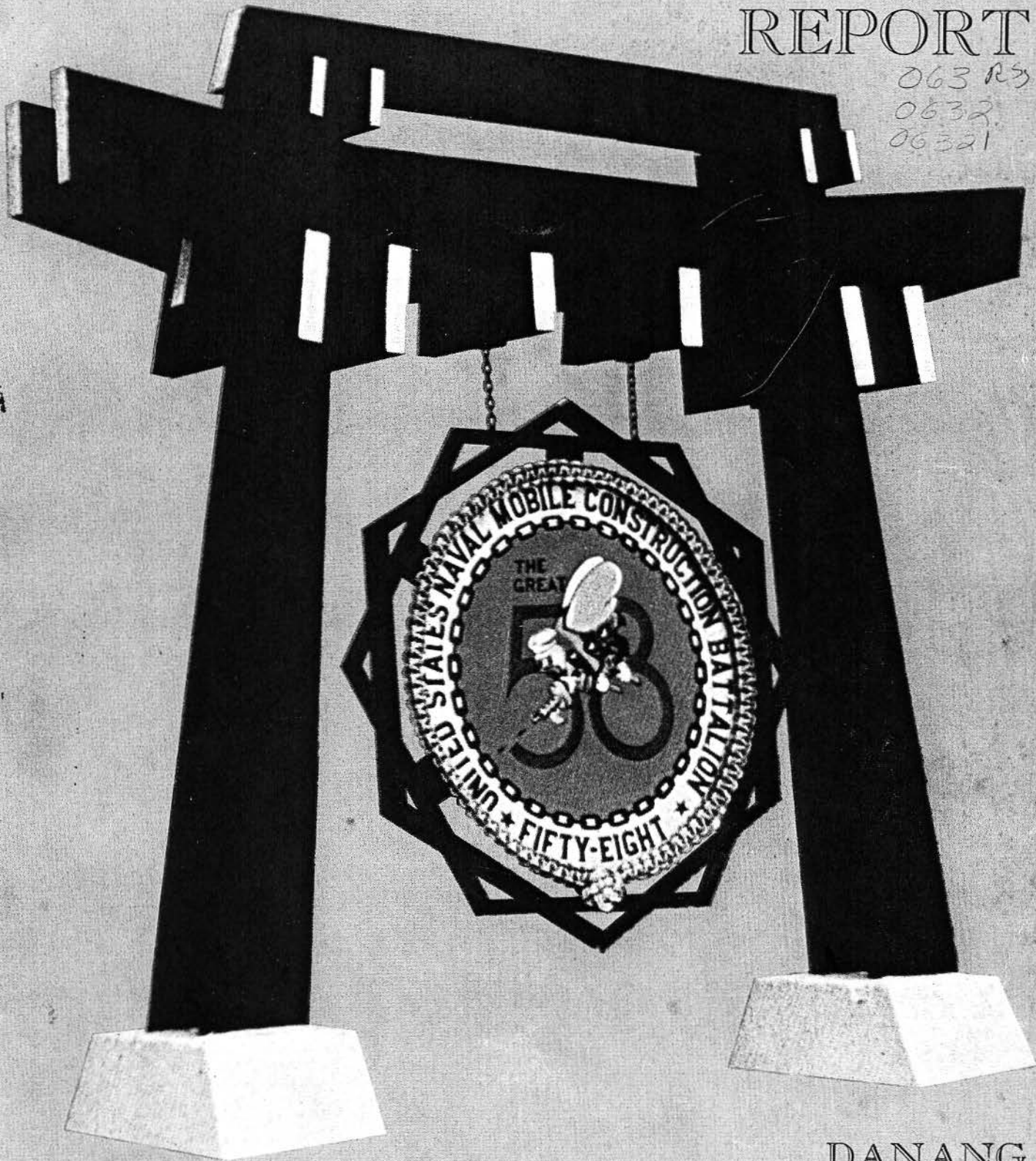


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Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report (3 Copies)

1. Enclosure (1), a summary of the October 1966 through June 1967 deployment of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIFTY-EIGHT, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).


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MCB FIFTY-EIGHT DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT
RED BEACH, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
OCTOBER 1966 - JUNE 1967

REF: (a) COMCBPAC OPOD 20-66

1. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (a), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIFTY-EIGHT was deployed to Camp Haskins, Red Beach, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam for construction support of U. S. Forces from October 1966 through June 1967.

2. Unit Movements.

6 October 1966 - An Advance Party consisting of 5 Officers and 108 men arrived at Camp Haskins to commence camp and construction takeover and BEEP.

27-31 October 1966 - The main body arrived in RVN. Transportation was by MAC C-141 aircraft.

7 April 1967 - A 50 man detail, with LTJG George D. PACIFICO, CEC, USNR in charge, deployed atop Monkey Mountain to construct facilities for the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

6 May 1967 - One Officer and 13 men returned to Davisville as an Advance Party for purposes of scheduling homeport training and preparation for the return of the Battalion.

22 May 1967 - A second increment of the Advance Party returned to Davisville along with members of Seabee Team 5801.

5-8 June 1967 - The main body departed Camp Haskins for homeport.

3. Significant Events.

29 October 1966 - Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIFTY-EIGHT relieved Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE at Camp Haskins, South, RVN.

2 November 1966 - Rear Admiral Robert R. WOODING, CEC, USN Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited NMCB 58.

14 December 1966 - Building #99, 1st FSR completed.

24 December 1966 - Rear Admiral Paul R. SEUFER, CEC, USN, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, Captain Albert R. MARSCHALL, CEC, USN, Commander THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, Captain Carlyle J. BAKER JR., CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, visited and dined with U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIFTY-EIGHT.

