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Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Training Summary
(3) Labor Distribution Summary
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(6) Supply Summary
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1. This report is submitted as enclosures (1) through (7). It is compiled in accordance with reference (a) and is presented as required by reference (b).

2. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (b), NMCB FOUR was deployed to Camp Shields, Okinawa, from May 1970 to February 1971. The battalion's mission was to serve as the Pacific Fleet Alert Mobile Construction Battalion. Special emphasis was to be placed on attaining the highest possible state of combat readiness, and providing construction support for all U.S. Naval and other friendly forces in the area. Operational control (OPCON) for the deployment was via the Commander, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment. In addition to its construction mission, NMCB FOUR was tasked with self-defense capability and such disaster recovery as assigned by the OPCON Commander.

3. Unit Movements.

a. On 14 April 1970, Seabee Team 0413 with OIC LTJG W. R. RIGGS, departed CBC, Port Hueneme for training and indoctrination on Guam before proceeding to their final deployment site.

b. On 24 April 1970, Seabee Team 0413 arrived at their deployment site on Kusai Island, Ponape District, TTPI.

c. On 26 April, Seabee Team 0412, with LTJG J. A. WERNER as OIC, departed CBC, Port Hueneme for training and indoctrination on Guam before proceeding to their final deployment site on Koror Island, Palau Dist., TTPI.

d. On 5 May, Seabee Team 0414 with OIC LTJG K. VOGEL departed CBC Port Hueneme for Saigon, RVN for training and indoctrination before proceeding to their final deployment site in Cao Lanh, RVN.

e. Also on 5 May, the NMCB FOUR advance party departed for Guam and Okinawa aboard two MAC C-141's. Six officers and ninety-six enlisted men comprised the Okinawa advance party. Two officers and twenty-eight enlisted men went to Guam.

f. On 9 May, Seabee Team 0414 departed Saigon and arrived in Cao Lanh, RVN, their final deployment site.

g. On 14-15 May, Seabee Team 0412 departed Guam and arrived on Koror Island, Palau District, TTPI.

h. On 22 May, NMCB FOUR began its 1970 deployment in accordance with reference (b). The first NMCB FOUR main body flight departed NAS Pt. Mugu with 66 passengers for Guam aboard a MAC C-141. The OIC of Flight 01 was LT M. L. DANIELSON.

i. On 23 May, Flight 02 departed NAS Pt. Mugu with 94 passengers for Okinawa aboard a MAC C-141. The OIC of Flight 02 was ENS R. S. FREEMAN.

j. Also on 23 May, Flight 03 departed NAS Pt. Mugu with 88 passengers for Okinawa aboard a MAC C-141. The OIC of Flight 02 was LTJG E. C. MERSHON.

k. On 24 May, Flight 05 departed NAS Pt. Mugu with 43 passengers for Okinawa aboard a MAC C-141. The OIC was LTJG D. C. BERNETT.

l. Also on 24 May, Flight 04 with 62 passengers departed NAS Pt. Mugu for Okinawa aboard a MAC C-141. The OIC was ENS C. J. TRENKLE.

m. On 29 May 1970, the final NMCB FOUR main body flight arrived at Kadena Air Force Base near Camp Kinser aboard a MAC C-141. OIC of the 82 passenger flight was LTJG J. W. PATTERSON.

