

**U.S. NAVAL
MOBILE CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION THREE**



**DEPLOYMENT
COMPLETION
*Report***

**CAMP MOSCRIP
ROOSEVELT ROADS, P.R.
Jan. 1974 - Aug. 1974**

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION THREE
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Ref: (a) COMCBPAC/COMCBLANT 5213.1
(b) COMCBLANT Operation Order 3-74

Encl: (1) Unit Location Summary
(2) Administrative Summary
(3) Historical Summary
(4) Equipment Summary
(5) Training Summary
(6) Safety Summary
(7) Labor Distribution Summary
(8) Project/Engineering Summary
(9) Progress Photographs

1. Enclosures (1) through (9) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a), as required in the performance of reference (b).

2. Unit Location. In accordance with reference (b), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE, consisting of an average of 22 officers and 670 enlisted men were deployed to Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico from 7 January 1974 to 21 August 1974. Details and detached units locations are summarized in enclosure (1).

3. Significant Unit Moves

6 Jan 1974

Four flights deployed the main body of NMCB-3. Flight 1 deployed the main body of Details GTMO and Andros, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and a part of the battalion main body to Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

Flight 2 deployed the main body of Detail Bermuda to Bermuda and a part of the battalion main body to Camp MOSCRIP.

Flights 3 and 4 deployed the remainder of the battalion main body to Camp MOSCRIP.

10 Jan 1974 6 man detail departed for Antigua, BWI.

13 Jan 1974 16 man detail departed for West End Annex, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

20 May 1974 13 man detail departed for Terceira, Azores.

20 Jul 1974 Training Advanced Party returned to homeport.

1 Aug 1974 First Advance Party returned to homeport.

2 Aug 1974 Seabee Team 0324 returned to homeport.

5 Aug 1974 Remaining personnel from Detail Antigua returned to Camp MOSCRIP.

10 Aug 1974 Second Advance Party returned to homeport. Remaining personnel from Detail WEA returned to Camp MOSCRIP.

19 Aug 1974 Bravo Flight of main body returned to homeport.

20 Aug 1974 Alfa and Charlie Flights of main body returned to homeport.

21 Aug 1974 Delta Flight of main body returned to homeport.

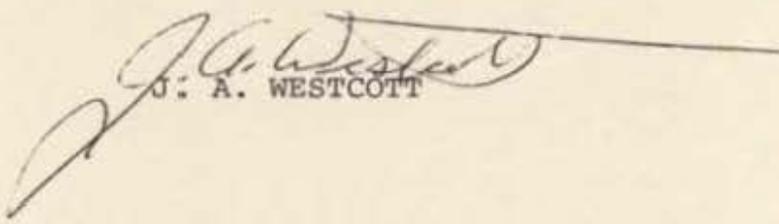
4. Significant Events

3 Jan 1974 Completion of BEEP and debriefing at Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Operations turnover at Camp MOSCRIP from NMCB-10 to NMCB-3.

- 7 Jan 1974 Change of Command Flags at Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico from NMCB-10 to NMCB-3.
- 28 Jan 1974 Pre-deployment meeting between staff of NMCB-3 and the staffs of the First RNMC-Brigade, RMCR-3, RNMCB-23 and RNMCB-24.
- 3-6 Feb 1974 CDR J. A. WESTCOTT, Commanding Officer USNMCB-3 visited COMCBLANT.
- 23-24 Feb 1974 LCDR T. P. CONNELIE, COMCBLANT S-2, LCDR D. E. FADDEN, CWO-2 J. I. LEMLY, and EOC R. A. GOKEY held a complete battalion mount-out exercise.
- 4-11 Mar 1974 CDR J. A. WESTCOTT, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of NMCB-3, attended a conference at CBPAC in Hawaii.
- 7 Apr 1974 Advance parties for the 3rd Reserve Naval Construction Regiment and Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 arrived at Camp MOSCRIP.
- 13 Apr 1974 Main body of 3rd Reserve Naval Construction Regiment and Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 arrived at Roosevelt Roads for two weeks readiness duty (REDDU). Detail Roosevelt Roads, RICSLAB, of Reserve Naval Construction Battalion 14 departed Camp MOSCRIP after completing two weeks of readiness duty.
- 21 Apr 1974 Advance party for Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24 arrived.
- 21-22 Apr 1974 LCDR T. P. CONNELIE, CEC, USN, and EOC R. A. GOKEY, USN, evaluated RNMCB-23 in a simulated embarkation exercise at Camp MOSCRIP.

