates of launching positions. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

7 June 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and various NMCB 128 projects.

9 June 1968 NMCB 128 provided a platoon sized honor guard in a farewell ceremony at the THIRD Marine Amphibious Force parade ground for General William C. WESTMORELAND, then the Commander, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

15 June 1968 NMCB 128's Advance Party deployed via one C-141 aircraft to Gulfport, Mississippi, to coordinate the Homeport Deployment. LT W.C. HILDERBRAND was the Officer-in-Charge.

15 June 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited various NMCB 128 projects.

17 June 1968 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment visited NMCB 128 project sites.

24 June 1968 NMCB 3's first flight of their Advance Party arrived at Camp Faulkner, Danang East to conduct BEEP.

29 June 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition 1 due to mortar attack on Marble Mountain Air Facility. Provided sector coordinator with coordinates of enemy mortar launching sites. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

3 July 1968 Set Ground Defense Condition 1 due to mortar attack on Marble Mountain Air Facility. Provided sector coordinator with coordinates of enemy launching sites. No NMCB 128 casualties or incoming rounds.

5 July 1968 NMCB 128 Officers hosted customer and supporting activities at a cocktail party held in the Officers Club. Honored guests included:

Rear Admiral J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN
 Commander 3RD Naval Construction Brigade
 Brig. General H.C. OLSON, USMC
 Commanding General, Force Logistics Command
 Brig. General YOUND, USA
 Commanding General, Danang Support Command
 Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN
 Commander 30TH Naval Construction Regiment

8 July 1968

NMCB 128 held Battalion Quarters at Camp Faulkner, Captain J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN, Commander, 30TH Naval Construction Regiment addressed the Battalion.

11 July 1968

NMCB 128 Completed the last of the 192 barricaded ammunition storage pads, 23 guard towers, 6 gatehouses, and 35,000 feet of chain link security fence at ASP-1.

12 July 1968

NMCB 3's Commanding Officer, CDR C.R. WHIPPLE, CEC, USN relieved NMCB 128's Commanding Officer, CDR D.W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN. CDR WITTSCHIEBE departed for Gulfport, Mississippi.

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9. PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY

a. Promotions:

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| To: E-2: | 4 | E-6: | 43 | O-2: | 8 |
| E-3: | 59 | E-7: | 8 | O-3: | 1 |
| E-4: | 200 | E-8: | 1 | O-4: | 1 |
| E-5: | 94 | E-9: | 0 | | |

b. Awards:

Presented: LCDR James M. CARO - Navy Achievement Medal
LTJG Michael J. HOLLINGSWORTH (Posthumously)
Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
Purple Heart
BU1 Paul T. HALLMAN (Posthumously)
Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
Purple Heart
EON3 Keith McEnany (Posthumously)
Purple Heart

Recommended:

Navy Commendation Medals - 11
Navy Achievement Medals - 19
MACV Certificates of Achievement - 134
Commanding Officer's Letters of Commendation - 26

10. MESSAGES AND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

a. During the period of October 1967 through June 1968 NMCB 128 received 12 major messages and 22 letters of appreciation and congratulations. These messages and letters were received from the following commands and activities:

Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade
Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment
U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalions
U.S. Army 16TH Combat Aviation Support Group
U.S. Naval First Coastal Zone Advisory Team 143
U.S. Marine THIRD Amphibian Tractor Battalion
Commander, U. S. Naval Construction Battalions, Atlantic
Commander, U. S. Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific
Headquarters, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
Headquarters, Command and Control Detachment, U.S. Army
5TH Special Forces Group
U.S. Army, FIRST Logistics Command
Headquarters, U.S. Army 95TH Evacuation Hospital
Headquarters, U.S. Army 212TH Combat Support Aviation Battalion
Commander, Marine Aircraft Group ELEVEN
Commander, Marine Aircraft Group SIXTEEN
Commanding General, THIRD Marine Amphibious Force
Headquarters, U.S. Marine FIRST Military Police Battalion
Commander, Service Force, Atlantic
Air America, Inc.