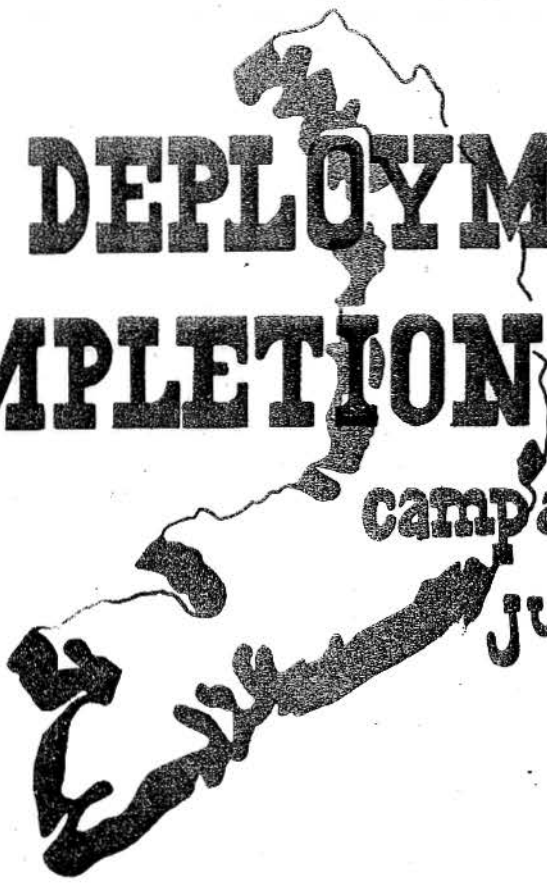


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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN
To: Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific

Subj: Operations Report for period June 1967 - January 1968

Ref: (a) COMCBPACINST 5213.1D
(b) COMCBPAC OPORD 11-67

Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report

1. Enclosure (1) summarizing U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN's activities while deployed to Camp Adenir, Da Nang East, Republic of Vietnam, is forwarded pursuant to reference (a).

2. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (b) NMCB SEVEN was deployed to East Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam. The primary mission of the Battalion was combat support construction for U. S. Military Forces. The following units were employed at other locations:

a. Detachments: None

b. Details:

(1) Detail X composed of 32 men was employed at Site X to work on the Quang Tri airfield.

(2) Detail Charlie One composed of one officer and 27 men was employed at Nakhon Phanom Royal Air Force Base, Thailand.

(3) Detail Alpha One consisting of 16 men was employed to upgrade the road from Dong Ha to Camp Carroll and the road from Dong Ha to Con Thien.

(4) Detail Charlie Two composed of 7 men was employed at Triem Tung Village constructing strongback huts for the 4/11 Marines.

(5) Detail Alpha Nine consisting of 7 men was deployed to Khe Sanh to conduct a field survey and strip overburden from a rock quarry.

(6) Detail **Bravo One** consisting of one officer and 16 men was employed at Hoi An to make improvements on the CORDS Hospital.

c. Seabee Team 0701: Was deployed at Dien Khanh, Khanh Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam, in accordance with CBPACDET RVN OPORD 4-67 to provide technical assistance and construction support to USAID Mission Vietnam.

d. Seabee Team 0702: Was deployed at Tan An, Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam, in accordance with CBPACDET RVN OPORD 4-67 to provide technical assistance and construction support to USAID Mission, Vietnam.

e. Well Drilling Teams: None

f. Advance/Delay Party:

(1) On 11 May 1967 the NMCB SEVEN Advance Party of 5 officers and 97 men deployed to Da Nang, Vietnam aboard two C-130 aircraft provided by the Military Airlift Command.

(2) The NMCB SEVEN Advance Party composed of two officers and 24 men deployed to Davisville, Rhode Island on 28 December 1967 to make preparations for the return of the NMCB SEVEN Main Body on 18 January 1968.

(3) The NMCB SEVEN Delay Party composed of one officer and two men returned to Davisville, Rhode Island on 5 February 1968.

3. Unit Movements.

a. On 11 May 1967 the NMCB SEVEN Advance Party of 5 officers and 97 men deployed from Davisville, Rhode Island to Da Nang, Vietnam aboard two C-130 aircraft provided by the Military Airlift Command.

b. During the period 30 May - 4 June the NMCB SEVEN Main Body consisting of 15 officers and 599 men was airlifted from Davisville, Rhode Island to Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam aboard seven C-141 aircraft provided by the Military Airlift Command.

c. On 13 September four men departed Camp Adenir for Site X. These were the first men assigned to MCB SEVEN Detail X, which reached a strength of 32 men on 20 September. On 22 September men from Detail X began returning to Camp Adenir, and by 30 November all men had rejoined the main body.

d. On 1 October LTJG G. E. RICHEY and four men comprising the advance party of NMCB SEVEN Detail Charlie One departed for the construction site.

e. On 11 October the remaining 23 men of Detail Charlie One departed for the construction site.

f. On 1 November Detail Alpha One departed Da Nang by convoy for Dong Ha.

g. On 7 November Detail Charlie Two departed Da Nang by convoy to Trien Tung.