- 22-25 Apr 1974 CAPT W. W. DEGROOT, CEC, USN,
Commander 20th Naval Construction
Regiment with a 10-man team from
the 20th NCR evaluated the
performance of RNMCB-23 at
Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 24-27 Apr 1974 Rear Admiral P. V. KING, CEC, USNR,
Commander 1st Reserve Naval
Construction Brigade, reviewed
Reserve Seabee operations at
Roosevelt Roads.
- 27 Apr 1974 Reserve Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion 23 departed and Reserve
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
24 main body, arrived at Roosevelt
Roads.
- 28-30 Apr 1974 COMCBLANT, CAPT N. W. CLEMENTS,
CEC, USN, and CUCM R. C. BROWN,
USN, CBLANT MCPOC, visited
Roosevelt Roads and NMCB-3.
- 1-3 May 1974 N. W. CLEMENTS, CAPT, CEC, USN,
COMCBLANT; J. A. WESTCOTT, CDR,
CEC, USN, Commanding Officer
NMCB-3 and CUCM R. C. BROWN, MCPOC
CBLANT visited Detail GTMO.
- 5-8 May 1974 RNMCB-24 was evaluated by teams
from COMCBLANT led by LCDR T. P.
CONNELIE, and 20th NCR led by
CAPT W. W. DEGROOT.
- 11 May 1974 RNMCB-24 departed Roosevelt Roads
upon completion of the 1974 REDDU
program.
- 12-18 May 1974 Chief Staff Officer for COMCBPAC,
CAPT D. A. BARTLEY, CEC, USN,
CUCM W. F. SAWYER, USN, COMCBPAC
MCPOC visited NMCB-3 deployment
sites.
- 14-16 May 1974 CAPT BARTLEY, CDR WESTCOTT, CUCM
SAWYER and CUCM McCAREY visited
NMCB-3 Detail GTMO.

13-16 May 1974	J. B. DUKE, LT, CEC, USN; CUCM T. A. CARTER, USN; EOC J. H. LEWIS, USN, from CBLANT conducted an Administrative Inspection for NMCB-3.
20 Jul 1974	Training Advance Party consisting of two officers and 20 enlisted personnel departed for homeport. Chaplain E. HILL reported aboard as our new Chaplain.
2 Aug 1974	First Advance Party from NMCB-5 arrived.
21 Aug 1974	Camp MOSCRIP turn-over completed.
22 Aug 1974	Last NMCB-3 personnel left Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.


J. A. WESTCOTT

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First advance copy from HQ-2
arrived.
Camp mobilization completed.
Last HQ-2 personnel left
proceeding home, Puerto Rico.

