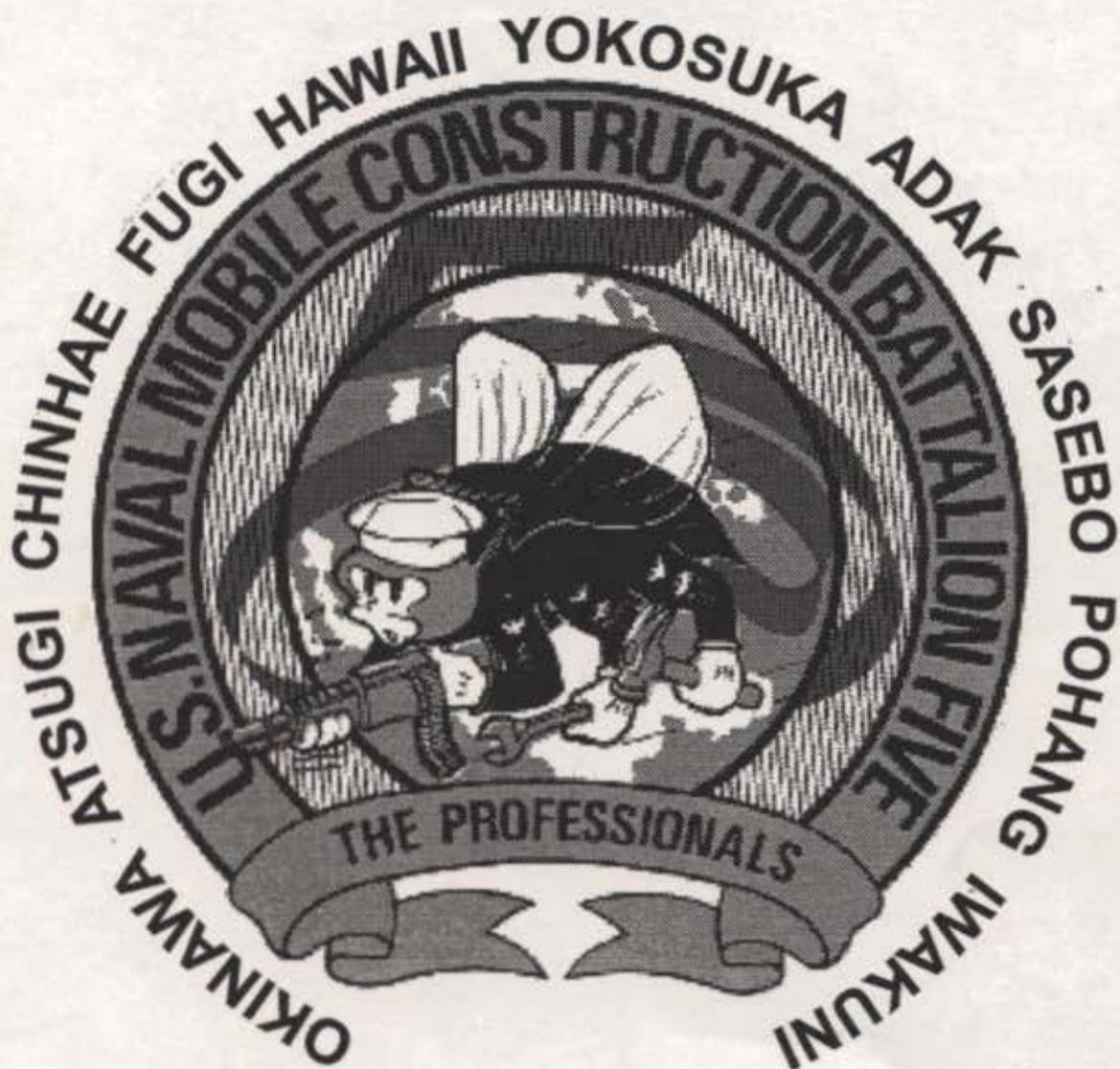


**NMCB FIVE
DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION
REPORT**



**OKINAWA DEPLOYMENT
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CAMP SHIELDS
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May, 1994, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE deployed 295 personnel to Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan and 255 personnel to 11 detail sites spread throughout the Pacific rim: Sasebo, Iwakuni, Atsugi, Fuji, and Yokosuka, Japan; Camp Eagle, Camp Hialeah, Chinhae, and Pohang, Korea; Adak, Alaska and Pearl Harbor Hawaii. In addition, the Battalion deployed a Deployment for Training (DFT) to the Philippines in September 1994 to provide contingency construction for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf and to support joint operations during Exercise Balikatan.

