

COMMAND HISTORY - 1970-71

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12-15 JUL 70 Commanding Officer attended Commanding Officer's conference at CRIANT, Davisville, Rhode Island.

21 JUL 70 Battalion Field Exercise

25 JUL 70 Provisional Rifle/Weapons Company (Det "A") consisting of three officers and 190 enlisted men deployed to Camp LeJeune, N.C., for approximately two weeks military training.

4-5 AUG 70 Detail CBCELIA consisting of two officers and 85 enlisted personnel deployed to NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas to assist in Disaster Recovery Operations following Hurricane Celia.

11 AUG 70 Pre-Admin Inspection by 20 NCR.

17 AUG 70 Additional personnel deployed to NAS, Corpus Christi bringing total CBCELIA personnel to two officers and 151 enlisted personnel.

24-27 AUG 70 Admin Inspection by COMCBLANT which included a slide presentation, personnel, weapons, and 782 gear inspection; barracks and office inspection; and critique.

27 AUG 70 CDR J. D. KIRKPATRICK relieved CDR J. A. DEWIDIO as Commanding Officer, USNMCB-74.

29 AUG 70 Bravo Company personnel consisting of one officer and 66 enlisted personnel returned from NAS, Corpus Christi.

26 SEP 70 NMCB-74's Advance Party, consisting of six officers and 116 enlisted men, deployed to the Construction Center, Bien Hoa, RVN, to conduct the BEEP and prepare for turnover of the Base Camp and detail sites.

20-23 OCT 70 The Battalion Main Body arrived at CBC, Bien Hoa, RVN, with a total of 17 officers and 498 enlisted personnel.

20 OCT 70 Detail YANKEE, consisting of one officer and 75 enlisted men, moved to Danang to provide horizontal assistance to the THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment.

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- 20 OCT 70 Detail QUEBEC, consisting of two enlisted men, moved to Vung Tau to provide for the various Delta construction sites.
- 20 OCT 70 Detail HOTEL, consisting of one officer and 67 enlisted men, moved to Long Phu to construct ACTOV and dependent housing facilities for the Vietnamese Navy.
- 20 OCT 70 Detail CHARLIE, consisting of one officer and 120 enlisted men, moved to Cho Moi to construct ACTOV and dependent housing facilities for turnover to the Vietnamese Navy.
- 23 OCT 70 Detail GOLF, consisting of one officer and 62 enlisted men, departed Bien Hoa for Nam Can to construct ATSB, ACTOV and dependent housing facilities in support of "Solid Anchor."
- 23 OCT 70 Construction Battalion Center, Bien Hoa, RVN was officially turned over by NMCB-5 to NMCB-74. Commander J. D. KIRKPATRICK, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB-74, relieved Commander R. A. SCHADE, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NMCB-5, of command of CBC, Bien Hoa, Republic of Vietnam.
- 23 OCT 70 CDR W. M. ZOBEL, COM3NCB REP Saigon, and party visited NMCB-74 Detail CHARLIE site.
- 25 OCT 70 Detail PAPA, consisting of 13 enlisted men, moved to Binh Thuy to provide support for the various construction sites in the Delta.
- 26 OCT 70 Detail OCTOBER, consisting of one officer and 13 enlisted men, moved to Tuyen Nhon to perform construction for canal bank erosion control.
- 27 OCT 70 Detail ZULU, consisting of 20 enlisted men, moved to Tan Son Nhut AB, Saigon, to construct facilities for the relocation of 32 NCR Headquarters.
- 6 NOV 70 Visit to NMCB-74 Base Camp by RAADM W. M. ENGER, Commander NAVFACENGCOM; CAPT F. M. LALOR, Jr., CO CBC PORHUE/31NCR; CAPT R. C. WILLIAMS, NAVFACENGCOM; CDR W. M. ZOBEL, COM3NCB REP Saigon, and party.

