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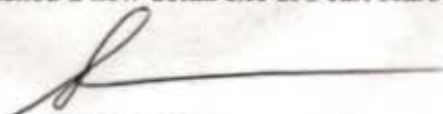
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1. Enclosures (1) through (7) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

2. In accordance with reference (b), U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR deployed to Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan during the period 5 October 1993 to 13 May 1994 with details deployed to Atsugi, Japan; Fuji, Japan; Iwakuni, Japan; Sasebo, Japan; Yokosuka, Japan; Adak, Alaska; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; San Bernardino, Ca.; Chinhae, Korea and Pohang, Korea.

3. The battalion successfully worked on several unique projects. The Mainbody took on road repairs at the Northern Training Area facing grades of over 25% and dangerous conditions. Detail San Bernardino completed construction on three pistol and one rifle range. They created a new partnership between the Naval Construction Force and the Joint Task Force for drug interdiction. Detail Hawaii successfully established a new detail site at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the seven month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR successfully completed projects from San Bernardino, CA to Pohang, Korea. The battalion also completed a very successful field exercise, in which defensive tactics and skills were practiced in a simulated contingency scenario. The motivation and dedication of all hands was evident throughout the deployment.

I. Admin/Special Staffs

The Administration Department, completed a wide and diverse set of tasks despite having the critical YNC billet vacant throughout the deployment. From handling numerous non-judicial punishments to providing assistance to those taking college courses, the department met the challenges with the minimum man-power assets available and allowed the battalion to concentrate on important project tasking and training.

II. Training

During the 1993/1994 Okinawa deployment NMCB FOUR had a total of 12 training days including a one week period devoted entirely to military training, readiness, and a field exercise. Each of the 12 scheduled training days were "All Hands" efforts with emphasis placed on company leadership. The companies received training in the following areas: Technical Skills, Military/Combat Skills and General Military Training.

III. Operations

During the 1993-94 deployment to Okinawa, NMCB FOUR completed over 31,000 MDs of direct labor on 35 tasked projects and numerous CO's discretionary projects. Tasked work included various facets of construction including concrete paving, PEB construction, block, electrical wiring and distribution, basic plumbing, demolition, ABFC facilities, and crusher/quarry operations.

At the Mainbody site in Okinawa, the battalion worked on five tasked projects, completing two and making significant progress on the others. 2,630 MD were expended on camp maintenance and camp improvement. Det sites worked a total of 30 tasked projects and several OIC discretionary projects, completing 19 of the projects.

The Third Brigade conducted an Operations MAV from 29 Nov 93 through 21 Dec 93 serving as the 45 day review of projects on details and Mainbody. From 22 Jan 94 through 2 Feb 94, the Mainbody conducted a field exercise, Operation Kennel Bear at the Central Training Area.

Enclosure (1)

IV. Supply and Logistics

Overall the 1993-1994 Camp Shields deployment was extremely successful. Despite manning shortages of five storekeepers, including the leading Senior Chief Storekeeper, the Supply Department performed well. They significantly contributed to a highly successful Kennel Bear 94. Early Supply Management Inspection (SMI) preparations and pre-SMI inspections by supply outlets supervisors, S4 and a command designated SMI team, resulted in the outstanding results on the 29 March - 01 April 1994 SMI.

V. Equipment

The new Alfa Company spaces are the best in the NCF. The new buildings provided everything needed to run an effective equipment maintenance program. All required safety systems were in place and working. In February 1994 the final facilities, a new collateral equiptage building and four wash racks, were turned over to NMCB FOUR. During deployment we brought the hazardous material program up to standards.

The readiness of the 265 pieces of Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE) in Okinawa was kept high throughout the deployment. Our biggest challenge in maintaining the equipment was the availability of repair parts and consumables. Open purchase contracting through Commander Fleet Activities Okinawa (CFAO) was very slow and unresponsive. Many of our repair parts were supplied from Kadena AFB, Camp Foster, Camp Kinser, and through DRMO.

VI. Camp Maintenance

Bravo Company Camp Maintenance completed 2,630 MD direct labor on over 43 MCD projects, 659 ESAs and 15 SJOs. Most of the camp facilities were built within past five years, however, the galley and the barracks provided numerous challenges.

