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

Subj: Deployment Completion Report, Adak, Alaska 1962

Ref: (a) COMCBPAC Employment Directive 2-62  
(b) COMCBPAC Employment Directive 3-62  
(c) COMCBPACINST 5213.1A  
(d) MCBNINE Det FOXTROT ltr ser 137 of 5 Nov 62  
(e) MCBNINE ltr ser 854 of 2 Nov 62  
(f) MCBNINE ltr ser 932 of 7 Dec 62  
(g) MCBNINE 1st ENDORSEMENT ltr ser 49 of 14 Jan 63

Encl: (1) Final Labor Distribution Report  
(2) Check List of Project Completion Report Submittals  
(3) Project Photographs  
(4) OIC, MCBNINE Delay Party (Adak) ltr of 7 Mar 63

1. Forward. References (a) and (b) are the Employment Directives under which the main body of this Battalion and Detachment Foxtrot deployed to Adak and Kodiak. Reference (c) prescribes the monthly and final completion reports required. Reference (d) is the final report for the detachment's deployment to Kodiak, Alaska. This report therefore finalizes the deployment of the main body of the Battalion on Adak. Enclosure (1) is the Final Labor Distribution Report for deployment. Enclosure (2) provides a check list of individual project completion report submittals. On 5 October a 50 man Construction Detail departed for Gkinawa to assist in the Camp Kinser rehabilitation. The construction detail rejoined the Battalion at Port Hueneme on 10 November 1962. Reference (g) submitted the completion report for this Detail. During January 1963 a delay party returned to Adak to complete installation on antennas for which material was not available during the Battalions deployment. The completion report for this party is forwarded as enclosure (4). This letter then, plus the individual project completion reports constitute the Final Completion Report.

2. Situation. Thirteen officers and approximately 400 men of MCB NINE arrived on Adak on 16 April 1962 and joined the Advance Party of one officer and 47 men. On 5 November the main body of the Battalion departed Adak for Port Hueneme. The arrival of Port Hueneme on 14 November terminated a seven month deployment to Alaska where the Battalion was engaged in repair, improvement, and new construction projects. The construction program as written contained twelve projects, one additional fill-in project was approved and permission was received to defer one project plus a portion of a second. Inability to produce enough crushed road rock due to equipment breakdown and inclement weather prohibited

accomplishment of DAG-906, "Reshape Gravel Roads". The manhole rehabilitation portion of DAG 911, "Rehabilitation of Amulet Steam System", could not be completed due to delay in receipt of critical materials, namely expansion joints. All other projects were completed in accordance with plans and specifications provided by ~~MCBESTDOCKS~~, Seattle, Washington or Naval Station, Adak. Project details, problems, and methods of accomplishment were covered in detail in the monthly operation reports and in the individual project completion reports and therefore will not be additionally discussed in this letter.

3. Material. Material problems complicated approximately half of the projects in this program. They precluded an orderly phasing in and out of projects and extended some beyond their original scheduled date for start and completion. The Battalion was faced with a material shortage at the outset of the deployment since only 47% of the material had arrived on Adak when the Battalion arrived and of this quantity a major portion was that which was not required until projects were well underway. Work was commenced however, using available material and rescheduling projects. Considerable material had to be ordered by the Battalion after arrival at Adak. This was due primarily to insufficient quantities taken off by the MTO and some items being completely overlooked. Other shortages resulted from additional material being required due to far more deterioration than estimated or indicated on drawings. Even so, the material take off was considered good and no major items were overlooked. The major problems in material arose in the Naval Facility project where the tight time schedule accentuated the importance of any missing item. Again, important deficiencies were covered in the individual project completion reports and won't be repeated here. A summary of requisitions processed by project is given below.