ADMINISTRATION

After successfully completing the Readiness to Deploy Evaluation conducted by the Commander, THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment with zero discrepancies, the Administrative Department started the deployment determined to provide only the best administrative support to the Battalion. Prompt and efficient processing of short-fuzed TAD travel requirements ensured 100% manning of all 12 details. The Education Services Office aggressively coordinated off-duty education programs which resulted in the enrollment of 57 personnel in Air Force / Navy Campus colleges in Okinawa. Additionally, participation in the September 1994 advancement examination reached an outstanding 99% of qualified candidates. The resulting selection rate of 21% was significantly above the Navy wide 15% rate, and represented a 200% increase from the Battalion's 7% advancement rate on the September 1993 exam cycle. Administrative Department personnel were at the forefront of all off-duty activities which helped to foster good relationships between the Seabees, other U.S. Services, and the local community. Most noteworthy, two Yeomen successfully completed the demanding requirements necessary to become Seabee Combat Warfare Specialists.

TRAINING

A detailed deployment training plan was developed prior to the Battalion's arrival in Camp Shields. Over 3,000 mandays of training were subsequently completed during the deployment. Training evolutions were designed to maintain technical skill levels and improve the Battalion's readiness through military instruction, OJT and physical conditioning. A highly successful field exercise (FEX) was conducted during the deployment which provided valuable embarkation, mobilization, and military training. The Battalion conducted 2 command post exercises, a mass casualty drill, and extensive training in Chemical, Biological, and Radiological defense.

OPERATIONS

After completing the homeport RDE with zero major or minor discrepancies, NMCB FIVE conducted construction operations throughout the Pacific rim completing a vast array of projects which provided a wealth of training opportunities. While deployed to Okinawa and the 13 detail sites, the Battalion completed 36 projects totalling 30,650 mandays of direct labor effort. Noteworthy construction accomplishments included: detail Adak's Wetlands Cleanup Project that saved NAF Adak hundreds of thousands of dollars in environmental fines, DFT Korea's construction of 2 K-Span facilities for the 8th U.S. Army in South Korea, detail Iwakuni's construction of two 4,000 S.F. K-Spans for the Marines, detail Fuji's completion of a 4,000 S.F. Artillery Shelter for the Marines to house their 105mm howitzers during the winter months and the successful NCF retrograde out of Camp Fuji, detail Pohang's support of Exercise Freedom Banner-a joint exercise of Army, Marine, and fleet assets in Korea, and detail Hawaii's launching of Naval Station Pearl Harbor's \$4 million Base Beautification Program.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

The Supply Department was committed to providing the best customer service in the NCF. In Disbursing, new initiatives were taken to improve the accuracy of every individual's pay record. In the first month of deployment, the DK's initiated on-line access with Defense Finance Center, Cleveland, eliminating pay record problems in the Navy database. Although NMCB FIVE was located at sites as remote as Pohang, Korea, we kept pay records fully updated through telephone calls and modem transmissions. The DK's prepared 4,500 checks and paid out \$236,000 in payroll during the deployment. In the General Mess, Chief's Mess, and Wardroom, new improvements were launched to tailor our menus to the tastes of the troops, while maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet. In the barracks, a vigorous inspection program was instituted to provide the best possible living conditions for all our SEABEES. An aggressive internal inventory validity program helped us continuously exceed the 95% inventory accuracy goal. Specifically, out of the 6 supply outlets, one attained 100%, one attained 99%, three attained 98% and one attained 95% during the Supply Management Inspection. This accomplishment is especially impressive considering the Battalion's 15% manning deficit in the storekeeper rating.

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Lessons Learned:

a. Problem/Item: Humanitarian Reassignment Requests

Discussion: Requests for Humanitarian Reassignment by personnel assigned to the details took longer than desired due to the absence of resources to counsel and assist the individuals in organizing the request package.

Action Taken/Recommendation: All detail OICs were provided copies of appropriate instructions and a sample request package. Additionally, personnel were given the option of going on leave to alleviate the problem leading to Humanitarian Reassignment and/or to gather required documents for their application package.

b. Problem/Items: Processing of Disciplinary Actions

Discussion: The detail OICs do not have NJP authority. NMCB FIVE does not want troops assigned to a detail who are suspected of violating article(s) of the UCMJ to be processed by local command COs.

Action Taken/Recommendation: All personnel with NJP cases pending were either returned from the detail sites to the mainbody, or seen by the CO during his Det swing.

2. Narrative:

The Administrative Department provided outstanding administrative support to all personnel regardless of their location by the optimum use of FAX machines, express mail, telephone, and visits of key personnel to detail sites. Superb coordination with available PSD outlets near the detail sites resulted in maximum participation in the September 1994 Navy-wide advancement examination and in the processing of personnel actions that are normally handled by the Battalion Personnel Office. The Yeomen and Personnelmen of the Administrative Department consistently worked as a team and displayed high morale during the deployment.