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- 9 NOV 70 NMCB-74's Delayed Party consisting of four officers and 68 enlisted men, arrived in Bien Hoa from Gulfport, Mississippi.
- 11 NOV 70 The Hon. John A. VOLPE, U. S. Secretary of Transportation and party visited NMCB-74 Base Camp at Bien Hoa, RVN.
- 11 NOV 70 Detail CHARLIE site at Cho Moi was visited by CAPT J. F. DOBSON of NAVFORV and party.
- 12 NOV 70 CDR W. M. ZOBEL, COM3NCB REP Saigon and party visited Detail GOLF site at Nam Can.
- 17 NOV 70 Detail CHARLIE site was visited by RADM R. E. ADAMSON, Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, CAPT J. G. DEVLIN, Public Works Officer, NSA Saigon, and party.
- 17 NOV 70 CE3 L. A. DAHMS was fatally injured when he fell from a 50 ft. MARS Station antenna pole.
- 17 NOV 70 An unknown number of mortar rounds struck the Bien Hoa AB complex. No injuries resulted to NMCB-74 personnel.
- 3 DEC 70 NMCB-74 personnel celebrated the FOURTH (4th) Anniversary of the Battalion's recommissioning with activities including a barbeque, sporting events and a floor show.
- 3 DEC 70 RADM A. R. MARSCHALL, COM3NCB; CAPT J.R. FISHER, Ass't COMNAVFAC for MIL Readiness, Washington, D.C.; CAPT W. M. ZOBEL, COM32NCR, Saigon visited CBC, Bien Hoa to participate in NMCB-74 Fourth Anniversary activities.
- 4 DEC 70 CAPT J. R. FISHER, Ass't COMNAVFAC for MIL Readiness, Washington, D.C., visited Detail HOTEL.
- 8 DEC 70 Detail QUEBEC returned to CBC, Bien Hoa with two enlisted personnel from Vung Tau. Detail disestablished.
- 11 DEC 70 Detail ECHO, consisting of 14 enlisted men, moved to Dong Tam to rehabilitate advisors facilities.
- 11 DEC 70 RADM S. R. SMITH, COMCBPAC, and party visited CBC, Bien Hoa.

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- 15 DEC 70 A detachment of eight enlisted men moved to Vi Thanh to construct two SEA huts for Advisory Group 73.
- 18 DEC 70 Detail ZULU returned to CBC, Bien Hoa from Tan Son Nhut AB, Saigon.
- 20 Dec 70 The detachment to Vi Thanh returned to CBC, Bien Hoa.
- 24 DEC 70 CAPT J. F. DOBSON, COMNAVFORV, and party visited Detail OCTOBER.
- 30 DEC 70 Two Detail CHARLIE personnel returning from Binh Thuy in a skimmer boat received 15 rounds of automatic rifle fire from the bank at AP Dong Binh. Rounds hit within 10 feet of skimmer, however, no casualties or damage resulted.
- 30 DEC 70 Detail ECHO At Dong Tam received five mortar rounds. No damage or casualties resulted.
- 31 DEC 70 BU2 Jerry B. EDMONDS, Jr., CE3 Harold E. ASHER, EOCN Edger Peter BECK, CN Wayne Sterling RUSHTON, and CN Frank NEUBAUER, assigned to Detail CHARLIE, were killed in action by VC forces while traveling by boat between Cho Moi and Binh Thuy, RVN.
- 2 JAN 71 Detail FOXTROT, consisting of one officer and 15 enlisted men, departed Bien Hoa for Kien An to repair battle damage to ACTOV facilities.
- 3 JAN 71 DETAIL ECHO received three mortar rounds at approximately 0245 hours. No damage or casualties resulted.
- 4 JAN 71 CAPT W. H. ZOBEL, COM32NCR, and party visited Detail CHARLIE at Cho Moi and Detail OCTOBER at Tuyen Nhon to view construction progress.
- 7 JAN 71 Detail OCTOBER returned to CBC, Bien Hoa from Tuyen Nhon. Detail disestablished.
- 9 Jan 71 Ten rounds of 82mm mortar fire struck the Solid Anchor Complex at Nam Can. Shrapnel damage to HLO/supply warehouse and advisors galley/BEQ resulted. One Seabee received minor wounds.

