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DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT

QUANG TRI R.V.N
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U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT
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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 OPOD 31-68
Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Equipment Status Summary
(3) Training Summary
(4) Labor Distribution Report
(5) Construction Item Completion Reports
(6) Functional Component Report
(7) Progress and Performance Chart
(8) General Construction Information
(9) Lessons Learned
(10) Progress Photographs
(11) Civic Action 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 January to August 1969 deployment to Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam is hereby submitted. The Operations Report for the period ending 20 August 1969 is incorporated within the Completion Report.

2. Employment Status. In accordance with COMCBPAC OPOD 31-68 U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT was deployed to Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam from 12 January to 26 August 1969. The primary mission of the Battalion was construction in support of U. S. Free World Forces in Northern I Corps, while under the operational control of the Commander, THIRTY SECOND Naval Construction Regiment.

3. Unit Movements

a. The NMCB 128 Advance Party deployed to Vietnam on 27 December 1968 with 92 men under the leadership of Lieutenant Commander L. K. PETTY, CEC, USN, Operations Officer.

b. The first of NMCB 128's Main Body departed Gulfport, Mississippi to Camp Rhodes on 15 January 1969. The movement of the entire Main Body was completed by 22 January 1969 utilizing four DC-8 aircraft.

c. On 1 August 1969, NMCB 128's advance party under Lieutenant (Junior Grade) L. E. ALFREDSON, CEC, USN departed Camp Rhodes to return to the Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi to coordinate and organize the Battalion's Homeport Training Program.

d. On 17 August 1969 NMCB 128's first flight departed to Gulfport. The movement of the entire Main Body was completed by 26 August 1969, utilizing seven C-141 aircraft and 1 charter Boeing 707.

4. Significant Events.

- 16 January 1969 Commander D. W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB 128 arrived at Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam.
- 17 January 1969 Commander D. W. WITTSCHIEBE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB 128 relieved Commander W. K. HARTELL, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB 11 of Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam.
- 18 January 1969 Lieutenant (junior grade) J. A. ROBERTS, USNR, and 158 men of NMCB 128 arrived at Camp Rhodes, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant (junior grade) R. J. BLOCK, CEC, USNR, and 147 men of NMCB 128 arrived at Camp Rhodes, Republic of Vietnam.
- 20 January 1969 Lieutenant (junior grade) J. W. MACLAUGHLIN, CEC, USNR, and 135 men of NMCB 128 arrived at Camp Rhodes, Republic of Vietnam.
- 22 January 1969 Captain D. G. ISELIN, CEC, USN, COMCBLANT, Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN, COM32NCR, Captain R. C. ENGRAM, CEC, USN, Deputy Director of Construction MACV and Captain E. L. PICKETT, CEC, USN, MACV Staff visited Camp Rhodes. Lieutenant (junior grade) P. B. DOVE, SC, USNR and 120 men of NMCB 128 arrived at Camp Rhodes.
- 29 January 1969 Arrival conference held by Rear Admiral J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, COM3NCB and Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN, COM32NCR.
- 14 February 1969 Lieutenant Commander G. R. GILMORE, and Major C. T. TYSON conducted CBPAC management visit in planning and training.

20 February 1969 Commander C. H. SWIFT and Commander D. E. BECKER conducted CBPAC inspection of Chaplain and Medical.

26 February 1969 Captain C. M. HOWE, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, THIRD NCB and Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN, COM32NCR visited Camp Rhodes.

2 March 1969 Celebrated the 102nd Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 27th birthday of the Seabees with a party in the Commission Officers Mess. Major General R. G. DAVIS, Commanding General, THIRD MARDIV, Brigadier General R. B. CARNEY, Assistant Division Commander, THIRD MARDIV and Brigadier General H. S. HILL, Assistant Wing Commander, FIRST MAW, attended.

2 March 1969 "E" sector QTCB received 13 rounds of 82mm mortar. FIVE WIA on base. No damage or casualties to NMCB 128 personnel.

3 March 1969 Rear Admiral J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, COM3NCB, Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON, CEC, USN and Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN visited Camp Rhodes, Rear Admiral J. V. BARTLETT presented the Navy Commendation Medal to Lieutenant Commander Donald B. CAMPBELL and the Navy Achievement Medal to Lieutenant Commander Larry K. PETTY.