NMCB FOUR 93 - 94 OKINAWA DEPLOYMENT

- 22 SEP 93 - NMCB FOUR Det San Bernardino departs Port Hueneme for San Bernardino County to conduct tasked deployment construction. This Det joined Mainbody in Okinawa after completing their tasking.
- 06 OCT 93 - NMCB FOUR Advance Party, including Details Sasebo, Yokosuka, Atsugi, Chinhae, Pohang, Fuji, and Iwakuni arrive in Okinawa Japan. NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR's Advance Party departs for Mississippi. Turnover begins.
- 07 OCT 93 - Advance Parties from Details Sasebo, Yokosuka, Atsugi, Fuji, and Iwakuni depart for their det sites.
- 08 OCT 93 - Advance Parties from Details Pohang and Chinhae depart for their det sites.
- 15 OCT 93 - Turnover complete. Turnover Ceremony held at flagpole.
- 15 OCT 93 - NMCB FOUR Mainbody arrives in Okinawa. NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR Mainbody departs for Mississippi.
- 30 OCT 93 - RADM White (Chief of Chaplains) visits NMCB FOUR at Okinawa, Japan.
- 10 NOV 93 - RADM Buffington and staff (3rd NCB) start their NMCB FOUR visit at Det Yokosuka.
- 15 NOV 93 - RADM Buffington and staff (3rd NCB) complete their visit at Mainbody in Okinawa.
- 29 NOV 93 - 3rd NCB starts the NMCB FOUR 45-Day Review at Adak, Alaska.
- 17-21 DEC 93- LT Beebe and the 3rd NCB 45-Day Review Team conduct NMCB FOUR's 45-Day Review for the Okinawa Deployment.
- 18 JAN 94 - RADM Estes and staff (3rd NCB) start their NMCB FOUR visit at Dets Chinhae and Pohang, Korea.
- 22 JAN-2 FEB- NMCB FOUR conducts their deployment Field Exercise, Operation Kennel Bear at the Central Training Area LZ WHIPPOORWILL.
- 26 JAN 94 - RADM Estes and staff (3rd NCB) complete their visit with Mainbody at Okinawa.
- 04 FEB 94 - Mainbody Over-the-Hump Party at Camp Shields softball field.
- 07-12 FEB 94 - Det San Bernardino departs California and joins the Mainbody in Okinawa, Japan.

- 12 MAR 94 - Seabee Ball conducted on Camp Shields, Okinawa Japan with host RADM Estes (Commander 3rd NCB), and special guest MGEN (Select) Mutter (Commanding General, 3rd Forces Service Support Group (FSSG)).
- 8 MAR-1 APR- Supply SMI conducted by 3rd Brigade.
- 30 MAR 94 - CAPT Faunce and CAPT Sheppard visit Camp Shields.
- 29 APR 94 - NMCB FOUR End of Deployment party.
- 04 MAY 94 - AP Personnel from Details Iwakuni, Sasebo, Chinhae and Pohang arrive in Okinawa.
- 05 MAY 94 - AP Personnel from Details Atsugi, Fuji and Yokosuka arrive in Okinawa. Advance Party Detail Adak returns to Port Hueneme.
- 06 MAY 94 - NMCB FIVE AP arrives in Okinawa, NMCB FOUR AP departs for Port Hueneme. Turnover begins. Advance Party Detail Hawaii returns to Port Hueneme.
- 11 MAY 94 - MB Personnel from Details Iwakuni and Sasebo arrive in Okinawa. MB Personnel from Details Adak and Hawaii return to Port Hueneme.
- 12 MAY 94 - MB Personnel from Details Atsugi, Fuji, Yokosuka, Chinhae and Pohang arrive in Okinawa.
- 13 MAY 94 - NMCB FIVE Mainbody arrives in Okinawa. Camp Shields Turnover complete. NMCB FOUR Mainbody returns to Port Hueneme after an exceptional deployment.

ADMINISTRATION/SPECIAL STAFFS

1. Lessons Learned

a. Item. Courts-Martial.

Discussion. Special and General Courts-Martial cases possibly awarding a member more than 30 days of confinement constitute a loss of the member from the command, and the member will be transferred temporary duty (TEMDU) to the confinement facility.

Recommendation. When a member goes before a Special or General Courts-Martial for serious offenses, be prepared to transfer the member on the day of court. Ensure personal effects, records, and orders are ready to allow a smooth transfer.

b. Item. Classified Material Container.

Discussion. Details do not normally have the GSA approved security container and are not equipped to retain classified material in their spaces.

Recommendation. When details receive classified message traffic, the OIC or AOIC must review the message at the communications center and determine whether the message should be retained for future use. If retention is not required, it should be destroyed accordingly at the comm center. Classified messages needing retention must be kept at the comm center. If the detail has an approved classified material container, it should not be used to keep any financial instruments (i.e. cash, checks, etc.).

