



U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION EIGHT



DEPLOYMENT COMPLETION

Report

DANANG RVN

MARCH 1969 — NOVEMBER 1969

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION EIGHT
FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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

Subj: NMCB EIGHT Deployment Completion Report; forwarding of

Ref: (a) COMCBPACINST 5213.1E
(b) COMCBPAC OPORD 03-69
(c) COMCBPACDET RVN OPORD 1-69

Encl: (1) Administrative Summary
(2) Equipment Summary
(3) Training Summary
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(9) Progress and Performance Chart
(10) Civic Action Summary
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(12) Lessons Learned Summary

1. The completion report of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT's deployment to Danang, Republic of Vietnam, during the period March 1969 to November 1969 is forwarded, as enclosures (1) through (12), in accordance with references (a) and (b).

2. Employment Status. In accordance with reference (b), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT was deployed to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to perform construction in support of U. S. Forces from March 1969 until November 1969. The following units were employed at other locations.

a. Detachments: None

b. Details:

(1) Detail Zulu, consisting of 70 enlisted men and one officer, was employed in Hue paving Route QL-1 and North Hue By-Pass.

(2) Detail Yankee, consisting of 60 enlisted men and one officer, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing bunkers.

(3) Detail X-ray, consisting of 51 enlisted men and one officer, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing a helicopter operations area, bunkers, arming pad and an ammunition storage point.

(4) Detail Whiskey, consisting of 20 enlisted men, was employed at the An Hoa Combat Base constructing bunkers.

(5) Detail Victor, consisting of 16 enlisted men, was employed at the Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp repairing the airfield.

(6) Detail Uniform, consisting of 6 enlisted men, was employed at Hill 41 constructing a 250 man cantonment (less mess hall).

(7) Detail Tango, consisting of 7 enlisted men, was employed at the encampment of Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, located near Hai Van Pass, constructing an access road to the encampment.

(8) Detail Sierra, consisting of 21 enlisted men, was employed at the Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp upgrading the airfield.

(9) Detail Romeo, consisting of 9 enlisted men, was employed at the Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, in the Hai Van Pass, constructing a secondary electrical distribution system.

(10) Detail Quebec, consisting of 18 enlisted men, was employed at the U. S. China Beach R & R Center constructing a R & R Center for the ROK Marines.

c. Seabee Team 0810: Deployed to Can Tho and Rach Goi, Republic of Vietnam in accordance with reference (c).

d. Seabee Team 0811: Deployed to Bac Lieu, Republic of Vietnam in accordance with reference (c).

3. Unit Movements.

a. Advance Party, consisting of 110 enlisted men and 6 officers, departed Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California via MAC C-141 aircraft, on 1 March 1969 and arrived at Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam on 3 March 1969.

b. NMCB EIGHT main body deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via MAC charter aircraft. The first flight departed NAS Point Mugu, California 17 March 1969 and the last flight arrived in Danang 21 March 1969.

c. Detail Zulu, deployed from Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa Combat Base via helicopter on 20 March 1969.

- d. Detail Yankee, deployed from Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa Combat Base via helicopter on 20 March 1969.
- e. Detail Yankee returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam from An Hoa Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 1 April 1969.
- f. Seabee Team 0810 deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California to Can Tho, Republic of Vietnam via government aircraft on 2 April 1969.
- g. Seabee Team 0811 deployed from Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California to Bac Lieu, Republic of Vietnam via government aircraft on 2 April 1969.
- h. Detail X-ray deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam on 24 April 1969.
- i. Detail X-ray returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 8 May 1969.
- j. Detail Whiskey deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 23 June 1969.
- k. Detail Whiskey returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 27 June 1969.
- l. Detail Victor deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to Tien Phouc Special Forces Camp via C-123 aircraft on 25 July 1969.
- m. Detail Victor returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via C-123 aircraft on 16 August 1969.
- n. Detail Uniform deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam to Hill 41 via Seabee convoy on 19 August 1969. A five man electrical crew departed for Hill 41 via Seabee convoy as part of Detail Uniform on 25 August 1969.
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- p. Detail Tango deployed from Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam via Seabee convoy on 27 August 1969, to encampment of Lima Company, THIRD Battalion, 26TH Marines, located near Hai Van Pass.
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v. Detail Sierra returned to Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam, via C-123 aircraft on 28 October 1969.

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4. Significant Events.

a. NMCB THREE turned over Camp Haskins South to NMCB EIGHT on 19 March 1969

b. 28 March 1969 - RADM J. G. DILLON welcomed NMCB EIGHT at arrival conference held at Camp Haskins South.

c. 20 April 1969 - CAPT J. E. POWELL came aboard for an awards ceremony.

d. 27 April 1969 - ASP-1 was damaged by fire.

e. 2 May 1969 - NMCB EIGHT commenced rebuilding of 3MP camp destroyed by fire.

f. 7 May 1969 - An Hoa Passenger Terminal, ASP, Radio Battalion Bunkers, Arming Pad and Helo Ops Area complete three days ahead of schedule.

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g. 21 May 1969 - NMCB EIGHT commenced rebuilding of Freedom Hill Exchange damaged by ASP-1 explosion.

h. 6 June 1969 - RADM W. V. COMBS, Jr., Commander, Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade visited NMCB EIGHT and conducted a tour of the Freedom Hill Exchange job site near Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

i. 7 June 1969 - Rebuilding of THIRD MP Battalion Facilities damaged by ASP-1 explosions of 27 April 1969 complete.

j. 20 Jun 1969 - RADM W. M. HEAMAN, Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade conducted a tour of the Freedom Hill Exchange and Bridge Cargo Ramp job sites.

k. 4 - 5 July 1969 - Command and Logistics Management Inspection conducted by CAPT C. G. MILLER, Chief of Staff, COMCBPAC and CDR B. J. HACKENSON.

l. 10 July 1969 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hoa Minh Village Office Building, NMCB EIGHT's largest and most successful civic action project to date.

m. 12 July 1969 - Rebuilding of the Freedom Hill Exchange Complex damaged by ASP-1 explosion of 27 April 1969 complete.

n. 20 July 1969 - Reopening ceremonies for the Freedom Hill Exchange Complex. LTGEN H. NICKERSON, Jr., Commander, THIRD Marine Amphibious Force, and RADM J. G. DILLON, Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade attended.

o. 22 July 1969 - Mid-deployment briefing conducted for CAPT J. E. POWELL, Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and his staff.

p. 13 - 14 August 1969 - Management Inspection visit by CDR W. L. WILSON, COMCBPAC and LT R. M. RHORBAC.

q. 1 - 3 September 1969 - Annual Supply Inspection conducted by LT MESTERHAZY of COMCBPAC.

r. 20 November 1969 - Main body of NMCB EIGHT deployed to Port Hueneme, California.

5. Major Problems. None


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Hong Kong	52
Okinawa	27
Singapore	36
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Tokyo	41
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6. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUMMARY

a. Medical:

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(4) The venereal disease rate was moderate, consisting of gonorrhea and non-specific urethritis, with no cases of syphilis or other venereal diseases. Most responded to antibiotic therapy, with a few penicillin resistant cases occurring. Most cases of gonorrhea were contracted in Danang, and the R & R ports of Bangkok, Manila and Taipei.

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(5) The incidence of skin problems was relatively high. Heat rash was very common and difficult to treat, and was frequently complicated by bacterial or fungal infection. There was frequent bacterial infection of minor cuts and abrasions. Fungal infections of a localized type; i.e., feet and groin, as well as generalized type were moderate in incidence. Bacterial skin infections usually responded well to frequent cleansing and application of antibiotic ointments and occlusive dressings. Fungal infections were generally difficult to treat, and referral to NSA Hospital, Danang, Republic of Vietnam, was occasionally necessary. External ear infections were fairly common and were generally felt to be contracted from swimming in the Danang Bay. In general, these infections were considered bacterial and often difficult to treat.

(6) There were no major sanitation problems during the deployment. The galley and mess decks improved tremendously, mainly due to the diligence of the galley crew with the help of several remodeling projects. Berthing areas were generally good throughout the deployment.