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UNIT LOCATION SUMMARY

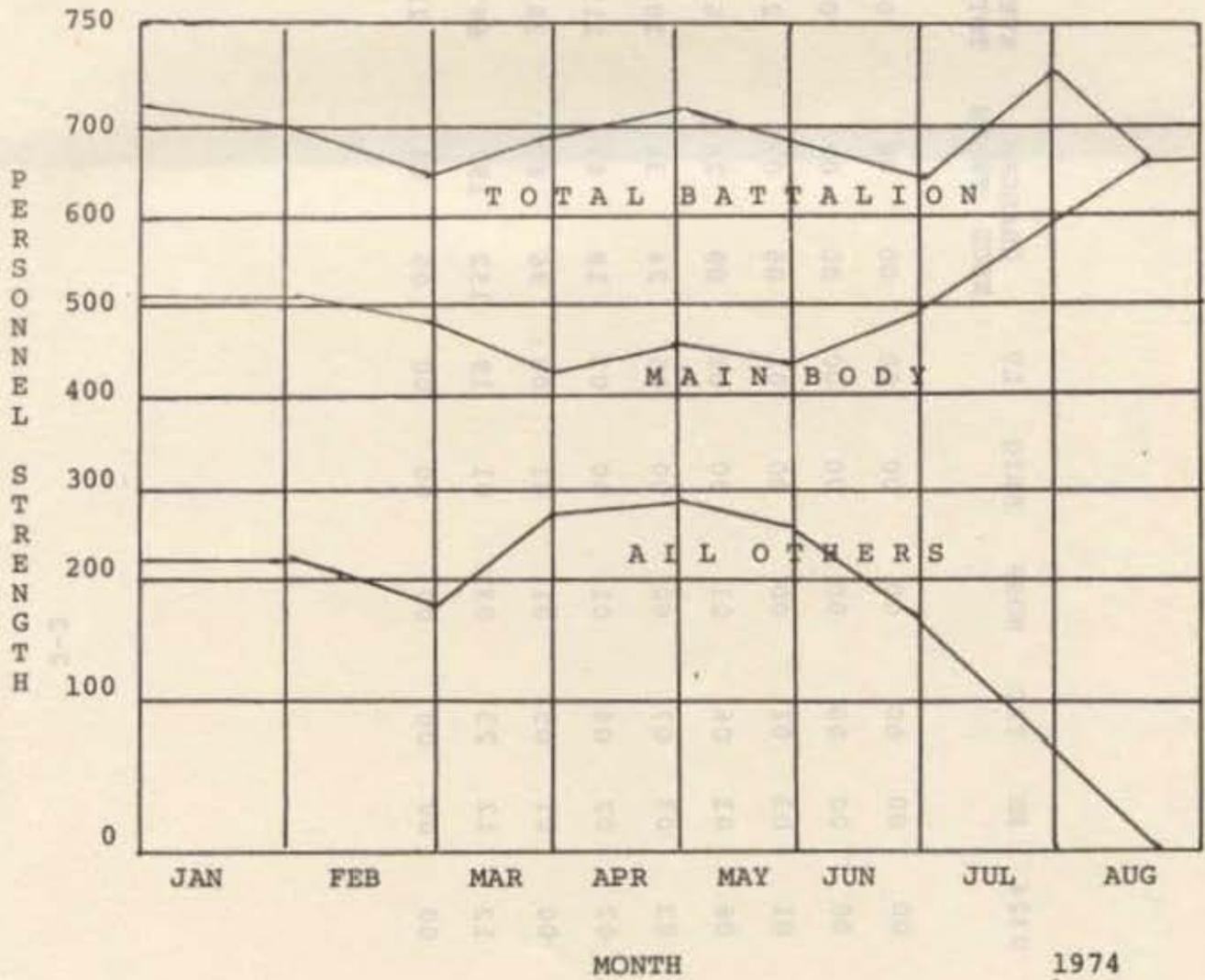
<u>TYPE UNIT AND DESIGNATION</u>	<u>OFF/MEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATE AT SITE</u>
MAIN BODY	16/460	CAMP MOSCRIP ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO	JAN 74/AUG 74
DETAIL ANDROS	1/24	ANDROS ISLAND	JAN 74/AUG 74
DETAIL ANTIGUA	0/14	NAVFAC, ANTIGUA	JAN 74/AUG 74
DETAIL AZORES	0/13	TERCEIRA, AZORES	MAY 74/AUG 74
DETAIL BERMUDA	1/23	BERMUDA	JAN 74/AUG 74
DETAIL GTMO	1/69	GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA	JAN 74/AUG 74
DETAIL WEA	0/24	WEST END ANNEX ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO	JAN 74/AUG 74
PONCE	0/7	FT ALLEN, PONCE, PUERTO RICO	JAN 74/JUN 74
VIEQUES	0/13	CAMP GARCIA, VIEQUES ISLAND	JAN 74/AUG 74
SEABEE TEAM 0324	1/12	YAP ISLAND, TTPI	NOV 73/AUG 74
REAR ECHELON	0/14	CBC PORT HUENEME	JUL 73/AUG 74
TAD	0/24	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	NOV 73/AUG 74

