N3
N30
N308

NMCB FIVE

DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT

PUERTO RICO DEPLOYMENT

NOVEMBER 1997 - JUNE 1998

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIVE
FPO AP 96601-4961

IN REPLY REFER TO:
3121
Ser S3/884
30 Sep 98

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE
To: Commander, Second Naval Construction Brigade

Subj: SUBMISSION OF DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT

Ref: (a) COMCBPAC/COMCBLANTINST 3132.1B
(b) COM TWENTY TWO NCR OPORDER 06-97

Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Per reference (b), NMCB FIVE deployed to Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico in November 1997 with details deployed to Andros Island, Guantanamo Bay, Jacksonville, Norfolk, and Vieques Island. NMCB FIVE also participated in five Deployment for Training (DFT) exercises to Tampa, El Salvador, Honduras, Azores, and Haiti. Separate after action reports were submitted to document the DFT activities in more detail.

3. Point of contact for the DCR is LCDR John Heckmann, Operations Officer, at (805) 982-4962 or DSN 551-4962.

D. P. KING

Copy to:
CNO (OP-446)
COMNAVFACENGCOM (Code 12)
COMTHIRDNCB (2 copies)
COM20THNCR
COM22NDNCR (2 copies)
COM30THNCR
CECOS Port Hueneme CA
NMCB FOUR
NMCB SEVEN
NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR

NMCB FIVE
PUERTO RICO DEPLOYMENT
CAMP MOSCRIP
ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO
NOVEMBER 1997 - JUNE 1998

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	TOPIC	PAGE
I.	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	1
II.	SUPPORT SERVICES	7
III.	SAFETY	9
IV.	TRAINING	11
V.	SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS	12
VI.	OPERATIONS	19
	A. EQUIPMENT/ALFA COMPANY	21
	B. MAINBODY	25
	C. ANDROS	45
	D. GUANTANAMO BAY	56
	E. JACKSONVILLE	69
	F. NORFOLK	81
	G. VIEQUES	97

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November 1997, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE deployed a 485 member Mainbody to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. An additional 198 personnel were deployed to Details Andros Island; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Norfolk, Virginia; Jacksonville, Florida; Vieques Island; Deployment for Training (DFT) to Tampa, Florida; and U. S. Support Group in Haiti. An additional 133 personnel were later deployed to DFTs Honduras, El Salvador, Azores, and Haiti.

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

NMCB FIVE PUERTO RICO DEPLOYMENT HISTORICAL SUMMARY

OCT 97	NMCB FIVE RECEIVES OPERATION ORDER 06-97 INSTRUCTING BATTALION TO DEPLOY TO ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO TO RELIEVE NMCB FOUR.
05 NOV 97	NMCB FIVE ADVANCED PARTY ARRIVES IN PUERTO RICO. NMCB FOUR ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS FOR PORT HUENEME. TURNOVER BEGINS.
14 NOV 97	TURNOVER COMPLETE. NMCB FIVE DELAYED PARTY ARRIVES IN PUERTO RICO. NMCB FOUR DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS FOR PORT HUENEME.
01-05 DEC 97	SECOND NCB CONDUCTS LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT.
08-13 DEC 97	FACILITIES VISIT BY MR. LYNCH
09-17 DEC 97	NMCB FIVE CO AND C/MC TRAVEL TO SECOND BRIGADE CONFERENCE IN NORFOLK AND VISIT NORFOLK AND FLORIDA DETS.
12 DEC 97	NMCB FIVE S3 AND S3C VISIT US SUPPORT GROUP HAITI.
17-18 DEC 97	FEMP VISIT
17-24 DEC 97	NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, A4, AND OOS TRAVEL TO DETS ANDROS AND JACKSONVILLE AND DFT TAMPA.
28-30 DEC 97	NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, A4, AND OOS TRAVEL TO DET GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

29 DEC 97 - 04 JAN 98	SECOND NCB CONDUCTS 45 DAY REVIEW AT DET SITES.
30 DEC 97	CAPT STARK (CO, NSRR) TOURS MAINBODY PROJECT SITES.
02-06 JAN 98	NMCB FIVE S3C AND OOS VISIT DET NORFOLK.
05-09 JAN 98	CAPT MEHULA (CO, 30th NCR) AND EQCM KUEHN VISIT ROOSEVELT ROADS.
08 - 15 JAN 98	SECOND NCB CONDUCTS CESE MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT.
12 - 16 JAN 98	SECOND NCB CONDUCTS 45 DAY REVIEW.
12-17 JAN 98	THIRD NCB CONDUCTS CAT/CTT TRAINING AT ROOSEVELT ROADS.
15-20 JAN 98	SECOND NCB CONDUCTS EMBARK MANAGEMENT ASSIST VISIT.
21 - 23 JAN 98	NMCB FIVE CO, C/MC, S4, AND CARCO VISIT GUANTANAMO BAY AND ANDROS DETS.
23 - 27 JAN 98	NMCB SEVEN S3 AND S3C VISIT ROOSEVELT ROADS.
24 - 31 JAN 98	NMCB FIVE S3A AND A5 VISIT AZORES.
26 - 28 JAN 98	NMCB FIVE CONDUCTS CAT SURVEY AT ROOSEVELT ROADS.
29 - 31 JAN 98	NMCB FIVE CONDUCTS CREW SERVED WEAPONS LIVE FIRE EXERCISE AT VIEQUES ISLAND.
04 FEB 98	DFT TAMPA AP RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
04 - 08 FEB 98	NMCB FIVE S3 VISIT DETS JACKSONVILLE AND NORFOLK.
10 FEB 98	RADM SHELTON (CO, 2ND NCB) VISITS DET JACKSONVILLE.
11 - 13 FEB 98	RADM (sel) KUBIC (CO, 22ND NCR) AND UCCM PATRICK VISIT ROOSEVELT ROADS.