(7) There was one combat casualty requiring evacuation to the USS Sanctuary, and this man returned to full duty after a few weeks. There were no deaths resulting from combat injuries. One death resulting from a heart attack occurred during the deployment. On-the-job, noncombatant injuries were relatively frequent early in the deployment, but the incidence fell off as the deployment progressed. Partial disability of a temporary nature was the frequent result of such accidents. Several personnel were hospitalized and evacuated from the Republic of Vietnam because of their injuries, some of which did not return to duty with NMCB EIGHT.

(8) Routine sick call, minor surgery, laboratory and x-ray procedures were provided by the Medical Department. Medical support in the form of consultation and other services were derived from NSA Hospital, Danang, Hospital Ships Repose and Sanctuary, and occasionally FIRST Medical Battalion Hospital, FIRST Marine Division, Danang.

(9) Malaria prophylaxis in the Battalion was considered good with no cases of malaria occurring among battalion personnel.

(10) Medical supplies were adequately handled, shipped and stored such that there are no recommended changes to present methods.

(11) Staffing of the Medical Department was more than adequate in number and excellent in quality of personnel. Supplies and equipment were good.

(12) Facilities used by the Medical Department were satisfactory. However, the dispensary was inadequately air conditioned for medical or therapeutic use of the dispensary.

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b. Dental:

(1) NMCB EIGHT's dental facility at Camp Haskins South, Danang, Republic of Vietnam consisted of a converted house trailer containing two operatories, a dark room, waiting room and an appointment desk. Basic equipment provided with the trailer included an S. S. White Master Unit (equipped with a Midwest 400 high speed unit), a Ritter Chair and an American Dental Cabinet; all located in the main operatory. An Encore portable field unit, a Ritter chair and an S. S. White X-ray Unit were located in the second operatory. An alcove within the second operatory contained the X-ray developing tank and safe-light.

(2) Problems with the dental trailer and it's equipment arose throughout the deployment. Various failures in both the S. S. White Master Dental Unit and in the Encore Field Unit were caused primarily by inadequate plumbing and inadequate air pressure lines. Dental repairs were costly in list time to the department, and in time spent by Bravo Company shops in "Jury-Rig" repairs.

(3) Upon reporting to the Battalion a few weeks before NMCB EIGHT deployed to Camp Haskins South, the new Dental Department, consisting of one doctor and two technicians, found the Battalion in very poor dental health. Almost 83% of the men were Class III, while 14% were Class IV. Working a six and one-half day work week, sick call being held twice daily, all men were improved to Class I & II.

(4) Prosthodontic treatment was rendered with the help of the FIRST Dental Company and NSA Hospital Dental Department. Both facilities were instrumental in the treatment of Class IV patients. Preparations such as finish lines for abutment teeth and final impressions were done on off duty hours, since the existing facility was designed for operative dentistry only. Those men for whom time did not allow definitive prosthetic treatment were provided flippers (temporary removable partial dentures). These flippers were made by our own department using materials provided in the prosthetic repair kits allotted to all battalions.

(5) The preventive dentistry program was very successful. Cleaning appointments, of which there were ten per day, consisted of scaling, prophylaxis, stannous flouride application and oral hygiene instructions. Those personnel who were not cleaned individually were included in a mass application of flouride. This was accomplished one squad at a time. Each day at 0615, the designated squad was instructed in the use of the Crest Dental Care Kit. Upon completion of the lecture, each man was given a kit and told to report to the nearest lavatory. There he followed the instructions given at the lecture. Having completed these instructions, the man reported to the dental trailer for an examination and topical application. This program continued until every man in the Battalion was treated.

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(6) Total sittings which are inclusive of operative dentistry, preventive dentistry programs, DENTCAP, work completed on neighboring commands, work on detachments other than NMCB EIGHT's work on the civilian populace came to 3,248. Under accountable procedures as prescribed by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery - Dental Division, the total came to 8,408.

(7) Within the realm of dental treatment, the department was responsible for the 700 plus NMCB EIGHT personnel and all personnel attached to the 3RD NCB and 30TH NCR. Aside from its direct responsibilities, dental care was rendered to men of the 58TH Transportation Company (An Army helo base), NMCB SEVENTY - FOUR (100 man detail living at Camp Haskins South), Korean workers employed by Philco - Ford and Dynaelectron, and Vietnamese civilians working on base. Dental was also able to assist NMCB FIVE during the ASP ONE disaster when their dental department was completely inoperable for over one month. Due to an emergency situation, NMCB FIFTY - THREE was left without a dentist and NMCB EIGHT dental again accepted all sick calls and emergency treatments for that Battalion during the 45 day interim until their new dentist arrive.

(8) During the first 6½ months of the deployment, members of NMCB EIGHT's Detail Zulu (the Hue detachment about 70 miles north of Danang) were cared for on a regular basis. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday two men would be sent to Danang for appointments. The last one and a half months, NMCB ELEVEN, a battalion stationed close to Detail Zulu, took care of these men.

7. CHAPLAIN'S SUMMARY

a. General - The primary duties of the Chaplain were conducting Divine Services and providing spiritual counsel for the men. The Chaplain attended a week long personal response school in Saigon and from this training established an active program within the command to promote better understanding of the life and manners of the Vietnamese people. Approximately 80 percent of the Battalion was given formal classes in personal response. In addition, the Chaplain worked closely with the Civic Action program.

(1) Services - Every Sunday, Protestant Divine Services were held in the Chapel at Camp Haskins South and Catholic Mass was conducted at the 3RD NCB Chapel. An additional Catholic Mass was held each Friday evening. Weekly services were also conducted for the men of Detail Zulu at Hue. The Chaplain assisted personnel of other faiths in finding opportunities to worship wherever possible in the Danang area. Several services were held in conjunction with NMCB FIFTY - THREE located in Camp Haskins North. A Good Friday Service was held in the Camp Haskins North Chapel and an Easter Sunrise Service on the beach of Camp Haskins South. Three services were conducted for the personnel at a nearby Army base in the absence of their Chaplain.

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(2) Other Chaplain and Chapel Activities - Good relationships were developed with local missionaries. The message at the Easter Sunrise Service was delivered by one of the local missionaries.

(3) A Watch and Action Committee met monthly to discuss racial problems or possible sources of racial disharmony. There were no problems of a racial origin during the deployment.

(4) Chapel funds have been utilized to give assistance to many charitable organizations in the Danang area during the deployment. Donations were made to the following organizations:

Catholic

American Red Cross (Hurricane Camille relief)	\$100.00
Sacred Heart Orphanage, Danang	\$200.00
Saint John's Seminary, Danang	\$200.00
Phouc Tank Orphanage	\$200.00
Catholic World Relief Organization	\$200.00
Total	\$900.00

Protestant

United World Mission (\$100.00 for Happy Haven Leprosarium)	\$300.00
Charity payment to family of Mrs. Van, a Vietnamese employee in the NMCB EIGHT laundry who passed away	\$33.90
American Red Cross (Hurricane Camille relief)	\$100.00
Christian Missionary Alliance Church	\$200.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$200.00
Southern Baptist Church, Danang	\$200.00
American Bible Society	\$200.00
Total	\$1233.90

(5) Summary of Activities.

	Protestant	Catholic
(a) Sunday Service		
<u>1.</u> Average Attendance	62	60
(b) Weekday Service		
<u>1.</u> Average Attendance	9	6
(c) Pre R & R Lectures		18
<u>1.</u> Average Attendance		12
(d) Counseling Sessions		320
(e) Red Cross messages handled		193

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(f) Personal Response Lectures

18

1. Total Attendance

588

8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

a. <u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>
FHTNC Releases	1500
Other News Releases	60
Newspaper Issues Published (Eightball)	32
Hard Hat (Familygram)	7
Navy Exchange Photo Display	8

b. During the Danang Deployment, the Public Affairs Staff utilized many methods of supplying information to both the Public and the men of EIGHT.