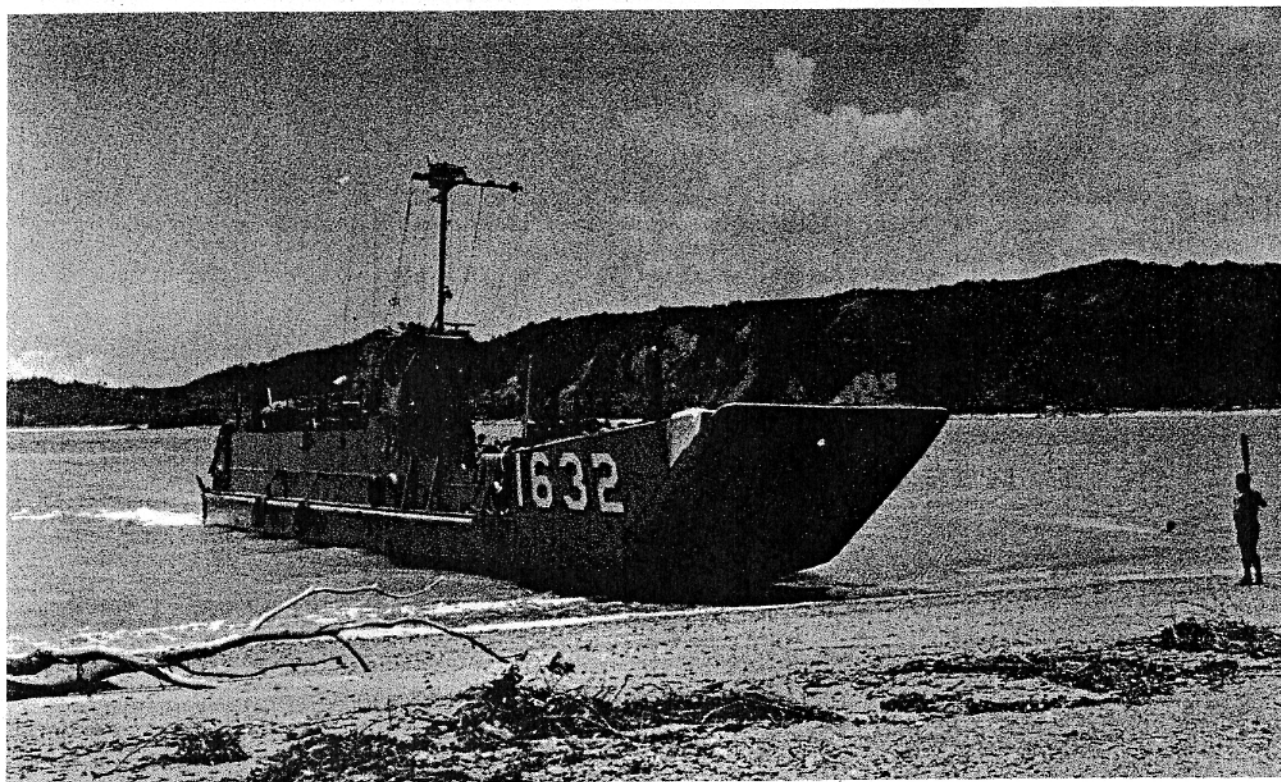
n. On 1 June, 66 personnel of NMCB FOUR's Detail Delta departed nearby MCAF Futema for MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. The flights were arranged through IMAF and were flown by two PACAF C-130's.

o. On 21 June, LT. M. L. DANIELSON and 61 men of NMCB FOUR's Detail Echo rejoined the main body in Camp Kinser, Okinawa. The flight from Guam to Okinawa was aboard a MAC C-141.

p. On 5 July, the delayed party of Detail Echo departed Guam and flew to Okinawa aboard a PACAF C-130. On the flight were 2 officers and 30 enlisted men. The OIC was LTJG A. G. RYDER.

q. On 13 July, Detail X-RAY, consisting of 15 enlisted men proceeded by truck convoy to Motobu Airfield in Northern Okinawa.

r. On 16 July, Detail ZULU, consisting of 6 enlisted men proceeded by LCU up the eastern coast of Okinawa to Kowata where they beached. Detail ZULU proceeded from Kowata to the USMC Northern Training Area by convoy.