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- 10 JAN 71 RADM A. R. MARSCHALL, OICC RVN/COM3NC3, visited CBC, Bien Hoa to present awards at Battalion Quarters including the Meritorious Service Medal to CDR J. D. KIRKPATRICK, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR.
- 13 JAN 71 Two sniper rounds struck the front end of an MRS tractor operated by an equipment operator while working on the runway at Nam Can.
- 17 JAN 71 Management Inspection visit was held by CBPAC (Codes 30 and 40). Inspecting party consisted of CDR R. L. SIEGLE and CDR B. YOUNG, both of CBPAC.
- 18 JAN 71 CDR R. L. SIEGLE, CBPAC, visited Detail CHARLIE site.
- 18 JAN 71 One officer and 41 enlisted men returned to Bien Hoa from Detail YANKEE in Danang.
- 19 JAN 71 CDR R. L. SIEGLE, CBPAC, visited Detail GOLF site.
- 19 JAN 71 An unknown number of VC attacked and sank a VNN junk boat on the river near the Detail HOTEL site at Long Phu. One VNN was killed in action and two VNN were reported missing in action.
- 22 JAN 71 Two rounds of 122mm rocket fire struck the Bien Hoa AFB complex.
- 23 JAN 71 Approximately 15-20 rounds of enemy mortar fire were received at the Solid Anchor Complex, Nam Can. No Seabee casualties resulted.
- 25 JAN 71 CDR H. E. KEPPEL, LCDR OTT and party of CBNJ-302 visited CBC, Bien Hoa and toured facilities.
- 25 JAN 71 The Solid Anchor Complex at Nam Can received approximately 75 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Ten to twelve rounds struck inside the Detail GOLF compound. Minor damage resulted to three structures, a dump truck, and a TD-20. No Seabee casualties resulted.
- 28 JAN 71 Two sniper rounds were fired at Detail HOTEL personnel. No injuries or damage resulted.

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- 31 JAN 71 A single mortar struck the Solid Anchor Complex at Nam Can. No injuries or damage were received by Detail GOLF.
- 1-2 FEB 71 CAPT W. R. ROGERS, COMCBLANT, and EQCM EGELUS, MCPO CBLANT, visited CBC, Bien Hoa and toured facilities.
- 2 FEB 71 Detail ECHO returned to Bien Hoa from Dong Tam. Detail disestablished.
- 3 FEB 71 Detail YANKEE, consisting of 23 enlisted personnel, returned to Bien Hoa from Danang. Detail disestablished.
- 4-7 FEB 71 Predeployment visit to CBC, Bien Hoa by CDR R.A. SCHADE, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE and party.
- 5 FEB 71 Detail KILO departed Bien Hoa for Nui Ta Kou, RVN, with one officer and 47 enlisted men by convoy.
- 8 FEB 71 Well drilling crew departed Bien Hoa for Vung Tau enroute to Rach Dua with five enlisted men.
- 11 FEB 71 Detail KILO personnel at Nui Ta Kou discovered a metallic type mine on Route 341. The mine was detonated in place with no injuries resulting.
- 12-14 FEB 71 LTJG P. McCoy and Mr. Dick SPENCER of Seabee Systems Engineering Office (SSEO), Port Hueneme, California, visited NMCB-74.
- 12 FEB 71 Detail JULIETT, consisting of one officer and 36 enlisted men, departed Bien Hoa for Mui Dinh, RVN, via LST for beach landing.
- 13 FEB 71 While working on Route 341, Detail KILO personnel discovered 15lb. and 40lb. mines. The mines were detonated in place. Also, a TD-20 detonated a booby trapped 105mm round on Route 341. Detail KILO personnel received small arms fire from unknown sources on the East side of Route 341. Negative injuries and damage resulted.
- 17-18 FEB 71 CBPAC Equipment inspection was held.

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- 13 FEB 71 Detail GOLF at Nam Can received approximately five rounds of mortar fire. Minor damage resulted to a transit mixer, welder, and the CM shop. No Detail GOLF personnel were injured.
- 19 FEB 71 MNCB-74's LCM6 was fired upon by a sampan while enroute to Detail HOTEL from Detail PAPA. The LCM6 received minor damage.
- 21 FEB 71 CAPT. E. H. MARSH II, CBPAC, and party visited Detail JULIETT at Mui Dinh, RVN.
- 21 FEB 71 A small unit of VC was detected at the Southeast corner of OP Base, Kien An. Attack was repelled. Detail FOXTROT personnel received no injuries and no damage resulted.
- 24-26 FEB 71 CBPAC conducted the Annual Supply Inspection (ASI).
- 28 FEB 71 Approximately five mortar rounds struck the Solid Anchor Complex at Nam Can. No injuries or damage were received by Detail GOLF.
- 28 FEB 71 At approximate 2300 hrs., unknown sources fired a B-40 rocket which struck the main entrance to the Bien Hoa Army Base, adjacent to the Construction Battalion Center. Security forces returned fire. No damage or injuries resulted.
- 1 MAR 71 MNCB-74 personnel participated in Change of Command of 3MNCB.
- 3 MAR 71 Seabee/Civil Engineer Corps Anniversary was observed by all hands with appropriate sporting events in the afternoon and a floor show in the evening.
- 6-7 MAR 71 CAPT DOMINY, CHC, CBPAC Chaplain and CDR BECKER, MNCB, visited the MNCB-74 Base Camp at Bien Hoa.
- 11 MAR 71 The five men Well Drilling Crew completed the Rach Dua well and departed for Cat Lo to begin drilling another well.
- 11 MAR 71 Detail KILO personnel located a mine consisting of 20 lbs of C-4 flake and a 155mm round buried on Rt. 341. The mine was detonated in place and no injuries resulted.
- 14 MAR 71 A 105mm round was found by Detail KILO personnel on Rt. 341. Evidence indicated that the installation of a booby trap was aborted when the sweep team came near. The round was detonated in place with no injuries resulting.