(1) The Fleet Home Town News Program allowed wide coverage for participating battalion personnel. Fleet Home Town News Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, maintains a hold file with a majority of the battalion personnel represented. FHTNC has forwarded over 1500 individual news releases to civilian news media.

(2) NMCB EIGHT originated News/Photo releases were disseminated to various civilian and military media in the homeport and Pacific regions. These releases were well accepted and NMCB EIGHT received much publicity from them. Among the media to reprint NMCB EIGHT News/Photo releases were PAC Facts, COMSERVPAC Bulletin, PACEX Exchange Topics, Navy Times, Pacific Stars and Stripes, Seabee Coverall and many civilian newspapers too numerous to list. Releases covered a wide range of topics including construction projects, Civic Action, human interest, awards and advancements among the men of EIGHT, and spot releases informing the public of the progress EIGHT made while deployed to the Republic of Vietnam.

(3) The Battalion weekly newspaper, the Eightball, was published in mimeograph form at Camp Haskins South. The Eightball informed the men of command news, policy, status of jobs and supplied various other pertinent information.

(4) The Battalion Familygram, the Hard Hat, was published monthly at the Navy Publications and Printing Service Branch, Ryukus, in accordance with COMCBPACINST 5600.2 and NAVEXOS P-35. The Hard Hat was mailed to the families of the men of EIGHT. Over 1,400 copies of each issue were distributed.

(5) In addition to the usual media, EIGHT released photos with captions to the Navy Exchange at CBC, Port Hueneme. The photos were used as part of a pictorial display of deployed battalions. This display helped to

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inform homeport personnel as to the activities of EIGHT while in the Republic of Vietnam. Photos were sent on a bi-weekly basis.

(6) EIGHT is also publishing a 160 page cruisebook containing a photographic record of EIGHT's current deployment. Included in the book were 24 full-color pages showing the men of EIGHT at work and play, individual portraits of each member of the Battalion, a history of EIGHT from first commissioning to the present, and many pictures depicting camp life. The cruisebook is to be printed through the facilities of the American Yearbook Company, Visalia, California. Over 900 copies are to be distributed upon arrival in homeport.

(7) In preparation for return to CONUS, PAO sent a representative with the advance party to help inform the public of EIGHT's return. Among the media used to announce EIGHT's return were radio and television spot announcements, posters in conspicuous places through the homeport area, bumper stickers, and 3,000 2 1/4" lapel buttons reading "HAVE DONE", over-printed onto an eightball.

9. PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS SUMMARY.

a. Advancement Section.

LTJG	5
CWO	1
E-9	1
E-8	1
E-7	3
E-6	15
E-5	51
E-4	92
E-3	59
E-2	0

b. Decorations.

(1) Bronze Star

(a) LCDR J. M. GREENWALD

(b) LTJG L. E. BELAND

(2) Navy Commendation Medal

(a) LCDR J. T. PATTERSON

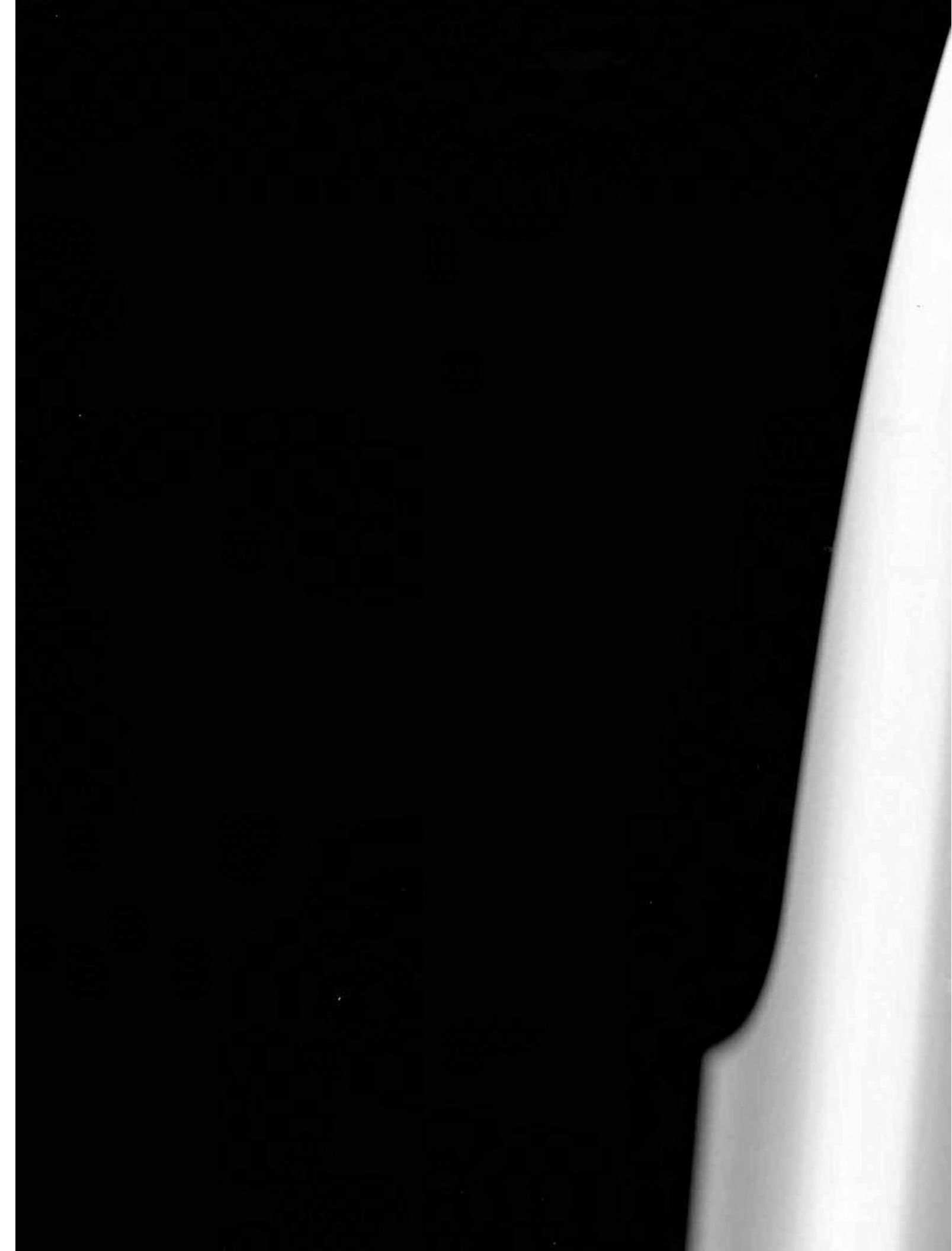
(b) LT W. U. KLAUSS

(c) CSI C. E. MILLER

- (d) BUC A. J. MORRIS
- (e) BUC T. P. CURTIN
- (f) BU2 J. E. CAMPBELL
- (3) Navy Achievement Medal.
 - (a) BUC A. J. MORRIS
 - (b) CE1 W. G. BRAZELL
 - (c) BU1 A. G. BARTOLOMEI
 - (d) YN2 A. J. DREXLER
 - (e) CE2 R. D. RINESMITH
 - (f) ETN2 C. B. HALL
 - (g) SN C. D. SHOEMAKER
 - (h) LTJG R. D. LAIME
 - (i) CWO2 R. K. GOUDY
 - (j) BUCS J. W. CURLEY
 - (k) CSC H. H. FORTUNE
 - (l) SW1 M. S. SCHUSTER, Jr.
 - (m) SW1 W. J. SCIENIEWSKI
 - (n) BU2 E. L. KOPP
- (4) Purple Heart.
 - (a) EO2 J. W. FULTON
- (5) Combat Action Ribbon.
 - (a) 220 recipients

c. Awards.