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Enclosure (2)

A. PERSONNEL STRENGTH (JAN 74 - AUG 74)



B. PERSONNEL SUMMARY

GRADE	MOSCRIP	DETS	0324	RE	TAD	HOSP	BRIG	LV	CHANGES		AVERAGE TOTAL
									RECS	TRANS	
E-9	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	03
E-8	03	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02	04
E-7	15	05	01	03	01	00	00	01	05	07	25
E-6	41	09	06	03	06	01	00	02	09	28	65
E-5	65	22	03	03	07	00	00	05	24	34	100
E-4	70	41	02	02	04	01	00	03	18	43	119
N R	275	99	00	01	05	01	01	08	96	83	381
TOT	472	177	12	12	23	03	01	19	152	197	697
OFF	17	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	05	04	21

C. REENLISTMENT SUMMARY

	TOTAL	CAREER	NON-CAREER
SEPARATION INTERVIEWS	101	25	76
SEPARATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR REENLISTMENT	61	20	41
REENLISTMENTS	38	20	18

D. DISCIPLINE SUMMARY

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	TOTAL
MAST	0	20	19	10	15	14	12	1	91
AWARDED NJP	0	15	17	9	14	13	12	1	81
*AWARDED COURTS-MARTIAL	0	1	4	1	0	1	1	0	8

*6 - Related to drug traffic

2 - Where over indulgence in alcohol was a contributing factor

E. PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. The printing facilities available at Roosevelt Roads were very good and satisfied the battalion requirements with a turnaround time from one to two weeks.

2. OBSERVATION. The only method available to obtain sample proofs using present battalion resources (TOA) was to use a contact printer which is time consuming and costly since each frame is printed individually.

COMMENT. Understand CESOC is already in the process of changing the TOA to include a print proofer that will enable a roll of film to be printed in one operation on a proof sheet.

3. OBSERVATION. Ektachrome slide film is used all the time since it can be developed in house. Kodachrome film always has to be sent out for processing because it is a patented process which involves a time delay.

RECOMMENDATION. All slide film should be ordered (Ektachrome - No substitute) to eliminate Kodachrome film being substituted when the intent is obtain slide development in a timely manner.

F. PROMOTION SUMMARY

ENS to LTJG - 4	E-8 to E-9 - 0
	E-7 to E-8 - 0
	E-6 to E-7 - 2
	E-5 to E-6 - 5
	E-4 to E-5 - 12
	E-3 to E-4 - 38
	E-2 to E-3 - 57
	E-1 to E-2 - 9

G. AWARDS

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL - 1

H. MEDICAL SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. The Medical Department was understaffed during the latter part of the deployment. A medical officer and six corpsmen deployed, but during the first month of deployment one corpsman was discharged for humanitarian reasons. In the fourth month, one corpsman was transferred for emergency reasons. In addition, two of the remaining corpsmen were sent on emergency leave. The medical officer was discharged from active duty in the sixth month and the Naval Hospital at Roosevelt Roads had to furnish medical officer support until the end of the deployment. At times, the Medical Department was staffed by one chief and two corpsmen which would have seriously affected the medical capability if the battalion was required to deploy.

2. OBSERVATION. The work spaces of the Medical Department were somewhat cramped and were modified to provide a large treatment room and laboratory. The medical facility is not suitable for the care of emergencies and fortunately the Naval Hospital is only a short distance away.

3. OBSERVATION. In excess of 3000 patients were seen and over 2000 prescriptions were filled. Medical care rendered was routine in nature. Of the dermatological disorders in particular, common ringworm was the most prevalent. There were the usual marine life induced injuries caused by contacts with sea urchins and coral.

