

NMCB FIVE

DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT



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1. Enclosures (1) through (8) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

2. As directed by reference (b), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE deployed to Camp Shields, Okinawa during the period January 1992 to August 1992. This deployment was unusual because of the large number of details and detachments provided from NMCB FIVE. Details deployed to Adak and Kodiak, Alaska; Pohang and Chinhae, Korea; and Sasebo, Fuji, Iwakuni, Yokosuka and Atsugi, Japan. NMCB Five sent out detachments to participate in the Joint Exercise Operation Jigsaw in at Ie-Shima, Japan and the Joint Exercise Cobra Gold '92 in Thailand. A detachment was also sent to the State of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia to participate the drought relief mission Operation Water Pitcher. Additionally, a Civic Action Team was deployed to Yap Island in the Federated States of Micronesia.


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE deployed to Okinawa with detail sites in mainland Japan, Alaska, and Korea. The major emphasis of this deployment was to re-establish the momentum of the Naval Construction Force around the Pacific Rim that was slowed over the past two years because of heavy SEABEE participation in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Operation Fiery Vigil.

ADMINISTRATION

Postal, Personnel, Admin, and Disbursing were consolidated in the newly completed headquarters building five months into the deployment. This enhanced coordination between the four divisions.

TRAINING

The Battalion utilized the Central Training Area in Okinawa with local Marine units to conduct a full field exercise. All TOA weapons were fired. In-house training was conducted on basic combat skills. Late in the deployment, many Battalion members participated in field skills conducted by the Marines in the Northern Training Area.

OPERATIONS

A large number of turnover projects were inherited at the beginning of the deployment. Many of these projects had been under construction for a long period of time due to heavy NCF participation in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Operation Fiery Vigil. NMCB Five stressed the completion of these projects in a timely manner with high quality. Turnover projects completed on this deployment included: Public Works Office, Camp Lester, Okinawa; Water Distribution Upgrade, Phase I, Okinawa; Construct Warehouse, Futenma, Okinawa; White Beach Ballfield Lights, Okinawa; Rehab BEQ to PMO, MCAS Futenma, Okinawa; Construct MLO Warehouse, Iwakuni, Roof Repairs, Iwakuni; Fence and Lighting, Yokosuka; Fosif Space Expansion, Kamiseya; Rehab 2nd Floor, ESO, Sasebo; Special Warfare Building, Kodiak; GSE Building, Adak; White Alice Equipment Shop, Adak; ABFC Heads, Pohang; Troop Housing, Pohang; CSSD/Tank Armory, Fuji.

In addition to completing outstanding projects, several major projects were started and taken to completion or substantial completion during the deployment. These include: Repair Camp Shield Dispatch, Okinawa; Avionics Storage Facility, Iwakuni; Construct Golf Cart Path, Atsugi; Erect Tension Membrane Structures, Yokosuka; Construct Weld Shop, Yokosuka; Repair Dock Lake Andrew, Adak; and Construct NCF BEQ, Chinhae.

This deployment was also challenging because of the large number of detail and detachments. In addition to the seven detail sites at Adak, Pohang, Chinhae, Yokosuka, Fuji, Sasebo, and Iwakuni, there were two satellite details at Kodiak and Atsugi and a CAT Team at Yap. The three special operations detachments to Ie-Shima, Chuuk, and Thailand increased the number of dets to 12.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

The Supply Management Inspection Team awarded the Battalion the highest score given to a Pacific Fleet Battalion in two years. The Material Liaison Office did an excellent job of obtaining material necessary to complete the large number of turnover projects.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/COMMENTS</u>
2 JAN 92	Advance Party departs Port Hueneme, CA for Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan and detail sites at Fuji, Sasebo, Iwakuni, and Yokosuka, Japan, Pohang and Chinhae Korea, and Adak, Alaska for turnover with NMCB Four.
11 JAN 92	Commanding Officer NMCB FIVE, CDR H. B. Whittaker II, and the Command Master Chief, CUCM Crowley, arrive at Camp Shields, Okinawa.
13 JAN 92	Turnover complete and NMCB FIVE relieves NMCB FOUR as resident Battalion in the Far East.
14 JAN 92	NMCB FIVE mainbody arrives at Camp Shields, Okinawa.
16 JAN 92	Civic Action Team deploys to Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.
18-20 JAN 92	RADM Bottorff, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command/Chief of Civil Engineers, visits Okinawa and Camp Shields.
29 JAN-7 FEB 92	LCDR Cowell, Operations Officer, visits Korea and Japan detail sites. CUCM Haycock, Operations Chief, visits Korea detail sites from 29 JAN 92 to 1 FEB 92.
12-22 FEB 92	BUC Boulch, Battalion Safety Chief, Visits Yokosuka, Korea, and Adak detail sites.
17 FEB-29 FEB 92	Commanding Officer NMCB FIVE, CDR Whittaker, and the Command Master Chief, CUCM Crowley, visit all detail sites.
18-21 FEB 92	LCDR Cowell, Operations Officer, visits detail Adak.
18-29 FEB 92	CMCS Lauderdale, A4, visits Japan and Korea detail Sites
11-25 MAR 92	MAJ Nolan, LT Snook, and EOCS Napart from CBPAC Readiness/Training Department are on board for the deployed field exercise, Operation Kennel Bear.
14 MAR 92	FEX mount out commences.
16 MAR 92	Advanced Party departs via helicopter and convoy for the Central Training Area to commence field exercise.
17 MAR 92	Mainbody departs for Central Training Area via helicopter and convoy.
19 MAR 92	Field Exercise continues. CBR exercise, water purification exercise, and Medivac drill held. Road improvement tasking continues.
20 MAR 92	Tactical portion of Field Exercises concludes at 2220.
21 MAR 92	Field exercise continues. Live weapon firing held. Patrol training held. AP departs for Camp Shields.
22-23 MAR 92	RADM Buffington, COMCBPAC, visits Yokosuka, Atsugi, Fuji, Sasebo, and Iwakuni detail sites.
22 MAR 92	Mainbody departs FEX site for Camp Shields.