17 - 20 FEB 98	NMCB FIVE XO, S3C, S7C, AND MILITARY ADVISOR ATTEND HOMEPORT PLANNING CONFERENCE IN PORT HUENEME, CA.
22 FEB 98	DFT EL SALVADOR DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
26 - 28 FEB 98	RADM SHELTON (CO, 2ND NCB) VISITS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
28 FEB 98	DFT HONDURAS DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
06 MAR 98	NMCB FIVE CELEBRATES "OVER THE HUMP" DAY.
15 - 20 MAR 98	NMCB FIVE CO AND S3 VISIT DFTS HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR.
21 MAR 98	DFT AZORES ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
22 MAR 98	RADM (SEL) JOHNSON VISITS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
23 - 25 MAR 98	CAPT REAMS (2ND NCB, MEDICAL) VISITS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
23 - 27 MAR 98	LCDR HOUGLAND (2^{ND} NCB) CONDUCTS LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT.
26 MAR 98	NMCB FIVE DEBRIEFED ON CAT SURVEY RESULTS.
27 - 30 MAR 98	NMCB FIVE S3, S3C, AND S3C(P) TRAVEL TO DET ANDROS.
28 MAR 98	DFT AZORES DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
28,31 MAR, 2 APR 98	NMCB FIVE CONDUCTS PYSICAL READINESS TEST.
30 MAR 98	22ND NCR CHANGE OF COMMAND IN NORFOLK.
31 MAR 98	DFT HAITI PRE-ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
02 - 03 APR 98	BUCS HOLCRAFT (2^{ND} NCB) CONDUCTS CUSTOMER/PROJECT REVIEW AT DET ANDROS.

02 - 09 APR 98	NMCB FIVE CO AND C/MC VISIT BUPERS AND DETS NORFOLK AND JACKSONVILLE.
07 APR 98	DFT HAITI PERSONNEL DEPART NORFOLK.
08 APR 98	DFT HAITI ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
07 - 10 APR 98	BUCS HOLCRAFT (2^{ND} NCB) CONDUCTS CUSTOMER/PROJECT REVIEW AT DET GUANTANAMO BAY.
10 APR 98	NMCB FIVE ALFA COMPANY CONDUCTS FEX.
14 APR 98	NMCB FIVE XO VISITS DFT HAITI.
15, 16 APR 98	DFT HAITI PERSONNEL ARRIVE IN HAITI FROM DETS ANDROS AND GUANTANAMO BAY.
16 APR 98	DFT HONDURAS RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
16 APR 98	SWCS FOOR CONDUCTS SAFETY VISIT AT DET JACKSONVILLE.
16 APR 98	LCDR RICE ARRIVES TO RELIEVE NMCB FIVE XO, LCDR LINDSEY.
17 APR 98	NMCB FIVE CONDUCTS SPORTS DAY.
17 - 18 APR 98	SWCS FOOR (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS SAFETY VISIT AT DET ANDROS.
19 -25 APR 98	BUCS HOLDCRAFT (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS CUSTOMER/PROJECT REVIEW VISIT AT ROOSEVELT ROADS AND DET VIEQUES.
20 - 24 APR 98	SWCS FOOR (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS SAFETY VISIT AT ROOSEVELT ROADS AND DET VIEQUES.
23 APR 98	LCDR LINDSEY IS RELIEVED AS NMCB FIVE XO BY LCDR RICE.
24 APR 98	BRAVO AND CHARLIE COMPANIES CONDUCT FEX.
24 APR 98	DFT HONDURAS DP RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.

