U.S. NAVAL
MOBILE CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION FIVE

DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION
Report

CAMP HOOVER
DANANG, RVN

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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction 
Battalion FIVE

To: Commander, Naval Construction Battalion, U.S. Pacific 
Fleet

Subj: Deployment Completion Report; submission of

Ref: (a) COMCBPACINST 5213.1E
(b) COMCBPAC OPORD 33-68
(c) NMCB FIVE OPORD 11-68
(d) NMCB FIVE OPORD 2-69
(e) NMCB FIVE OPORD 3-69
(f) NMCB FIVE OPORD 5-59

Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Equipment Status Report
(3) Training Report
(4) Labor Distribution
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(6) Functional Component Report
(7) Progress and Performance Chart
(8) General Construction Information
(9) Lessons Learned
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(11) Civic Action Report

1. Enclosures (1) through (11) are forwarded in accordance with 
reference (a).

2. Unit Location

   a. In accordance with reference (b), NMCB FIVE was deployed 
to Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

   b. In accordance with reference (b), Seabee Team 0513 was 
deployed to Ben Tre, RVN.

   c. In accordance with reference (b), Seabee Team 0514 was 
deployed to Phu Vinh, RVN.

   d. In accordance with reference (c), Detail ECHO was de-
ployed to Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN.

   e. In accordance with reference (d), Detail GOLF was de-
ployed to Vung Tau, RVN.
f. In accordance with reference (e), Detail HOTEL was deployed to An Thoi, Phu Quoc, RVN.

g. In accordance with reference (f), Detail NOVEMBER was deployed to Ba To, RVN.

3. Unit Movements

a. 28 December 1968 NMCB FIVE Advance Party departed CONUS by air for Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN in accordance with reference (b).

b. 14 January 1969 Seabee Team 0513 departed for Ben Tre, RVN.

c. 20 January 1969 NMCB FIVE Main Body Flights began departing CONUS by air for Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN in accordance with reference (b).

d. 22 January 1969 NMCB FIVE 1st Main Body flight arrived at Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

e. 22 January 1969 NMCB FIVE personnel from flight #1 assigned to Detail ECHO departed Camp Hoover for Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN.

f. 24 January 1969 NMCB FIVE personnel from flight #2 assigned to Detail ECHO departed Camp Hoover for Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN.

g. 25 January 1969 NMCB FIVE last main body flight departed CONUS by air for Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

h. 27 January 1969 NMCB FIVE last Main Body flight arrived at Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

i. 31 January 1969 Seabee Team 0514 arrived in RVN and arrived in Phu Vinh on 4 February 1969.

j. 16 February 1969 NMCB FIVE Detail GOLF departed by air for Vung Tau, RVN, in accordance with reference (d).

k. 21 February 1969 NMCB FIVE Detail HOTEL departed by LST for An Thoi, Phu Quoc, RVN, in accordance with reference (e).

l. 22 March 1969 The first flight of NMCB FIVE Detail GOLF returned to Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

m. 5 April 1969 The last flight of NMCB FIVE Detail GOLF returned to Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN, from Vung Tau, RVN.

n. 20 April 1969 NMCB FIVE Detail HOTEL returned to Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN, from An Thoi, Phu Quoc Island, RVN.
o. 18-20 July 1969 Detail NOVEMBER consisting of 10 men was airlifted to the Army Special Forces Camp at Ba To on a C-123 aircraft to upgrade the existing runway and parking apron.

p. 21 August 1969 Seabee Team 0513 completed its deployment to Ben Tre, RVN. All enlisted personnel returned to Port Hueneme. LTJG T.N. WITHROW, team OIC, reported to Camp Hoover.

q. 23 August 1969 Detail NOVEMBER completed the Ba To Airfield project and returned to Camp Hoover.

r. 26 August 1969 NMCB FIVE Advance Party consisting of one officer and nineteen men departed for Port Hueneme, Calif. on board a C-118 aircraft.

s. 24 September 1969 The first flight of Detail ECHO personnel moved to DaNang and departed for CONUS by air on 25 September 1969.

t. 10 October 1969 The last flight of the main body arrived in CONUS.