5 March 1969 Celebrated 27th birthday of Seabees. Special Services presented "The Sights and Sounds".

7 March 1969 Captain B. S. PICKETT office of OICC RVN and Captain E. M. SAUNDERS office of OICC RVN visited jobsites on QTCB.

10 March 1969 "B" sector QTCB received TWO rounds of 60mm mortar. No casualties.

22 March 1969 Rear Admiral W. M. ENGER, CEC, USN, Vice Commander, NAVFAC, Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON, CEC, USN, COM3NCB and Captain A. W. WALTON, COM32NCR visited jobsites at QTCB.

27 March 1969 Hotel and India sector sustained a concerted ground attack with small arms, automatic weapons, grenades and RPG fire. One bunker was destroyed with TWO WIA. No casualties to NMCB 128 personnel.

29 March 1969 Camp Red Devil received three rounds 60mm mortar. One WIA. No casualties to NMCB 128 personnel.

9 April 1969 Major General R. C. DAVIS, CG, THIRD MARDIV, laid the corner stone for the THIRD MARDIV Children's Hospital for which NMCB 128 is providing construction assistance.

19 April 1969 Held Change of Command where Commander Joseph J. GAWARKIEWICZ, III relieved Commander D. W. WITTSCHIEBE, as Commanding Officer. Distinguished guests included Major General W. K. JONES, Commanding General THIRD MARDIV Major General C. I. QUILTER, Wing Commander FIRST MAW, Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON COM3NCB, Captain J. E. POWELL, COM 30th NCR, and Captain A. W. WALTON COM 32nd NCR.

21 April 1969 Received grade of EXCELLENT on "A" Company and Equipment Inspection.

1 May 1969 Commanding Officer officially opened NMCB 128 library.

6 May 1969 Commander W. L. WILSON, CEC, USN, Lieutenant Commander M. E. SMITH, CEC, USN and Lieutenant (junior grade) D. S. HUGHES, CEC, USN conducted CBPAC Management Inspection Visit in Operations, Training and Administrative.

12 May 1969 Went into condition ONE. The airfield area of the combat base received approximately EIGHT rounds 122mm rockets from the south. No rounds fell in Camp Rhodes. No injury to NMCB 128 personnel.

20 May 1969 Combat base received three rounds of mortar fire and extensive ground action northwest of base, immediately adjacent to Camp Rhodes. No mortar rounds fell in Camp Rhodes. No injury to NMCB 128 personnel.

24 May 1969 Lieutenant Commander G. R. MATTHEWS, CEC, USN and Major URBAN, USMC conducted a Management Inspection Visit of Ordnance, Communications, Embarkation and Contingency Planning.

25 May 1969 Bridge Site YD392466 on QL-1 By-Pass was attacked during the night. One MRS 200, which had been previously surveyed was destroyed. Six 75 foot piles which were stockpiled there were destroyed also. Mines were found under other vehicle wheels. No injury to NMCB 128 personnel.

6 June 1969 Commenced Annual Supply Inspection.

11 June 1969 Combat Base received FIVE rounds of 122mm rockets in area adjacent to camp.

15 June 1969 Industrial Power Plant destroyed by fire.

18 June 1969 60 foot bridge BP-1 and 190 foot bridge BP-2 attacked by various V. C. units using RPG, mortar and small arms fire. No NMCB 128 casualties. One tractor crawler, D8E, one crawler TD20, and one crane tractor wheel B210 suffered minor damage from small arms fire.

18 June 1969 Three 122mm rockets landed in Camp Rhodes. No casualties. Minor damage to "B" Company Shops.

19 June 1969 Bridges described under 18 June again attacked by V. C. company size forces. No casualties to NMCB 128 personnel or equipment.

20 June 1969 Rear Admiral W. M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, COMCBPAC, Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON, CEC, USN, COM3NCB and Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN, COM32NCR visited Camp Rhodes.