- (1) Good Conduct Awards: 21
- (2) Expert Rifle Medals: 21
- (3) Expert Pistol Medals: 4
- (4) Letters of Commendation or Appreciation: 283
- (5) KACV Certificates: 263



COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal to

JAMES MICHAEL GREENWALD
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1968 to June 1969. As Operations Officer of United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Lieutenant Commander GREENWALD consistently carried out his duties with outstanding professional knowledge and ability which directly contributed to the military construction operations in Vietnam. He directed the construction operations, reworked and improved scheduling procedures, improved manpower utilization and streamlined equipment utilization. Lieutenant Commander GREENWALD also developed his battalion's portion of the Minimum Essential Requirements. While touring remote construction locations, he traveled in areas where sniper fire, road mining and rocket attacks were regular occurrences. Lieutenant Commander GREENWALD's leadership, professional expertise and tireless devotion to duty significantly contributed to the United States' effort in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service.

Lieutenant Commander GREENWALD is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting
the Bronze Star Medal to

LOUIS EUGENE BELAND
LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE)
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1968 to November 1969. As Material Liaison Officer, BRAVO Company Commander and ALFA Company Commander, Lieutenant (junior grade) BELAND consistently carried out his duties in an outstanding manner. As Material Liaison Officer, he ensured that essential material was available on a timely basis for construction projects. As a company commander, his tireless devotion to duty, professional knowledge and leadership were responsible for ensuring efficient and orderly completion of quality construction in support of United States Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Typical of his performance were the completion of such jobs as paving over twenty-five miles of route one near Hue, with four inches of asphaltic concrete, construction of Dau Mit Dam, south of Danang and the construction of a helicopter operating facility at An Hoa combat base. Lieutenant (junior grade) BELAND's actions throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER IN CHIEF
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Commendation Medal to

Lieutenant Commander Joe Thomas PATTERSON
Civil Engineer Corps
United States Navy

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving as Executive Officer of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT from May 1968 to March 1969. Lieutenant Commander PATTERSON displayed forceful management, aggressive leadership and tireless dedication as he brought the battalion from a marginally satisfactory administration and construction posture to the highest level of construction effectiveness, administrative efficiency and military readiness. Lieutenant Commander PATTERSON's initiative, exemplary leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service".

Lieutenant Commander PATTERSON is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ JOHN J. HYLAND
Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SEVENTY-FOUR
FPO San Francisco, California 96601

NMCB74:10:mm
1650
Ser 1144
12 November 1969

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT
Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. On 1 September 1969 NMCB-74 sent one officer and ninety-two enlisted personnel from Quang Tri to Danang to reconstruct Ammunition Supply Point One (ASP-1). Your command was tasked with providing berthing, subsistence and other basic necessities for the detail.
2. The support our Detail Delta received was outstanding in every area until their departure on 12 October 1969. Of particular significance was the assistance you provided above that normally expected. Your battalion repeatedly provided supply support when materials and supplies were not readily available through normal channels. Oxygen was provided from your reserves when NSA oxygen facility was severely damaged by enemy action. You also loaned our detail two generators and two arc welders that greatly enhanced production on this high priority job.
3. The excellent manner in which Detail Delta was received in Camp Haskins South did much to boost the morale of our men and greatly assisted in their ability to meet production schedules. I take this opportunity to extend my personal appreciation and thanks to you and every member of your command for the cooperative reception and support of NMCB-74 Detail Delta.

/s/ J. A. D'EMIDIO

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/s/ J. A. D'EMIDIO

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Kriewitz, Eugene L.	4932829	EO1
Hauke, Alan W.		EO2
Waddle, Earl	B704287	EO2
Forth, Donald		EO2
Edmonds, James F.	B644749	EO3
Fedje, Gary		EO3
Eakin, James		EO3
Branum, James		EO3
Olah, Bill D.	7797109	CN
Houater, James		CN
Klockziem, David		CN
Curley, Lloyd G. Jr.	B146503	CM2
Kronhoffman, Glen		CM3
Simpler, Willard E. III	B436490	CM3
Marshall, Harold F.	B212162	EO2
Trickey, Donald	B707404	EA3
Kuapil, Rand A.	B632780	ETSN
Sundquist, Gordon W.	7578992	HMC

DETACHMENT A-102

25 Oct 69

SUBJECT: A letter of commendation.

THRU: Commanding Officer
Company C, 5th Special Forces Group Airborne, 1st Special Forces
APO San Francisco 96349.

TO: Commanding Officer
US Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Number Eight
FPO San Francisco 96601

FROM: Commanding Officer
Detachment A-102
Company C, 5th Special Forces Group Airborne, 1st Special Forces
APO San Francisco 96349

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the men of Detachment S, MCB-8. From 24 July 1969 to 13 August 1969, and again from 23 September 1969 to 25 October 1969, the men of Detachment S worked on our airstrip. Naturally, they turned in an outstanding performance in their assigned duties, as was to be expected of such a fine group.

I wish to write particularly of the unassigned duties they performed after duty hours. These men gave unstintingly of their time and efforts, improving the roads, repairing a bridge which is the only access to the town of Phouc Thanh, improving the area within the A camp, and particularly, constructing a fish pond to assist the Special Forces detachment's Civic Action Psychological Operations program. Always cheerful, by their very presence in the area, they have served as "Ambassadors of Goodwill" to the Vietnamese. Particular credit is due to EOC Donald M. Turner Jr., who led these fine men. (Names on following two pages)

/s/ Leonard O. Cummings III
CPT INF
CO Det A-102

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Commendation Medal to

WILLIAM UWE KLAUSS
LIEUTENANT
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious achievement while serving as Officer in Charge of Detail India and as Charlie Company Commander, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1968 to June 1969. Lieutenant KLAUSS was directly responsible for accomplishment of many critical construction projects despite threatened and actual enemy harassment. Charlie Company built over 700 structures for the United States Army and constructed critically required drainage structures and parking areas for the Phu Bai Airfield. Lieutenant KLAUSS' exceptional drive, outstanding professionalism and devotion to duty significantly contributed to the United States' efforts in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Lieutenant KLAUSS is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Commendation Medal to

TIMOTHY PATRICK CURTIN
CHIEF BUILDER
UNITED STATES NAVY

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1968 to September 1969. As platoon commander in Charlie Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 8, Chief Petty Officer CURTIN ensured the completion of numerous construction projects on or ahead of their required completion date in support of the THIRD Marine Amphibious Force and the 101st Air Mobile Division. Although those jobs were often in hazardous areas, he carried them out without regard to his personal safety. Chief Petty Officer CURTIN's actions throughout significantly contributed to the United States' efforts in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service".

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Commendation Medal to

CHARLES E. MILLER
COMMISSARYMAN FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1965 to May 1969. As senior commissaryman, Petty Officer MILLER performed all his duties in an outstanding manner. His outstanding initiative and technical skill were major factors in the outstanding record of quality service achieved by the battalion's main galley and field mess details. Under the most adverse working conditions, he constantly maintained the highest degree of morale and technical competence. Throughout his tour in Vietnam, Petty Officer MILLER performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. Petty Officer MILLER's exemplary professionalism, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty significantly contributed to the United States' effort in the Republic of Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer MILLER is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Commendation Medal to

JAMES EUSTUS CAMPBELL
BUILDER SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from January to October 1969. As a crew leader and member of DELTA Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer CAMPBELL performed his duties in an outstanding and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he led various crews to the successful completion of critically needed projects at the An Hoa Combat Base and the United States Naval Support Activity, Danang, Bridge Cargo Ramp. Despite extreme conditions of weather and chronic material and equipment shortage, he maintained a strict construction schedule and managed to finish every assigned task in a timely manner. Petty Officer CAMPBELL's exceptional professionalism, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

RONALD DAVID LAIME
LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE)
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1969 to November 1969. As assistant ALFA Company Commander, Lieutenant (junior grade) LAIME displayed exceptional professional knowledge and leadership ability in the reconstruction of the An Hoa Combat Base Helicopter Operations area and personnel bunkers. In addition, while serving as Engineering Officer United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, he supervised testing procedures for the Hue asphalt plant, contributing to the overall success of the project. Also, as CHARLIE Company Commander, Lieutenant (junior grade) LAIME's leadership was instrumental in the construction of the steel arch aircraft shelters on Wonder Arches. Throughout his tour in Vietnam, Lieutenant (junior grade) LAIME performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. Lieutenant (junior grade) LAIME's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