4. OBSERVATION. Sanitation problems were frequently encountered in both the officer and enlisted messes -- mostly attributed to antiquated buildings and storage facilities as well as poor plumbing and electrical wiring.

5. OBSERVATION. Mosquitoes were a constant irritant. A fogger was used on a routine schedule and helped some but a virtual stalemate occurred when adverse wind conditions existed.

I. DENTAL SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. Malfunctions and improperly installed equipment were noted during the operation of a new Mobile Dental Unit (USN 97-32357). In particular, the "Oro-Vac" system failed and handpieces were improperly assembled resulting in their burnout. This was eventually determined to be caused by improperly installed seals within the handpieces.

2. OBSERVATION. The only dental repairman was the one that was available through the Dental Clinic at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station. In fact, he appeared to be over-committed in that, he was also responsible for repair of dental equipment at all dental facilities in the island network surrounding Puerto Rico.

J. CHAPLAIN SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. A marked increase in participation in religious activities was noted when compared to the last two deployments.

2. OBSERVATION. Religious services for the Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Mormon faiths were either conducted within the camp or were conducted at Roosevelt Roads or nearby places of worship.

K. SPECIAL SERVICES SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. Recreational facilities were available at Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, and the nearby USO.

2. OBSERVATION. Recreational facilities at Roosevelt Roads were less frequently used since they were located at the other side of the base and were reached by a 30-minute bus ride.

3. OBSERVATION. Movies were shown at the outdoor theater and got to be uncomfortably unbearable because of the mosquitoes.

4. OBSERVATION. Liberty buses provided transportation to the recreational activities in San Juan.

L. MORALE SUMMARY

1. OBSERVATION. Messing and berthing facilities left much to be desired.

COMMENT. A facilities planning team visit in July 1974 from NAVFACENCOM was the first step taken toward positive improvement by establishing the criteria for better facilities.

2. OBSERVATION. Lack of construction material upon arrival had a detrimental effect on morale by not providing the work that was contemplated and planned for during the homeport period. By mid-deployment however, material supplies on hand improved and a significant upward trend in morale was noted.

M. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. OBSERVATION. The lack of productive work at the onset of deployment had an adverse impact on Battalion morale especially at the main body site. Although the Battalion was scheduled to deploy in January 1974, a construction workload was not assigned until mid-November 1973. Of the eleven major projects assigned on Puerto Rico, three were subsequently cancelled and seven had no material or were still being designed when the Battalion deployed. Only one project of 1000 M/D was available to be worked. With the exception of a few small projects and some horizontal work incidental to the major projects, the only job where more than 15 Seabees could be fruitfully employed at one time during the first 8 weeks of the deployment was a demolition project (a poor means of employing Seabees).

Berthing limitations at the detail sites precluded sending out more main body personnel to these sites. Camp clean-up, military training and recreational programs could not replace meaningful work as the prime motivator on Puerto Rico.

RECOMMENDATION. Develop a backlog of projects, both customer and camp improvement, with material on site and ready for immediate start upon deployment of a battalion.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Enclosure (3)

JANUARY 1974

The first week of January was spent in preparation for the battalion deployment to Camp MOSCRIP, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. On the sixth, four plane loads of NMCB THREE personnel departed Port Hueneme, California for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Andros Island; Bermuda, British West Indies; and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The last flight arrived at Roosevelt Roads about 0300 on the morning of the seventh of January. The next couple of days were spent getting settled and giving the camp a good field day.

By the start of the third week, the battalion was at work. The battalion soon found that materials were not available to finish many of these jobs nor were the materials available to start new jobs. The main body attempted to keep itself busy by doing as many of the punch list jobs as possible and finding fill-in jobs. Nearby sites such as Vieques Island, West End Annex, Ft Allen at Ponce, and Antigua jobs provided jobs to employ NMCB THREE personnel. Most of these jobs were punch-list jobs that the battalion inherited from NMCB TEN. The main body, however, began to work on some new jobs. Site preparation was progressing on the BEQ, Helo Pad, and Hospital Warehouse. The battalion completed about 50% of a barracks demolition which provided forms for the new BEQ.

