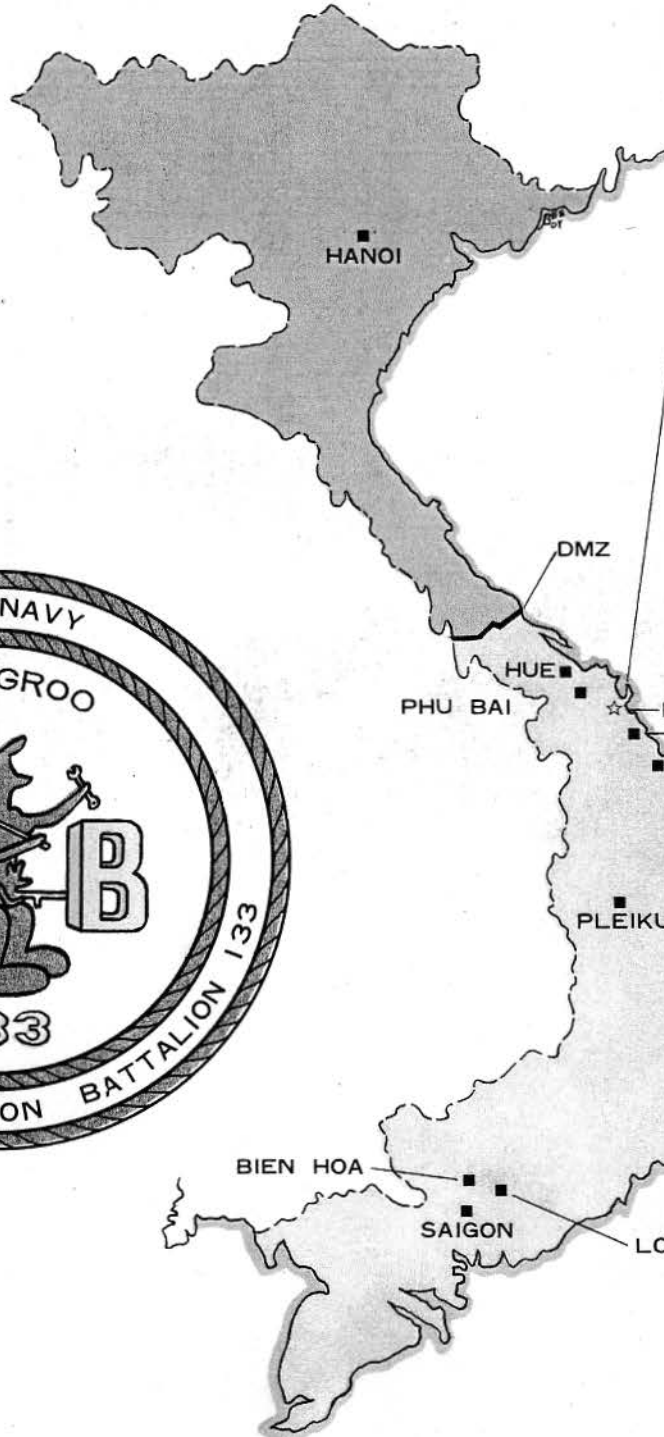


DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT

FEBRUARY 1967 - OCTOBER 1967

12 *W*
17 *W*
30 *W*



CAMP FAULKNER
DANANG EAST
SOUTH VIETNAM
60 *W*
90 *W*
SOUTH CHINA SEA
140 *W*
141 *W*
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USNMCB 133

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE
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Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report

1. Enclosure (1). A Summary of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One Thirty Three's Deployment to Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam during the period February 1967 through October 1967, is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

2. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (b), NMCB One Thirty Three was deployed at DaNang East, Republic of Vietnam. The primary mission of the Battalion was construction in support of U. S. Military Forces, under the Commander, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment from February 1967 to October 1967.