Enclosure (1)

22-27 MAR 92 FEX restow and weapons cleaning.

23 MAR 92 SW1 Auton, Detail Fuji OIC, is awarded CBPAC SEABEE of the Year by RADM Buffington, COMCBPAC, at Fuji.

26 MAR-7 APR 92 BUC Boulch, Battalion Safety Chief, visits Japan detail sites.

27 MAR 92 EQCM Aspuria assumes the duties of Command Master Chief.

28-29 MAR 92 RADM Buffington, COMCBPAC, visits Camp Shields.

28 MAR 92 Battalion Picnic held at Torii Station in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the SEABEES. RADM Buffington, COMCBPAC, is guest of honor.

28-31 MAR 92 CMCS Lauderdale, A4, visits Adak Detail site.

28-31 MAR 92 MSC Geronimo, Food Service Chief, visits detail site at Pohang, Korea.

30 MAR 92 ENS Ballast, the new Engineering Officer, checks on board.

31 MAR 92 45 Day Review conducted via Phonecon with COMCBPAC code 30J.

1 APR 92 Advanced Party of Detachment Operation Jigsaw departs for the island of Ie-Shima for participation in joint tactical training and construction tasking with the U.S. Marine Corps. LT Lara is detachment OIC.

9-14 APR 92 LCDR Cowell, Operations Officer, visits detail sites at Sasebo and Yokosuka.

15 APR 92 Mainbody of Detachment Operation Jigsaw departs for Ie-Shima.

15-17 APR 92 Commanding Officer NMCB FIVE, CDR H. B. Whittaker II, and the Command Master Chief, EQCM Aspuria visit Detail Yokosuka.

17-22 APR 92 CBPAC Safety Inspection held for mainbody.

23 APR 92 Detachment Cobra Gold departs for Thailand via the USS St. Louis for civic action tasking in conjunction with the Joint Exercise Cobra Gold. LT Bustamante is detachment OIC.

27 APR-1 MAY 92 LCDR Kelm, Executive Officer, LT Harshberger, prospective Training Officer, CUCM Haycook, Operations Chief, and CEC Flanagan, Training Chief, attend the Homeport Planning Conference at the Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme.

28 APR-1 MAY 92 CESE MAV held for mainbody.

3 MAY 92 Advance party of Detachment Operation Jigsaw returns from Ie Shima island.

7 MAY 92 Detail Yokosuka augmented by eight builders to support Tension Membrane Structure tasking. Four additional builders sent on 13 May 92.

8-12 MAY 92 Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief NMCB FIVE visits the Civic Action Team at Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

Enclosure (1)

15 May 92 Delayed party of Det Operation Jigsaw returns from Ie-Shima.

18-21 MAY 92 Camp Maintenance MAV held for mainbody.

20 MAY 92 Because of civil unrest in Thailand, the joint exercise Cobra Gold is cancelled. NMCB FIVE Detachment Cobra Gold is ordered to suspend project work in Thailand and board the USS San Bernardino (LST 1189). At work suspension, Det tasking is at 98% complete.

20-22 MAY 92 SMI held for mainbody.

25-27 MAY 92 NMCB Seven pre-deployment visit.

26 MAY 92 A 17 men detachment, with EOC Otineru as Officer in Charge, deploys to Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia in support of Operation Water Pitcher. The tasking is disaster relief of the drought in Chuuk. OPCON of the detachment shifts to CBPAC DET CAT OIC.

8 JUN 92 LCDR Doyle, prospective Executive Officer, reports onboard.

12 JUN 92 NMCB Five Detachment Cobra Gold returns to Okinawa aboard the USS San Bernardino.

12-13 JUN 92 Range days at Camp Hansen. Includes 60mm mortars, AT-4s, M-16s, M1911A1, and land navigation.