Details Andros, Bermuda and GTMO faired much better as far as work is concerned. Andros neared completion on the base exchange. The detail did finish electricl work on the vehicle holding shed. The auto maintenance building had a new spray paint booth, and the interior office neared completion. The warehouses had the site preparation begun on them. Bermuda spent this time period working on the South Sea-Wall. The detail excavated, cleaned piles and cut slots in the piles. The largest detail, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba had several jobs to keep themselves busy. Pier Lima had the majority of GTMO's mandays expended on it. Pile repairs, installing fender systems, and pouring concrete took most of the time and effort. The automatic fuel system progressed well, as conduit was being installed and work on tank 12 was begun. The Enlisted Men's Galley had most of the roofing and sheeting installed. Ground breaking was held at the bowling alley.

FEBRUARY 1974

The biggest event of the month for the main body at Roosevelt Roads was the battalion mount-out exercise held for NMCB-3 by COMCBLANT. NMCB-3 was the Delta Battalion. This meant that at all times the battalion was to be in a position to completely mount-out men, equipment, tools and materials in 48 hours. The battalion was awarded a satisfactory rating for the exercise. Despite the shortage of equipment and the hard work, and the many hours without sleep that were required to accomplish the task, all hands showed enthusiasm and exhibited a good deal of the famous "Can Do" spirit. The men were proud of their work and the fine job the battalion did.

The rest of the month the main body was devoted to continuing finish work on the turnover projects, start of some new projects, a mount-out practice, and installation of a new boiler for the galley and laundry.

Finish work continued on the FORACS Building, Boat Maintenance Facility, and the several turnover paving projects. This month saw the start of the Hospital Warehouse, continuation of work on the Helo Pad, and site work on the BEQ projects. A part of the second week was taken up by a practice mount-out in order to prepare the battalion for the exercise that was anticipated in late February. Much of Bravo Co's efforts was devoted to the installation of a new boiler after the old one went down. The boiler is now on the line and working fine.

The details and detachments showed good progress on all their jobs. At Andros the work on the Base Exchange was completed. The Vehicle Holding Shed and the Covered Storage area were scheduled for completion by March. At Bermuda the delivery of the hairpin forms and cement was delayed thus holding up the construction of the South Seawall. The detail was busy, however, with plenty of fill-in jobs. At GTMO, the E.M. Galley was to be finished in early March, the Bowling Alley was started and the other projects were moving ahead.

News arrived that the 10,000 BBL at Antigua would have to be torn down and a new one put up in its place. This had been determined to be the best course of action by the factory representative and NMCB-3's Operations Chief. The water tank project on the island of Vieques was doing well. All of the concrete was poured and the tank erection started. The detachment at West End Annex was moving forward with their projects even though it had been slowed down by material delays for a while.

MARCH 1974

The month was one of many visitors. The main body, the detail sites, and most of the detached units were visited by senior officers from CBLANT. CBLANT's Supply Officer was also here to look at the repair parts situation, the MLO yard, and to look at the camp improvement projects. He and a camp inspection team looked over the camp and at how the improvement projects could be funded, and the priority each should have. The battalion and detail sites were also paid an equipment management visit by a specialist from CBLANT. The Safety Chief from CBLANT was here to inspect the safety organization. During the last work of the month, the battalion was pleased to have the Commander of LANTNAVFACENGCOCOM as our guest. Also, the Commanding Officer and SEA of NMCB-5 were at Camp MOSCRIP for a short get acquainted tour.

The workload on Puerto Rico substantially increased over the previous month. At Roosevelt Roads, Footings were dug for the first BEQ work giving the builders of THREE a big boost in both morale and workload. Site work continued on the other BEQ sites. Alfa Company was finally able to start paving some of the backlog of parking lots. Foundation work continued on the hospital warehouse. At WEA, the security fence project was started with much of the right of way being cleared of trees and shrubs. News that the fence contract had been awarded to a San Juan firm was welcome news.