- 19 January 1967 - Thirty-two homes at Bien Thai near DaNang airfield completed for use by Vietnamese families.
- 28 January 1967 - Rear Admiral Alexander C. HUSBAND, CEC, USN, Commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Rear Admiral Paul E. SEUFER, CEC, USN, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and CDR Robert J. JORTBERG, CEC, USN, Chief Staff Officer, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, visited with NMCB FIFTY-EIGHT.
- 24 February 1967 - Interior of Data Processing Building #78, 1st FSR completed.
- 27 February 1967 - Extension of Parking Apron, DaNang AB, completed.
- 4 March 1967 - FIRST Marine Division Office building completed.
- 5 March 1967 - The 25th Anniversary of the Seabees and the 100th Anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps was celebrated by a cook-out, athletic events, entertainment and general holiday routine.
- 13 March 1967 - Began repair and upgrading National Route ONE from city limits at DaNang to Camp Books (1st FSR and FLC) and Camp Haskins (3ONCR, MCB 58 and MCB 1); thereby greatly improving traffic flow.
- 29 March 1967 - Rear Admiral William M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, Commander Construction Battalions, Pacific, Rear Admiral Paul E. SEUFER, CEC, USN, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and Captain Carlyle J. BAKER, CEC, USN, Chief of Staff, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, visited NMCB FIFTY-EIGHT.
- 7 April 1967 - Work commenced on the Monkey Mountain project for the FIRST Marine Air Wing.
- 27 April 1967 - Lieutenant (jg) Larry LORD, CEC, USNR, and NMCB FIFTY-EIGHT Drill Team participated in change of command ceremonies in Saigon, RVN, for Rear Admiral Kenneth L. VETH, USN relieving Rear Admiral Norvell G. WARD, USN, as Commander Naval Forces, Vietnam.
- 7 May 1967 - Lieutenant General Victor H. KRULAK, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, visited the construction site at Monkey Mountain, DaNang, RVN.

4. Major Problems.

The major problem, shared with other DaNang based battalions, which persisted for the first five months of the deployment, was an insufficient backlog of vertical construction, which inhibited most effective job planning, work scheduling, and manpower utilization. Other significant problems, such as heavy monsoon rains, and lack of spare parts support for certain new equipments shipped to the battalion, likewise were not unique to NMCB 58 on this deployment.

10. AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS SUMMARY

a. AWARDS FOR SERVICE DURING DEPLOYMENT

(1) Navy Commendation Medals (3 awards):

BUC J. W. HILLHOUSE, USN, for outstanding achievement in supervising reconstruction of a 32 home Vietnamese Village destroyed in a U. S. A/C crash.

LCDR J. W. SWISTOCK, CEC, USN, for exceptionally meritorious service as Operations Officer, MCB-58.

LT A. T. GERMAN, CEC, USN, for exceptional meritorious service as Alpha Company Commander.

(2) Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement Ribbon (13 awards):

BUC R. M. NOWAKOWSKI, USN, for outstanding achievement as 3rd Platoon Leader of Charlie Company.

LT J. J. SCIBETTA, MC, USNR, for outstanding achievement in the superior performance of duties as Battalion Medical Officer.

BUL T. F. ANDREWS, USN, for outstanding achievement as crew leader in Charlie Company.

SKC G. E. SHULTZ, USN, for outstanding achievement as Leading Chief Storekeeper.

EOI D. W. JOHNSON, USN, for outstanding achievement as crew leader in Alpha Company.

CEL W. A. SMITH, USN, for outstanding achievement as Petty Officer in Charge of Electrical Generation and Distribution for Camp Haskins.

BUC J. L. DEKEYSER, USN, for outstanding achievement as Battalion Operations Control Chief.

BUL S. L. OATES, USN, for outstanding achievement as Third Platoon Leader, Delta Company.

BUL W. T. CAVA, USN, for outstanding achievement as a crew leader, Delta Company.

CMC J. M. PARR, USNR, for outstanding achievement as Battalion Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

BUL W. L. KINDALL, USN, for outstanding achievement as crew leader, Delta Company.

BUL J. D. SADLE, USN, for outstanding achievement as crew leader of Delta Company.

LTJG G. D. PACIFICO, USNR, for outstanding achievement while serving as Officer In Charge of a Battalion Detail engaged in constructing a major complex of classified Marine Corps facilities on Monkey Mountain.

(3) Purple Heart (1 award)

EOC P. UDIJOHN, USN, for wound sustained as a result of being hit by command detonated mine on National Route #1 from Hill 724.

(4) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet Commendation (5 awards)

YNC D. C. LEGERE, USN, for meritorious achievement as Administration Chief.

BUC J. F. BROOKSHIRE, USN, for meritorious achievement as Bravo Company Chief and as CPO in Charge of the concrete batch plant.

HMC J. H. HENRY, USN, for meritorious achievement as a member of the Medical Department.

EO1 W. P. O'DONNELL, USN, for meritorious achievement as a member of Alpha Company.

YN1 R. J. PAYNE, USN, for meritorious achievement as Alpha Company Yeoman.

(5) FREEDOM FOUNDATION honorable mention including - George Washington Medal (1 award)

SWE3 John P. SHINNICK, for composing a letter entitled "Defending Freedoms Safeguards America".

(6) Vietnam Medal of Honor Second Class (1 award)

BUC J. W. HILLHOUSE, USN, for supervision of reconstruction of a 32 home Vietnamese Village destroyed in U. S. Aircraft crash.

(7) First Marine Aircraft Wing Certificate of Commendation (1 award)

LTJG W. D. MARTIN, USN, for supervision of renovation of existing buildings in the Tango Sector.

(8) OTHER AWARDS

(a) MACV Certificates of Achievement (87)

(b) Good Conduct Medals (26)