16 JUN 92 LT Weisenberger, prospective A6, reports aboard.

18 JUN 92 LT Roth, prospective MLO, reports aboard.

18-23 JUN 92 Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief NMCB FIVE visits detail sites at Yokosuka, Chinhae and Pohang.

22 JUN 92 Declaration ending drought relief mission issued. NMCB FIVE Detachment Water Pitcher departs Federated States of Micronesia for Okinawa aboard the MV 1st Lt Baldomero Lopez.

3 JUL 92 NMCB FIVE Detachment Water Pitcher returns to Okinawa.

17 JUL 92 LCDR Flores, prospective Supply Officer, reports aboard.

22-25 JUL 92 Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief NMCB FIVE visits detail sites at Sasebo, Iwakuni, and Fuji.

24 JUL 92 LT Hu, prospective Medical Officer, reports aboard.

11 AUG 92 NMCB SEVEN pre-advanced party arrives Camp Shields.

14 AUG 92 NMCB SEVEN advanced party arrives at Camp Shields, NMCB FIVE delayed party departs.

16 AUG 92 Turnover complete and NMCB SEVEN relieves NMCB FIVE as resident Battalion in the Far East.

17 AUG 92 NMCB SEVEN delayed party arrives at Camp Shields, NMCB FIVE delayed party departs for Port Hueneme.

II. ADMINISTRATION/SPECIAL STAFFS

1. Lessons Learned: Administration

a. Problem/Item: Airline Transportation

Discussion: Local SATO office experienced some difficulty providing rapid response to short-fused travel requests and the number of last minute changes to approved travel. Due to the number of changes, SATO required impact statements signed by the Commanding Officer for any changes in itinerary.

Action Taken/Recommendation: Travel requirements should be submitted as soon as possible to SATO. Two weeks lead time is ideal.

b. Problem/Item: Maintenance of Battalion's Service Records

Discussion: Battalion service records were initially distributed to the details with the understanding that local PSD's would maintain the records and provide feeder diary messages to the mainbody in Okinawa. The pay accounts were maintained by the main body. This caused delays in processing of pay documents and other matters pertaining to personnel accounting.

Action Taken/Recommendation: The service records should be maintained by the mainbody. Details should send completed courses to the main body for grading and entry in service records. Requests for reenlistment should be FAXed to main body a minimum of six weeks prior to requested reenlistment date to allow sufficient time to mail completed contracts and certificates back to the detail. The detail's Officer in Charge should maintain copies of each member's Page 2, last ID card request and last evaluation in the member's Division Officer Record. These items will be needed so that detail OIC's can verify ID card request and process evaluations.

c. Problem/Item: Courts-Martial of non-deployable personnel (TEMU to 31st NCR).

Discussion: On the last Readiness to Deploy Inspection, processing times for courts-martial convened by NMCB FIVE were evaluated as not reasonable. Courts-Martial should occur within 90 days of notification to the service member. It should be noted that delays caused by FEX's, NAVLEGSVCOFFS, Legal service availability and the military judge's schedule significantly contribute to the processing times of service members with disciplinary action pending. Service members who were awaiting courts-martial and/or transferred TEMU to the 31st NCR prior to the battalion leaving homeport were delayed in their processed for separation from the Navy. These unresolved cases adversely affect the morale and efficiency of this command.

Action Taken/Recommendation: All personnel in a disciplinary status should deploy with their Battalion in order to expedite processing and meet goal dates. It is further recommended that upon receipt of charges or information of a suspected offense, the convening authority take prompt action to determine what disposition (i.e. Captain's Mast, Summary, Special or General Courts-Martial) should be made thereof in the interests of justice and discipline. The convening authority must ensure that management goals for processing Navy Courts-Martial pursuant to OPNAVINST 5810.4/JAGINST 5810.1 are complied with.

2. NARRATIVE.

With the consolidation of Postal, Personnel, Admin and Disbursing in the new headquarters building five months into the deployment, coordination between the four divisions was greatly enhanced. This not only improved coordination but also enhanced customer service. Lack of support equipment still remains to be a problem. With a 22 man administrative department, five computers and eight typewriters is unsatisfactory. Numerous times the staff was split into two shifts to maximize manpower and meet deadlines.

Enclosure (2)

3. SAFETY SUMMARY

MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
PATALITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# MANDAYS LT	0	5	9	7	2	22	4	49
# CASES LT	0	2	2	3	2	5	1	15
# CASES LD	0	8	13	15	18	12	4	70
# FIRST AID MISHAPS	15	14	18	8	14	6	7	82
# GOVT VEH MISHAPS	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
GOVT VEH (\$)	0	0	0	6774	0	0	0	6774

LT = LOST TIME
LD = LIGHT DUTY

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