26 - 30 APR 98	MR. ROSNOV (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS SAFETY INVESTIGATION AT ROOSEVELT ROADS.
28 APR - 01 MAY 98	SWCS FOOR (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS SAFETY VISIT AT DET GUANTANAMO BAY.
29 APR 98	MR. ROSNOV (2ND NCB) CONDUCTS SAFETY VISIT AT DET NORFOLK.
30 APR 98	DFT EL SALVADOR AP RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
01 MAY 98	DFT EL SALVADOR 2ND SORTIE RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
30 APR - 01 MAY 98	NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS AND NMCB FIVE CONDUCT HURRICANE EXERCISE.
01 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE S3 AND S3C VISIT DFT HAITI.
04 - 08 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE CO AND C/MC VISIT DFT AZORES.
08 MAY 98	DFT EL SALVADOR DP RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
11 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE XO VISITS DET VIEQUES.
11 - 12 MAY 98	CDR ASHLEY (BUPERS) VISITS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
13 - 14 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE CO, C/MC AND CHAPLAIN VISIT DFT HAITI.
13 -14 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE S3C VISITS DET NORFOLK.
15 - 16 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE S3 AND S3C VISIT DET JACKSONVILLE.
18 - 21 MAY 98	CAPT BARKER (CO, 22ND NCR) VISITS ROOSEVELT ROADS.
27 - 29 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE CO AND C/MC VISIT DETS GUANTANAMO BAY AND ANDROS.
28 MAY 98	NMCB FIVE S3 AND S3C VISIT DET VIEQUES.
30 MAY 98	DFT HAITI RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
31 MAY 98	DFT AZORES ADVANCED PARTY RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.

05 JUNE 98	NMCB SEVEN ADVANCED PARTY ARRIVES IN ROOSEVELT ROADS. NMCB FIVE ADVANCED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS AND ARRIVES IN PORT HUENEME. TURNOVER BEGINS.
07 JUNE 98	DFT AZORES DELAYED PARTY RETURNS TO ROOSEVELT ROADS.
12 JUNE 98	CAMP MOSCRIP TURNOVER FROM NMCB FIVE TO NMCB SEVEN COMPLETE.
15 JUNE 98	NMCB SEVEN MAINBODY ARRIVES IN ROOSEVELT ROADS. NMCB FIVE DELAYED PARTY DEPARTS ROOSEVELT ROADS AND ARRIVES IN PORT HUENEME.

II. Support Services:

a. **Administration:** The Administrative Department, both the Personnel Division and the Administrative Division, successfully provided outstanding administrative support to the Battalion during the deployment. The Administrative Department successfully handled two exam cycles on deployment and coordinated the exams to minimize the impact to operations. Significant and creative efforts were made to allow remote details to take the exams at the scheduled time instead of a late exam. Exams were hand-carried to places where there was no mail service, and specially arranged C-12 aircraft facilitated pick-up.

The Personnel Division maintained all Battalion service records in Camp Moscrip vice allowing detail OICs to take service records on site. All required service record verifications, updates, and entries were handled effectively by mainbody Personnelmen. By utilizing FAX machines, Express Mail, and detail visits, all personnel actions were executed promptly.

The Administrative Division, although manned mostly by inexperienced Yeoman, provided superb administrative support. Regular professional training and the expert leadership of a Chief Yeoman, contributed significantly to the overall performance of the division. Additionally, the Administrative Division maintained legal support to the Battalion by designating a Yeoman to fill the Legalman billet gap.

b. **Dental:** The Battalion Dentist and staff worked in the joint Medical/Dental facility located on Camp Moscrip, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The Naval Dental Center on Roosevelt Roads provided additional patient, lab, and equipment repair support. Additional patient support was also provided by the Oral Surgery Department located at the Naval Hospital.

The Battalion dental staff provided patient care to the Mainbody stationed at Camp Moscrip and a Detail located on Vieques Island. Treatment consisted of preventive care and comprehensive restorative procedures. Local military dental facilities provided care for the NMCB FIVE Details and Deployments-For-Training. The dental staff LPO coordinated readiness dental treatment with the Details and DFTs by notifying them when personnel were due for annual exams, resulting in 98 percent Battalion readiness during deployment.

Dental supplies were purchased directly from the NDC on Roosevelt Roads via a funding document 2275 generated through the Battalion Supply Department. This allowed supplies to be procured on an as needed basis, reducing overall cost and material waste. Most supplies could be procured within 1 - 4 days.

c. **Medical:** The Battalion Surgeon deployed to Puerto Rico and provided medical support for the Mainbody and the emergency room at Naval Hospital, Roosevelt Roads. The senior IDC was also in Puerto Rico, and was originally assigned as Headquarters Company Chief and later as Headquarters Company Commander in addition to his medical duties. Mainbody medical provided care for 1,600 sick call visits, gave over 1,500 immunizations, administered 260 audiograms, completed 83 physical exams, and conducted First Aid and SCWS training. Mainbody medical readiness was elevated to 98 percent at the end of deployment. One IDC was deployed with DFT El Salvador, while another IDC was sent with DFT Honduras. Both provided medical support for DFT personnel as well as to the civilian population. The medical department also sent medical coverage to DFTs Tampa and Azores.

d. **Chaplain:** The Chaplain deployed with Mainbody at Camp Moscrip and conducted 28 divine services with a cumulative attendance of 560 Battalion personnel. The Chaplain conducted a special Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service in which 35 personnel participated. A special Good Friday service drew 15 personnel. The Chaplain also led 21 Bible Studies with an average of six people attending each week. The Chaplain was the principle speaker for the Naval Station Roosevelt Roads Prayer Breakfast in February for 260 people and the First Sunday Communion Services for February through June for an average of 60 people. A grave side service was also held for a reserve member attached to the Naval Station and 200 people attended. Two suicide briefs were done for Battalion personnel for a total of 63 Battalion personnel.