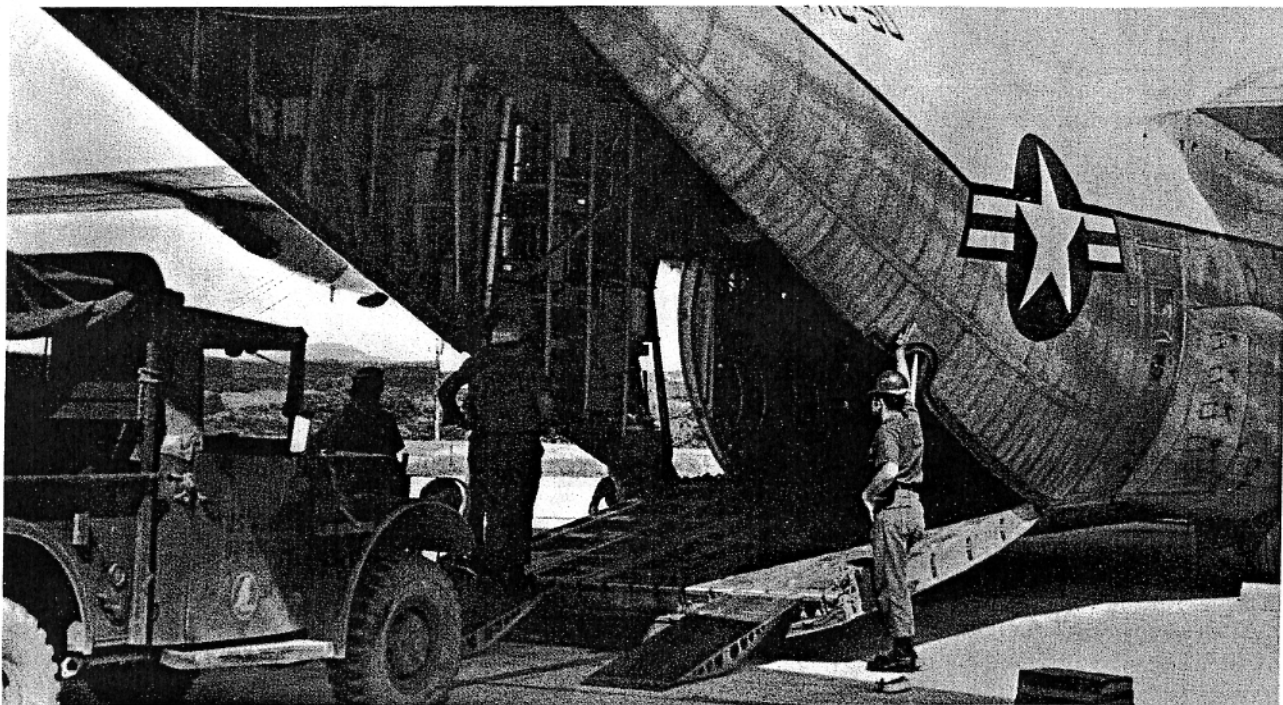


The landing of Detail Zulu at Kawata, Okinawa, enroute to NTA.

s. On 22 July, the advance party of Detail Echo consisting of ENS W. H. SYLL and 5 enlisted men departed Okinawa for Naval Station Subic Bay, R. P. aboard a USMC C-130.

t. On 23 July, Detail Echo with one officer and 34 enlisted men deployed to Naval Station Subic Bay, R. P. aboard an ANG Constellation. OIC of Detail Echo was LT. M. L. DANIELSON.

u. From 14 through 16 October 1970, Detail FOXTROT, with LT. M. L. HOFF, CEC, USN as OIC, mounted out an air detachment to NAS Atsugi, Japan. The purpose of the detail was to renovate an aircraft tow-away.



Equipment on-loading to a C-141 for the air mount-out of Detail Foxtrot to NAS Atsugi, Japan.

v. On 15 October 1970, Detail X-RAY returned from Motobu Airfield to Camp Kinser following the completion of the airfield project.

w. From 14 November through 16 November 1970, Detail FOXTROT, with LT. M. L. HOFF, CEC, USN as OIC, returned to the main body from NAS Atsugi, Japan following completion of the aircraft tow-way project.

x. On 18 November 1970, Detail ZULU returned to Camp Kinser from the Northern Training Area on Okinawa, where they had been performing road construction and repair.

y. From 15 through 22 December, Seabee Teams 0412 and 0413 moved from the Trust Territories, Pacific Island, upon completion of their deployments, to CBC, Port Hueneme. Officers-in-Charge of Teams 0412 and 0413 were LIJG J. A. WERNER and LTJG W. R. RIGGS. Each team consisted of 12 enlisted men.

z. On 30 December 1970, Detail Echo returned to the main body of Okinawa. ENS SYLL was OIC for the party of thirty-seven.

aa. Seabee Team 0413 returned to Port Hueneme, California on 4 January 1971 from their assignment in the Trust Territories.