25 June 1969 Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON, CEC, USN, COM3NCB, Brigadier General YATES, Director of Construction MACV, and Captain A. W. WALTON, CEC, USN, COM32NCR visited various job sites on the Quang Tri Combat Base.

26 June 1969 Captain C. G. MILLER and Commander E. J. JACKSON from CBPAC visited Camp Rhodes.

6 July 1969 Celebrated Independence Day with sleep-in and the first "Full Day Off" on this deployment. Conducted swim-in in afternoon at Cua Viet.

8 July 1969 Received 8 122mm rockets in Quang Tri Combat Base. One round fell in the road alongside "A" Company living area.

10 July 1969 Assigned ALPHA and LIMA sectors of base defense perimeter.

23 July 1969 Rear Admiral J. G. DILLON, COM3NCB and Captain A. W. WALTON, COM32NCR visited Quang Tri Combat Base.

25 July 1969 NMCB 128 participated in THIRD MARDIV ceremony honoring NINTH Marine Regimental Landing Team on their redeployment from the Republic of Vietnam to Okinawa.

26 July 1969 Presentation of the Second Annual "Hans Brinker Memorial Award".

1 August 1969 NMCB 128 advance party led by Lieutenant (junior grade) E. M. ALFREDSON, CEC, USN departed RVN for Gulfport, Mississippi.

1 August 1969 MCB-74 advance party arrived at Camp Rhodes, RVN with 96 men under the leadership of Lieutenant Commander Jerry JACKSON, CEC, USN, MCB-74 Operations Officer.

4 August 1969 "LIMA SECTOR" received small arms fire. No casualties.

5 August 1969 Captain A. W. WALTON, COM32NCR and Captain J. E. WASHBURN, his relief, visited Camp Rhodes jobsites.

11 August 1969 Captain J. E. WASHBURN, COM32NCR visited Camp Rhodes.

17 August 1969 NMCB 128 main body first flight departed RVN for CBC Gulfport, Mississippi.

17 August 1969 Commander J. A. DEMIDIO, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer MCB 74 arrived at Camp Rhodes, RVN.

17 August 1969 Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf coast with heavy damage to MCB 128 Barracks, warehouse and admin area.

18 August 1969 Commander J. A. DEMIDIO, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer MCB 74 relieved Commander J. J. GAWARKIEWICZ, III, CEC, USN Commanding Officer MCB 128 of Camp Rhodes Republic of Vietnam.

18 August 1969 Camp Rhodes visited by Brigadier General FULLER, CG THIRD MARDIVREAR.

18 August 1969 THIRD MARDIV Band played a farewell serenade for MCB 128.

19 August 1969 MCB 128 first flights commenced disaster recovery operations in Long Beach, Mississippi.

23 August 1969 Commander J. J. GAWARKIEWICZ III, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer MCB 128 arrived in Gulfport, Mississippi.


 JOSEPH J. GAWARKIEWICZ, III

9. PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY

a. Promotions:

To:	E-2	4	E-6	5	WO-1	0
	E-3	19	E-7	4	CWO-2	1
	E-4	76	E-8	0	0-2	3
	E-5	36	E-9	1	0-3	0
					0-4	1

b. Awards:

Presented: LCDR Donald B. CAMPBELL - Navy Commendation Medal ✓
LT Larry K. PETTY - Navy Achievement Medal ✓
EA2 Louis R. DEKEN - Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" ✓
YN3 Edwin E. ABEL Jr. - Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" ✓

Recommended:

Bronze Star - 01
Navy Commendation Medals - 03
Navy Achievement Medals - 16

10. MESSAGES AND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

a. During the period of January through August 1969, NMCB 128 received 08 major messages and 09 letters of appreciation and congratulations. These messages and letters were received from the following commands and activities:

Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade
Commander, Construction Battalions, Pacific Fleet
Commander, Construction Battalions, Atlantic Fleet
Commander, 32nd Naval Construction Regiment
Commanding General THIRD Marine Division, Reinforced Fleet Marine Force
Headquarters THIRD Medical Battalion
Headquarters XXIV CORPS, Department of the Army
Headquarters 11th Engineer Battalion
Headquarters THIRD Shore Party Battalion
U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR
U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301