ROBERT K. GOUDY
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1969 to November 1969. As Material Liaison Officer, he insured a timely and adequate flow of construction materials to the construction companies. He effectively reorganized the physical and administrative operations of the Battalion's Material Yard, including implementation of systems for close screening the construction material requirements which resulted in a savings of over eight hundred thousand dollars in construction materials. Later, as DELTA Company Commander, he consistently inspired his men to meet construction schedules while maintaining high quality work. Chief Warrant Officer GOUDY's professionalism, leadership, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

JAMES WILLIAM CURLEY
SENIOR CHIEF BUILDER
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from January 1969 to October 1969. As company chief with Delta Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Senior Chief Petty Officer CURLEY consistently performed in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he managed a wide variety of activities from training to critical, combat oriented construction projects. Throughout his tour, Chief Petty Officer CURLEY performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. Despite extreme of weather and the threat of enemy harassment, he provided leadership resulting in a smooth construction effort. His diligence, resourcefulness and ingenuity were an inspiration to all those who observed him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

HARRY HOUSTON FORTUNE
CHIEF COMMISSARYMAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March to November 1969. Chief Petty Officer FORTUNE served as senior commissaryman with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT in the I Corps Tactical Zone. He provided food service to a full battalion, nearly eight hundred personnel, four hundred fifty personnel attached to the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and details from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR and Naval Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE. Despite adverse conditions, he constantly maintained a superior, well-balanced menu, significantly contributing to the morale of his shipmates; Chief Petty Officer FORTUNE's devotion to duty and professionalism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

ASA JAMES MORRIS
CHIEF BUILDER
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March to July 1969. Chief Petty Officer MORRIS, as Chief Petty Officer in Charge of Detail Yankee at Tam My, supervised the construction efforts of over ninety men. His resourcefulness in solving a variety of technical and organizational problems enabled his detail to complete their mission in an outstanding manner. Despite difficult terrain and working conditions, he provided imaginative and workable solutions to the myriad problems encountered. Chief Petty Officer MORRIS' leadership, resourcefulness and construction skill reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Chief Petty Officer MORRIS is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

ALBERT GRAY BARTOLOMEI
BUILDER FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1968 to November 1969. As assistant platoon commander, CHARLIE Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer BARTOLOMEI consistently performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Through his drive, initiative and exceptional leadership ability, he led his men in all tasks assigned in an efficient manner completing them on schedule. In addition, his diligent efforts were a source of inspiration to his men and significantly contributed to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Petty Officer BARTOLOMEI's professionalism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

WILLIAM GARY BRAZELL
CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from January to November 1969. As the homeport on the job training supervisor and material construction electrician expeditor of United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, BRAVO Company, Petty Officer BRAZELL consistently performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he coordinated the homeport on the job training and, upon deployment to Danang, kept large scale projects running smoothly by eliminating material problems. His diligent efforts and resourcefulness were a source of inspiration to his men and significantly contributed to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Petty Officer BRAZELL's professionalism, devotion to duty and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

MICHAEL STEPHEN SCHUSTER, JR.
STEELWORKER FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1968 to October 1969. As assistant platoon commander and construction coordinator for DELTA Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer SCHUSTER consistently performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he directed a wide variety of construction projects. Despite adverse weather conditions and a shortage of material supplies, Petty Officer SCHUSTER completed all assigned tasks in accordance with construction schedules. Throughout his tour, Petty Officer SCHUSTER performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. Petty Officer SCHUSTER's exceptional professionalism, initiative and loyal dedication to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

WALTER JOHN SCIENIEWSKI
STEELWORKER FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1969 to November 1969. As assistant platoon leader in CHARLIE Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer SCIENIEWSKI consistently performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Under his leadership, construction on the Freedom Hill Exchange and the steel arch aircraft shelters for Marine Air Group ELEVEN were completed on schedule. His diligent efforts and resourcefulness served as a source of inspiration to his shipmates and significantly contributed to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Throughout his tour, Petty Officer SCIENIEWSKI performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. Petty Officer SCIENIEWSKI's exceptional professional ability, initiative and loyal dedication to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

ANDREW JOSEPH DREXLER
YEOMAN SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from September 1968 to July 1969. Petty Officer DREXLER demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional ability while serving as crew leader in the administration office. In spite of a shortage of personnel and arduous conditions he significantly contributed to the expeditious handling of administrative matters and to the command's mission in the Republic of Vietnam. Throughout his tour, Petty Officer DREXLER performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. His professional ability, exemplary initiative and dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer DREXLER is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

WALTER JOHN SCIENIEWSKI
STEELWORKER FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

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The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

EUGENE LEWIS KOPP
BUILDER SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from October 1968 to October 1969. As a crew leader with DELTA Company, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer KOPP consistently performed in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, he led a variety of crews working on different projects. In addition to managing all projects in accordance with strict construction schedules, he ensured the highest quality of workmanship. Petty Officer KOPP's professional ability and loyal service were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

RODNEY DALE RHINESMITH
CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from 4 April to 23 April 1969. Serving as an interior electrical wiring crew member with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT, Petty Officer RHINESMITH was assigned a job involving the electrical rewiring of the Commander United States Naval Forces, Vietnam Base Development Building at the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade. Planning and timing of his work during the night was extremely critical since electrical power to the building could not be interrupted during the day. Despite the inherent problems of lack of circuit drawings and in obtaining material, his tireless efforts significantly contributed to the accomplishment of his unit's mission. Petty Officer RHINESMITH's professional ability and dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer RHINESMITH is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

CHARLES BOONE HALL
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN THIRD CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving as leading petty officer of the communications operations crew, United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT in the Republic of Vietnam from 29 January to 10 October 1968 and from 19 March to 17 June 1969. Petty Officer HALL molded the communications operators into a highly efficient and effective crew. On numerous occasions, while serving as command communicator during enemy action, his quickness of mind, ability to express himself clearly and easy-going manner were instrumental in maintaining the flow of information necessary for the successful operation of his battalion. Throughout his tour in Vietnam, Petty Officer HALL performed his duties under the imminent threat of enemy terrorist squads and mainline units and was subjected to numerous rocket and mortar attacks. His devotion to duty and outstanding professionalism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer HALL is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
Navy Achievement Medal to

COY DALE SHOEMAKER
SEAMAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For professional achievement while serving with United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 August 1968 to 25 September 1968 and 19 March 1969 to 20 June 1969. As the department yeoman, Seaman SHOEMAKER performed a variety of duties such as training clerk, tactical publications control yeoman and intelligence clerk. In his assignment, he travelled to various locations in the I Corps Tactical Zone, often by land transportation, exposing himself to mined roads and sniper fire. His professional performance reflected credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Seaman SHOEMAKER is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

/s/ E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

COMMANDER
THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96695

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1650
Ser 1857
17 May 1969

From: Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade
To: EO2 John William FULTON, USN 699 31 39
Via: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT

Subj: Award of the Purple Heart Medal

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST P1650.1C
(b) CINCPACFLT ltr ser 102/5717M of 25 August 1967

Encl: (1) Purple Heart Medal

1. In accordance with reference (a) and with the authority delegated by reference (b), Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade is honored to award you the Purple Heart Medal.

2. This Purple Heart Medal is awarded for wounds received in combat action on 26 April 1969 while in support of the Forces of the Republic of Vietnam in their struggle against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces.