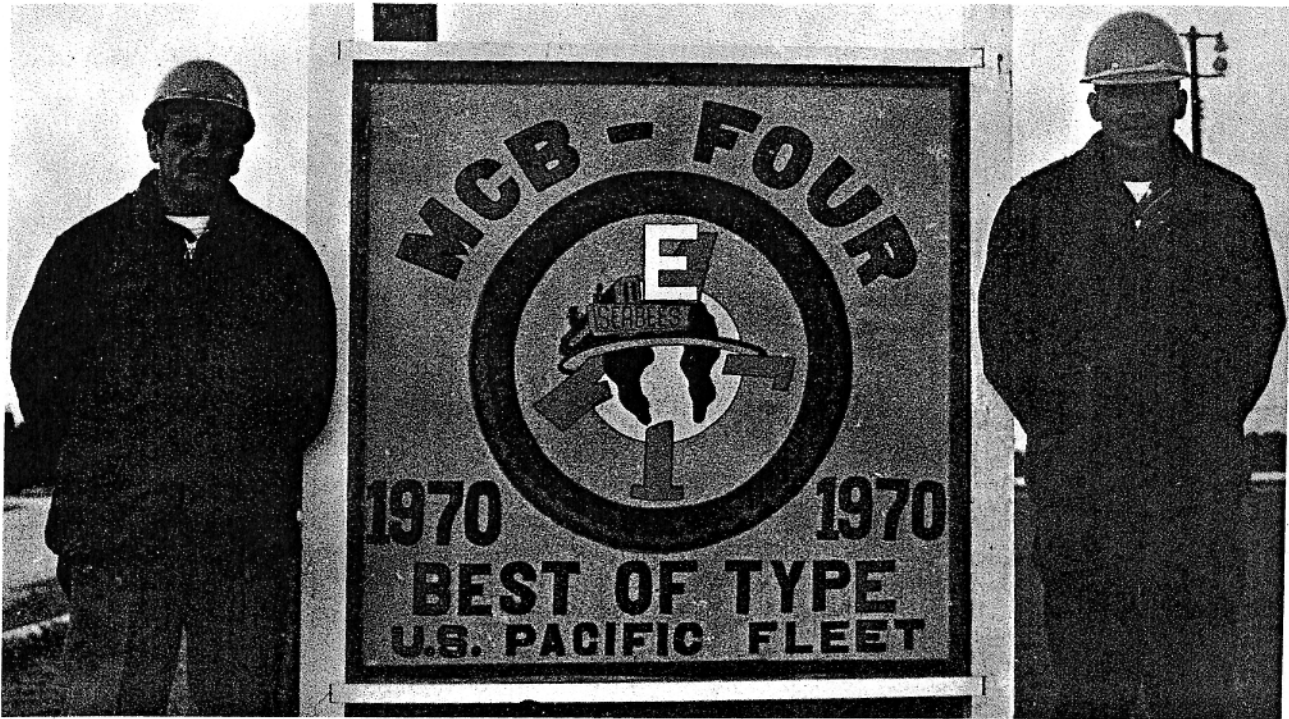
bb. On 16 January 1971, the NMCB FOUR advance party departed Okinawa for Port Hueneme, California.

- cc. Seabee Team 0414 departed Saigon for CONUS on 21 January 1971.
- dd. On 28 January 1971, Seabee Team 0414 reported in at CBC, Port Hueneme, California.
- ee. On 4 February 1971, Detail Delta of NMCB FOUR returned to Okinawa to join the main body. The party of 19 had LTJG C. J. TRENKLE as OIC.
- ff. Between 11 and 13 February 1971, the main body of NMCB FOUR departed Okinawa for CONUS.

