

DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION REPORT

U S NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOUR

"FOUR DOES MORE"



PACIFIC FLEET ALERT NMCB

JANUARY 1975 TO SEPTEMBER 1975

U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOUR
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

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1. Enclosures (1) through (9) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a), as required in the performance of reference (b).

2. Unit Location. In accordance with reference (b), NMCB FOUR was deployed to Camp Covington, Guam, Mariana Islands, from 3 January 1975 to 8 September 1975, as the Pacific Fleet Alert Naval Mobile Construction Battalion.

3. Unit Movements. U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR deployed on 3 January 1975 and returned to homeport on 8 September 1975. Unit movements are summarized below.

15 DEC 74	NMCB FOUR Advance Party deployed from CBC Port Hueneme, California, to Camp Covington, Guam.
3-8 JAN 75	NMCB FOUR Main Body deployed from CBC Port Hueneme, California, to Camp Covington, Guam, and NCS Finegayan, Guam.
4 JAN 75	NMCB FOUR Detachment Midway Island deployed.
5 JAN 75	NMCB FOUR Detachment Japan deployed to Atsugi and Yokosuka, Japan.
9 JAN 75	SEABEE Team 0420 deployed to Ponape, TTPI.
17 APR 75	NMCB FOUR Detachment Adak deployed to Alaska from Camp Covington, Guam.

- 24 APR 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Japan redeployed to Camp Covington, Guam.
- 13 MAY 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Japan returned to Atsugi and Yokosuka, Japan, in reduced numbers.
- 28 JUN 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Japan redeployed to Camp Covington, Guam.
- 15 AUG 75 NMCB FOUR Advance Party deployed from Camp Covington, Guam, to CBC Port Hueneme, California.
- 31 AUG 75 SEABEE Team 0420 closed deployment site for CAT Ponape and redeployed from Ponape, TTPI, to Camp Covington, Guam, to debrief at 30th NCR and await further transit to Port Hueneme, California.
- 5 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Midway deployed from Midway Island to CBC Port Hueneme, California.
- 5-8 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR Main Body deployed from Camp Covington, Guam, to CBC Port Hueneme, California.
- 8 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Adak deployed from Adak, Alaska, to CBC Port Hueneme, California.

4. Significant Events.

- 3-8 JAN 75 NMCB FOUR Main Body deployed to Camp Covington, Guam, Mariana Islands.
- 4 JAN 75 NMCB FOUR Midway Detachment deployed to Midway Island, with ENS F. J. NELSON, OIC, and 29 enlisted personnel.
- 5 JAN 75 NMCB FOUR Japan Detachment deployed to Atsugi and Yokosuka, Japan, with LTJG R. A. DUN, OIC, and 62 enlisted personnel.
- 9 JAN 75 SEABEE Team 0420, with ENS P. D. SAUNDERS, OIC, and 12 enlisted personnel, deployed to Ponape, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
- 14-17 JAN 75 NMCB FOUR Air Detachment conducted a mount-out exercise. Overall rating by 30th NCR and CBPAC reviewers was "excellent."
- 16-18 JAN 75 CAPT WRIGHT, CBPAC Chief of Staff, visited Camp Covington.

- 18 FEB 75 Command Operational Readiness Inspection was held by CBPAC. Chief Inspector was CAPT J. R. WRIGHT, Chief of Staff. Captain W. J. BURNS Jr., Commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment, and other CBPAC and 30th NCR representatives, assisted. Overall rating was "outstanding."
- 26-28 FEB 75 LCDR CARRICATO, CBPAC Asst Operations Officer, visited the Japan Detachment.
- 28 FEB 75 RADM MARSCHALL, Chief of Civil Engineers, visited NMCB FOUR for briefings, job site visits, and the SEABEE Birthday celebration.
- 4-15 MAR 75 CDR MACDONALD, CO, NMCB FOUR, attended a Pacific NCF management conference in Hawaii.
- 5 MAR 75 SEABEE Birthday.
- 8 MAR 75 Human Resources Management Development Survey administered to the entire battalion.
- 8-14 MAR 75 LCDR VIZZA, NMCB FOUR Operations Officer, visited NAVSTA Adak, accompanied by CAPT BURNS, COM30THNCR, to review construction tasking for the Adak Detachment.
- 18-20 MAR 75 NMCB FOUR Air Detachment Mount-out (Exercise KENNEL BEAR 2-75), directed by COM30THNCR. Air Det inspected by VADM G. P. STEELE II, USN, COMSEVENTHFLT, and RADM G. S. MORRISON, USN, COMNAVMARIANAS.
- 18-24 MAR 75 Full Battalion Mount-out (Exercise KENNEL BEAR 2-75). Battalion inspected by CAPT BURNS, COM-30THNCR. Overall evaluation: "outstanding."
- 17 APR 75 NMCB FOUR Adak Detachment of 44 men departed for Alaska, with CMCS J. R. RANDALL, OIC.
- 23 APR 75 NMCB FOUR received orders to close all job sites and prepare for contingency operations.
- 23 APR 75 NMCB FOUR ordered to clean up and rehabilitate Asan Point Hospital Annex, and build a tent city at Orote Point for South Vietnamese evacuees. Japan Detachment ordered to join the Main Body on Guam.
- 24 APR 75 LTJG R. A. DUN, with 59 men from the NMCB FOUR

Japan Detachment, arrived on Guam.

- 8 MAY 75 NMCB FOUR ordered to stop erecting tents at Orote Point. Final count: 3546 tents.
- 13 MAY 75 LTJG DUN and 26 men from NMCB FOUR Japan Detachment returned to Japan.
- 29-30 MAY 75 RADM J. R. FISHER Jr., COMCBPAC, and EQCM J. WOOD, CBPAC MCPOC, visited NMCB FOUR's Adak Detachment.
- 6 JUN 75 CAPT HOWE, CO, WESTDIVNAVFACENGCOM, visited the Adak Detachment.
- 8-13 JUN 75 CDR STALLMAN, CO, NMCB TEN, accompanied by LCDR BURGESS, Supply Officer; EQCM KIMMONS, ALPHA Co. Commander; and BUCS HUMPHRIES, Operations Chief, visited Guam on a pre-deployment visit.
- 12-14 JUN 75 LCDR SMITH, NMCB TEN Operations Officer, visited Midway Detachment on a pre-deployment visit.
- 25 JUN 75 Orote Point Tent City closed.
- 28 JUN 75 NMCB FOUR Detachment Japan relieved by NMCB ONE Detachment Japan. LTJG DUN, OIC, and 32 men, joined the Main Body on Guam. The Japan Detachment was disestablished.
- 17 JUL 75 NMCB FOUR notified of its selection as PACFLT NCF "Best of Type."
- 21 JUL 75 RADM J. R. FISHER Jr., COMCBPAC, visited NMCB FOUR and cut the ribbon on the NCS Finegayan CPO Mess project.
- 28-31 JUL 75 LCDR BERZINS and LT WILSON of 30TH NCR, and SKCS FERNANDEZ of CBPAC, conducted the Annual Supply Inspection of NMCB FOUR.
- 3-6 AUG 75 CAPT J. A. WRIGHT, CBPAC Chief of Staff, visited NMCB FOUR on Guam, accompanied by LCDR CARRICATO, MAJ SHAW, and LTJG BITTLE.
- 7-10 AUG 75 CDR HARRELL, CBPAC Operations Officer, visited NMCB FOUR on Guam.

- 15 AUG 75 NMCB TEN Advance Party arrived on Guam. NMCB FOUR Advance Party (first element), with LT C. V. KING III as OIC, LTJG W. YUH, S-1; and 93 men, departed Guam for Port Hueneme, California.
- 25-28 AUG 75 Captain RICHMOND, USMC, 31ST NCR Military Training Advisor, visited NMCB FOUR on Guam to supervise the LTI for weapons and communications gear TCA turnover.
- 30 AUG 75 NMCB FOUR Advance Party (second element), with LT KLEIN as OIC, and 29 men, departed Guam for Port Hueneme, California.
- 31 AUG 75 SEABEE Team 0420, with LTJG P. D. SAUNDERS as OIC, and 12 men, redeployed from Ponape, TTPI, to Guam, en route to Port Hueneme, California.
- 5 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR Midway Detachment, with ENS F. J. NELSON as OIC, and 24 men, relieved by NMCB TEN Midway Detachment and departed Midway for Port Hueneme, California.
- 5-8 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR relieved by NMCB TEN, and departed Guam for Port Hueneme, California.
- 8 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR Adak Detachment, with EQCM J. R. RANDALL as OIC, and 62 men, relieved by NMCB TEN Adak Detachment, and departed Adak for Port Hueneme, California.
- 8 SEP 75 NMCB FOUR commenced its 30-day "stand-down" period.



Cleanup operations at the Naval Hospital Annex at Asan.

5. Significant Correspondence.

202343Z DEC 74
FM COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS

BT
UNCLAS //NO1650//

DEPLOYMENT MESSAGE

1. AS YOU BEGIN ANOTHER WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT YOU AGAIN WILL BE FACED WITH MANY UNIQUE AND COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NMCB FOUR WILL MEET THESE CHALLENGES WITH THE SAME ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONALISM YOU HAVE EXHIBITED IN PAST DEPLOYMENTS.

2. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR A PRODUCTIVE AND ENJOYABLE DEPLOYMENT. RADM FISHER SENDS.

BT



First day of work at the Orote Point refugee camp during Operation New Life.

040435Z MAY 75
FM CINCPAC REP GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
INFO ALMILACTS GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
O R 020205Z MAY 75
FM SECSTATE WASH DC
TO SECDEF IMMEDIATE
JCS IMMEDIATE
INFO CINCPAC
CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI MI

BT

UNCLAS STATE 102575

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMER

SUBJECT: INDOCHINA EVACUATION

FROM AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN

1. THE EXCELLENCE WITH WHICH THE MILITARY PERSONNEL ON GUAM UNDER THE COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL MORRISON HAVE RESPONDED IN MEETING THE DIFFICULT TASKS OF THE ONGOING INDOCHINA EVACUATION

HAS BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE OF PRIDE AND SATISFACTION TO ME OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS. DESPITE THE ALMOST OVERWHELMING FLOOD OF EVACUEES AND THE DESPERATE SHORTAGE OF TIME TO PREPARE, BY THE SHEER EFFORT OF THEIR LABORS, THEY HAVE CREATED ORDER WHERE THERE WAS CHAOS, RESTORED A SENSE OF SECURITY, AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS A SENSE OF COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.

2. THERE ARE MANY MORE DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD, BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMAND UNDER ADMIRAL MORRISON'S GUIDANCE WILL MAINTAIN THEIR HIGH STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY. I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF MANY PERSONAL SACRIFICES MADE BY THE SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT TASK BRING GREAT CREDIT TO THEMSELVES AND THE UNITED STATES. KISSINGER.

BT

R131951Z MAY 75

FM COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
TO COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
NMCB FOUR
NMCB FOUR ZERO
CBMU THREE ZERO TWO
INFO CHCIVENG ALEXANDRIA VA
COMCBLANT ALEXANDRIA VA
NMCB ONE

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BRAVO ZULU

COM 30 NCR PASS TO SEABEE TEAM 0112

1. THE PROFESSIONALISM, DETERMINATION AND PERSEVERANCE DISPLAYED BY ALL SEABEES IN OPERATION NEW LIFE THESE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAVE WRITTEN A NEW PROUD CHAPTER IN SEABEE HISTORY. THE "INSTANT" CAMPS YOU ERECTED NEARLY OVERNIGHT AT OROTE POINT AND GRANDE ISLAND WERE THE KEYSTONES TO THE WHOLE OPERATION. AS THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE STATED, "YOUR EFFORTS...CREATED ORDER WHERE THERE WAS CHAOS...AND RESTORED A SENSE OF SECURITY TO OUR VIETNAMESE FRIENDS".

2. YOU BROUGHT OFF AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT IN TRUE SEABEE STYLE BRINGING GREAT CREDIT TO YOURSELVES, THE NAVY, AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. BRAVO ZULU TO ALL HANDS. RADM FISHER SENDS.

BT

R 170427Z JUN 75

FM COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
TO COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
NMCB FOUR
NMCB FOUR ZERO
COMNAVFACENGCOM ALEXANDRIA VA

BT

UNCLAS //N11000//
OPERATION NEW LIFE

1. IT WAS MY DISTINCT HONOR THIS DATE TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL LETTER FROM ADMIRAL NOEL GAYLER, COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC, CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT:

"I RECENTLY VISITED THE OPERATION NEW LIFE FACILITIES ON GUAM AND WAS STRUCK BY THE OUTSTANDING JOB YOUR SEABEES WERE DOING. THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING ALMOST INSTANT SHELTER FOR FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE WAS TRULY REMARKABLE. I HOPE YOU'LL PASS MY 'WELL DONE' TO ALL HANDS".

2. IT IS A PLEASURE TO PASS THESE COMMENDATORY OBSERVATIONS TO THE COMMANDS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERB SEABEE ACHIEVEMENTS IN OPERATION NEW LIFE. RADM FISHER SENDS.

BT



FOUR rigging street lights at Orote Point.

R 180030Z JUN 75

FM CINCPACREP GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
TO ALMILACTS GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS

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PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

1. THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN A MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC. QUOTE: THE KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON INDOCHINA EVACUATION AND REFUGEE PROBLEMS SAYS, IN PART, "THE FACT THAT THE MILITARY SERVICES COULD AND DID RESPOND COMPASSIONATELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO A HUMAN TIDE OF REFUGEES— TO MOVE, FEED, SHELTER AND CARE FOR SOME 130,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN —IS AN OUTSTANDING TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP, CAPABILITY, ORGANIZATION AND TIRELESS WORK OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY SERVICES, AT ALL POINTS VISITED BY THE STUDY MISSION. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE SERVICES HAVE PERFORMED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN MEETING EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, AND THEY DESERVE THE HIGH TRIBUTE AND COMMENDATION OF CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE".

2. DELIGHTED TO SEE THIS GREAT JOB BY THE PACOM TEAM AGAIN RECOGNIZED AND TRUST YOU'LL PASS ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORDS TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE. UNQUOTE. RADM MORRISON SENDS.

BT

R 160503Z JUL 75
FM COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI
COMNAVFACENCOM ALEXANDRIA VA
COMCBLANT LITTLE CREEK VA
COMNAVLOGPAC MAKALAPA HI
COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS
COM THREE ONE NCR PORT HUENEME CA
NMCB THREE
NMCB FIVE
NMCB TEN
NMCB FOUR ZERO

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UNCLAS //NO1650//

NMCB BEST OF TYPE FY75

1. IT IS A PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT NMCB FOUR HAS BEEN SELECTED AS BEST OF TYPE FOR THE PACIFIC NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE FOR 1975.
2. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES NMCB FOUR'S OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN ALL PERFORMANCE AREAS AND AN OUTSTANDING RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT NEW LIFE. IT CULMINATES A YEAR OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ON THE PART OF ALL HANDS. ALL CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT.
3. PLEASE CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION. RADM FISHER SENDS.

BT

R161721Z JUL 75
FM COMCBLANT LITTLE CREEK VA
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
AIG SEVEN SIX SIX FOUR

BT

UNCLAS E F T O //NO1650//

PACIFIC NMCB BEST OF TYPE FY 75

1. ALL ATLANTIC FLEET SEABEES JOIN ME IN EXTENDING WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NMCB FOUR UPON

YOUR SELECTION AS "BEST OF TYPE" FOR THE PACIFIC NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE FOR FY 1975. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN THE ATLANTIC TEAM ON YOUR NEXT DEPLOYMENT.
2. WELL DONE AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.
CAPTAIN J. C. RICKELS.

BT



Presentation of "Best of Type" plaque

FM CHCIVENG ALEXANDRIA VA
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO CNO WASHINGTON DC
CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI
COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM MARIANAS ISLANDS

BT
UNCLAS //NO1650//

SELECTION AS PACFLT NMCB BEST OF TYPE

1. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND TO NMCB FOUR MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR SELECTION AS NMCB BEST OF TYPE IN THE PACIFIC FOR FY 1975. THIS HONOR IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF THE STRONG COMPETITION WHICH YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED. FOUR'S ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MANY AND EXCELLENT, BUT YOU WILL PERHAPS BE BEST REMEMBERED BY YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY FACILITIES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA REFUGEES IN OPERATION NEW LIFE. WELL DONE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. RADM MARSCHALL, CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS, U. S. NAVY.

BT

R032038Z OCT 75

FM COMNAVFAENGCOM ALEXANDRIA VA
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI
COMNAVLOGPAC MAKALAPA HI
COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
COM THREE ONE NCR PORT HUENEME CA
COMCBLANT LITTLE CREEK VA
COM TWO ZERO NCR GULFPORT MS

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PELTIER AWARD FOR FY 1975

1. THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS HAS ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF NMCB FOUR AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOR THE PAST FISCAL YEAR. MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN OF THE BATTALION FOR THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR.
2. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES THE SUSTAINED, SUPERIOR PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY PROFICIENCY OF THE BATTALION DURING THE DEPLOYMENT TO GUAM. IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL WORK PROJECTS, THE BATTALION WAS THE PRIMARY CONSTRUCTION AGENT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEW LIFE. THE EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF A TENT CITY FOR 50,000 VIETNAMESE EVACUEES, PLUS INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATED UTILITIES AND FACILITIES, EARNED THE BATTALION THE RESPECT OF ALL UNITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION.
3. IN VIEW OF THE KEEN COMPETITION PROVIDED BY THE SEABEE BATTALIONS OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, YOU CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF BEING SELECTED FOR THIS COVETED AWARD. ONLY THE UTMOST EFFORT AND DEDICATION OF ALL HANDS COULD HAVE EARNED THIS FINE RECOGNITION. WELL DONE. RADM A. R. MARSCHALL, CHIEF OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

BT

R100625Z NOV 75
FM COM THREE ZERO NCR GUAM
TO NMCB FOUR
INFO COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
BT

UNCLAS EFTO //NO1650//

BEST OF TYPE AND PELTIER AWARD

1. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SELECTION FOR PACIFIC FLEET BEST OF TYPE AND THE PELTIER AWARD. YOUR LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING YOUR DEPLOYMENT TO GUAM IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE.