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16 MAR 71 The Bien Hoa Air Base received an unknown number of rockets near the Construction Battalion Center. No MFCB-74 personnel received injuries.

17 MAR 71 MFCB-5 Advance Party arrived at Bien Hoa from CBC, Port Hueneme.

18 MAR 71 Detail FOXTROT, consisting of seven enlisted personnel, returned to Bien Hoa from Kien An. Detail disestablished.

21-22 MAR 71 MFCB-74 Detail OIC Conference was held at the Base Camp in Bien Hoa to discuss operational aspects of projects and problem areas.

22 MAR 71 MFCB-74 Advance Party and MFCB-133 Detail KANGAROO departed Bien Hoa for CBC, Gulfport.

22 MAR 71 MFCB-5 Detail STALLION arrived at Bien Hoa from CBC, Port Hueneme.

23 MAR 71 Well Drilling Crew departed Cat Lo after real estate for the well could not be obtained and returned to Bien Hoa.

23 MAR 71 Detail KILO personnel located and successfully eliminated two non-metallic type mines with slap-stick detonation devices at different locations on Rt. 341. A third mine of a similar type with a delayed fuse detonated between two MFCB-74 vehicles on Rt. 341. No injuries or vehicle damage was sustained.

25 MAR 71 Well Drilling Crew departed Bien Hoa for Nui Ta Kou with five men for drilling of well at the Seabee base camp.

25 MAR 71 A detachment of eight personnel moved to Cat Lo from CBC, Bien Hoa.

26 MAR 71 Twenty-nine Detail KILO personnel returned to Bien Hoa from Nui Ta Kou after being replaced by personnel from MFCB-5.

28 MAR 71 A 155mm round was found adjacent to Rt. 341 by Detail KILO personnel. C-4 explosive was used to destroy the round. No injuries resulted.

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- 28 MAR 71 A VC patrol initiated action with Regional Forces behind the Base Camp at Nui Dinh. Small arms fire and grenades were utilized. No injuries or damage were received by Detail JULIETT.
- 30 MAR -- 1 APR 71 Ten personnel reassigned from Detail KILO, departed Bien Hoa from Detail KILO at Nui Ta Kou.
- 2 APR 71 Two platoons of VC forces attacked local RF Forces with mortar and ground fire adjacent to the Detail KILO site at Nui Ta Kou. No contact was made by Detail KILO. Later in the morning, two enemy mines were located on Route 341. The first mine, a 30 lb., pressure release type, was detonated in place. The second mine was detonated by a stray cow. Detail KILO personnel received no injuries.
- 8 APR 71 CAPT A. W. WILTON, Jr. of MAWPAC and party visited the Construction Battalion Center, Bien Hoa and toured facilities.
- 10 APR 71 Twenty-five Detail JULIETT personnel departed Nui Dinh by LST for Cam Ranh Bay enroute to Bien Hoa.
- 11 APR 71 Eleven Detail GOLF personnel returned to CBC, Bien Hoa from Nam Can.
- 14 APR 71 A total of 48 enlisted personnel returned to Bien Hoa from Detail CHARLIE at Cho Moi.
- 16 APR 71 Detail HOTEL, consisting of one officer and 42 enlisted men departed Long Phu for Bien Hoa. Detail disestablished.
- 16 APR 71 Nineteen Detail CHARLIE personnel returned to Bien Hoa from Cho Moi.
- 17 APR 71 Detail GOLF returned to Bien Hoa from Nam Can with one officer and 69 enlisted personnel. Detail disestablished.
- 20 APR 71 Eight personnel returned to Bien Hoa from Cat Lo.
- 20 APR 71 MC-74's first main body flight, consisting of five officers and 200 enlisted personnel departed Bien Hoa for the return to COMUS.