4. Significant Events.

- a. On 30 March, the Commanding Officer departed Port Hueneme to visit COMCBPAC and then join the predeployment party in Okinawa.
- b. On 15 April, the Commanding Officer returned to Port Hueneme from his predeployment visit.
- c. On 8 May, the BEEP began between NMCB THREE and NMCB FOUR at Camp Kinser, Okinawa. EQCM MILLER was the 31st NCR representative.
- d. On 10 May, the NMCB THREE Detail Gypsy, NMCB FOUR Detail Echo BEEP on Guam began. EQCM MILLER and SK1 WILLIAMS represented 31st NCR.
- e. On 16 May, both the Camp Kinser and Guam BEEPs were completed and post BEEP critiques were held.
- f. On 26 May, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, relieved CDR J. L. GODSEY as COM3ONCR and NMCB FOUR relieved NMCB THREE as Pacific Fleet Alert Battalion.
- g. Also on 26 May, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN departed Camp Kinser to visit Detail Echo in Guam and arrange for the arrival of NMCB 133.
- h. On 27-28 May, NMCB 133's predeployment party visited the Detail Echo site in Guam. The party consisted of CDR J. J. GAWARKIECZ, CO NMCB 133, LCDR H. C. GRIFFITH, LCDR R. H. SHAW and EQCM L. B. THARP.
- i. On 29 May, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, returned to Camp Kinser from the Detail Echo site in Guam.
- j. On 4 June, CAPT R. E. KRICKENBERGER, COMCBLANT, visited Camp Kinser while enroute to South Vietnam.
- k. On 4 June, LCDR B. YOUNG, CBPAC Supply Officer, visited Detail Echo, Guam, M.I.
- l. On 14 June, NMCB 133's pre-advance party, comprised of LTJG P. MILLER and ENS H. WRIGHT, arrived at Detail Echo site in Guam.
- m. From 15 June to 18 June, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, and LT K. C. KELLEY, NMCB FOUR Operations, inspected Detail Echo's future detail site at NAVSTA Subic in the Philippines.
- n. On 21 June, the first flight of NMCB-133's advance party arrived in Guam, relieving Detail Echo. LT M. L. DANIELSON and 61 Echo Company personnel rejoined the NMCB FOUR main body in Okinawa while LTJG J. H. QUATMANN, LTJG A. G. RYDER and 28 enlisted men remained on Guam for the BEEP and project turnover.
- o. On 22 June, the BEEP commenced between NMCB 133 and NMCB FOUR Detail Echo.
- p. On 22 June, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN and LT K. C. KELLEY departed Okinawa to visit Detail Delta in Iwakuni, Japan and inspect a future NMCB FOUR detail site at NAS Atsugi.
- q. On 2-4 July, NMCB FOUR was in Typhoon Condition 1 as Typhoon OLGA passed within 80 nautical miles (nm) N.W. of Kadena AFB.

r. On 4 July, a message was received from COMCBPAC designating NMCB FOUR the Seabees' Pacific Fleet "Best of Type".



s. On 13-14 July, MAJ L. URBAN, CBPAC Military Training Officer, and LCDR G. R. GILMORE, CBPAC Planning Officer, visited NMCB FOUR.

t. From 15 July and 17 July, LCDR "J" D. PENSYL, NMCB FOUR Executive Officer, inspected Detail Delta construction projects in Iwakuni, Japan.

u. On 21-22 July, LT A. P. MESTERHAZY and SKCS CLARK, CBPAC representatives, LT. J. W. HAWKINS, representing 31 NCR, conducted the Annual Supply Inspection of NMCB FOUR.

v. On 3 August, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO. NMCB FOUR, departed Okinawa to meet CAPT E. H. MARSH, COMBPAC Chief of Staff, and CDR B. YOUNG, COMCBPAC Logistics Officer, for an inspection tour of NMCB FOUR Detail Delta, Iwakuni, Japan.

w. On 7 August, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN returned to Okinawa accompanied by CAPT E. H. MARSH and CDR B. YOUNG.

x. From 8 to 11 August, CAPT E. H. MARSH and CDR B. YOUNG, reviewed NMCB FOUR operations at Camp Kinser.

y. On 10 August, CAPT E. H. MARSH presented the "Best of Type, Pacific Fleet" plaque to CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, at battalion quarters.

z. On 10 August, LCDR J. E. BUFFINGTON, CEC, USN relieved LCDR "J" D. PENSYL as Executive Officer of NMCB FOUR.