2. YOUR DIRECT SUPPORT TO OPERATION NEW LIFE WAS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A PROGRAM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATION. WITHOUT YOUR EXTRA EFFORTS THERE WAS NO HOPE OF MEETING THE CRASH DEADLINES IMPOSED BY THE SITUATION. YOUR DETERMINATION AND THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF EACH MAN WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SUCCESSSES AND SET A "CAN DO" TONE FOR EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE OPERATION. YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFICIENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN CONSTRUCTING OROTE POINT CAMP HAVE WRITTEN NEW PAGES IN SEABEE HISTORY.

3. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON THE REGULARLY TASKED WORK WAS EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE. YOUR COMPLETION OF THE CPO CLUB AT NAVCOMMSTA GUAM PUT AN OUTSTANDING FINISHING TOUCH ON THE WORK OF SEVERAL DEPLOYMENTS. THE NAVAL HOSPITAL POOL WAS BROUGHT VERY CLOSE TO COMPLETION. PROGRESS ON THE WORK AT NAVMAG WAS EXCELLENT AND WILL SET THE GROUNDWORK FOR OVERALL COMPLETION OF THAT COMPLEX PROJECT ON SCHEDULE. THE WORK OF YOUR DETACHMENTS IN JAPAN, MIDWAY, AND ADAK WAS ALWAYS OUTSTANDING. IN ADDITION TO REMARKABLE SUCCESSES IN CONSTRUCTION YOUR BATTALION DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB ON THE MOUNT OUT EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY THIS REGIMENT.

4. AS OPERATION NEW LIFE CLOSES HERE ON GUAM AND WE REFLECT ON HOW IT BECAME SUCH A SUCCESS, WE REALIZE THAT A KEY ELEMENT OF SUCH AN OPERATION IS TO HAVE A BEST OF TYPE BATTALION ON HAND TO ASSIGN TO THE WORK. YOUR RESPONSE WAS THE SAME AS YOUR ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT, OUTSTANDING IN ALL RESPECTS; IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US ON GUAM.

BT

R041827Z OCT 75
FM COMCBPAC MAKALAPA HI
TO NMCB FOUR

BT

UNCLAS //NO1650//

PELTIER AWARD FOR FY 1975

1. HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOUR UPON YOUR SELECTION AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975.

2. COMPETITION WAS KEEN, BUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MEN OF NMCB FOUR WERE TRULY EXCEPTIONAL AND DESERVED NO LESS THAN THIS MOST COVETED AWARD. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY WAS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OPERATION NEW LIFE, WHICH ADDED A PROUD NEW CHAPTER TO SEABEE HISTORY. ONCE AGAIN, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE APPROPRIATENESS OF YOUR MOTTO, "DO MORE WITH FOUR." WELL DONE. RADM FISHER SENDS.

BT

R082059Z OCT 75
FM COMCBLANT NORFOLK VA
TO NMCB FOUR

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UNCLAS //NO1650//
PEITIER AWARD FOR FY 1975
1. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CBLANT FAMILY, I EXTEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST WISHES TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NMCB FOUR ON YOUR SELECTION BY THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FOR 1975. THIS AWARD REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A YEAR OF TRULY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REJOINING THE ATLANTIC TEAM NEXT SPRING WHEN YOU DEPLOY TO EUROPE. WELL DONE. CAPT RICKLES.
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UNIT LOCATION SUMMARY

<u>TYPE UNIT</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE DATE AT SITE</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
NMCB FOUR MAIN BODY	16/564	CAMP COVINGTON, GUAM, M.I.	3 JANUARY 1975/ 8 SEPTEMBER 1975	CONSTRUCTION, PACIFIC FLEET MILITARY ALERT BATTALION
NMCB FOUR, FINEGAYAN	1/45	NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION, FINEGAYAN, GUAM, M.I.	3 JANUARY 1975/ 8 SEPTEMBER 1975	CONSTRUCT CPO CLUB, COMMUNITY CENTER
NMCB FOUR DETACHMENT ADAK	0/30	NAVAL STATION, ADAK, ALASKA	26 DECEMBER 1974/ 8 SEPTEMBER 1975	DUMP CONSOLIDATION, ERECT ANTENNAS
NMCB FOUR DETACHMENT JAPAN	1/48	FLEET ACTIVITIES, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN NAVAL AIR FACILITY, ATSUGI, JAPAN	8 JANUARY 1975/ 28 JUNE 1975	BOQ/BEQ REHAB, P.O. CLUB REPAIRS
NMCB FOUR DETACHMENT MIDWAY ISLAND	1/28	NAVAL STATION, MIDWAY ISLAND	4 JANUARY 1975/ 8 SEPTEMBER 1975	BEQ REHAB
NMCB FOUR SEABEE TEAM 0420	1/12	PONAPE, T.T.P.I.	9 JANUARY 1975/ 8 SEPTEMBER 1975	CIVIC ACTION

Enclosure (1)



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OFFICER AND LEADING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER LISTING

CDR Malcolm J. MACDONALD, CEC, USN	Commanding Officer (July 1974-)
LCDR Charles M. MASKELL, CEC, USN	Executive Officer (February 1974-)
LCDR William K. VIZZA, CEC, USN	Operations Officer (August 1973-April 1975)
LCDR Jarold R. HILDEBRAND, SC, USN	Supply Officer (September 1974-)
LCDR William E. SCHUMM, CHC, USN	Chaplain (September 1973-)
LT Clifford H. ROYAL, CEC, USN	Plans & Training Officer (October 1973-March 1975)
	OIC Finegayan Detachment (March 1975-)
LT Michael W. SHELTON, CEC, USN	Operations Officer (April 1975-)
LT Robert N. LONGFIELD, MC, USNR	Medical Officer (July 1974-)
LT Claude V. KING III, CEC, USN	DELTA Co. Commander (July 1974-March 1975)
	Plans & Training Officer (March 1975-)
LT Terrence C. MONSON, DC, USNR	Dental Officer (July 1974-August 1975)
LT John D. MASON, DC, USNR	Dental Officer (August 1975-)
LT Michael R. JOHNSON, CEC, USN	ALPHA Co. Commander (August 1975-)
LT Fred C. KLEIN, USN	Material Liaison Officer (September 1974-)
	HEADQUARTERS Co. Commander (February 1975-)

Enclosure (2)



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OFFICER AND LEADING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER LISTING

CDR Malcolm J. MACDONALD, CEC, USN	Commanding Officer (July 1974-)
LCDR Charles M. MASKELL, CEC, USN	Executive Officer (February 1974-)
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LCDR William E. SCHUMM, CHC, USN	Chaplain (September 1973-)
LT Clifford H. ROYAL, CEC, USN	Plans & Training Officer (October 1973-March 1975) OIC Finegayan Detachment (March 1975-)
LT Michael W. SHELTON, CEC, USN	Operations Officer (April 1975-)
LT Robert N. LONGFIELD, MC, USNR	Medical Officer (July 1974-)
LT Claude V. KING III, CEC, USN	DELTA Co. Commander (July 1974-March 1975) Plans & Training Officer (March 1975-)
LT Terrence C. MONSON, DC, USNR	Dental Officer (July 1974-August 1975)
LT John D. MASON, DC, USNR	Dental Officer (August 1975-)
LT Michael R. JOHNSON, CEC, USN	ALPHA Co. Commander (August 1975-)
LT Fred C. KLEIN, USN	Material Liaison Officer (September 1974-) HEADQUARTERS Co. Commander (February 1975-)

LTJG Richard A. DUN, CEC, USN	OIC Japan Detachment (January 1975-July 1975)
	CHARLIE Co. Commander (July 1975-)
LTJG Peter D. SAUNDERS, CEC, USNR	OIC Seabee Team 0420 (July 1974-)
LTJG Richard A. ELLIOTT, CEC, USN	OIC Finegayan Detachment (January 1975-March 1975)
	DELTA Co. Commander (March 1975-August 1975)
LTJG Paul B. WADE, SC, USN	Disbursing Officer (January 1974-)
	HEADQUARTERS Co. Commander (August 1974-February 1975)
LTJG Wallace NMN YUH, USN	Administrative/Personnel Officer (July 1974-)
ENS Ronald P. DETROYE, CEC, USNR	BRAVO Co. Commander (February 1974-)
ENS Frank J. NELSON, CEC, USNR	OIC Midway Detachment (January 1975-)
ENS Leighton J. TRUE III, CEC, USN	Engineering Officer (March 1975-)
ENS Michael A. KOPACZEWSKI, CEC, USNR	Engineering Officer (September 1974-March 1975)
	Asst Plans & Training Officer (April 1975-)
CWO2 Roy D. PUCKETT, CEC, USN	ALPHA Co. Commander (February 1974-August 1975)
EQCM Alfonso NMN SANTANA, USN	MCPOC (December 1972-March 1975)
EQCM Dwaine R. RUTHERFORD, USN	MCPOC (March 1975-)
CUCM Keith W. NELSON, USN	Operations Chief (July 1974-)

ADMIN/PERSONNEL

The Administrative Dept. provided all administrative, reproduction, and personnel services to the battalion during the deployment.