4. Significant Events

a. 26 December 1968 COM31STNCR conducted a critique for NMCB FIVE on their recent administration inspection.

b. 9 January 1969 NMCB FIVE Staff Officers conducted a dependents briefing on life and work in Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

c. 13 January 1969 NMCB FIVE completed inventory in Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

d. 14 January 1969 NMCB FIVE completed BEEP in Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

e. 15 January 1969 NMCB FIVE Commanding Officer, CDR R.B. WILSON, CEC, USN, departed CONUS by air for Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN, and arrived on 17 January 1969.

f. 16 January 1969 31STNCR Representatives conducted BEEP critique at Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

g. 17 January 1969 NMCB FIVE office spaces and barracks at Port Hueneme were turned over to NMCB ELEVEN in the presence of 31STNCR Representatives.

h. 23 January 1969 The Commanding Officer of NMCB FIVE, CDR R.B. WILSON, CEC, USN officially relieved the Commanding Officer of NMCB ONE, CDR T.J. MITCHELL, CEC, USN, as commander of Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN, and Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN.

i. 26-28 January 1969 Commanding Officer, NMCB FIVE,
CDR R. B. WILSON, CEC, USN, was TAD to 3NCB PEP Saigon.

j. 29 January 1969 NMCB FIVE Sealift Cargo arrived in DaNang.

k. 29 January 1969 NMCB FIVE Detail ECHO, Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN, received an enemy ground probe on their perimeter. No casualties resulted.

l. 3 February 1969 COM3NCB, RADM J. V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, conducted an arrival conference for NMCB FIVE at Camp Hoover, DaNang.

m. 12 February 1969 30NCR conducted a Civic Action project meeting for Seabee Battalions under their cognizance.

n. 13 February 1969 CDR C. H. SWIFT, CHC, USN, Staff Chaplain, COMCBPAC, and CDR D. E. BECKER, MSC, Staff Medical Service Officer, COMSERVPAC, conducted a Management Inspection visit of their respective departments in NMCB FIVE, Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

o. 18 February 1969 MAJOR J. D. TYSAN, USMC, 31NCR, and LCDR G. R. GILMORE, CEC, USN, CBPAC, visited NMCB FIVE Detail ECHO Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN, on matters concerning communications, ordnance, and military readiness.

p. 20 February 1969 MAJOR J. D. TYSAN, USMC, 31NCR, and LCDR G. R. GILMORE, CEC, USN, CBPAC visited NMCB FIVE Camp Hoover DaNang, RVN, on matters concerning communications, ordnance, and military readiness.

q. 21 February 1969 Memorial services were conducted in Camp Hoover Chapel in honor of C.D. JONES, SW1, USN, 513 89 79, who died on 19 February 1969 from injuries received on 13 February 1969 from a mine explosion on the ASP ONE perimeter.

r. 23 February 1969 At 0244 NMCB FIVE set Condition II in Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

s. 25 February 1969 At 0600 an incoming 140mm rocket landed in Camp Hoover. There were no personnel casualties and material was damaged by fire from the rocket impact.

t. 25 February 1969 NMCB FIVE set Condition III during the workday going to Condition II at 1845 until 0700 26 February 1969 when condition III was again established.

u. 4 March 1969 RADM J. V. BARTLETT, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and RADM J. G. DILLON, Prospective Commander, THIPD Naval Construction Brigade were aboard Camp Hoover for an orientation visit and briefing.
v. 5 March 1969 NMCB FIVE participated in the change of command ceremonies when RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN relieved RADM J.V. BARTLETT, CEC, USN, as Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade.

w. 5 March 1969 NMCB FIVE observed the 27th Seabee Birthday by enjoying an afternoon off with entertainment, sports, refreshments and ceremonies.

x. 6-10 March 1969 Commanding Officer, CDR R.B. WILSON, CEC, USN was TAD to 3NCB REP Saigon and visited Details GOLF and HOTEL.

y. 13 March 1969 CAPT J.R. FISHER, Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and CAPT J.E. POWELL, Prospective Commander THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment were aboard for an orientation visit and briefing.

z. 15 March 1969 NMCB FIVE participated in the change of command ceremonies when CAPT J.E. POWELL, CEC, USN relieved CAPT J.R. FISHER, CEC, USN as Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment.