<u>PROJECT (DAG)</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. REQNS (NO MTO)	30	14	152	5	25	170	7	403
No. REQNS (INSUFFICIENT)	3	3	50	5	8	113	0	182
No. REQNS (BY MTO)								
No. REQNS (MATL AVAIL)	24	12	157	8	29	207	6	443
ADAK								
No. REQNS (CONUS)	9	5	45	2	4	76	1	142

A considerable amount and variety of construction materials are stocked by NAVSTA Adak Supply Department, however, large quantities of a particular spec material are not generally available. Many substitutions were required to utilize material that was available and also acceptable to the ROICC. The decision not to send a material screening team to Adak "paid off" to the extent that more material was available in stock when it was needed to make up for deficiencies discovered during construction.

4. Labor. MCB NINE main body accomplished 37,331 mandays of direct labor, including 3923 mandays of military training. Direct labor averaged 50 percent for the deployment. A more comprehensive labor distribution report is contained in enclosure (1). Individual labor figures for the several projects are contained in the final progress and performance chart submitted as an enclosure to reference (e). Additionally, each project completion report contains a summary of labor utilized by rating.

5. Safety. An aggressive safety program was pursued during this deployment through the use of Safety Advisors, Safety Supervisors, and the Safety Policy Committee. Publicity was given to the Safety crew of the month and safety slogans ran in the Plan of the Day. A summary of the accident record for this deployment is as follows:

Lost Time: - - - - - 3  
First Air Cases - - - - - 102 (including off-duty)

6. Discipline. Disciplinary problems were considered to be relatively few, and for the most part, minor during this deployment. A summary of Mast cases is as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>REFERRED TO MAST</u>	<u>NJP</u>	<u>SCM</u>	<u>DISMISSED</u>
APR	15	7	1	7
MAY	13	7	1	5
JUN	13	4	4	5
JUL	10	4	5	1
AUG	10	5	1	4
SEP	12	4	2	6
OCT	9	2	0	7
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TOTALS	82	33	14	35

7. Morale. Morale remained high during most of the deployment. Although a deployment on Adak has the disadvantages of bad weather, few outdoor recreational activities, and no "liberty-towns", the men of MCB NINE kept busy during their leisure hours in the hobby shops, at the station movie, swimming pool, bowling alley, and gymnasium. Fishing was popular when weather permitted. Nearly all station intermural sports activities were entered by MCB NINE and first place honors were carried away in Basketball and Softball. The Station Chapel was well attended by the men of MCB NINE. A number of personnel were actively engaged in off-duty hours work for the Navy Exchange.

8. Administration. During the deployment three new officers reported aboard for duty and one was detached.

9. Training. A total of 3923 mandays of military training was conducted during the deployment. The training concentrated on basics during the early months and finally culminated in a day and night bivouac in a realistic defensive situation with marines from the Naval Station Marine Barracks as aggressors. One tactical march was conducted, also with marine aggressors. Only 733 mandays of formal technical training were conducted due to the heavy construction load. Most of the technical training was conducted during the early months of the deployment when material was not available to start all jobs scheduled.

Physical conditioning exercises were held practically every work day in conjunction with morning quarters.

10. Equipment. MCB NINE experienced considerable difficulty with equipment breakdown during the deployment as previously discussed in the individual project completion reports. The equipment breakdown, for the most part, is considered to have been the result of poor condition of equipment left on Adak from the previous deployment, adverse terrain and weather conditions, and inexperience on the part of many of the young equipment operators. A summary of parts requisitions processed during the deployment is as follows:

	<u>FY 62</u>	<u>FY 63</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No of Req avail Adak	112	89	201
No of Req CONUS	211	435	646

Priority Assigned to CONUS Requests:

<u>FY 62</u>		<u>FY 63</u>	
<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>NO. REQ.</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>NO. REQ.</u>
23	9	18	4
18	110	17	37
12	13	13	2
8	79	12	268
		5	124

Value of repair parts procured - - - \$37,672.99

Issues from the 6101 kit amounted to 1029 valued at \$5,484.12

11. Inspection. The annual Administrative Inspection by Commander Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific was conducted during 20-26 September 1962. An overall grade of excellent was received.