The Administrative Staff averaged five Yeomen: two YN2's, two YN3's, and one YNSA. A YN1 functioned as office supervisor, with a YNC filling the billet of Assistant Personnel Officer. A line LTJG was the Administrative/Legal Officer.

The Personnel Staff of eight PN's provided a variety of services to the battalion during the 1975 Guam deployment. Personnel handled over 700 service records, PCS/TAD transfer orders, leave authorizations, routine correspondence relating to battalion personnel, message traffic, information flyers, flight manifests, and general support of the line companies. On a more personal level, the Personnel Dept. provided information needed by individuals on a daily basis. Reenlistment and service record verification interviews supplied the department with feedback on the accuracy and completeness of personnel data.

The Personnel and Administrative staffs maintained the Duty YN/PN Watch Section, which provided emergency personnel services and message pick-up service on a 24-hour basis.



AVERAGE BATTALION STRENGTH - DEPLOYED AND ASSIGNED

	<u>DEPLOYED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
OFFICERS	20	20
E-9	2	2
E-8	4	4
E-7	24	25
E-6	74	87
E-5	104	120
E-4	181	189
E-3 & below	<u>285</u>	<u>298</u>
TOTAL	698	745

AVERAGE BATTALION RECEIPTS AND TRANSFERS

	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
OFFICERS	3	3
E-9	1	1
E-8	1	1
E-7	3	4
E-6	12	10
E-5	7	11
E-4	35	11
E-3 & below	<u>45</u>	<u>31</u>
TOTAL	105	71

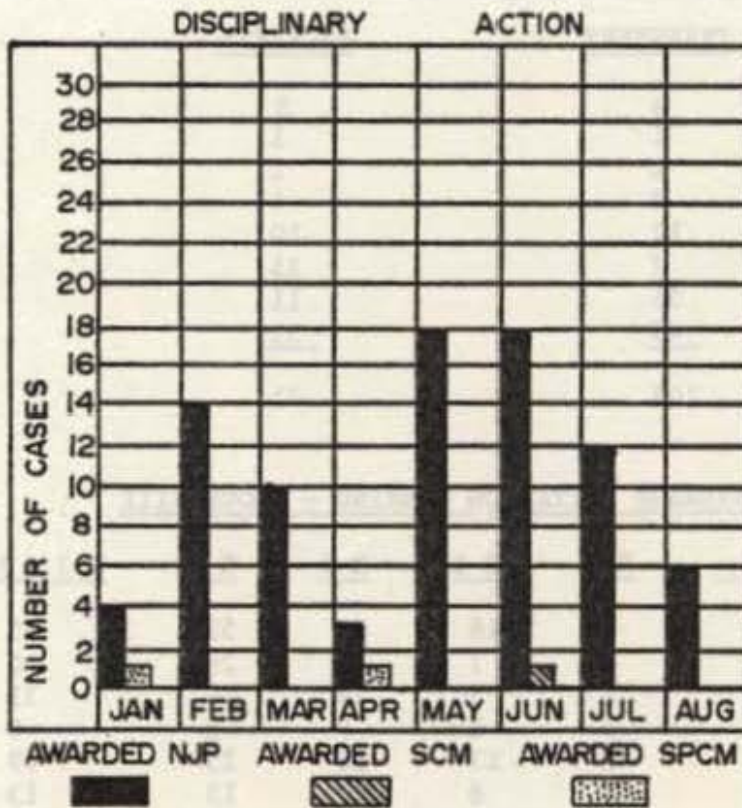
AVERAGE BATTALION MANNING - GROUP VIII

	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3 & below</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BU	2	7	16	33	52	63	173
CE	0	2	7	13	20	10	52
CM	1	3	5	14	24	31	78
EA	0	1	2	8	9	8	28
EO	1	5	17	18	25	49	115
SW	0	3	6	10	15	13	47
UT	1	2	7	9	19	18	56
Non-designated personnel						96	96
TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>645</u>

LEGAL

The Legal Dept. provided legal assistance to the battalion during the deployment, with the COMNAVMAR Legal Services Office providing the services of a JAG Officer to the battalion on a bi-monthly basis, except for the period of April through July. The battalion Legal Officer and yeoman were augmented by teams of trial and defense counsels and military judges as needed, from the Naval Legal Services Office of COMNAVMAR.

Disciplinary action resulted in NJP awarded on an average of three cases weekly at Captain's Mast. Two special and one summary courts-martial were convened during the deployment. Disciplinary action, by month, is illustrated on the graph below.



CAREER COUNSELING

Throughout the Guam deployment, the battalion Career Counselor was busy with the task of interviewing all personnel who approached the end of their enlistment, and screening all personnel for eligibility for the Navy's various reenlistment incentive programs. The most popular by far were the GUARD II and GRASP programs. Of equal importance were the various educational programs, and regular benefits available to each Navy man in the command.

The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Command were very visible in the command retention effort as well as the Company Commanders and chiefs. A large share of the credit for the high retention figures of NMCB FOUR belongs to these individuals. During the deployment, the following retention statistics were amassed:

<u>FIRST TERM PERSONNEL</u>			<u>CAREER PERSONNEL</u>	
<u>ELIGIBLE/NOT ELIGIBLE/REENLISTED</u>			<u>ELIGIBLE/REENLISTED</u>	
49	27	18	29	28

The final percentages show an increase over last deployment, with first-term figures having doubled, and career figures almost 100%. Taking into account the extreme over-manning of Group VIII personnel, and the austerity of transfer funds, this deployment was very successful.



MORALE

The Guam deployment gave the men of FOUR the chance not only to demonstrate their abilities as craftsmen by doing quality construction, but also to mobilize their resources and provide almost instant support in an emergency situation in Operation New Life.

The NMCB FOUR MARS station completed more than 2000 calls since its activation on 20 May 1975. More than 20 men per day were able to talk with their families.

Battalion participation in island intramural sports resulted in NMCB FOUR winning the softball championship and the flag football tournament. The Finegayan Detachment took first place in the Slow Pitch softball tournament. BU3 Gary E. BILLINGSLY placed Fifth in the all-Navy swimming competition, while LT Vernon KING's sailing team captured Ninth place in the PACFLT Sailing Championship. In battalion sports, DELTA Co. was awarded First place in bowling and S-3 took the volleyball championship.

Another boost to NMCB FOUR's morale was the attendance of the "King Bee," RADM MARSCHALL, at the battalion's annual Seabee Birthday party.

Along with all the hard work making up this past deployment, men found time to participate in local activities, such as USO shows, "boonie stomps," liberty on Truk and Saipan, and to take advantage of the liberal leave policy to the U. S.

It was a very challenging and difficult deployment for us but one that we can look back upon with pride at their numerous accomplishments. To a man, each knows that much of what has been done will go down in history as a job "well done."



CHAPLAIN

Throughout the deployment to Guam, worship services were conducted on a regular basis to accommodate the religious needs and interests of a broad cross-section of battalion personnel. Catholic Masses were conducted at 1800 Saturday evenings, the chosen time being that which most suited all participants. Protestant worship services were conducted Sunday mornings at 0900, with the Protestant Chaplain officiating. Holy Communion was celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. On two occasions, during the Chaplain's absence, services were conducted by a visiting Chaplain and/or one of the laymen in the battalion. Musical accompaniment was provided by a visiting organist who received \$10 per Sunday for her help. Payment was made through the command Operation & Maintenance Fund.

A visiting layman conducted Pentecostal worship each Tuesday evening, and two members from the battalion conducted additional prayer services on three other week nights. Persons of the Jewish faith were invited to attend Sabbath services at the Naval Hospital, and during those portions of the year when Jewish High Holy Days were celebrated, these individuals were granted time away from their jobs to worship.

One final group of men, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, requested and obtained transportation from the battalion to be able to worship with other members of their faith at their church in central Guam.

Group Bible study was popular on Tuesday evenings. Religious films were shown each Wednesday evening throughout the major portion of the deployment.

Offerings in the Protestant Communion totaled about \$400. Contributions were made from these offerings to groups in the Philippines, the American Bible Society, and to the Trans-World Radio project being built here on Guam.

The major portion of the Chaplain's time was taken in counseling battalion members with problems, which, in general, are those that are typical on an overseas deployment, such as financial, marital and other family problems. A daily average of almost ten individuals would seek counsel. The peak periods at the beginning and again near the end of the deployment, would find as many as 15 persons coming to the Chapel office on a given day.

