

NMCB SEVEN

Deployment Completion Report



Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico February - September 1996

Andros Island

Atlanta

El Salvador

Fort Knox

Guantanamo Bay

Haiti

Key West

Little Creek

Norfolk

Panama

St. Lucia

St. Vincent

Vieques



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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, Puerto Rico during the period February 1996 to September 1996 with details deployed to Andros Island; Atlanta, GA; Fort Knox, KY; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Port-Au-Prince, Haiti; Key West, FL; Little Creek, VA; Norfolk, VA; Panama City, Panama; and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico; and Deployments for Training (DFTs) to El Salvador, Haiti, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent.

3. NMCB SEVEN completed a "magnificent" deployment to the Western Atlantic due to thorough planning, training, and implementation of procedures developed and used throughout the homeport period. We successfully deployed fourteen details and DFTs--three of them armed. Our details in Haiti, Atlanta, and Fort Knox were executed on short notice. We closed the detail site in Panama and re-opened the site on Andros Island. We supported Exercise FAIRWINDS in Haiti, Operation SEA SIGNAL in Cuba, Exercise NUEVES HORIZONTES in El Salvador, Exercise CARIB '96 in St. Lucia and St. Vincent, and the '96 Paralympic Games in Atlanta. Because Camp Moscrip had been in a caretaker status

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since December 1994 due to Operation SEA SIGNAL, we expended extensive effort throughout the deployment refreshing the camp facilities, equipment, and Table of Allowance. Our emergency response teams assisted Naval Station Roosevelt Roads during Hurricane Bertha in July and Hurricane Hortense in September. Finally, we seamlessly integrated over 200 reservists on Active Duty for Training (ADT) and Annual Training (AT) into the mainbody and detail sites--greatly enhancing our mission readiness and accomplishment.

4. NMCB SEVEN consistently strives to achieve balanced excellence in all mission areas: In addition to safely providing high quality, timely construction products, we received the FY95 CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award, the Atlantic NMCB Marksmanship Trophy, and were nominated for the Secretary of the Navy Safety Award for Non-Industrial Commands. We conducted Return and Reunion seminars in Gulfport, Camp Moscrip, and at the Guantanamo Bay and Norfolk detail sites that provided invaluable transition information to our Seabees and their families. We continuously endeavor to create a professional working environment designed to help each individual achieve success. Accordingly, every man and woman in NMCB SEVEN is proud of the work outlined in the enclosed Deployment Completion Report.


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION

The Administrative Department provided exceptional support throughout the deployment. The Department successfully maintained service records for the entire battalion, processed over 200 reservists on ADT and AT orders, provided legal support, processed passports and TAD orders, administered 392 Reserve and Active duty Navy Wide Examinations, and provided all other administrative support required to ensure a smooth deployment.

TRAINING

NMCB SEVEN completed over 7,000 mandays of training during the deployment including rifle and pistol qualifications and a military squad competition. The battalion conducted twelve embark evolutions in deploying and redeploying details and DFTs throughout the Caribbean and North and Central America.

OPERATIONS

NMCB SEVEN completed more than 34,000 mandays of project tasking in Puerto Rico and at detail sites in Andros Island, Atlanta, Fort Knox, Guantanamo Bay, Haiti, Key West, Little Creek, Norfolk, Panama, and Vieques Island. Deployments for Training (DFTs) completed six civic action projects, including water wells and schools, in El Salvador, Haiti, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent. Duration forces at Little Creek, Virginia, and Key West, Florida facilitated more than 9,200 mandays of construction by reservists.

SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

Supply supported four DFTs in the Caribbean and Central America, while MLO successfully procured materials for mainbody projects despite constantly changing requirements. Food service personnel effectively served the battalion hot meals prepared in the base galley while the Camp galley was under renovation.

ADMINISTRATION

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. PROBLEM/ITEM: COMSHIFT.

DISCUSSION: The mainbody and details experienced COMSHIFT problems for the first two weeks of deployment due to confusion in the assignment of routing indicators. Mainbody received traffic upon arrival in Puerto Rico. The guard then inadvertently shifted and Guantanamo Bay started receiving mainbody message traffic.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Continually monitor message traffic to ensure receipt of all messages. Maintain close liaison with the Roosevelt Roads Communication Center to ensure that the routing indicators are correct.

b. PROBLEM/ITEM: Message Traffic.

DISCUSSION: Mainbody had continuous problems receiving GENADMIN messages such as NAVADMINS, ALNAVs, etc., as well as some traffic addressed directly to NMCB SEVEN. This was due to a change in software system at the Communication Center.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Closely monitor receipt of message traffic. Maintain a good working relationship with the Communications Center and stay abreast of major changes in systems or processes.

c. PROBLEM/ITEM: Computers.

DISCUSSION: There were only three computers in the Administration and Personnel offices.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Worked closely with ADP and supply and obtained five computers for Administration and Personnel.

d. PROBLEM/ITEM: Phones.

DISCUSSION: There was only one working phone line in the Administration and Personnel spaces.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: There are now three operational phone lines; one in Administration, one in Personnel and a FAX line. It is recommended that a secure line be dedicated for the Gateguard system. At least two additional lines should be installed.

e. PROBLEM/ITEM: Typewriters.

DISCUSSION: There are only three typewriters in Administration and Personnel.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Maintain a minimum of five typewriters in these office spaces; one for Administration and four for Personnel.

CHAPLAIN

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. PROBLEM/ITEM: Chaplain went on detail visits to Guantanamo Bay, Haiti, Norfolk, and Andros.

DISCUSSION: These visits provided valuable face to face contact with the troops and insight into living/working conditions.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Recommend continued detail visits as possible.

b. PROBLEM/ITEM: Return and Reunion workshop.

DISCUSSION: Navy Family Service Center, Gulfport sent a four member team to Camp Moscrip for a workshop covering various aspects of renewing relationships with spouses, children, and the community. Also included were classes on financial planning for both married and single Seabees. A two member team visited detail sites at Guantanamo Bay, Norfolk, and Little Creek.

ACTION TAKEN/RECOMMENDATION: Maintain this program.

2. NARRATIVE: None.