aa. 21 March 1969 RADM W.M. ENGER, CEC, USN, Vice Commander NAVPAC; RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, COM3NCB; and CAPT J.G. POWELL, CEC, USN, COM3ONCR toured NMCB FIVE job sites.

bb. 28 March 1969 CAPT C.G. MILLER, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC, and CDR B.J. HACKENSON, SC, USN, Logistics Officer COMCBPAC, conducted a Command and Logistics Inspection of NMCB FIVE.

c. 1 April 1969 LTGEN STILWILL, Commanding General 24th Army Corps, Phu Bai, RVN, visited asphalt plant operated by NMCB FIVE, Detail ECHO, Phu Loc, RVN.

dd. 7 April 1969 RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, toured NMCB FIVE facilities at Camp DeShurley, Phu Loc, RVN.

ee. 17 April 1969 RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, toured NMCB FIVE facilities at Camp Hoover, DaNang, RVN.

ff. 18 April 1969 The THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment Inspection Team consisting of LCDR F.M. OXLEY, CEC, USN; EOC LAMBERT, USN and CMC ROBERTS, USN, conducted an equipment Administrative inspection of NMCB FIVE.

gg. 27 April 1969 The explosion of ASP #1 caused extensive damage to Camp Hoover and surrounding areas.

ii. 10 May 1969  LTGEN H. NICKERSON, JR. USMC, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, Danang, toured Camp Hoover.

jj. 23 May 1969  NMCB FIVE conducted a mid-deployment briefing for COM3ONCR and his staff.

kk. 24 May 1969  NMCB FIVE conducted a Change of Command Ceremony as CDR R.B. WILSON, CEC, USN, was relieved by CDR R.A. SCHADE, JR., CEC, USN, as Commanding Officer of NM CB FIVE.

ll. 27 May 1969  LT GEN H. NICKERSON, JR., USMC, CG III MAF, visited Camp Hoover.

mm. 31 May 1969  LCDR G.R. MATTHEWS, CEC, USN, and MAJ L.J. URBAN, USMC, were on board for a management inspection visit for Military Readiness, Ordnance and Communications.

oo. 6 June 1969  RADM COMBS, USN, COMSERVPAC, RADM BONNER, USN, NAVSUPPAC DANANG, RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, COM3NCR, visited Camp Hoover.


QQ. 14 June 1969  LT GEN BUSS, USMC, CG FMFPAC, visited Camp Hoover.

rr. 19 June 1969  RADM W.M. HEAMAN, USN, COMCBPAC, visited Camp Hoover and various project sites.

ss. 23 June 1969  CDR C.R. WHIPPLE, CEC, USN, CO NMCB THREE, and party arrived for the predeployment visit.

tt. 26 June 1969  BGEN E.P. YATES, USA, MACVDC, toured Camp Hoover.

uu. The Freedom Hill Facility Reconstruction project was visited by many flag officers during June 1969.

vv. 30 July 1969  The MLO yard was inspected by Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment.

ww. 10 August 1969  The battalion was visited by CDR W.L. WILSON and LT R.H. ROHRBACH of COMCBPAC.

xx. RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, and Capt J.E. POWELL, CEC, USN, Commander THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, visited all NMCB FIVE job sites during August 1969.

zz. 24 September 1969 NMCB FIVE held an awards ceremony where RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade presented 24 medals for heroism displayed during the ASP #1 explosion.

aaa. RADM J.G. DILLON, CEC, USN, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and CAPT J.E. POWELL, CEC, USN, Commander THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, visited all NMCB FIVE job sites during this reporting period.

bbb. 27 September 1969 NMCB FIVE's Delayed Party turned all uncompleted jobs over to NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR.

ccc. 30 September 1969 NMCB FIVE with LCDR W.S. SMYTH, CEC, USN, Acting Commanding Officer, changed OPCON from THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, DaNang, RVN, to THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment, Port Henene, California.

ddd. 10 October 1969 NMCB FIVE's Delayed Party and the Battalion Commanding Officer, CDR R.A. SCHADE, JR., CEC, USN, arrived in CONUS from DaNang, RVN, by air.

R. A. SCHADE, JR.

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