h. On 1 December NMCB SEVEN Detail Charlie Two consisting of 7 men returned from Trien Tung Village after constructing 14 strongback huts for 4/11 Marines.

i. On 16 December, NMCB SEVEN Detail Alpha Nine consisting of seven men deployed to Khe Sanh to conduct a field survey and strip overburden from a rock quarry.

j. On 27 December 1967 Detail Charlie One returned to Camp Adenir after completing work on a classified project.

k. On 28 December 1967 one flight of the NMCB 53 Advance Party arrived on board Camp Adenir and twenty seven personnel of the NMCB SEVEN Advance Party departed for Davisville, Rhode Island.

l. On 1 January 1968 the second flight of the NMCB 53 Advance Party arrived on board Camp Adenir and the last four members of the NMCB SEVEN Advance Party departed for Davisville, Rhode Island.

m. On 3 January 1968 Detail Bravo One departed for Hoi An to begin construction work at the CORDS Hospital.

n. On 11 January 1968 Detail Alpha Nine returned from Khe Sanh to Camp Adenir after being relieved by NMCB 53 personnel.

o. On 16 January 1968 Detail Bravo One returned to Camp Adenir from Hoi An after being relieved by NMCB 53 personnel.

p. On 18 - 20 January 1968 the main body of NMCB SEVEN departed for Davisville, Rhode Island aboard eight C-141 aircraft.

q. On 19 January 1968 Detail Alpha One returned to Camp Adenir from Dong Ha after being relieved by NMCB 53 personnel.

4. Significant Events.

a. On 1 June at approximately 1415, MAC C-141 Flight 1443 carrying 91 NMCB SEVEN Main Body personnel received several rounds of small arms fire while approaching the Da Nang airfield. CML Vernon F. KELLEY, UTP3 Jerrold N. LAVINE, and EASCN Robert W. PLAGÉ sustained minor wounds.

b. On 2 June at 1130, CDR L. D. LAWSON, Commanding Officer, NMCB SEVEN assumed operational control of Camp Adenir and assigned construction from CDR E. J. WILLIAMS, Commanding Officer, NMCB FIVE.

c. On 20 June 1967, NMCB SEVEN observed the Second Anniversary of Camp Adenir with an awards ceremony at morning quarters.

d. On 15 July 1967 at 0025 the Da Nang Air Base came under enemy mortar and rocket attack. No rounds fell within the perimeter of Camp Adenir. NMCB SEVEN helped carry out disaster recovery operations.

e. On 31 July the first increment of the NSA Hospital Women's Quarters was completed on schedule.

f. On 4 August the NMCB SEVEN softball team won the 1967 Da Nang Inter-League Softball Championship after taking their League Championship and going undefeated through the four league, double elimination tournament. Rear Admiral P. L. LACY, Commander, Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, presented the team trophy, individual player trophies, and awards to three players named to the All-Star Team.

g. On 4 August the NMCB SEVEN basketball team won its event while representing U.S. Forces in the Da Nang Department of Youth Athletic Meet commemorating the tenth anniversary of the forming of the I Corps.

h. On 17 August LCDR F. M. NEWCOMB, CBPAC Planning Officer, conducted an administrative inspection of the NMCB SEVEN planning, readiness, and embarkation functions.

i. On 28 August the Marble Mountain Air Facility near Camp Adenir came under rocket attack. No rounds fell within the Camp Adenir perimeter. NMCB SEVEN furnished a water truck for fire-fighting and steelworker crews to replace damaged steel matting.

j. On 2 September RADM W. M. ENGER Vice Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; RADM J. V. BARTLETT, Commander THIRD Naval Construction Brigade; CAPT H. J. JOHNSON, Deputy Commander Construction Battalions Pacific Fleet; and CAPT C. W. TURNER, Commander THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, visited Camp Adenir and the NMCB SEVEN job sites in the Da Nang East area.

k. On 8 September J. E. LIGHTFOOT, EOL, was killed when he was struck by a rock thrown into the air from a blast at the Black Rock Bay Quarry.

l. On 18 September LTJG R. P. JOWAISAS and SWCS W. F. WISE were injured when the jeep in which they were riding left the road on Monkey Mountain.

m. On 22 September the NSA Women's Quarters was completed.

n. On 24 September NMCB SEVEN commemorated the successful completion of the first half of the deployment. Holiday routine was declared and the occasion was celebrated with free beer and soda, athletic contests, and a stage show, "The Golden Goodies".

o. On 27 September it was announced that NMCB SEVEN's newspaper, MOBILE SEVEN NEWS, won the top CHINFO Merit Award in the Best Letter Press Stateside category for the April - June 1968 period. CHINFO made the award from 500 newspapers.

p. On 27 September CAPT G. C. MILLER, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC, and CDR B. J. HACKENSON, Supply and Logistics Officer, COMCBPAC visited NMCB SEVEN to conduct a Command and Logistics Management Assistance Visit.

q. On 29 September LT F. M. OXLEY and EQCM McCRARY of the Equipment Section, COM31NCR Staff, commenced a two day management assistance visit of the Alpha Company functions.