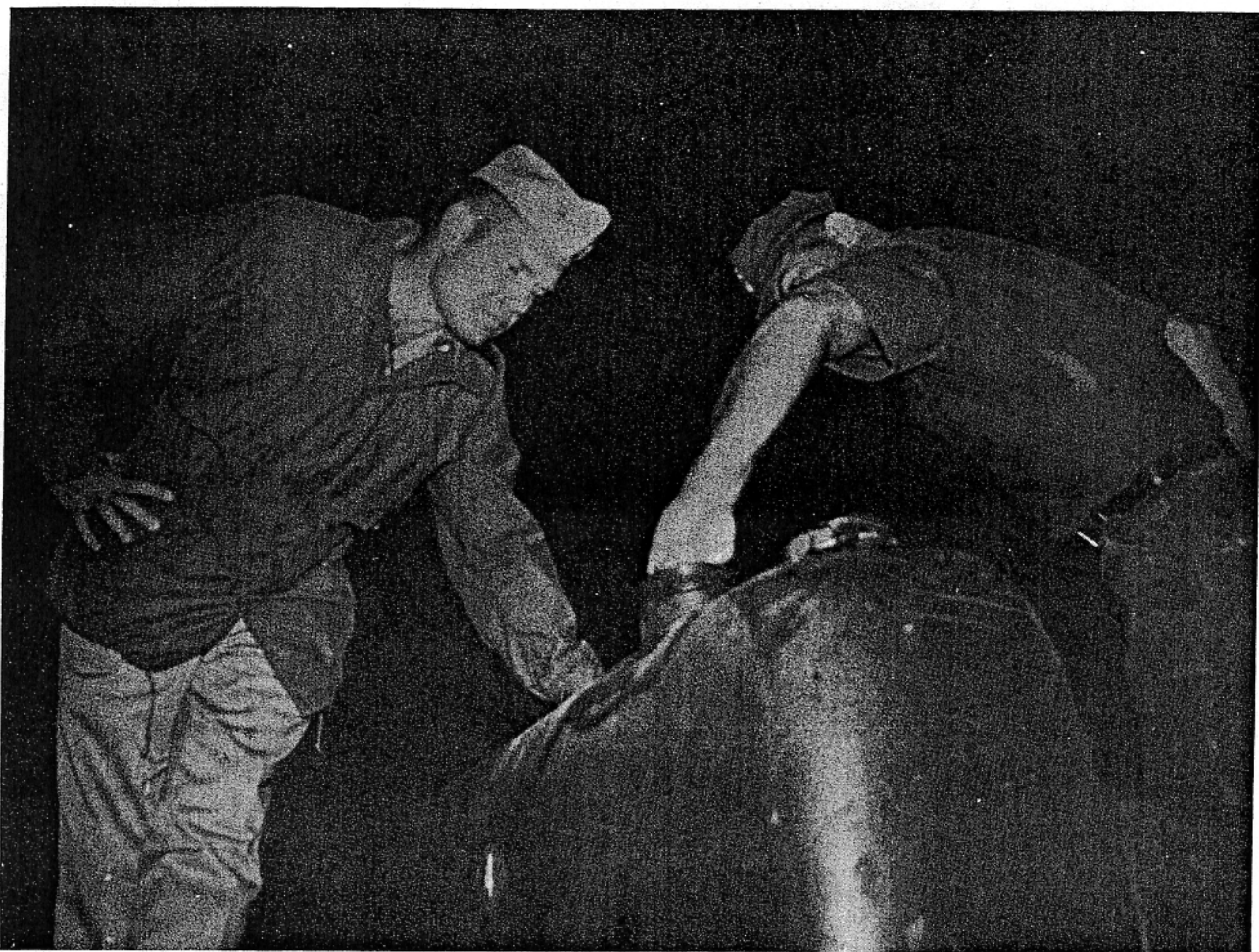
aa. On 12 August, Typhoon Condition 1 was set for Typhoon WILDA.

bb. On 13 August, the Typhoon Condition was cleared.