3. A permanent certificate will be issued to you by the Secretary of the Navy.

/s/ J. G. DILLON

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In reply refer to
Pers-E33-NG-yw
24 April 1969

From: Chief of Naval Personnel
To: HML Robert Edward LEE, USN 285 88 81
Via: Commanding Officer
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT
FPO San Francisco 96601

Subj: Presidential Unit Citation; forwarding of

Encl: (1) Facsimile of Citation
(2) PUC Ribbon Bar

1. The Secretary of the Navy has awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to THIRD Marine Division (Reinforced) for the period(s) indicated in the enclosed citation.
2. The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) for which you are eligible by virtue of your service during the period(s) cited.
3. A copy of this letter has been made a part of your official record in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

/s/ J. B. CARAWAY
By direction

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 8 March 1965 to 15 September 1967. Throughout this period, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced), operating in the five northernmost provinces of the Republic of Vietnam, successfully executed its three-fold mission of occupying and defending key terrain, seeking out and destroying the enemy, and conducting an intensive pacification program. Operating in an area bordered by over 200 miles of South China Sea coastline, the mountainous Loatian border and the Demilitarized Zone, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) successfully executed eighty major combat operations, carrying the battle to the enemy, destroying many of his forces, and capturing thousands of tons of weapons and material. In addition to these major operations, more than 125,000 offensive counter guerrilla actions, ranging from squad patrols and ambushes to company-sized search and destroy operations, were conducted in both the coastal rise lands and the mountainous jungle inland. These bitterly contested actions routed the enemy from his well-entrenched positions, denied his access to his source of food, restricted his freedom of movement, and removed his influence from the heavily populated areas. In numerous operations the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) demonstrated the great efficiency of combined operations with units of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. In July 1966, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) moved to the north to counter major elements of the North Vietnamese Army moving across the Demilitarized Zone into the Province of Quang Tri; its units fought a series of savage battles against the enemy, repeatedly distinguishing themselves and, time and again, forcing the enemy to retreat across the Demilitarized Zone. Imbued with an unrelenting combat spirit and initiative and undeterred by heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire, extremely difficult terrain, incessant heat and monsoon rains, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced), employing courageous ground, heli-borne and amphibious assaults, complemented by intense and accurate air, artillery and naval gunfire support, inflicted great losses on the enemy and denied him the political and military victory he sought to achieve at any cost. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness and aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men of the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) in battle after battle against a well-equipped and well-trained enemy, often numerically superior in strength, and the great humanitarianism constantly shown to the peoples of the Republic of Vietnam, reflected great credit upon the Marine Corps and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

R 1608312 MAR 69

FM COMNAVFORV

TO NMCB EIGHT

INFO COMTHIRDCNB, COMTHIRDCNB REP SIAGON, COMTHIRTIETHNCR, COMCBPAC,
COMTHIRTYFIRST NCR

BT

UNCLAS

NMCB EIGHT DEPLOYMENT

1. WELCOME ABOARD FOR YOUR FORTH DEPLOYMENT TO RVN, YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH ICTZ WILL STAND YOU IN GOOD STEAD IN THE COMING MONTHS AS YOU FACE THE CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGE OF YOUR ROLE IN THE FWMAF EFFORT. I ASK THAT EACH OFFICER AND MAN OF NMCB EIGHT RESPOND WITH THE CAN DO SPIRIT IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE SEABEES AND THE NAVY.

2. BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT. VADM ZUMWALT SENDS.

BT

#6137

R 192352Z MAR 69

FM COM THIRTY-FIRST NCR
TO NMCB EIGHT

BT

UNCLAS

1. TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NMCB EIGHT. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND YOU FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL HOMEPORT DEPLOYMENT. ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR DEPARTURE TO VIETNAM, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF OUR NAVY AND SEABEES. BEST WISHES. CAPT R. D. THORSON

BT

#1712

R 291937Z MAR 69

FM COMCBPAC

TO NMCB EIGHT

INFO COM THIRD NCB, COM THIRTIETH NCR, COM THIRTY-FIRST NCR

BT

UNCLAS

1. YOU HAVE JUST COMPLETED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HOMEPORT DEPLOYMENT PERIOD IN CALIFORNIA. NOW YOUR TRAINING AND PAST EXPOSURE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NEEDED BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE TO UNDERTAKE YOUR ASSIGNED TASKS IN THE SAME OUTSTANDING MANNER DEMONSTRATED BY YOUR BATTALIONS PAST DEPLOYMENTS TO THE WAR ZONE.

2. GODSPEED AND BEST WISHES FOR A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AND REWARDING DEPLOYMENT.

RADM W. M. HEAMAN SENDS

#7349

060830H APR 69

FM FOXCREEK
TO ROCKFISH

BT

UNCLAS

AN HOA BUNKER CONSTRUCTION

1. YOUR AGGRESSIVENESS AND RESPONSE TO THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT
WAS OUTSTANDING. ALTHOUGH HAVING JUST JOINED OUR TEAM, YOUR
PERFORMANCE WAS IN THE FINEST CAN DO SPIRIT. FOXCREEK SIX SENDS,
BT

R 260828Z MAY 69

FM COM THREE ZERO NCR
TO RUMUFGA/NMCB EIGHT

BT

UNCLAS

SEABEE CONSTRUCTION-RECONSTRUCTION FLC FACILITIES

A. CG FORLOGCMD 250546Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)

1. BGEN FEELEY BY REF A EXPRESSES HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF YOUR COMMAND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN RAPID REBUILDING OF FACILITIES DESTROYED AS RESULT OF THE ASP-ONE FIRE. THE GENERAL FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE USUAL SPLendid PERFORMANCE WHICH EXCEEDED THE EXPECTED.

2. I ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR MEN FOR ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE.

3. CAPT POWELL SENDS.

BT

Republic of Vietnam
Hoa Vang District
Hoa Minh Village

Hoa Minh, 7 July 1969

From: Hoa Minh Village Chief
Respectful to: Commanding Officer,
U. S. Naval Mobile
Construction Battalion
EIGHT

Sir:

On 16 December 1968, a cruel team of Viet Cong attacked our village office and caused it alot of damage. We intended to rebuild our office as soon as possible, but our village funds are too poor.

At present, our wishes have come true, it is that your battalion who approved and helped us with the material for rebuilding our office. A ceremony for begining and placing the first brick of the construction will be held on 10 July 1969, at 0900. Would you please stop by our village office and attend the ceremony on that day. Also the Hoa Van District Chief will attend and preside over the ceremonies. It will be a great honor to us if you accept our invitation. We would be very happy if you would honor us with your attendance. We welcome you.

Hoa Minh Village Chief

/s/ Nguyen Nhu

R 160654 JUL 69

FM COM THIRD NCB
TO ZEN/COM THREE ZERO NCB
RUMLBPA/COM THREE TWO NCB
RUMUFGA/NMCB FOUR
RUMUFGA/NMCB FIVE
ZEN/NMCB EIGHT
RUMUBHT/NMCB ELEVEN
RUMLBPA/NMCB FORTY
ZEN/FIFTY THREE
RUMUFGB/NMCB FIFTY EIGHT
RUMUFGB/NMCB SIXTY TWO
RUMLMHA/NMCB ONE TWO EIGHT
INFO RUEDEIA/COMCBLANT
RUEBHIA/COMNAVFAENGCOM
RUHHBRA/COMCBPAC
R 140238Z JUL 69
FM CG III MAR DNG RVN
TO COM THREE NCB DNG RVN
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INFO COMNAVFORV SGN RVN
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COMCBPAC
OICC RVN SGN RVN
COMNAVFORV REP DNG RVN

BT

UNCLAS EFTO

ROCK

1. LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME ROCK WAS AN EXTREMELY CRITICAL COMMODITY IN ALL OF ICIZ, AND AS A RESULT ALL CONSTRUCTION WAS GOVERNED BY THE AVAILABILITY OF ROCK. ROCK WAS IN FACT SO CRITICAL, ARRANGEMENTS WERE INITIATED TO BARGE ROCK INTO ICTZ FROM II CTZ.
2. IN VIEW OF THIS PROBLEM 3 NCB AND DIRCON NORTH TURNED TO WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALISM. PROCURING AND INSTALLING ADDITIONAL CRUSHING AND RELATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND WORKING EXTRA SHIFTS, YOU SOON MADE IT APPARENT THAT THE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE PLAN TO BARGE ROCK FROM II CTZ COULD BE CANCELLED.
3. TODAY ROCK IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS WITH A VERY MINIMUM OF CONTROLS IN BUT A FEW AREAS. BY YOUR SKILL IN OVERCOMING WHAT PREVIOUSLY APPEARED TO BE AN ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE ROCK DEFICIT YOU HAVE GREATLY ENHANCED CONSTRUCTION IN ICTZ.
4. WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED.
5. LTGN NICKERSON.