During Operation New Life, the Chaplain worked in concert with other Chaplains on the island in an effort to mobilize and coordinate

volunteer help. He also worked to establish indigenous religious services in Tent City. Toward the close of the Orote Point operation, the Chaplain assisted the Army Chaplain by conducting three services for the Army personnel who remained.

The Chaplain also served as contact man for all message traffic to and from the Red Cross. This role played an important part by providing additional opportunities to minister to a large number of men.

The Chapel spaces also housed the battalion library. The acquisition of 2000 new books from the Training & Education Support Activity in Pearl Harbor was completed by the time NMCB FOUR left Guam.



MEDICAL

Medical facilities at Camp Covington were adequate for most routine and emergency treatment cases.

No major problems were encountered during the deployment. Operation New Life temporarily depleted medical supplies to some degree, but replacements were quickly reordered to bring the TOA and Air Det supplies back to approved levels. Containers for TOA and Air Det medical supplies were warehoused in the same area as the 782 gear. These canisters were inventoried, seals repaired, and TOA discrepancies rectified by the Medical Dept. prior to turnover.

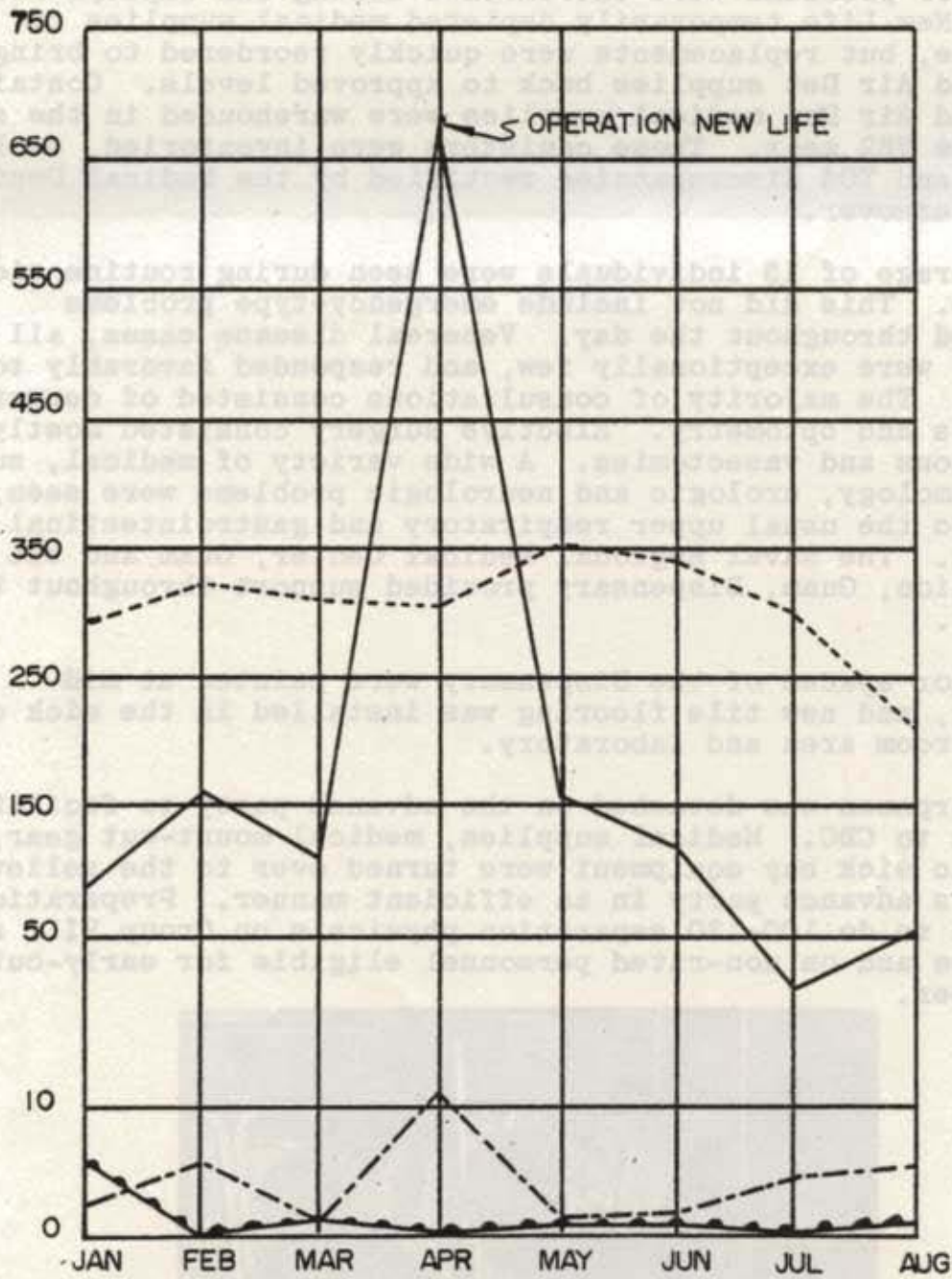
An average of 15 individuals were seen during routine sick call hours. This did not include emergency-type problems encountered throughout the day. Venereal disease cases, all gonorrhea, were exceptionally few, and responded favorably to treatment. The majority of consultations consisted of dermatology, orthopedics and optometry. Elective surgery consisted mostly of circumcisions and vasectomies. A wide variety of medical, surgical, ENT, ophthalmology, urologic and neurologic problems were seen, in addition to the usual upper respiratory and gastrointestinal complaints. The Naval Regional Medical Center, Guam and the Naval Station, Guam, Dispensary provided support throughout the deployment.

Interior spaces of the Dispensary were painted at mid-deployment, and new tile flooring was installed in the sick call/treatment room area and laboratory.

One corpsman was detached on the advance party to facilitate our return to CBC. Medical supplies, medical mount-out gear, and organic sick bay equipment were turned over to the relieving battalion's advance party in an efficient manner. Preparations were begun to do 100-130 separation physicals on Group VIII non-deployables and on non-rated personnel eligible for early-outs in September.



MEDICAL STATISTICS



RECEIVING LIMITED SERVICES —————
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 VD CASES -

DENTAL

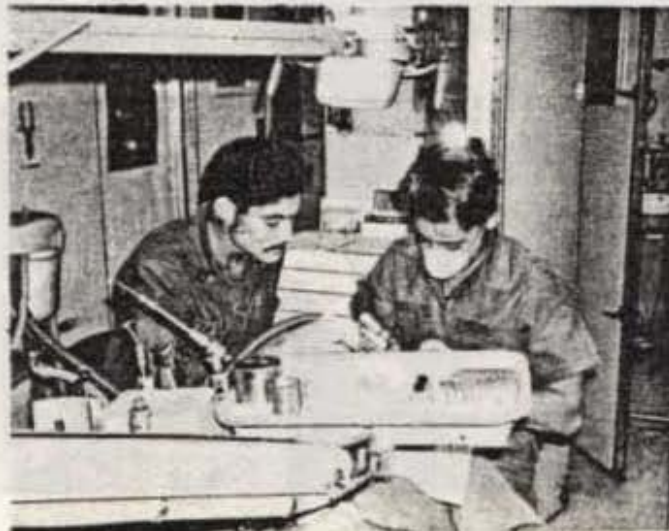
The battalion dental staff provided routine and emergency dental care for all battalion personnel. Dental treatment was also rendered to the Vietnamese refugees by the dental staff during Operation New Life. Outstanding auxiliary support in fabrication of prosthetic equipment, repair services, and complicated oral surgery cases was rendered by the Naval Regional Dental Center, Guam. The Naval Regional Medical Center, Guam, also gave assistance in the oral surgery cases.

The Dental Department was housed in a standard USN Mobile Dental Trailer. The trailer consisted of a small waiting room, storage space for extra supplies, a dark room, and two operators. One operatory was used mainly for performing and accomplishing all phases of dentistry, while the other was used as a combination X-ray and prophylaxis (cleaning and polishing of the teeth) room.

Patient load averaged over 200 per month, and in excess of 1000 procedures were being accomplished each month. Surgery, operative dentistry, preventive dentistry, endodontics, periodontics, and denture adjustments were accomplished during the deployment. No unusual dental diseases were detected during this period.

Dental equipment was in fair condition. However, occasional equipment problems did cause minor delays in patient care. New hand pieces and a new air compressor were ordered to upgrade the condition of the equipment. A new X-ray machine was ordered to replace the old wall-mounted unit in the trailer. Dental supplies and supply system were more than adequate.

It was learned that when ordering supplies from the standard stock, the Dental Department should allow from 30-45 days for arrival of the items. On other, non-FSN items, the waiting period is about 90 days. The Dental Department should only schedule patients three weeks in advance. This decreases the amount of rescheduling patients due to unforeseen emergencies and exercises that arise due to the battalion's alert status during the deployment.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Services provided an outlet for many members of the battalion. Far from home and friends, and facing a shortage of transportation, many personnel chose to fill their time improving their physical condition in Camp Covington's recreational facilities.

With all Special Services organizations on Guam operating under the auspices of the Consolidated Recreation Program, Camp Covington came under the authority and financial management of District I, Naval Station. Camp Covington had its own gym, but athletic gear, often second-hand, came from the Naval Station.