- cc. From 15 to 19 August, LCDR J. E. BUFFINGTON, NMCB FOUR Executive Officer, visited NMCB FOUR's Detail Echo, Subic Bay, R.P.
- dd. From 16 to 20 August, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, attended the Seventh Fleet Planning Conference in Yokosuka, Japan.
- ee. On 20 August, NMCB FOUR received a message from CINCPACFLT commencing exercises BEARING EAGLE.
- ff. Also on 20 August, CDR J. J. GAWARKIEWICZ, CO NMCB ONE THIRTY THREE, arrived Okinawa to inspect the NMCB FOUR detail ZULU site in the Northern Training Area (NTA).
- gg. From 21 to 28 August, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN visited NMCB FOUR's Detail Echo at Subic Bay, R.P.
- hh. On 21 August, CDR, J. J. GAWARKIEWICZ departed Okinawa to return to Guam.
- ii. On 24 August, exercise BEARING EAGLE was cancelled.
- jj. On 28 August, the COMCBPAC and COM31NCR equipment inspection team visited NMCB FOUR's Detail Echo at Subic Bay.
- mm. On 3 September, the COMCBPAC and COM31NCR equipment inspection team visited NMCB FOUR's Detail DELTA at Iwakuni, Japan.
- nn. From 6-9 September, the COMCBPAC and COM31NCR equipment inspection team conducted an equipment administrative inspection of NMCB FOUR.
- oo. On 10 September 1970, CAPT A. L. DOMINY, CHC, Staff Chaplain COMCBPAC and CDR D. BECKER, MC, COMSERVPAC, conducted a Management Inspection Visit of NMCB FOUR, Camp Kinser, Okinawa.
- pp. On 21 September, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN departed Okinawa to visit NMCB ONE THIRTY-THREE on Guam and to attend a planning conference at COMCBPAC, Hawaii.
- qq. On 26 September, the battalion held a mid-deployment party.
- rr. From 29 September through 3 October, the battalion conducted a Command Post Mount-out exercise.
- ss. On 5 October, the new 500 man subsistence building at Camp Kinser was officially opened.
- tt. From 11 through 12 October 1970, CDR R. L. SIEGLE and LT R. M. ROHRBACH conducted a Management Inspection visit of NMCB FOUR at Camp Kinser.
- uu. From 20 to 22 October, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, LT K. C. KELLEY, Operations Officer NMCB FOUR, LT C. P. VAN FRANK, Chaplain NMCB FOUR, and CUCM J. P. GUDMUNDSON, Battalion Master Chief, visited present and potential jobsites in the Republic of the Philippines.
- vv. On 29 October, RADM W. M. ENGER, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, conducted an inspection visit of NMCB FOUR at Camp Kinser.
- ww. From 6 to 10 November, CDR R. D. GAULDEN, CO NMCB FOUR, LT K. C. KELLEY and LT W. L. FORESTELL visited detail jobsites in Japan.
- xx. From 13 to 17 November, LCDR J. E. BUFFINGTON, XO NMCB FOUR, and LT W. L. FORESTELL, Operations Officer NMCB FOUR visited Detail Echo at Subic Bay, R.P.
- yy. From 15 through 19 November, LCDR W. A. HEINE, Ass't Operations Officer, COMCBPAC and EOCS McCORMICK, Ass't Operations Chief, COMCBPAC, visited Camp Kinser for a review of project planning.
- zz. From 18 to 19 November, CAPT E. H. MARSH II, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC and CDR B. YOUNG, Logistics Officer, COMCBPAC, visited Camp Kinser, Okinawa.

aaa. From 28 through 30 November, CAPT J. R. FISHER, NAVFAC Ass't Commander for Military Readiness, visited Camp Shields to conduct a general readiness exercise.

bbb. From 2 through 5 December, LCDR V. R. COSTON, Ass't Planning Officer, COMCBPAC, CAPT E. G. DARLINGTON, USMC, Ass't Military Training Officer, CBC, Port Hueneme and BUCS M. D. MOSELEY, Plans and Training Chief, COMCBPAC, visited Camp Shields in order to monitor the battalion mount out readiness exercise.