3. Unit Movements.

a. The Advance Party of the Battalion arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on two flights provided by MAC AIRLIFT. The first aircraft arrived on 6 January 1967, and the second arrived on 7 January 1967.

b. The Main Body of the Battalion arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on C-141 aircraft provided by the MAC. The first aircraft arrived on 8 February 1967, and the last plane arrived on 12 February 1967.

c. On 29 March 1967 a crew of 12 men led by First Class Tincher departed for Hoi An to build a cantonment for ARVN Forces. The detail returned on 21 May 1967.

d. On 9 April 1967, 50 men under LT(jg) Williams departed DaNang for Saigon in accordance with 30 NCR OPORD 3-67. The detail provided well drilling at various locations in the Republic of Vietnam.

e. Seabee Team 13301 departed RVN 28 May 1967 for Team Training at CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi.

f. From 14 July 1967 through 7 August 1967 a detail of 8 men was deployed south of DaNang in support of 1/1 Marines.

g. From 18 July 1967 through 16 August 1967 a detail of 10 men was deployed south of DaNang in support of 3/1 Marines.

h. A detail of 32 men was deployed to the Dong Ha alternate airfield, Site X, between 15 September and 21 September 1967, led by EOCS Eberlin.

i. On October 7, 1967, LT(jg) Williams, OICC for well drilling, returned to Camp Faulkner terminating NMCB 133 drilling activities.

j. The Advance Party of the Battalion departed DaNang on 25 September 1967 for CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi, in aircraft provided by MAC.

k. The Main Body of the Battalion departed the Republic of Vietnam on C-141 aircraft provided by the MAC. The first of eight aircraft departed on 23 October 1967 and the last departed on 27 October 1967.

4. Significant Events.

a. The Battalion celebrated the 25th Birthday of the Seabees and the 100th Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps on 5 March 1967. The Program consisted of sports events, a show by the "Golden Goodies", contests, and a cake cutting. Guests included RADM Paul E. SEUFER, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, and RADM Paul L. LACY, Jr., USN, Commander, Naval Support Activity, Da Nang. The Seabee Queen was Miss Margaret Goodrich of Winston Salem, N.C., Red Cross Volunteer Worker from the DaNang area.

b. 22 March - First Seabee of the Month was selected for the month of March. He is BUL2 J. E. Shantz, "D" Company.

c. 27 March - RADM William M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet, and RADM Paul E. SEUFER, CEC, USN, Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade, visited Camp Faulkner.

d. 21 April - Captain Greer A. Busbee, CEC, USN, Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, visited Camp Faulkner from 21 to 22 April 1967, and toured the Battalion's construction sites.

e. 22 April - Captain John D. Burky, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, Rhode Island, visited Camp Faulkner from 22 April to 23 April 1967 and toured the Battalion's job sites.

f. 22 April - The Seabee of the Month for April was selected. He is BUL2 D. J. Wahl of the P & E section of Headquarters Company.

g. 27 April - Captain H. J. Johnson, CEC, USN, Deputy Commander Pacific Division, NAVFACENGCOM; Captain A. R. Marschall, CEC, USN, Commander 3ONCR; Captain B. W. Vanleer, CEC, USN, Assistant Commander for Military Readiness, NAVFACENGCOM and Captain C. J. Baker, CEC, USN, Deputy commander 3rd NCB, visited Camp Faulkner.

h. 10 May - Captain C. G. Miller, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC, and LCDR F. W. Newcomb, CEC, USN, held a Command, Operations, and Plans inspection of the Battalion on 10 through 11 May 1967.

i. 22 May - The Seabee of the Month for May was selected. He is HM2 R. D. Leverton.

j. 17 June - On 17 June through 19 June 1967, the Battalion Supply and Logistics inspection was conducted by a party from 31 NCR. The party consisted of LCDR L. E. Vann, SC, USN; LT(jg) T. J. Wilson, SC, USN; and SKCS D. F. Thompson, USN.

k. 21 June - On 21 June 1967 RADM William M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, COMCBPAC, and Captain A. R. Marschall, CEC, USN, COM3ONCR visited Camp Faulkner.

l. 22 June - The Seabee of the Month for June is EAD2 B. D. Johnson, USN, of "H" Company.

m. 11 July - the CBPAC Admin/Operations inspection was held on 11 and 12 July 1967. CDR R. H. Miller, CEC, USN, and LT J. L. Henley, CEC, USN, conducted the inspection.

n. 22 July - The Seabee of the Month for July is BUL3 R. A. Brady, Jr.

o. 3 August - On 3 August 1967 and 4 August 1967, Captain R. C. Engram, CEC, USN, Commander, Twentieth Naval Construction Regiment, visited Camp Faulkner.