At the detached sites, the projects were moving forward as scheduled. The water tanks being erected on Vieques Island were nearing completion. At Antigua, the crew finished dismantling the old tank and were preparing the site for the April arrival of the new tank.

The details enjoyed a successful month. Detail Andros was able to move forward on all seven of its jobs during this month. The detail pushed to complete all projects by the end of August. Detail Bermuda worked several fill-in projects while awaiting the re-evaluation of the South Seawall. CBLANT took a new look at the form design and the method for supporting same. At Detail GTMO, the E.M. Galley was completed and turned-over. The Automated Fuel System progressed well. The Bowling Alley footings were dug and one section of the footing placed. Pier Lima was at a standstill until concrete with greater strength could be obtained. It was felt that sufficiently strong concrete would be available after the aggregate washer arrives and became operational.

APRIL 1974

The major significant event for the month was the deployment of two Reserve Seabee Battalions, RNMCB-22 and RNMCB-24 to Puerto Rico with details at GTMO and Andros for consecutive two week readiness duty training deployments. At Roosevelt Roads, the Reserve Battalion administrative functions were integrated with NMCB-3's office spaces and the reserve officers shared the Camp MOSCRIP BOQ and wardroom. The largest impact came in the Alfa Company area, as the reserves had many horizontal projects as well as a requirement for a significant number of administrative vehicles. The willing cooperation and fine spirit of THREE's men to support these increased requirements was evident at every level throughout the battalion. At Roosevelt Roads, the addition of the reserve CM's were of great help to the Alfa Company shops. At GTMO, NMCB-3 provided some tool support as well as assistance in site preparation and concrete placement.

There were of course, a large number of Reserve Officers, their evaluators from 20th NCR and CBLANT, and the Reserve Seabee Admiral, RADM P. W. KING, who reviewed the RNMCB-23 pass in-review on 26 April. COMCBLANT sent LCDR CROWE and BUCS DALTON from the Operations Department to look over battalion projects on Puerto Rico and Vieques, and CDR URISH and CDR GREGORY to visit Bermuda. At the end of the month, CAPT CLEMENTS and CUCM BROWN had a brief visit to Roosevelt Roads which included a trip to West End Annex for a look at the security fence project.

Meanwhile, the Battalion moved forward on its assigned construction projects. More footings were poured at the BEQ site and the setting of foundation wall forms and steel was begun on Building 1, while site preparation continued for the third building. Alfa Company finished the paving work on two parking lots. At the hospital, footings were placed for the medical warehouse and electrical work continued on the helicopter pad. Materials continued to arrive for completion of the various turnover projects, and a detachment was sent to Culebra to finish up the radar simulator site there. Work was proceeding rapidly on the WEA fence, as poles were set, top rail installed, and the arrival of the vinyl coated fence fabric anticipated. The fence line proved to be a nightmare of unmarked and undetectable underground utilities.

The details made good progress during the month. At Bermuda, the first section of seawall concrete was placed. Pre-engineered building erection at Andros proceeded smoothly with some assistance in the form of a detachment of RNMCB-24

steelworkers who arrived at the end of the month. Detail GTMO was still having concrete problems, although it was anticipated that the nearly completed sand and aggregate washer would improve the mix and allow work to resume on the Pier Lima deck as well as the bowling alley. At Antigua, the new 10,000 BBL tank arrived and erection was begun. The establishment of Det Azores during the month of May was being looked forward to. COMCBLANT CAPT N. W. CLEMENTS visited Camp MOSCRIP.

MAY 1974

This month was again one with many visitors. COMCBLANT CAPT N.W. CLEMENTS who visited Det GTMO and COMCBPAC Chief of Staff, CAPT D. A. BARTLEY, who visited Camp MOSCRIP were two of our special visitors. This month also saw the completion of this year's Reserve Seabee REDDU training. The Battalion felt that it was able to help them obtain valuable training, as well as educating itself. The two reserve groups and the regular Seabees helped make this a successful training evolution.

