

NMCB 7

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DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT



ROOSEVELT ROADS

JUNE 1991 - JANUARY 1992

ARGENTIA

PANAMA

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VIEQUES

ANTIGUA

ANDROS



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1. Enclosures (1) through (8) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).
2. In accordance with reference (b), U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN deployed to Camp Moscrip, Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, PR during the period 21 Jun 91 to 18 Jan 92 with Details to Andros Island, Antigua, Argentina, Bermuda, Panama and Vieques Island. Three deployments for training were executed to Bolivia, Iceland and Jamaica.
3. This was the first deployment of an active duty battalion to the Caribbean since Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Several of the detail sites had been closed for extended periods and therefore had to be reopened. The construction tasking included 17 turnover projects which were all completed. In all, NMCB SEVEN was tasked with 31 projects of which 26 were completed and accepted by the customers. The construction program included over 76,000 direct labor mandays to support \$2.5 million of construction. Safety and quality goals were achieved with a minimum accident rate.
4. A vast amount of pride and professionalism was demonstrated by the men of the battalion who willingly worked long hours to finish the projects, please the customers, improve the camps and make conditions better for following battalions.


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ENCLOSURE 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ADMINISTRATION

MAIL ADDRESSES FOR DETAILS: Use of detail mailing addresses slowed mail delivery to the detail sites. The Details reduced mail delivery time by using the Host Station FPO address.

TRAINING

DEPLOYED FIELD EXERCISE: The battalion used the Eastern Training Area of Vieques Island for weapons training. However, due to limited transportation assets, only crew served weapons crews and Detail Vieques personnel participated.

OPERATIONS

1. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL: The battalion disposed of a large amount of hazardous waste (HW) while developing a management and disposal plan. The details also disposed of hazardous waste which accumulated over time. This took a significant amount of time and energy because training on HW disposal/turn in was limited.

2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH DETAILS: Time differences and poor phone lines made communication with the details difficult.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

1. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE. HAZMAT storage at Camp Moscrip is insufficient to store all of the HAZMAT required to be on site.

2. MLO MATERIAL STORAGE INADEQUATE. Adequate warehouse or covered storage for construction material is not available.

CAMP MAINTENANCE

1. NO LONG TERM MAINTENANCE PLAN. Camp Moscrip does not have a long term maintenance program in place.

2. DIESEL FUEL FIRED WATER HEATERS. The water heaters in the new barracks were constantly off line. To have hot water consistently was impossible. Operator and Maintenance manuals were ordered from CONUS. Spare parts were not readily available.

CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

1. OPERATION SAFE HARBOR. In December, NMCB SEVEN'S Air Detachment redeployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to construct tent camps and facilities for Haitian migrants. The AD consisted of 89 men with a modified TOA.

ENCLOSURE 2

ADMINISTRATION/SPECIAL STAFF

ADMINISTRATION

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

A. Problem/Item: Lack of adequate office equipment (i.e. typewriters and computers).

Discussion: At the start of deployment, there were not enough computers and typewriters. We have a total of 18 Yeomen and Personnelmen that work in the S-1 Department with 6 computers, 6 printers, and 5 typewriters. The Comet computers were frequently inoperable during the first 2 months of deployment.

Action Taken/Recommendation: Yeomen and Personnelmen worked night shifts for maximum productivity. Both offices would function well with a minimum of three word processors with printers, 6 personal computers with printers and 10 typewriters. Request for additional computers and typewriters was submitted.

B. Problem/Item: Lack of office furniture (i.e. desk with typewriter stand, chairs, and file cabinets/closet for supplies).

Discussion: The first month of deployment the S-1 Department found desks and chairs around camp to accommodate each yeoman and personnelman. However, most of the furniture was defective or worn-out.

Action Taken/Recommendation: Supply was given a wish list to upgrade the office furniture.

C. Problem/Item: The local supply system possessed only a limited quantity of forms and other office items.

Discussion: Upon our arrival, there was an inadequate form supply at the local SERVMART and main supply system.

Action Taken/Recommendation: Order office supplies to last duration of the deployment before leaving homeport or upon arrival to site.

D. Problem/Item: Using detail mailing address caused delay and mail routing problems.

Discussion: Although Details had direct mailing addresses, they encountered delays in delivery and routing to the sites.

Action Taken/Recommendation: (1) For better mail transit times, suggest det personnel use their local station FPO address. (i.e. U.S. Naval Station, ATTN: NMCB SEVEN DET, FPO AE XXXXX-XXXX. This practice is not allowed for bills, newspapers/magazines, orders of merchandise, or official mail, this is for personal mail only. Recommend det mail dispatched by NMCB-74 Postal Clerks be forwarded under cover also with station address (Attn: NMCB-74 DET). Keep close contact with JMPA MIAMI on mail service. (2) Det mail to Guantanamo Bay use MAC. (3) Det mail to Jamaica dispatch by MAC to GITMO under label to Kingston - Call ATOC for FLT schedules POC SK2 Alvarado Ext 4263.

SAFETY

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

- A. PROBLEM/ITEM: Environmental instructions and procedures not implemented.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: We established an Environmental Review Committee which implemented new procedures in accordance with OPNAVINST 5090.1A and COMCBPAC/COMCBLANTINST 5090.1F.

- B. PROBLEM/ITEM: Abatement log not consolidated and followed up.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: A computer tracking system was established to assure that deficiencies were being corrected.

- C. PROBLEM/ITEM: No follow up of industrial hygiene annual survey.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Corrective action was taken on noted deficiencies. The noise survey was conducted 20 OCT 91 with results pending. Vieques crusher site respirator survey results are pending. The industrial hygiene officer conducted a second test in January 1992.

2. NARRATIVE: The Safety Department has continuously worked at upgrading all phases of the Safety Program to correspond with COMCBPAC/COMCBLANT and OPNAV Instructions. The full participation and cooperation of the safety supervisors and the safety policy committee contributed significantly to a deployment without fatalities or disabling injuries.

SAFETY SUMMARY

MONTH	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	TOTAL
FATALITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#DAY L.T.	0	1	0	4	0	1	4	0	10
#CASES L.T.	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	5
#DAYS L.D.	142	8	37	14	45	53	80	10	383
#CASES L.D.	14	4	8	4	6	9	8	2	55
#FIRST AID MISHAPS	4	9	6	12	7	6	14	10	68
#GOVT VEH MISHAPS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
GOVT VEH REPAIR COST	500	300	780	2801	1600	85	2285	7210	8351
GOVT VEH MILES DRIVEN	12,961	56,132	152,814	240,142	75,633	51,945	55,663	11,177	656,467