In an attempt to improve the recreation facilities in Camp Covington, a standard gear allowance was established, with items replaced by the Naval Station as they wore out. In addition, a new, larger gym was nearing completion. Located adjacent to the BEQ's, it had space for basketball, volleyball, weight lifting, gymnastics, wrestling, and locker and shower facilities. Work was started on a combination baseball/football field behind the new gym, and proposals for outdoor basketball and tennis courts were under consideration.

Outside the athletics area, Special Services helped to plan and make arrangements for both the Seabee Birthday and mid-deployment parties. In addition, it hosted several USO shows, and showed movies in the evenings. These activities, coupled with grounds and facilities maintenance, kept the small staff busy in its efforts to provide off-duty diversion for the men during the deployment.



PAO

For the major portion of the deployment, the battalion PAO staff was composed of one Photographer's Mate, two Journalists, and two non-rated personnel.

The Journalists kept busy preparing news releases, editing and writing articles for the "Focus on Four," and writing numerous other articles for battalion information and entertainment. Meanwhile, the Photographer's Mate supervised the two non-rated personnel in photography for the "Focus on Four," operations reports, news releases, reenlistments & retirements, advancements, inspections, award ceremonies, and any other battalion photography requirements.

The PAO Office and photo lab were located near the WESTPAC compound. There were spaces for offices, a work room, a studio, and a small photo laboratory. The equipment was old, but allowed B&W printing, and color slide processing.

During Operation New Life, the PAO staff joined the work crews and produced thousands of prints and slides of the battalion efforts. A special edition of "Focus on Four," covering Operation New Life, received wide acclaim. For PAO, like the rest of NMCB FOUR, the Guam deployment meant hard work and deep satisfaction.



CHAIN OF COMMAND

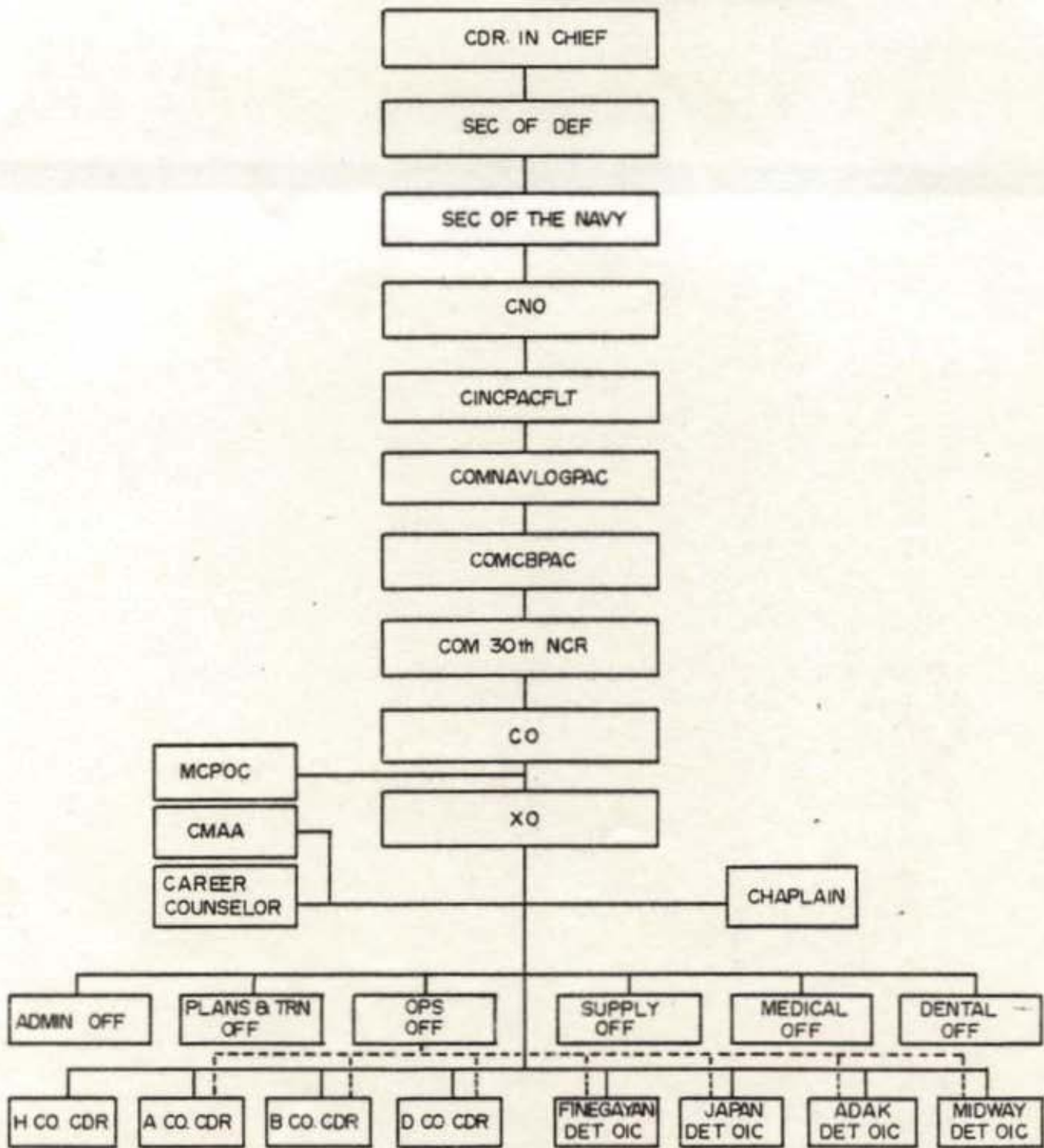
During the deployment, NMCB FOUR was under the operational control of Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment, located at Camp Covington, Guam. All detachments and Seabee Team 0420 also were under the OPCON of COM30THNCR. This chain of command and the closeness of the Regiment proved helpful, especially during Operation New Life, when efficient command and control became essential.

The battalion utilized a conventional company and staff organization for the Main Body. The Finegayan Detachment was semi-self sufficient, depending upon the Main Body for administration, tools, material, and equipment support, but having Group VIII personnel of all rates berthing and messing at the NAVCOMMSTA.

Other detachments depended on the host command for nearly all support, with occasional administrative and other assistance from the Main Body, and the 30TH and 31ST Naval Construction Regiments.



CHAIN OF COMMAND



HUMAN RESOURCES SUMMARY

The primary goal of the battalion's Human Resource Program was to ensure equal opportunity for all personnel in all facets of the command's operation and to ensure the establishment and maintenance of a total living and working environment that would result in each man having a professionally rewarding, personally enjoyable and productively acceptable deployment. Drug and alcohol education, counseling and rehabilitation, and communications and recreation were also important elements of the overall human resource effort.

During the February-July time frame, a Human Resource Management Assistance visit was conducted within the command by personnel from HRMD Guam. An HRM Development Survey was administered to the entire command, feedback data provided, analyzed and discussed, using both the "waterfall" and "bubble-up" techniques, and problems identified for solution.

Human Resource Council meetings were held monthly (except during Operation New Life) as a forum to discuss a wide range of problems and develop support for the AAP.

Assignment of two men to full-time DAES and CODAC duties contributed significantly to the success of the drug and alcohol education, counseling and rehabilitation program. The DAES and CODAC were available for individual counseling on a 24-hour-per-day basis, and a drug and alcohol education program was presented weekly. In addition, counseling also was available from the Counseling & Assistance Center at NAS Agana, Guam. Despite all local efforts, however, it was still necessary to MEDEVAC several men to CONUS for ARC treatment.

To ensure open lines of communication with the men, the Commanding Officer held Captain's Call often, and addressed the battalion at morning Quarters frequently. The CO also held Request Mast whenever matters could not be adequately satisfied for the men at a lower level in the command.

Seabee of the Month selections were made and the selectees were recognized at battalion Quarters, along with men being advanced or commended. Open lines of communication and proper recognition for good work were essential elements to the success of the battalion's efforts.

In conjunction with various human resource programs, a wide variety of educational, recreational, athletic and entertainment programs were offered to ensure that the men had a well-balanced living and working environment.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

January began with deployment of the main body to Guam. With four detachments were deployed to Japan and Midway, while the main body arrived at the site of the island of Saipan. The first detachment of the main body arrived.

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HISTORICAL SUMMARY

JANUARY

January began with deployment of the Main Body to Guam. NMCB FOUR detachments were deployed to Japan and Midway, while Seabee Team 0420 arrived at its site on the island of Ponape, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

During the early phases of settling in at the deployment site, an air detachment mount-out exercise was initiated by COMCBPAC on 13 January. With the majority of the battalion's resources dedicated to support the mount-out, a minimal amount of construction work was accomplished. The Air Det exercise went smoothly, and the battalion was assigned an overall mark of "excellent" by the inspecting team.

