

**NMCB FIVE
DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION
REPORT**



**OKINAWA DEPLOYMENT
SEPTEMBER 1996 - APRIL 1997**



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Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. In accordance with reference (b), NMCB FIVE deployed to Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan in September 1996 with details deployed to Atsugi, Iwakuni, Sasebo, Yokosuka, Hawaii, and Pohang. NMCB FIVE also participated in two Deployment for Training (DFT) exercises to South Korea and Australia and sent a Civic Action Team (CAT) to Pohnpei. A separate after action report was submitted to document the DFT Australia activities in more detail.
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In September 1996, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE deployed a 346 member Mainbody to Okinawa, Japan. An additional 202 personnel were deployed to Details Yokosuka, Atsugi, Iwakuni, and Sasebo, Japan; Pohang, Korea; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and a Deployment for Training (DFT) to Chinhae, Korea. A 60 day Australia DFT provided construction support for Exercise "TANDEM THRUST '97". Finally, NMCB FIVE sent a 13 person Civic Action Team to Pohnpei, Micronesia to build a base camp for future Civic Action Teams.

The following timeline provides a historical summary of significant Battalion events during the Okinawa Deployment:

NMCB FIVE OKINAWA DEPLOYMENT HISTORICAL SUMMARY

- 13 AUG 96 NMCB FIVE RECEIVES OPERATION ORDER 02-96 INSTRUCTING BATTALION TO DEPLOY TO OKINAWA, RYUKYU ISLANDS, JAPAN TO RELIEVE NMCB FOUR.
- 10 SEP 96 NMCB FIVE ADVANCED PARTY ARRIVES IN OKINAWA. NMCB FOUR ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS FOR PORT HUENEME. TURNOVER BEGINS.
- 15-16 SEP 96 TYPHOON VIOLET HITS OKINAWA
- 18 SEP 96 TURNOVER COMPLETE. NMCB FIVE DELAYED PARTY ARRIVES IN OKINAWA. NMCB FOUR DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS FOR PORT HUENEME.
- 28-29 SEP 96 TYPHOON ZANE HITS OKINAWA.
- 6-21 OCT 96 NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, S4, A4, AND OOS TRAVEL TO JAPAN AND KOREA DETS.
- 13-14 OCT 96 SUPER TYPHOON DALE HITS OKINAWA.
- 15-18 OCT 96 THIRD NCB FOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM VISITS OKINAWA.
- 20-24 OCT 96 RADM HASKINS (COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES, JAPAN) VISITS OKINAWA.
- 24-30 OCT 96 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS 45 DAY REVIEW AT DET SITES.

12-21 JAN 97 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS SAFETY MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT AT DET SITES.

13-17 JAN 97 NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, AND OOS TRAVEL TO HAWAII FOR DET AND THIRD NCB VISIT.

14-17 JAN 97 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT IN OKINAWA.

17 JAN-2 FEB 97 NMCB FIVE CO, CM/C, AND NCC TRAVEL TO PACIFIC DET SITES.

22-25 JAN 97 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS SAFETY MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT IN OKINAWA.

23 JAN 97 NMCB FIVE DFT AUSTRALIA ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS FOR OPERATION "TANDEM THRUST '97".

2 FEB 97 NMCB FIVE DFT AUSTRALIA DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS FOR OPERATION "TANDEM THRUST '97".

2-5 FEB 97 NMCB SEVEN CONDUCTS PRE-DEPLOYMENT VISIT TO OKINAWA.

5-18 FEB 97 NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, S4, AND OOS CONDUCT TURNOVER STATUS DET SWING AT JAPAN AND KOREA DET SITES.

13-14 FEB 97 NMCB FIVE CO AND CM/C VISIT DET HAWAII AND THIRD NCB.

17-21 FEB 97 NMCB FIVE CO AND CM/C ATTEND NCF COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE IN PORT HUENEME.

23 FEB-16 MAR 97 NMCB FIVE DENTIST CONDUCTS DENTCAP SUPPORT FOR CIVIC ACTION TEAMS IN MICRONESIA

28 FEB-4 MAR 97 RADM DAMES (COMMANDER, THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE) VISITS DFT AUSTRALIA.

4-15 MAR 97 NMCB FIVE RESERVE AUGMENT SUPPORTS MAINBODY.

6-10 MAR 97 NMCB FIVE CO AND CM/C VISIT DFT AUSTRALIA.

13-17 MAR 97 RADM DAMES (COMMANDER, THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE) VISITS JAPAN DET SITES.

22-27 MAR 97 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS PROJECT TURNOVER STATUS VISIT IN OKINAWA.

1-6 APR 97 THIRD NCB CONDUCTS ARMORY MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT IN OKINAWA.

3-15 APR 97 THIRD NCB/NMCB FIVE CONDUCTS BEEP IN OKINAWA.

8 APR 97 NMCB FIVE DFT AUSTRALIA RETURNS TO OKINAWA. NMCB SEVEN ADVANCED PARTY ARRIVES IN OKINAWA. NMCB FIVE ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS OKINAWA AND ARRIVES IN PORT HUENEME. TURNOVER BEGINS.

15 APR 97 CAMP SHIELDS TURNOVER FROM NMCB FIVE TO NMCB SEVEN COMPLETE.

16 APR 97 NMCB SEVEN MAINBODY ARRIVES IN OKINAWA. NMCB FIVE DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS OKINAWA AND ARRIVES IN PORT HUENEME.

II. Support Services:

a. **Administration:** Although the Administration Department began the Okinawa deployment 50 percent undermanned, manning increased to 90 percent by mid-January to enable the department to adequately support the Battalion. The Administrative Department administered three Navy Wide Advancement exams during deployment. This involved the processing of over 500 advancement worksheets/exams/results and the execution of numerous advancements. In addition, the Administration Department typed and processed over 300 evaluations, fitness reports, and awards.

b. **Dental:** The Battalion Dentist and staff worked in the joint Medical/Dental facility located on Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan. The 3rd Dental Battalion provided additional lab and patient support. The 18th Wing Dental Squadron, located on Kadena Air Base, also provided additional lab support. The Dental Staff provided patient care to the Mainbody stationed at Camp Shields. Treatment consisted of preventive care and comprehensive restorative procedures. Local military dental facilities provided care for the NMCB FIVE Details and DFTs. The Battalion Dentist also provided both military and civilian Dental care in the Federated States of Micronesia during a three week visit to the Civic Action Program area of operations in February 1997.

c. **Medical:** The Battalion Surgeon remained in Okinawa with the Mainbody throughout the deployment. The senior Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) also remained in Okinawa and acted as the Headquarters Company Chief (H5) in addition to his medical duties. The Mainbody medical staff provided care for 1800 sick call visits, rendered 2500 immunizations, administered 180 audiograms, completed 95 physical exams, and conducted FEX and CPR training. As a result, the Battalion elevated and maintained 98 percent readiness. One IDC deployed to Pohnpei with the thirteen member CAT team, providing medical support to both team personnel and to the civilian population. A second IDC also deployed to Pohang, Korea for the duration of the deployment.

d. **Chaplain:** The Chaplain deployed with the Mainbody at Camp Shields and conducted 30 divine services with a cumulative attendance of 331 Battalion personnel. The Chaplain also conducted a special Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service in which 20 personnel participated. The Chaplain also led 20 Bible studies and showed eight Christian videos with respective attendances of 84 and 36.