BT

161922 JUL 69

FM FOX CREEK
TO TRENCH/VOCAL/ROCKFISH/SCRAPPER

BT

UNCLAS

A. DANDY PAT 151913H JUL 69 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCE A IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

"1. TODAY I MADE MY FINAL INSPECTION TOUR OF FREEDOM HILL COMPLEX. I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF SEABEE PERFORMANCE.

2. BEGINNING WITH THE REGIMENTAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION, THE PLANNING AND SCHEDULING BY THE BATTALIONS, THROUGH THE SUPERB PERFORMANCE BY THE SEABEE CREWS TO THE WORKMANLIKE MANNER OF SITE CLEANUP, THIS HAS BEEN AN UNUSUALLY SHORT TIME, WITH UNUSUAL SITE PREPARATION AND MATERIAL PROBLEMS. YET IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE USUAL SEABEE "WELL DONE" FASHION. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS TASK."

2. I JOIN WITH DANDY PAT SIX IN EXPRESSING PRIDE AND SATISFACTION OVER YOUR PERFORMANCE. FOX CREEK SIX SENDS.

BT

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The following award was presented to NMCB EIGHT by LTGEN H. NICKERSON, Jr., on 20 July 1969 upon occasion of the reopening of the Freedom Hill Exchange Complex.

"For your outstanding contribution to the reconstruction of the Freedom Hill Complex. The destruction of this facility during the ASP-1 fire and explosion was a major loss to the recreation program in the I Corps. Through your efforts the reconstruction proceeded at a rapid pace and the complex was reopened in less time than originally thought possible. The enthusiasm and dedication of purpose which you displayed and the quality of your work reflect great credit upon your professional ability and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

12007 AUG 69

FM FOX CREEK
TO ROCKFISH
INFO DANDY PAT
BT

UNCLAS

TIEN PHOU AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS

1. REQUEST CONVEY MY APPRECIATION TO EOC E. M. TURNER, JR., AND MEN OF
DETAIL VICTOR FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING PERIOD 26 JUL THRU 13 AUG
69 AT TIEN PHOU AIRFIELD. THEIR IMPORTANT EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL
FORCES MISSION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE,
AND SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO THE ENTIRE BATTALION. WELL DONE.

2. FOX CREEK SIX SENDS.

BT

061947 SEP 69

FM DANDY PAT
TO ROCKFISH ZULU SIX
INFO ROCKFISH, OUTSTANDING, FOX CREEK

BT

UNCLAS

HUE ASPHALT PLANT

1. DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS THE CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE OF YOUR CREWS, AND THEIR OBVIOUS DEDICATION AND TENACITY IN THE FACE OF MANY ADVERSITIES HAS BEEN MAGNIFICENT. I ALWAYS APPROACHED THE MORNING VOICE REPORTS WITH CONFIDENCE THAT ROCKFISH ZULU WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE PERFORMANCE TO REPORT. ZULU IN-PUT HAS BEEN HARD WORK AND INGENUITY. ZULU OUTPUT HAS BEEN A MAJOR SECTOR OF QL-1 HIGH QUALITY PAVING.

2. ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR DEPARTURE I SINCERELY CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR CREWS. YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE APPRECIATED FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. TO YOU PERSONALLY, I WISH ALL GOOD FORTUNE. DANDY PAT SIX SENDS.

BT

COMMANDER
THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE
FPO San Francisco 96635

N4:PLW:arl
1650
Ser 5037
16 September 1969

From: Commander, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT
Via: Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment

Subj: Commendation of NMCB EIGHT Fire Department

1. On 20 August 1969, two serious fires occurred in the THIRD Naval Construction Brigade Material Yard when stored chemicals ignited spontaneously. Successful containment of these mixed chemical fires was essential because of their proximity to millions of dollars worth of construction materials, and the fact that they posed a potentially dangerous threat to the entire camp.
2. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT Fire Department responded quickly to the initial call for fire fighting assistance and demonstrated professional fire fighting competence throughout the afternoon in combating these fires. Fire fighting personnel were continually hindered by poisonous fumes and frequent flare-ups of these fires. After successfully extinguishing these fires the NMCB EIGHT Fire Department assisted in the cleanup and disposal of the chemicals.
3. Special recognition is extended to Warrant Officer R. E. VIETMEIER, USN, who was personally on the scene directing the fire fighting, cleanup and disposal effort as well as providing technical advice regarding the special handling of the chemicals involved.
4. All personnel involved in the fire fighting displayed a high degree of performance in carrying out their task. The effort of all concerned is worthy of special recognition and reflects great credit on themselves and the Naval Service.

/s/ J. G. DILLON

041847H OCT 69

FM DANDY PAT
TO ROCKFISH ZULU
BT

UNCLAS

DETAIL ZULU

1. FOR 7 MONTHS, ROCKFISH ZULU CREWS HAVE DILIGENTLY OFF LOADED ROCK, OPERATED THE ASPHALT PLANTS AND PAVED HIGHWAYS. NOW YOUR WORK IS COMPLETED. SECURE YOUR BRIDGE 5 SITE 5 OCTOBER PER PLAN.
2. YOU LEAVE MANY MILES OF HIGH QUALITY ASPHALT PAVING IN THE THUA THIEN PROVINCE. THIS REPRESENTS AN URGENT CONTRIBUTION TO TACTICAL TRAFFIC AND A LONG LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.
3. YOU ALSO LEAVE BEHIND YOU A RECORD OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE THAT IS WORTHY OF YOUR FINE BATTALION. YOUR ALWAYS POSITIVE ATTITUDE HAS EXEMPLIFIED "CAN DO". YOU HAVE BEEN GREAT.
4. WELL DONE. DANDY PAT SIX SENDS.

BT

111045H OCT 69

FM DANDY PAT

TO ROCKFISH

BT

UNCLAS

NMCB EIGHT PERFORMANCE

1. MY POST STORM INSPECTION OF HAI VAN PASS REVEALED THE SOUNDNESS OF YOUR ENGINEERING AND THE SKILL AND DEDICATION OF YOUR CREWS.
2. THE LONG HARD HOURS OF WORK YOUR CREWS PUT IN AND THE INGENIOUS WATER HANDLING INSTALLATIONS PREVENTED MANY SERIOUS WASHOUTS AND SAVED THIS VITAL HIGHWAY LINK. THE MANY SLIDES AND MINOR WASHES ARE TO BE EXPECTED AND CAN ONLY BE CONTROLLED PROMPTLY AFTER THE FACT, WHICH YOUR CREWS ARE DOING. KEEP IT UP. ROCKFISH IS DOING GREAT. DANDY PAT SIX SENDS.

BT

AMPHIBIOUS CONSTRUCTION BATTALION ONE
U. S. Naval Amphibious Base
San Diego, California 92155

PHIBCB ONE
032:FV:hs
1650
Ser 1257
27 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer, Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE
To: Commanding Officer, Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the officers and men of Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT for the outstanding support they provided Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE Detachment Kilo during it's recent deployment to Vietnam.
2. The detachment could not have completed its mission to install a mono-mooring fueling system in such a timely manner without the continuous and willing support of your Battalion.
3. Your command has again exhibited the spirit of cooperation and willingness that supports the Seabee motto: "Can Do". Please convey my personal thank you to those responsible.