With this exercise completed, construction began once again. Efforts were directed toward three projects of primary importance: GM3-863, the NAVMAG Security Facilities; GM3-859, the NAVCOMMSTA Finegayan CPO Club; and GM3-879, the NAVHOSP Swimming Pool. The NAVMAG security facilities project provided a challenge to the battalion, in that much of the work involved earth moving. The rainy season on Guam prevented rapid progress, however. As Guam's dry season began, the battalion had an opportunity to get off to a good start on this project. Another major item in progress here was the extension of a 10' x 20' concrete box culvert. The major portion of the drainage system was completed prior to the return of the rainy season in the July/August time period.

The Naval Hospital swimming pool progressed well, and was approximately 40% complete after turnover. The remaining pre-cast, tilt-up wall sections were set, and forming for bond beams began.

The third major job the battalion was tasked with was the CPO Mess at NAVCOMMSTA Finegayan. Because of Finegayan's geographical location from other project sites, a separate detachment was formed and moved to that location. The shell of the building eventually housing the club was complete at turnover, but a great deal of interior and exterior work remained to be done. Upon taking over the project, NMCB FOUR placed sidewalks and shadow boxes, cleaned and graded to rough elevation, and completed rough electrical work.

A number of individuals visited Camp Covington in January: CAPT WRIGHT, COMCBPAC Chief of Staff; CDR HARRELL, COMCBPAC Operations Officer; and LCDR WATSON of COM31NCR. All expressed

their pleasure at seeing the battalion off to such a good start, and wished us well for the remainder of the deployment.

FEBRUARY

This month was a busy one. Project Managers were able to get seriously involved in their projects, with only minor interruptions from other areas. The projects in general progressed well.

After an extended period of limbo, the scope of the NAVMAG Security Facilities project was re-defined. New criteria eliminated the bridge and grillwork, and left only the cutting and filling of 250,000 cu. yds. of material as the major activity of the project. A number of catch basins and culverts were built or extended.

Progress continued at the Naval Hospital swimming pool. This month, all precast bath house walls were placed, and bond beams and roof deck were formed and readied for concrete. Columns and bond beams on the pavilion also were placed. The only major activity left was the forming and placing of the folded plate roof. The filter plant for the pool arrived and was set in place.

The Finegayan Detachment had three major projects underway. At the CPO Mess, ductwork neared completion, and ceramic tile in the heads and galley area was being installed, interior wiring was in its final phase. On the 20' x 48' pre-engineered building, to house the Teen Center, the underslab has been completed. Work on the 40' x 100' pre-engineered building steadily progressed as metal sheeting was placed on the sides and end walls. At the recreational facility project, the area was cleared and the foundation pad was placed.

At Polaris Point, three of the six pre-engineered buildings were totally complete, and a fourth was being sheeted. Coral pads for the fifth and sixth buildings were placed and footings were excavated and formed. On the Bona Springs Road project, asphalt was placed on the remaining unpaved section, which brought that project to completion. Another project completed this month was the Commissary Store's loading dock.

Detachments in Japan and Midway were both heavily involved in rehabbing living quarters. The NAF Atsugi detail worked on BOQ improvements, which included replacement of existing walls, ceilings and showers, and installation of air conditioning. In Yokosuka, work on BEQ G40 involved installation of partitions and new joists, and repairing windows.

On Midway, NMCB FOUR's detachment was involved primarily in

the rehabilitation of NAVSTA BEQ 3503. Work done to this point included framing and dry-walling interior walls on all three decks, removing plumbing on the second and third decks, and installing electrical wiring on all three decks.

In addition to the large construction effort, the battalion exerted during February, an ORI was conducted by COMCBPAC. Captain WRIGHT, CBPAC Chief of Staff, and his team of inspectors, spent four days looking at administrative, personnel, construction and military procedures. There were few discrepancies identified by the inspection team, and they left some helpful suggestions.

MARCH

NMCB FOUR made significant strides toward completion of its deployment objectives during this month. Also, the battalion completed a full mount-out exercise.

The Guam construction effort continued to emphasize progress on three major projects. On the NAVMAG Security Control Facilities, all major cut-and-fill operations on the west side were completed, with only minor dressing left. Emphasis shifted to the east side of the MAG, where ALPHA Co. worked slopes and DELTA Co. prepared to extend a large, covered drainage ditch. All redesign was in final stages.

The constantly changing panorama at the Naval Hospital swimming pool project reflected considerable progress at that site. Both sections of the concrete roof deck and parapet on the bath house were placed and cured. Forming for the folded plate roof on the pavilion began late this month.

At NCS Finegayan, finish work on the CPO Mess was in full swing. All interior walls, with the exception of the galley, were grouted and painted, the ceramic tiling in heads and galley completed, and duct work for the air conditioning system was progressing well.

This month also marked the completion of two small jobs: the SRF parking lot, and the NCF Headquarters sidewalk and drainage ditch. The Naval Dental Clinic parking lot was graded and compacted, and was ready for asphalt by the first week of April. At Polaris Point, the first four buildings were completed and accepted, while footers were placed and steel erection began on the final increment of two buildings.

Split between Atsugi and Yokosuka, FOUR's Japan Detachment continued its habitability improvement program. Long-awaited change order decisions were received on the BOQ at Atsugi, and completion of the first wing drew near. Two new projects in

Atsugi began in March, as work commenced on the Boy Scout picnic area, and additional bathrooms for family housing. Progress continued at BEQ G40 in Yokosuka, with major emphasis placed on completing installation of new windows. Eight additional BU's added in Japan accelerated completion of this much-needed facility.

The Midway Det completed the first deck of BEQ 3503, and maintained progress on the second deck, despite a severe lack of materials. Ship arrivals provided a significant respite from material deficiencies.

Our five-man caretaker force in Adak was reinforced by personnel from Guam. Additional tasking of two more projects for that site raised the total complement of NMCB FOUR personnel on Adak to approximately 45.

APRIL/MAY

By mid-April, NMCB FOUR's major job-sites showed significant progress, and several smaller jobs were completed. At NAVMAG, the 10' x 20' box culvert was completed, and earthwork progressed on the east side of the MAG. Long-awaited design changes were received, but returned to the A&E to resolve several minor variances. A new project schedule was soon finished.

At the Naval Hospital swimming pool, concreting began on the pavilion roof. One planter box was placed, and the CMU blocks for the retaining wall began.

At NCS Finegayan, the exterior of the CPO Mess was Texcoted, while ductwork, tiling, and electrical work proceeded inside. The 20' x 48' Teen Center was sheeted and the sewer hookup completed. Foundation work began on the Community Center.

Two of our Guam projects were completed in April: the first was the Bona Springs Road; the second, the Polaris Point slabs. Work continued on the "self-help" erection of pre-engineered buildings on the Polaris Point slabs.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, our detachments successfully dealt with material and equipment problems. The Midway Det rehabilitated the interior of and pre-fabbed windows for Bldg. 3503.

In Japan, work progressed steadily until the Detachment was recalled to Guam to assist the Main Body in Operation New Life. The BOQ at Atsugi, and BEQ G40 at Yokosuka received the bulk of their attention. Other projects, such as the additional bathrooms for Atsugi family housing, and the Yokosuka Petty Officers Club electrical work, showed substantial progress.

Since arriving on 18 April, the Adak Det began work on the antennas for NAVCOMMSTA.

The battalion was in high gear on assigned construction projects until the morning of 23 April, when an order was received to close all job sites and stand by for new tasking. By mid-day NMCB FOUR was tasked to clean up and renovate the abandoned Asan Point Hospital, and to build a "tent city" for 40,000 people at Orote Point. Both facilities were to house evacuees from South Vietnam. Our primary mission was the construction and maintenance of facilities for the evacuees. The evolution was called "Operation New Life."

Upon receipt of our new tasking, BRAVO, DELTA and a portion of ALPHA Co., went to Asan Point. The remainder of ALPHA Co. went into round-the-clock operations to clear the Orote Point Airfield for the tent city. HEADQUARTERS Co. and the Finegayan Det took the night shift at Asan Point and, subsequently, Orote Point. Virtually all personnel, including non-Group VIII personnel, went into the field. By Friday, 25 April, Asan Point was ready. The Japan Det was recalled and was on board. All operations then shifted to Orote Point. Working 24 hours a day in two shifts, the men of NMCB FOUR ensured that the tent city was ready for the first evacuees on 29 April. Expansion and improvement of "Tent City" continued, and by 11 May, the crisis was over and semi-normal working hours resumed. Principal efforts during May were to fight sanitation problems and provide increased amenities to the camp. Additionally, a major effort was made in preparations to withstand possible typhoons.

Contributions of NMCB FORTY's detachment must not be overlooked. They arrived on 25 April, and erected an operated the first galley at Camp FOURtuitous; the forty-man detachment also provided administrative support. They then moved to Sierra Pier at NSD Guam and erected the in-processing facility for shipboard refugees, with assistance from Seabee Team 0112 and NMCB FOUR.

To consider lessons learned, four approaches were developed during Operation New Life, which stand out. NMCB FOUR learned quickly, for example, that driving rebar with a jack-hammer was the best way to stake out tents in hard coral bedrock. The second was using a rock drill for fence post holes in the coral. This method proved to be fast, and at a one-foot depth, provided adequate support for 8-foot chain link fencing with 2½" galvanized pipe on 12' centers. The third innovation was a two-hole head, which provided privacy, movability with an RT forklift, and easy access to burn-out barrels. The final innovation was the full utilization of the ever-versatile Seabee in the construction effort, no matter whether he was a Group VIII or non-Group VIII sailor.

