

CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION EIGHT

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23 May 1942	Camp Allen, Va	Commissioned (1079 enlisted men & 32 officers)
9 Jul 1942	Dutch Harbor and Aleutian Islands	First deployment, constructed barracks at South Amaknak, first church in Dutch Harbor, a submarine base, radar station at Unalga torpedo net across bay entrance to Adak, airstrips and facilities at Otter Point and Cold Bay. (Total of 78 different projects while in the Aleutians)
Aug 1943	Returned via Seattle to Camp Parks, Calif for training and then transferred to Port Hueneme.	Training at Camp Parks. Homeport at Port Hueneme, California.
Jun 1944	Hawaii	Two major projects this deployment: (1) Massive staging area including housing, shops, admin buildings and sewer and water lines at Iroquois Point. (2) At Red Hill constructed a railway, an X-ray lab, and a post office, among other things.
Feb 1945	Eniwetok	Preparation for the invasion of Iwo Jima.
19 Feb 1945 D- Day	Iwo Jima	26 NMCB EIGHT Equipment Operator participated in the first day's assault.
3 Mar 1945	Iwo Jima	Main Body of NMCB EIGHT landed on Iwo Jima. Jobs were a fuel storage system, roads, airstrips water supply by distillation of sea water, condensation of steam from ground vents and drilling.
Aug 1945	Hiroshima	Transferred from Iwo Jima for purpose of aiding naval forces.
Jan 1946	-----	De-commissioned as part of the demobilization of U. S. Armed Forces.
10 Sept 1951	Davisville, R.I.	Re-commissioned (800 men)

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Nov 1951	Orange, Texas	Deployed and commissioned the APL-48 (nicknamed the Crabapple) to become the first Mobile Construction Battalion to man a naval vessel and become a member of the Atlantic Fleet.
Dec 1951	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Five month deployment aboard APL-48. Constructed Seabee camp roads, and fencing.
May 1952	Davisville, R.I.	Two months training
Jul 1952	Port Lyautey, Morocco	Performed various jobs including a hospital warehouse, a pistol range, handball courts, etc.
Dec 1952	Davisville R.I.	Homeport, Live aboard APB-139, the USS MERCER.
Mar 1953	Argentia, Newfoundland	Lived aboard the USS MERCER APB-139. Projects included a jet fuel system, fuel storage and distribution system, transportation and heavy equipment shops. A 125 man detachment was in Bermuda from Feb 1953 to Aug 1953.
Oct 1953	Davisville, R.I.	Leave, Liberty, and training.
Jan 1954	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Major project was construction of housing units.
Aug 1952	Davisville, R. I.	Aided in repairing damage done by Hurricane Carol. Detachments to Nantucket, Virginia, and Gitmo.
Nov 1954	Port Lyautey, Morocco	Worked on 18 projects including a swimming pool, recreation hall barracks, fuel tanks and remodeling the Seabee area.
Jun 1955	-----	Decommissioned.
1 Nov 1960	Davisville R. I.	Recommissioned (200 men)
Sep 1961	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	First deployment after recommissioning and military training at Camp Lejeune. Projects included housing units, road repairs, and construction of a base alert system. (Approx. 450 men)
Jun 1962	Davisville R. I.	Training at homeport.

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Oct 1962	Antarctica	Projects included rehabilitation of the construction camp and installation of additional POL tanks.
Mar 1963	Davisville, R. I.	Homeport. Training at Davisville and Camp LeJeune, N.C.
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Mar 1964	Rota, Spain	
Dec 1964	Davisville, R. I.	Homeport training
Sept 1965	Port Hueneme, Calif	Change of Homeport.
Oct 1965	Da Nang, East, Republic of Vietnam.	Projects included a galley and covered storage area for NSA, a large Waterfront Facility on the Tourane River. A detachment in Phu Bai during the deployment
May 1966	Port Hueneme, Calif	Leave, Crew Training, Military training.
Dec 1966	Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.	Projects included the First Hospital Company Complex, a dairy plant & ice plant. In addition, construction was done for MAG 12 and the NSA detachment.
Aug 1967	Port Hueneme Calif.	Homeport Training
Feb 1968	Phu Bai, RVN	Arriving amid the Communist Tet offensive, the Battalion quickly recovered and completed the 39,000 foot Route #551 (Col Co Road) several bridges, tow LCU off-loading ramps in the Hue area and living facilities for the Army in the northern I Corps.
Oct 1968	Port Hueneme, Calif	Homeport training.
March 1969	Da Nang, RVN (Red Beach)	Projects included a 1200 man cantonment at the Force Logistics Command, rebuilding of the damaged 3MP, Freedom Hill, and NSA Covered Storage Facilities, 45 Steel Arch Aircraft Shelters. In addition, Detail Zulu in Hue, paved over 25 miles of QL #1.
Nov 1969	Port Hueneme Calif	Completed preparations for de-commissioning. As a result of an

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15 Dec 1969

Port Hueneme, Calif

Decommissioning Ceremony

20 Dec 1969

Port Hueneme, Calif

Officially Decommissioned