r. On 8 October at 1900 a sentry at the NMCB SEVEN rock crusher sighted three Vietnamese approaching his position. When challenged, they opened fire. The Seabee returned fire and the enemy fled into the brush on Monkey Mountain. There were no friendly casualties during the incident.

s. During the period from 13 October to 22 October the Southwest Area Field Food Service Team from Naval Supply Center, San Diego visited NMCB SEVEN. The Battalion was commended for the quality of its mess and the caliber and interest of its commissarymen.

t. On 1 November the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States visited NMCB SEVEN job sites at the NSA Station Hospital, East Da Nang.

u. On 10 November the new sewer system at the NSA Hospital was put into operation. This permitted demolition of parts of the old system and the start of high priority construction in the NSA Hospital Expansion.

v. On 28 November the second increment of Camp Tien Sha Barracks Rehabilitation was completed.

w. On 3 December RADM A. C. HUSBAND, Commander, NAVFACENCOM, dedicated the NSA Public Works Complex recently completed by NMCB SEVEN, and toured NMCB SEVEN job sites in Da Nang East. In his party were RADM W. M. HEAMAN, COMCBPAC, RADM J. V. BARTLETT, COM3NCB, and CAPT C. W. TURNER, COM3ONCR.

x. On 3 December LCDR J. L. DETTBARN reported aboard NMCB SEVEN for duty as Executive Officer.

y. On 9 December LCDR J. L. DETTBARN, CEC, USN relieved LCDR R. G. SHIRLEY, CEC, USN, as Executive Officer of NMCB SEVEN.

z. On 10 December the annual supply inspection given by COMCBPAC was held by LCDR L. E. VANJ, SC, USN; LTJG G. G. KASPER, SC, USN; and SKC E. A. O'MALLEY. The inspection lasted for three days, and the NMCB SEVEN Supply Department was awarded a tentative grade of OUTSTANDING.

a.a. On 20 December NMCB SEVEN participated in Operation Claxton (details classified).

b.b. On 21 December Seabee Team 0702 headed by LTJG J. T. GARRIGAN, CEC, USN received a letter of commendation from the Commander 555th Medical Service Flight (MILPHAP) Advisory Team 86 for its assistance to the 555th Medical Service Flight and the outstanding contributions to the Provincial Health Service of Long An Province.

c.c. On 24 December the new Enlisted Men's Club in Camp Adenir was dedicated and opened for operation by CDR L. D. LAWSON, Commanding Officer, NMCB SEVEN.

d.d. On 25 December the Battalion observed holiday routine. The galley staff prepared an outstanding Christmas Dinner which was served to all officers and men in the General Mess.

e.e. On 2 January 1968 the NMCB SEVEN/NMCB FIFTY THREE BEEP commenced.

f.f. On 3 January 1968 at 0400 the Da Nang Air Base came under enemy mortar and rocket attack. No rounds fell on Camp Adenir.

g.g. On 3 January 1968 at a dinner in his honor CDR L. D. LAWSON received a certificate of commendation from MGEN Norman J. ANDERSON, Commanding General, FIRST Marine Air Wing for emergency repairs and erosion control construction atop Monkey Mountain.

h.h. On 6 January 1968 the new Camp Adenir Acey Ducey Club was completed and opened for business.

i.i. On 7 January 1968 Camp Books came under heavy rocket and mortar attack by the enemy. NMCB SEVEN remained at Condition One for seven hours following attack. No rounds fell on Camp Adenir.

j.j. On 14 January 1968, the NMCB SEVEN - NMCB FIFTY THREE BEEP was completed with 72.2% of the equipment in excellent or good condition and a deadline rate of 1.8%. Of the six items deadlined, two were augment equipment, one was camp component, and three were organic equipment.

k.k. On 15 January 1968, at I Corps Headquarters, LT. GEN. Hoang Xoan Lam, I Corps Commander presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star to LT M. C. STINE, CEC, USNR and LT H. W. STOLL, MC, USNR, and a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star to CES2 C. A. MARSHALL, USN. The medals were presented for exceptional service in the Civic Action program of NMCB SEVEN.

l.l. On 17 January 1968 CAPT C. W. TURNER, COM3ONCR presented to YNC H. H. WILLIAMS the Joint Service Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, and the Navy Commendation Medal to EON2 J. V. STANGER.

m.m. On 18 January 1968 at a special ceremony at the Vietnamese Naval Base, RADM J. V. BARTLETT dedicated the new base roads completed by NMCB SEVEN with assistance from NMCB ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT. Following the ceremony RADM BARTLETT visited the NSA Hospital project site.

n.n. On 18 January 1968 at a special ceremony at the Camp Adenir main gate, CDR R. A. BOWERS, Commanding Officer, NMCB FIFTY THREE relieved CDR L. D. LAWSON, Commanding Officer, NMCB SEVEN as Camp Adenir Commander. The traditional duck was passed symbolizing the change of command.

5. Significant Problems: None


L. D. LAWSON

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