Though statistics can tell only a portion of the story, the following ones give an indication of the scope of work done at

Orote Point. By 15 May, NMCB FOUR cleared 1300 acres of jungle growth, installed 10,000 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" pipe with 148 showers, strung 97,000 feet of wire with 7,000 light fixtures, erected 3,546 tents, built 25 SEA huts, built 400 two- and four-hole heads, erected 17,000 feet of fencing, and provided personnel, equipment, and material for administration, maintenance, galley operation, as well as countless minor tasks.

From 15 May through 15 July, NMCB FOUR built 20 more SEA huts, dug numerous drainage ditches, laundry and grease pits, built an average of 50 heads per day, and continued with typhoon preparations. On 13 May, 27 members of the Japan Det returned to Japan to resume work on their projects until relieved by NMCB ONE personnel in mid-June. The same day, Finegayan Det returned to work on assigned construction projects, primarily the CPO Club and Community Center.

JUNE

Top priority for the Main Body continued to be Orote Point, but FOUR was able to return to several of its construction projects. Many design and scope changes at the NAVMAG have been resolved. The battalion started the sentry booth, installed interim fencing and continued cut-and-fill operations on the south side of NAVMAG.

At the Naval Hospital, the swimming pool took on its final appearance. The pavilion roof was poured, grading and landscaping were evident, and the first sections of the pool deck were placed.

The exterior of the NAVCOMMSTA CPO Club was completed and landscaping well along. Inside, the exhaust hood and chandeliers were in place. Ductwork disappeared behind the dropped ceiling. Electrical work continued throughout the club. The Finegayan Det also worked on the Community Center foundation, and Teen Center interior work, both at NCS.

The recreation building at Camp Covington and the Camp Roxas demolition project were also under way.

Major emphasis at the Orote Point tent city was reversed in the last month. We spent the first part of the month improving on-site facilities by building and air-conditioning SEA huts, digging drainage and grease sumps, and installing laundry wash basins. As refugees left, the shift was to removal of everything. The camp was completely dismantled in July.

For the Adak Detachment, major emphasis remained with the antenna project. The dump relocation project received increased attention, with most work done at the NAVFAC Hill dump. Earthwork

proceeded on the antenna project, and non-EO types filled their spare time assisting Adak PWD.

The Japan Detachment concentrated on finishing the electrical work at the Petty Officers Club in Yokosuka, and preparing other job sites for turnover to NMCB ONE. "C" Wing in the NAF Atsugi BOQ was nearly complete, and others were well along. BEQ G40 at Yokosuka was turned over at 62% complete. The Japan Det rejoined the Main Body on 28 June. Combined with members of the Japan Det who remained on Guam, they formed a new CHARLIE Co. As June drew to a close, their men took over responsibility for the roll-back of the Orote Point tent city. On Midway, the detachment worked on rehabilitation and window replacement projects for BEQ 3503.

JULY

July saw the closing of most of Orote Point, including the removal of all tents by mid-month. Construction projects set aside because of Operation New Life requirements shifted into high gear again. Three major projects were completed, along with several minor ones.

The big event of the month was the ribbon cutting at the NAVCOMMSTA CPO Mess by RADM J. R. FISHER Jr., COMCBPAC. Aside from two minor tasks, held up by material problems, the building was finished. Transformation of the concrete shell with which the battalion started, to completion of the CPO Club was the major construction accomplishment of the deployment. The ventilation system, dropped ceiling, cabinetry, kitchen equipment, and tile work were all challenges in the last month.

At the NAVMAG security facilities, sentry booth footings were placed and the last big earth-cut was completed. With most of the design changes finalized, hope remained that the project will be firmed up in time for turnover.

The Naval Hospital swimming pool was then the battalion's No. 1 construction project. The bathhouse breezeway roof was placed and stripped. Builders placed the pool deck, did block work in the bathhouse, and laid the decorative block wall around the pool perimeter. Meanwhile, UT's worked on filter plant and bathhouse plumbing.

NMCB FOUR completed the Polaris Point pre-engineered buildings this month. All six 40' x 100' buildings were sheeted, and have ramps, stoops, and tie-downs. The Naval Dental Clinic parking lot sign finally arrived, as another project joined the list of completions.

The recreation building and galley rehab projects were back

in gear. In the galley, scullery wainscots and hoods were completed, and builders repaired stud walls and installed the wainscot in the dining area. The recreation building received an interior coat of paint, as plumbing work continued. At Finegayan, the steel framing is up for the community building. Near camp, EO's were in the process of clearing away Camp Roxas. The Main Body completed two fill-in projects, setting a pre-engineered shed for the Little Red School House, and site preparation for the NAVSEACT Guam SATCOM project.

FOUR's involvement in Operation New Life continued to decline. While the battalion concentrated on moving SEA huts, building fences, and installing security lights for returnee camps around Guam, men also removed all Orote Point tents and cleared out the rest of the temporary facilities there.

In Adak, our detachment raised its first antenna (T-2) and continued work on the others. They also worked on cleaning up the NAVFAC Hill dump and the old contractor's area.

The Midway Det completed the BEQ 3503 window replacement project. Interior partitions and head rehabilitation also neared completion. The detachment also started a new project: rehabilitation of Bldg. 548.

Seabee Team 0420 began to wrap up its many civic action projects and closed the Ponape Seabee camp.

AUGUST

The Main Body placed most of its emphasis on the Naval Hospital swimming pool, while Adak and Midway detachments concentrated on the antenna and BEQ 3503 projects, respectively.

At the swimming pool site, crews brought the project close to completion. The deck, with colored concrete inserts, were in around the pool, as were the diving boards and guard chairs. The decorative block wall was completed, except for the concrete cap. Interior block work, plumbing, and electrical work on the bathhouse was nearly finished.

Walls were placed for the NAVMAG sentry booth. Project revisions were firmed up, with minor exceptions. Closer to Camp Covington, EO's finished clearing three sections of Camp Roxas. The interior of the NCF Camp Recreation Building was painted and work continued in head and shower areas. The wainscot was up, and painting was in progress in the camp galley dining area.

The Main Body also finished two fill-in jobs: the NAVSTA

Marina boat ramp, and the relocation of the CBPAC Det Guam flag-pole to Notre Dame High School.

The Finegayan Det relocated its office and material yard further away from the recently completed CPO Club. They worked on the punchlist items in the CPO Club, and project clean-up at the Community Center. The Det also provided manpower for NCS self-help projects, the swimming pool project, and the camp recreation building.

For the first time since April, Operation New Life was our second-biggest project. More SEA huts were moved and miscellaneous tasks were done for the repatriate camps. NMCB FOUR held an "all hands evolution" the first Saturday in August to clear out the last of the Orote Point refugee camp facilities.

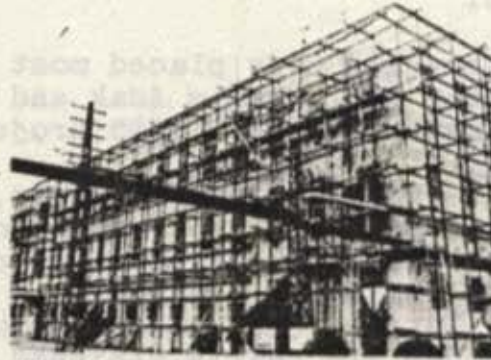
By this time, the Adak Detachment grew to 61 personnel. Antenna work progressed, despite concrete delays and repair parts problems. The Adak Det expected to have the NAVFAC Dump and contractor areas cleaned up before being relieved.

NMCB FOUR's Midway Detachment turned over BEQ 3503 this month, with only a few tile items remaining. The Det also completed the necessary demolition and started rehabilitating Bldg. 573.

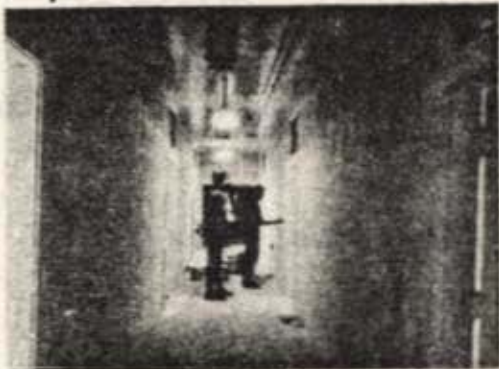
Seabee Team 0420 closed out the last of its civic action projects and concentrated on turning over the CAT Ponape facilities to the Trust Territory government. On 31 August, Seabee Team 0420 left Ponape.



Personnel of NMCB FOUR's Adak Detachment work on the center pad for the T-2 antenna.



Window replacement work on BEQ G40 at Yokosuka by the Japan Detachment.



Painting in progress on BEQ 3503, Midway Island.



Members of Seabee Team 0420 and local civilians in a concrete crew on Ponape.