2. Narrative

a. Admin/Personnel

While the Personnel Office gradually regained its full manning with the arrival of a PNI and a PNC early in the deployment, the Admin Office still awaits the arrival of a new YNC to fill the billet gapped since August 1992. Since November 1992, the LNC has been temporarily assigned as Assistant Admin Chief in addition to his primary duty as Discipline Officer/Independent Legalman. He was continually busy processing 13 administrative discharges, 17 JAGMAN investigations, 57 Captain Masts, 4 Summary Courts-Martial, and 2 Special Courts-Martial. With the shift of Postal Officer duties to the Supply Department, Admin retained the handling of official mail and was tasked with the newly instituted Official Mail Expenditure Report which started in fiscal year 94 on a quarterly basis. A large number of Battalion personnel (Mainbody) took advantage of the Navy's Tuition Assistance by taking off-duty educational courses (mostly college) offered by participating schools on the island. The proximity of different branches of the armed forces on Okinawa contributed to an array of college courses not available in other overseas locations.

Enclosure (2)

b. Public Affairs

Public Affairs ensured the battalion and its members received recognition for efforts, both on and off duty. Several articles released this deployment appeared in the Seabee Coverall. We produced six issues of the "Focus on FOUR" family gram. The participation of 309 battalion members in the Fleet Hometown News Release Program generated 2162 releases. In addition, the Public Affairs Office provided photographic coverage at all noteworthy battalion events.

c. Recreational Services

Intermural activities provided weekly sporting events for all battalion members. Rec. Services coordinated these activities involving softball and volleyball competition. The celebration of the mid-deployment "over the hump" party, was an all day affair and involved competition among the four different companies in six different events. USO Kadena and AT&T sponsored the event and provided beverages and a musical D.J., as well as gifts and souvenirs throughout the day.

Following the over the hump party, Rec. Services organized an island-wide volleyball tournament to raise funds for the Seabee Ball.

d. Dental

The Dental Department consisted of a DN, DT1 and LT, who were responsible for maintaining a minimum Dental readiness of 80% for class I/II status. They provided treatment for over 300 Mainbody personnel. Our readiness level was maintained well above our 80% minimum so we were able to provide significantly more complex and advance dental care while still in a deployed status, particularly with prosthetics.

Good communication with USNDC Okinawa, ADL Kadena, and Naval Hospital Camp Lester allowed us to utilize their specialists for referral or consult when encountering difficult and/or questionable cases. In addition, close contact with local dental and laboratory facilities provided the Camp Shields clinic with invitations to lectures, presentations and practical courses as well as laboratory support for advanced prosthetic cases.

e. Medical

The Medical Department with an assignment of one LT (Medical Officer), one HMC, one HM1, three HM2s, one HM3, and one HN ensured the battalion a medical readiness status of class I at all times. In addition to maintaining deployment requirements for the mainbody, one corpsman was re-deployed to Detail Pohang, providing health care for a crew of 22 personnel. While in Okinawa, the Medical Department saw 1,920 sickcall patients and provided 456 immunizations. Utilizing resources from Naval Hospital Okinawa, 310 patients were referred to specialty clinics for consults. The Medical Officer and the HMC augmented the staff at Naval Hospital Okinawa Emergency Department on their off duty hours.

f. DAPA

During deployment DAPA scheduled ARD Level III treatment at Camp Lester for six personnel. DAPA also scheduled three personnel for Level II treatment at CFAO CAAC. DAPA interviewed and scheduled a CAAC appointment for 20 personnel that had either an alcohol related incident or came to the DAPA Office as a self referral.

g. Safety

The Battalion Safety Department pro-actively ensured safety remained the number one priority. They achieved this by training and inspections at Mainbody and all Det sites ensuring regulation compliance and that all personnel employed safe work practices. The NAVOSH Management Inspection by 3RD Brigade Safety Manager graded the Mainbody and all Det sites overall Satisfactory. Special recognition of significant improvement were made in Environmental, HAZMAT, and HAZWASTE Programs.

SAFETY SUMMARY¹

Month	Oct 93	Nov 93	Dec 93	Jan 94	Feb 94	Mar 94	Apr 94	Total
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Days LT	4	2	8	0	4	26	6	50
# Cases LT	3	1	3	0	2	2	1	12
# Days LD	215	67	209	62	125	61	103	842
# Cases LD	19	9	17	10	10	12	13	90
# First Aid Mishaps	10	16	9	9	15	8	9	76
# Govt Veh Mishaps	5	9	7	9	3	4	2	39
Govt Vehicle Repair Cost ²	0.73	7.03	1.51	8.92	24.65	35.8	0.3	78.94
Govt Vehicle Miles Driven ³	46.96	65.15	64.03	49.61	73.21	83.19	76.39	458.5

- Note: 1. Mainbody and detail sites are combined.
 2. Vehicle repair costs are in thousands of dollars.
 3. Vehicle miles driven are in thousands of miles.