12. Financial. The final financial report was previously submitted as an enclosure to reference (f).

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LABOR DISTRIBUTION REPORT  
ADAK 1962

<u>DIRECT LABOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MANDAYS</u>
DAG 904	RUNWAY REPAIRS	5145
DAG 906	RESHAPE GRAVEL ROADS	12
DAG 907	REHAB MARINE RIFLE RANGE	966
DAG 908	REHAB BIRCHWOOD HANGAR	5836
DAG 909	REHAB FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	259
DAG 910	LOCATE WATER VALVES	115
DAG 911	REHAB AIRLET STEAM SYSTEM	737
DAG 912	REHAB AIRLET HOUSING	2303
DAG 913	REPAIR RDP SITE ROADS	726
DAG 914A	NAVFAC T. E. BLDG.	4713
DAG 914B	NAVFAC ADMIN BLDG.	2436
DAG 914C	NAVFAC POWER HOUSE	715
DAG 914D	NAVFAC EXTERIOR WORK	3204
DAG 915	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS TO HANGARS	421
DAG 916	REHAB BOQ AND YAKUTAT ADMIN SPACES	801
DAG 777A	INSTALL 4 COMM CABLES - COMSTA (P2-62)	75
DAG 777B	MONOPOLE ANT INST - MT MOFFETT (ASW-SSB)	332
DAG 888	EQUIP MAINT/REPAIR INCL RECORDS	5612
DAG 999	MILITARY TRAINING	3923
OKI	OKINAWA CONSTRUCTION DETAIL	966

TOTAL DIRECT LABOR

38,297 or 50

<u>INDIRECT LABOR</u>		
X01	OPERATIONS & ENGINEERING	1949
X02	PROJECT OFFICES	1018
X03	CENTRAL TOOL ROOM	488
X04	SUPPLY (PROJECT FUNCTIONS)	1883
X05	EQUIPMENT OFFICES	338
X06*	EQUIPMENT MAINT AND REPAIR	969
X07	SPARE PARTS SHOP STORE	508
X08	LOCATION MOVING	132
X09	MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION	1071
X10	EQUIP PRESERVATION/DEPRESERVATION	851
X11	PROJECT SUPERVISION	259
X12	MOTOR POOL PROJECT SUPPORT	1725

TOTAL INDIRECT LABOR

15,371 or 21

\* Through 31 May 1962 only.

Enclosure (1)

LABOR DISTRIBUTION REPORT (CONT'D)  
ADAK 1962

<u>COMMAND LABOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MANDAYS</u>
Y01	PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION	1709
Y02	MEDICAL AND DENTAL DEPTS	1047
Y03	NAVY EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES	290
Y04	DISBURSING AND SUPPLY	503
Y05	COMMISSARY	4505
Y06	CAMP UPKEEP AND REPAIRS	2518
Y07	SECURITY	1214
Y08	SPECIAL SERVICES	253
Y09	COMPANY OFFICES	1257
Y10	OTHER	598
	TOTAL COMMAND LABOR	13,894 or 18%
<u>MISCELLANEOUS LABOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MANDAYS</u>
Z01	LEAVE, LIBERTY AND RECREATION	357
Z02	MASTS, COURTS, CONFINEMENT	139
Z03	SICK CALL, DENTAL, HOSPITALIZATION	388
Z04	PERSONAL AFFAIRS	2011
Z05	INCLEMENT WEATHER	187
Z06	SAFETY TRAINING	94
Z07	TECHNICAL TRAINING	733
Z08	TAD NOT FOR UNIT PURPOSES	1993
Z09	OTHER	2331
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS LABOR	8233 or 11%
	TOTAL ALL LABOR AVAILABLE	76,795 or 100%

Actual work days in deployment 151  
Length of normal work day 6½ hours