/s/ W. R. LEDDER

Copy to:
COMTHIRDNCB
COMTHIRTIETHNCR

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS AMERICAL DIVISION
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96374

27 October 1969

AVDF-CG

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commander
3d Naval Construction Brigade
FPO 96601

TO: Commanding Officer
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eight
FPO 96601

1. In view of the importance of the Tien Phouc Airfield, I wish to take this opportunity to commend you and the officers and men of Mobile Construction Battalion Eight for the expeditious manner in which you accomplished its rehabilitation during the period 26 September to 24 October 1969.
2. On 6 September 1969 the Tien Phouc Airfield was inspected and was found to be deteriorating at a rate that indicated it could not possibly remain operational through the monsoon season. Because the airfield is vital to the Americal Division operations, I requested emergency assistance to accomplish the extensive repairs necessary to keep the field open.
3. You promptly responded to the requirement, moving your equipment and supplies to Tien Phouc with a sense of urgency appropriate to the importance of the project. Requirements beyond your capability were recognized early and acted upon in such a manner that work was not interrupted. The airfield was completely rehabilitated under a most demanding schedule in spite of exceptionally adverse weather conditions. I was impressed by the efficiency and professionalism of your operations. That the airfield rehabilitation project was completed in such a timely manner is a tribute to your devotion to duty, as well as to your professional competence and leadership.

27 October 1969

AVDF-CG

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

4. I commend you and Mobile Construction Battalion Eight for a job well done in keeping with the Seabee "Can Do" tradition. Performance of this nature reflect great credit upon you and your organization.

/s/ HOWARD H. COOKSEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Commander

AVGB-SFC (25 Oct 69) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: A letter of commendation

DA, HQ, Co C, 5th SFG (Abn), 1ST SF, APO 9634, 31 October 1969

To: Commanding Officer, US Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Number
Eight, FPO San Francisco 96601

1. I fully agree with comments made by CPT Cummings.
2. On the numerous occasions I visited Camp Tien Phouc, I observed the men of Det "S", MCB 8 and noted an outstanding air of professionalism and expertise in their approach to their mission.
3. Of particular note, the men must be lauded for the exemplary work done on the Tien Phouc airstrip. This was of great importance as the camp can only be resupplied by air.
4. The work done on the roads and bridges will have a far reaching effect upon the people, as it has shown them that their government and the United States is concerned about their welfare.
5. Such actions are in keeping with the highest traditional standards of the United States Military Service and reflects great credit upon the US Naval Construction Battalion and the men of Detachment "S", CB8.

/s/ CLAIRE J. REEDER
LTC, Infantry
Commanding

On 27 April, ASP #1 was engulfed by fire and thundering explosions, resulting in extensive damage to surrounding facilities. One of the most seriously damaged complexes was the Freedom Hill Recreation Area. NMCB EIGHT's tasking consisted of rebuilding the 16 Butler building exchange facility. Restoration of these buildings to their original condition required an average of 60 men a week for 7 weeks.



Freedom Hill Exchange Complex after blast from ASP #1.



Extensive damage to Freedom Hill Exchange resulting from ASP #1 disaster.



Freedom Hill Exchange after reconstruction by NMCB EIGHT.

Also virtually destroyed was the THIRD MP Battalion cantonment adjacent to the south fence of ASP #1. Reconstruction required maximum effort of all companies including construction crews from Alfa, Headquarters, and Security Companies.



Reconstruction of 3rd MP cantonment in progress.



Third MP Galley reconstructed.



East side of 3rd MP cantonment reconstructed by NMGB EIGHT. Concession bldg., galley and living spaces are in the foreground.

On 6 September, an enemy attack by rocket fire resulted in a devastating explosion of the ARVN ASP adjacent to NSA Covered Storage. The resulting overpressure damaged nearly all the NSA buildings to at least some extent. 8 warehouse complexes of 8 buildings each were assigned to NMCB EIGHT. Reconstruction commenced on 8 September with 100 men, and was completed on 17 October.



8 warehouse complexes reconstructed by NMCB EIGHT.



NSA Covered Storage during reconstruction.



NSA Covered Storage warehouses after reconstruction.

Detail Zulu deployed to Hue, Republic of Vietnam, in March 1969 for the purpose of paving QL #1 from Hue, north to the province border. Project was completed in early October with over 25 miles of 24 foot wide roadway paved.



Detail Zulu asphalt plants in operation.



Paving of Highway QL #1

Three details deployed to An Hoa Combat Base during the deployment. Construction for the Fifth Marine Regiment located there included bunkers, ASP, helicopter landing pad and an arming-dearming pad.



NMCB EIGHT convoy leaves Camp Haskins South for An Hoa.



Typical bunker constructed for USMC at An Hoa



Helicopter landing zone constructed at An Hoa.



Bunkers and landing strip constructed by NMCB EIGHT at An Hoa.

Two details deployed to Tien Phouc Airfield west of Tan Ky. Both details were assigned to upgrade the airstrip. The second increment required laying about 80,000 Sq. Ft. of M8A1 matting.



Off-loading heavy equipment at Tien Phouc.



Airstrip grading at Tien Phouc airfield. Detail Victor up-graded the airstrip to compacted rock surface, then shot with asphalt.



Men of Detail Sierra laying M8A1 matting of runway at Tien Phouc Airfield.



Tien Phouc airfield landing strip partially completed.

Some of the first projects started by NMCB EIGHT upon arrival were at Camp Books for the new First FSR cantonment and service shops. Most work was completed in June.



First FSR Vehicle Maintenance area, Camp Books. This work had been partially begun when taken over by EIGHT.



First FSR South cantonment with barracks, BOQ'S, head and shower facilities, and galley with water, sewage and electrical distribution systems.



First FSR gallery under construction. BOQ's are nearing completion in the background.



The water supply system infiltration gallery. Sheet piling cofferdam has been driven and sand excavated. The four-arm bottom section is being lowered into place, after which the sand pack was placed, top section installed and pile extracted, the hole filled and pump and piping installed.

FLC 900 area was expanded by the construction of 7-40' x 100' rigid frame buildings, three of which are shops and four of which are warehouses. The project also included paving, drainage, a wash rack and grease rack.



USMC Truck Company Cantonment constructed by NACB EIGHT.



Hoa Kahn Children's hospital located at Camp Books. Several projects were accomplished for this complex, including air-conditioning, doctors' quarters, water supply and fencing.

The Bridge Cargo Ramp and Storage Area occupied NMCB EIGHT throughout the deployment. Constructed mostly on sandy - marsh land, the project included paving, fencing, concrete ditches, railroad engineering and ballast and a salt water fire protection system.



Bridge Cargo Storage Area near the end of the deployment.



NMCB EIGHT provided surveying and equipment support for the railway installed by Vietnamese at the Bridge Cargo Storage area.



Placing crushed base rock in preparation for paving at Bridge Cargo Storage Area.



File driving at Bridge Cargo Ramp. This ramp was destroyed by ammunition explosions caused by an enemy rocket in February, and was reconstructed by NMCB EIGHT.



Asphalt paving operation in progress at Bridge Cargo Storage area.



Precast concrete ditch sections to be installed at Bridge Cargo Storage area.

In the rugged mountains north of Danang, NMCB EIGHT was engaged during the entire deployment in maintaining and upgrading 12 miles of National Highway #1 through the Hai Van Pass to the Lang Co Bridge in addition to the steep LAAM Battalion access road to the top of hill 724.



View of National Highway #1, looking north along Hai Van Pass.



Vietnamese laborers working on drainage structure in Hai Van Pass.



Placing Asphalt Curbing in Hai Van Pass for erosion control.



Vietnamese laborers preparing ditch for the placing of a concrete lining.



Applying Hydro Mulch in Hai Van Pass to control erosion.

Known as the LAAM Battalion Road, the tortuous route from Hai Van Pass to the lofty site of Lima Company, 26th Marines on hill 724 was completely rebuilt by NMCB EIGHT.



The LAAM Battalion Road, as seen from the air, looking north.



LAAM Battalion Road is cut through a hill to reduce the grade, this portion is typical of many areas of the road prior to reconstruction.



The cut areas shown in preceding photo after completion of roadway.

NMCB EIGHT crews were the first Seabees to construct "Wonder Arches" in Vietnam, Forty-five aircraft shelters, with re-
vetments and electrical distribution were constructed for
Marine Aircraft Group 11 at Danang Airbase.



The first "Wonder Arch" ever erected by Seabees in Vietnam"