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Deployment Completion Report



Okinawa, Japan
December 1994 - July 1995

**Adak
Atsugi
Cuba
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**Iwakuni
Pohang
Sasebo
Yokosuka**



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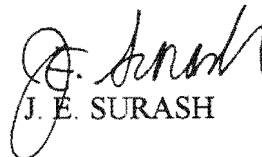
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Encl: (1) Deployment Completion Report

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).
2. In accordance with reference (b), U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN deployed to Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan during the period December 1994 to July 1995 with details deployed to Adak, Alaska; Atsugi, Japan; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Iwakuni, Japan; Pohang, Korea; Sasebo, Japan; and Yokosuka, Japan.
3. NMCB SEVEN completed a "magnificent" Pacific deployment due to thorough planning, training, and implementation of procedures developed and used throughout the homeport period. Two weeks prior to deploying, tasking was dramatically changed to include sending the water well team to Sasebo, Japan; adding a major project to remove forty piles from a storm damaged pier at White Beach in Okinawa, Japan, and providing a 68-person detachment to support Operation Sea Signal in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The battalion quickly adjusted to these changes. On arrival in Okinawa, and after a professional turnover, the battalion hit the ground running. By mid-deployment, three of the mainbody projects were completed ahead of schedule. To adjust for the early completions, tasked and CO discretionary projects were added at mid-deployment. In addition to construction operations, the mainbody completed four comprehensive training days, an intense field exercise at the Marine Corps Central Training Area, and small unit training at the Marine Corps Northern Training Area Endurance Course. The Mainland Japan details completed all tasked projects on or ahead of schedule due to outstanding planning and material support. Detail Pohang, Korea completed more than their tasked part of the Water Distribution Project and three additional projects. The detail also provided extensive exercise support for exercise Cobra Gold. Detail Hawaii's tasking changed significantly early in the deployment. They remained flexible and completed all tasking (new and old) well ahead of schedule. Detail Adak completed a rigorous tasking while helping the base recover from the worst snow storm in 80 years. Our Detachment Guantanamo Bay, Cuba attached to the TWENTY-SECOND NCR (forward) had a substantial role in establishing several migrant Quality of Life camps to include housing, messing, and government facilities. NMCB SEVEN's detachment completed over 9,000 mandays of construction. In addition to the tasked projects and training, in February 1995, NMCB SEVEN deployed a 15 member team to Kobe, Japan in response to the Great Hashin Earthquake. The team erected temporary housing for the people made homeless by the earthquake.

4. NMCB SEVEN works hard to achieve a balance in all mission areas. In addition to completing all tasking safely, with high quality and on or ahead of schedule, we advanced more people off the March 1995 Navy-Wide Exam than any other NCF unit and were a finalist in the Secretary of the Navy Safety Award for Non-Industrial commands. Our goal is to create a professional working environment designed to help each individual achieve success. Every man and woman in NMCB SEVEN is proud of the work completed during the Pacific deployment outlined in the enclosed Deployment Completion Report.



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ENCLOSURE 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ADMINISTRATION:

The NMCB SEVEN Administration Department provided exceptional support throughout the deployment. The department successfully maintained service records for the entire 620 person Battalion, provided legal support, processed passports and TAD Orders, administered Navy-wide exams, and provided all other Administrative support required to ensure smooth operation.

TRAINING:

Over 2000 mandays of focused training were completed during the deployment. Extensive and innovative military and on-the-job training was conducted. The field exercise (FEX), which included the Battalion's mainbody and over 100 reservists from our augment unit, was extremely successful. This FEX provided excellent opportunities for training in embarkation, military operations and communications.

OPERATIONS:

NMCB SEVEN conducted operations throughout Japan, Korea, Alaska, Hawaii, and Cuba, completing over 34,000 mandays of project tasking and training. Detail sites were maintained at Pohang, Korea; Yokosuka, Sasebo, Iwakuni, and Atsugi, Japan; Adak, Alaska; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Water Well Team was deployed to Sasebo, Japan. A disaster recover detail deployed with a Joint Task Force to Kobe, Japan in response to the Great Hanshin Earthquake.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS:

NMCB SEVEN was the first battalion to undergo a Supply Management Review (SMR) vice a Supply Management Inspection (SMI). Disbursing printed Leave and Earning Statements (LES) by accessing the Pay Files in Cleveland, Ohio improving morale by providing service members with their LES's by the second day of the month vice the end of the month. Prompt and courteous customer service was provided by all supply outlets.

ENCLOSURE 2

ADMINISTRATION/SPECIAL STAFF

ADMINISTRATION

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

A. PROBLEM/ITEM: Office supplies and forms.

DISCUSSION: SERVMART and Supply have a limited stock of office supplies and forms.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Ensure that a small supply of forms are taken on deployment or will be available on site. Immediately upon arrival, order supplies to ensure sufficient quantities for the deployment.

B. PROBLEM/ITEM: Mail service.

DISCUSSION: Mail service to several of the detail sites takes several weeks. This is particularly true of the details in Adak and Cuba.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Use the fax machine to send as much correspondence and information as possible. When mail service must be used be aware it may take up to three weeks.

SAFETY

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

A. PROBLEM/ITEM: Sports injuries.

DISCUSSION: Many no-duty and light-duty cases resulted from sports injuries.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATIONS: Implemented safety tips on the need for warming up prior to completing in sporting events through the use of the command Plan of the Day and company/department daily safety lectures

2. NARRATIVE: The Safety Office trained the battalion's personnel in the requirements of the NAVOSH program and held them accountable for the implementation of its standards. The aggressive support by NMCB SEVEN's entire chain of command was the key factor in this successful and safe deployment.

SAFETY SUMMARY

MONTH	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
FATALITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#DAYS LOST TIME	7	32	1	1	0	37	32	0	110
#CASES LOST TIME	3	5	1	1	0	5	2	0	17
#DAYS LIGHT DUTY	124	266	100	202	95	157	14	0	948
#CASES LIGHT DUTY	6	20	15	13	12	14	1	0	81
#FIRST AID	8	8	9	8	4	5	3	2	47
GOV. VEHICLE MISHAP	4	3	2	2	4	2	1	0	18
COST(in dollars)	1110	1027	150	2800	2900	200	4000	0	12187