The Battalion projects in Puerto Rico were progressing very well. The last footings were placed at the BEQ site. The foundation walls on BEQ's #1 and #2 were 70% and 20% completed. Site work continued and select fill hauling was begun.

The columns for the medical storage warehouse were poured and the design for the double "T" roof beams were finalized. Alfa Company and the surveyors began preparing a portion of the equipment yard for asphalt. The helo pad was being brought to grade in preparation for slab forms. The security fence at WEA was progressing very well. All the posts were set, the top rail placed and over 50% of the fabric was in place. The gates and the last shipment of fabric was anticipated to arrive the first week of June.

The details work was progressing at a good pace. Bermuda poured two sections of the seawall and formed for a third section. Andros continued the erection of their pre-engineered buildings. The covered storage, vehicle holding shed, and auto maintenance buildings were completed and turned over. At GTMO, the aggregate washer was put into operation, and the test batches looked satisfactory. The bowling alley had the first section of wall poured by the first week of June. The solvent and primer for the 10,000 BBL tank at Antigua was expected to arrive in the near future so that work could continue on that project.

A new detail of thirteen men was deployed to the Azores about mid-May. The project was started and is expected to proceed as planned.

JUNE 1974

NMCB THREE's annual supply inspection was conducted by CDR GREGORY, CBLANT Logistics Officer and CDR AUERBACH of NMCB-5 paid a predeployment visit to Camp MOSCRIP.

The Battalion projects in Puerto Rico were progressing very well. At the BEQ site the interior fill was being placed and compacted in BEQ's #1 and #2. The foundation walls on BEQ #3 were still being placed. The slab for the Medical Storage Warehouse was 50% complete.

The Security Fence at West End Annex (CINCLANTFLT's #1 Seabee project) was completed 2½ weeks ahead of schedule.

Alfa Company and Engineering were working together on Camp MOSCRIP projects. One part of the equipment yard was asphalted, with another part scheduled for completion in the near future. The paving job behind the Galley was staked out and was ready for grade work. Bravo Company was working on the fencing and security lighting for the Armory. The line posts were set for work to continue when the top rails arrived.

Work at the various detail sites was progressing well. Bermuda had 111 linear feet of seawall in place. Andros work on the erection of pre-engineered buildings was coming along at a good pace. At GTMO, the ferry landings was essentially completed with the exception of the turnaround area. The bowling alley had the forms set for the final foundation wall pour. At the Azores, the final excavation was completed, the walls backfilled, and the floor slab formed for the generator building.

JULY 1974

At Roosevelt Roads work continued on the BEQ project with fill placement, compaction, and underslab utilities keeping the CE's and UT's busy. At the hospital, conduit runs and pad lights for the helo pad were completed, and the first slab pours were made, using the new mobile batching machine. Pouring of slab sections and block work continued on the Medical Storage Facility, and all punch list items on the hospital road and parking lot were completed. The Industrial Cafeteria was accepted by the Navy Exchange without punch list items, and the Roosevelt Roads FORACS Building was accepted by the Naval Station with caulking, site grading, and minor interior punch list items remaining.

Alfa Company work included completion of GSE paving, paving of the galley road in Camp MOSCRIP, and acceptance of the Marine Rock Crusher on Vieques. Work was completed on all electrical punch list items at the AFWR sites at Pico and Culebra. In Camp MOSCRIP, work was completed on the Armory Fence and the repairing of the hot water pipe that ran to the galley scullery machine. Additional hut sidewalks and the galley dumpster dock were completed, and installation of the telephone trunk cable continued.

Work at the various detail sites was progressing well. Bermuda had 156 liner feet of seawall in place. Andros work was moving along well. Detail GTMO was placing fill to subgrade at the bowling alley. Most of the work at the Azores was completed for turnover to NMCB-71, with the generators set in place and the 20th course of block completed for the Generator Building.

AUGUST 1974

With the satisfactory completion and turnover of project tasks, a 30 day standdown period was begun after the return of the main body to homeport. Many personnel took leave to join their families for a long awaited reunion while others began training courses.