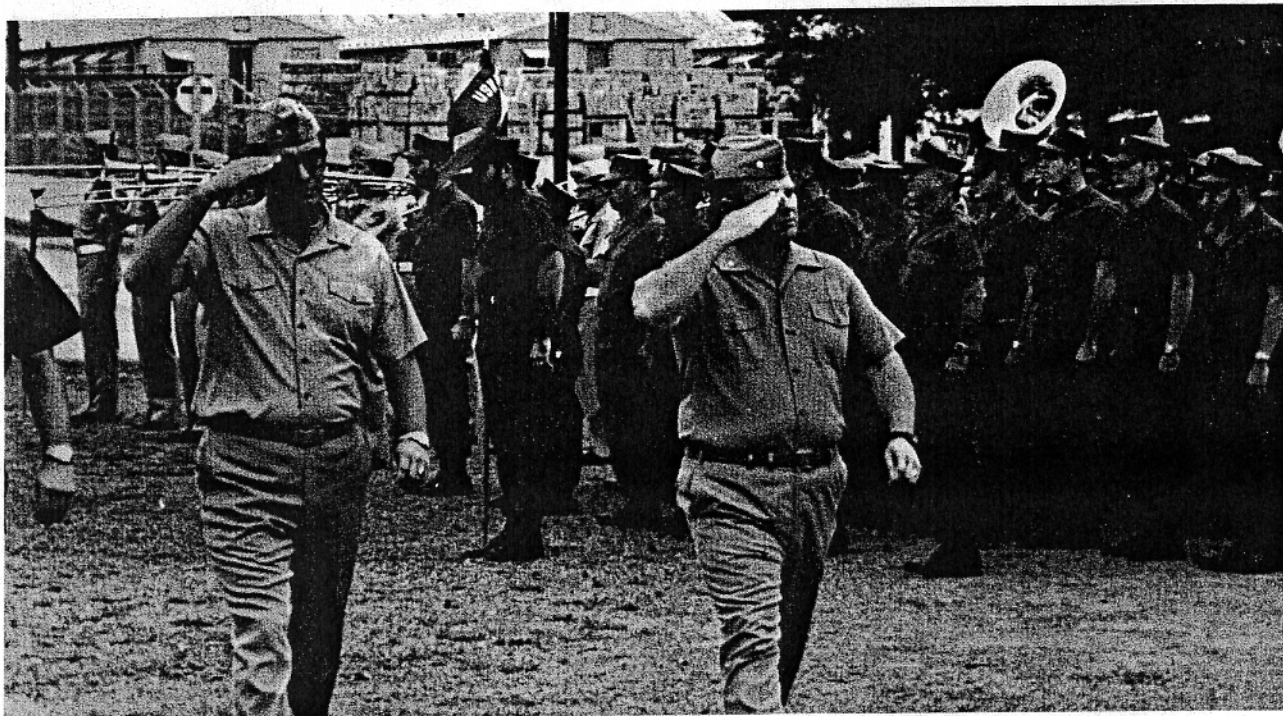
LCDR V. R. COSTON, CBPAC, and EO1 L. R. DONAHE, NMCB FOUR, inspect air detachment equipment during the December mount-out exercise.

ccc. From 3 through 4 December, a mount out exercise, involving the horizontal component of the air detachment, was conducted. Personnel, equipment and supplies were physically staged according to airplane loading chalks. Convoy and actual loading were simulated.

ddd. From 3 through 9 December, the battalion conducted a command post exercise simulating a battalion mount out.

eee. From 15 through 17 December, RADM S. R. SMITH, Commander, Construction Battalions, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited Camp Shields, Okinawa to reside over NMCB FOUR's change of command ceremony and the dedication of Camp Shields.

fff. On 16 December, CDR ROY D. GAULDEN, CEC, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer of NMCB FOUR by ODR J. A. RUSCYK, CEC, USN.



CDR J. A. RUSCYK and CDR R. D. GAULDEN inspecting the battalion at the change of command ceremony.

ggg. On 16 December, Camp Kinser was officially rededicated as CAMP MARVIN G. SHIELDS in honor of Seabee Medal of Honor winner Construction Mechanic Third Class Petty Officer MARVIN G. SHIELDS. RADM S. R. SMITH presided over the ceremony. Honored guests included Mrs. Virginia Castellery, Petty Officer SHIELDS' mother, and BGEN R. H. BARROW, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Smedley D. Butler.

hhh. On 9 January 1971, LT R. L. HYLAND, NMCB TEN Operations Officer, and CWO C. M. HILLMAN, NMCB TEN Engineering Officer, arrived at Camp Shields for pre-deployment planning.

iii. On 13 January, LT HYLAND and CWO HILLMAN departed Okinawa for an inspection tour of Subic Bay, R.P.

jjj. From 20 to 24 January, CDR J. A. RUSCYK, CO NMCB FOUR departed Okinawa for Iwakuni, Japan to review Detail Delta operations.

kkk. On 31 January, an advance party of 116 men from NMCB TEN arrived on Okinawa. OIC of the group was LT HYLAND, NMCB TEN Operations Officer.

lll. From 1 through 6 February, the BEEP was conducted between NMCB FOUR and NMCB TEN.

mmm. On 12 February, CDR DON P. JOHNSON, CEC, USN Commanding Officer of NMCB TEN, assumed from CDR J. A. RUSCYK, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of NMCB FOUR and tenancy of Camp Shields and the status of Pacific Fleet Alert Battalion.

5. MAJOR PROBLEMS:

1. One major problem encountered on the deployment concerned the lack of rigid quality control standards on the construction projects turned over to NMCB FOUR. The need for sound quality control in all phases of military construction cannot be too strongly emphasized.

2. The battalion experienced a critical shortage of builders (BU) during the deployment. The allowance for the battalion was 147 builders, but the average for the entire deployment was slightly above 100 builders actually on board.

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