p. 13 August - On 13 August 1967 Battalion quarters were held at Camp Faulkner commemorating the First Anniversary of the recommissioning of NMCB 133.

q. 13 August - At 2210 on 13 August 1967, Camp Faulkner received two incoming 60 mm mortar rounds resulting in minor damage to two (2) huts and injuries to twenty-three (23) NMCB 133 personnel. A formal investigation was conducted by the 1st Marine Division.

r. 17 August - LCDR F. M. Newcomb, CEC, USN, from COMCBPAC, inspected the Plans and Training Department from 17 to 19 August 1967.

s. 21 August - On 21 August 1967 Major Tyson from 31st NCR visited Camp Faulkner in conjunction with Ordnance and Communication gear.

t. 24 August - RADM J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, and Captain A. R. Marschall, CEC, USN, Commander Third Naval Construction Brigade and Commander, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner.

u. 22 August - The Seabee of the Month for August 1967 is BUR2 S. S. Cotman.

v. 2 September - RADM W. M. ENGER, CEC, USN, Vice Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, RADM J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade, Captain H. J. Johnson, CEC, USN, Deputy Commander Pacific Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Captain C. W. Turner, CEC, USN, Commander, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner.

w. 8 September - Brigadier General M. E. Gates, CE, USA, Director of Construction MACV, RADM J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, Commander, Third Naval Construction Brigade visited Camp Faulkner.

x. 18 September - Captain C. W. Turner, CEC, USN, Commander, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner and then toured One Thirty Three's job sites.

y. 21 September - LT Colonel R. L. Shuford, USMC, Commanding Officer 3rd Amtrac Battalion visited Camp Faulkner.

z. 24 September - The first flight of NMCB One Twenty Eight's Advance party arrived in DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

aa. 24 September - The Co-Seabees of the Month for September are BUL2 W. M. Weddle and EON3 A. P. Spangler, Jr.

bb. 27 September - Captain Nelson Anderson, CEC, USN, Former Commander 30th Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner.

cc. 28 September - Captain C. G. Miller, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, Commander Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet, Commander B. J. Hackenson, SC, USN, Supply Officer, Commander Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet, and LCDR V. Young, CEC, USN, Equipment Officer for 31st NCR visited Camp Faulkner.

dd. 6 October - Captain C. W. Turner, CEC, USN, Commander 30th Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner.

ee. 7 October - The Officers of NMCB 133 held their farewell party; among those distinguished guests attending were:

Maj. General H. Nickerson, USMC - Deputy Commander III MAF
Captain C. W. Turner - Commander 30th Naval Construction Regiment
Captain J. M. Hill - Commander 32nd Naval Construction Regiment
Captain S. J. Wynne - COM NAV FOR V - Rep., DaNang
Colonel E. O. Reed - Commanding Officer MAG 16
Lt. Colonel R. L. Shofford - Commanding Officer III Amtrac Battalion
Lt. Colonel T. R. Torgeson - Commanding Officer 212th Aviation Battalion
Lt. Colonel G. W. Lewis - Commanding Officer 245th Aviation Company
Commanding Officers all DaNang NMCB's.

ff. 9 October - Captain C. W. Turner, CEC, USN, Commander 30th Naval Construction Regiment visited Camp Faulkner to inspect storm damage.

gg. 24 October - NMCB 133 held Battalion quarters, at this time Captain C. W. Turner presented a citation to the Battalion from 3ONCR for outstanding performance while deployed in Vietnam from February 1967 to October 1967.

hh. 25 October 1967 - The first flight of NMCB 133's main body departed Vietnam for Gulfport with CDR E. H. Marsh, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of NMCB 133 on board.

5. Major Problems.

a. The major problem shared with other DaNang based Battalions, which persisted for the whole nine months of the deployment, was an insufficient quantity of base run rock and all sizes of finished run rock. This shortage resulted in several delays with major projects such as ammo storage areas and also resulted in finished products of a lesser quality than could have been obtained with an ample supply of rock products.

b. Several Lesser Problems were:

(1) Long lead time necessary to procure finish type electrical and plumbing materials;

(2) Some lost time due to heavy rains and storm damage;

(3) High breakage of hand tools resulting in depletion of on hand stock and some lost time due to minor injuries from tools of inferior quality.

