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MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION  
NINE

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SECTION A  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND HISTORY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion NINE was deployed at Da Nang, Vietnam during the period June 1965 to February 1966 in accordance with COMCBPAC OPOD 12-65 and was located at Camp Adenir in the Marble Mountain area. The primary mission was to furnish construction support to the THIRD Marine Amphibious Force.
  
2. Detached Units. The Battalion had an on board strength of approximately 550 men in country with the following units deployed at other locations:
  - a. Seabee Teams 0905 and 0906 were deployed in the Republic of Vietnam in accordance with COMCBPAC OPOD 5-65 to support the U.S. Military Civic Action Program from May 1965 to Nov 1965.
  
  - b. Seabee Team 0907 deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in accordance with COMCBPAC OPOD 22-65 to support the U.S. Military Civic Action Program in Nov 1965.
  
  - c. Seabee Team 0908 commenced training at Port Hueneme, California in Jan 1966.
  
  - d. An EO/CM Team was deployed in Thailand in accordance with COMCBPAC OPOD 14-65 to support the U.S. Operations Mission Program from June 1965 to Jan 1966.
  
  - e. A Well Drilling Team was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam from Sep 1965 to Jan 1966.
  
3. Significant Events. The following is a resume of significant events which occurred during the deployment:
  - 25 Apr 1965 - Planning group of two officers and three enlisted men ordered to Da Nang to perform preliminary engineering and material procurement for forthcoming Seabee construction projects.
  
  - 14 May 1965 - Air detachment of one officer and 74 enlisted men arrived at Da Nang to assist NMCB THREE in the construction of a two Battalion Seabee camp near Hill 327. Camp was later reduced to a one battalion camp now known as "Camp Hoover."
  
  - 3 June 1965 - NMCB NINE main body departed Port Hueneme aboard USNS BLATCHFORD.
  
  - 20 June 1965 - Air detachment moved to Da Nang East in a tactical situation to establish NMCB NINE camp outside U.S. Marine Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) in area of questionable security.

27 Jun 1965 - USNS BLATCHFORD arrived Da Nang Harbor with main body and commenced off loading operations.

24 Aug 1965 - Four NMCB NINE men were killed and one man critically injured in a plane crash in Hong Kong Bay while returning from an R&R trip.

28 Oct 1965 - At approximately 0006 NMCB NINE came under heavy Viet Cong 60MM mortar and machine gun attack wounding 93 men of which two later died. The Viet Cong over ran the hospital construction site and destroyed eight of the almost completed buildings with demolition charges.

21 Nov 1965 - Camp Adenir dedicated in memory of Restituto P. ADENIR, SD3, USN who died of wounds received as a result of the 28 October 1965 Viet Cong attack. Rear Admiral A. C. HUSBAND, CEC, USN, Chief BUDOCKS, Rear Admiral HEAMAN, and Major General WALT were in attendance with the Honorable Anstacio B. BARTOLOME, Minister Counselor representing the Republic of the Philippines.

5 Dec 1965 - Major General L. WALT, CG, III MAF presented 66 Purple Heart Medals to personnel of NMCB NINE wounded as a result of the 28 October Viet Cong attack.

7 Jan 1966 - General Wallace M. GREEN Jr., Commandant Marine Corps presented a Bronze Star Medal to ENS F. J. HARTMAN and a Navy Commendation Medal to Chief Equipment Operator R. E. HUBBELL for their work in connection with the construction of the Monkey Mountain missile site and access road.

10 Jan 1966 - Advance base hospital constructed by NMCB NINE admitted first patient.

17 Jan 1966 - Commander R. E. ANDERSON, CEC, USN, CO, NMCB NINE was presented a Silver Star Medal by Admiral Roy L. JOHNSON, CINCPACFLT at hospital dedication ceremony.

25 Jan 1966 - At approximately 0034 Camp Adenir came under 81MM mortar attack. Thirteen rounds fell in the camp killing one Marine and wounding 4 Seabees and 3 Marines. The attack also destroyed two pieces of construction equipment and damaged four others.

1 Feb 1966 - First of six C141 aircraft departed Da Nang air lifting MCB NINE to Point Mugu.