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- 21 APR 71 One officer and 18 enlisted personnel departed Detail CHARLIE site at Cho Moi to return to Bien Hoa. Detail disestablished.
- 21 APR 71 Detail PAPA, consisting of one officer and nine enlisted men, returned to Bien Hoa from Binh Thuy. Detail relieved on site by NMCE-5 Detail PINTO. NMCB-74 Detail PAPA disestablished.
- 22 APR 71 NMCB-74's second main body flight departed Bien Hoa for return to CONUS with three officers and 203 enlisted personnel.
- 22 APR 71 Change of Command of CBC, Bien Hoa was held as CBMU-302 assumed control of the camp from NMCB-74. All projects held by NMCB-74 were turned over to NMCB-5 Detail STALLION this date.
- 24 APR 71 The third and final main body flight, consisting of ten officers and 195 enlisted personnel, departed Bien Hoa for the return to CONUS.

1. COMMAND AND ORGANIZATION

On 3 December 1966, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR was recommissioned under the command of CDR G. W. SCHLEY, CEC, USN. He was relieved by CDR J. A. D'EMIDIO, CEC, USN, on 2 October 1968. CDR James D. KIRKPATRICK, current Commanding Officer, took command of NMCB-74 on 27 August 1970.

On the first day of this history NMCB-74 was in Gulfport, Mississippi. Operational and Administrative control was with the TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment. During the Battalion's fourth consecutive deployment to Vietnam, Operational control was transferred from the TWENTIETH Naval Construction Regiment to the THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment, THIRD Naval Construction Brigade and Commander Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

In October 1970, NMCB-74 was preparing for deployment to Bien Hoa, RVN to assume construction of ten major projects located throughout the Mekong Delta Region.

The main body consisting of 550 men began movement from Gulfport on 18 October 1970. The Battalion was located at CBC Bien Hoa, RVN on 23 October 1970.

During this deployment, Battalion units were detached to several areas:

Detail YANKEE, consisting of one officer and 75 enlisted men moved to Danang to provide horizontal assistance to the THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment.

Detail NEBEC, consisting of two enlisted men was located in Vung Tau. They provided support for the various Delta construction sites.

Long Phu was the site of Detail HOTEL. One officer and 67 enlisted men constructed an ACTOV base and dependent housing facilities.

One officer and 120 enlisted men at Cho Loi made up Detail CHARLIE. The , as did Detail HOTEL, built up ACTOV base and dependent housing units.

The southern most detachment of MCB-74 was Detail GOLF at Nam Can. They completed construction of an Advanced Tactical Support Base and ACTOV and dependent housing facilities. Detail GOLF consisted of one officer and 35 enlisted men.

Detail PAPA was created at Binh Thuy to provide support for the various construction sites throughout the Delta. Thirteen men, one of which was an officer, made up the detail.

One officer and 13 enlisted men located in Tuyen Nhon comprised Detail OCTOBER. They performed construction for canal bank erosion control.

Located at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon, Detail JULY constructed headquarters for the THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiment Headquarters. 20 enlisted men formed the detail.

Fourteen enlisted men rehabilitated advisors facilities at Dong Tam, RVN. This was Detail ECHO.

Detail FOXTROT, comprised of one officer and 15 enlisted men, was located at Kien An. Their purpose was to repair battle damage to ACTOV facilities.

At Nui Ta Kou was Detail KILO, consisting of one officer and 47 enlisted men. They constructed a Seabee base camp for support of an ACTOV radar construction project. Also 5.2 miles of Route 341 were upgraded.

Detail JULIETT, made up of 36 enlisted men and one officer, was located at Nui Dinh. The detail made a beach landing via LST and constructed a base camp in support of a radar project similar to Detail KILO's.

Four Seabee Teams were deployed. Team 7405 to Ponape Island and 7406 to Truk Island in the United States Trust Territories Pacific Islands. The other two teams were sent to Vietnam; 7407 to Dinh Tuong and 7409 to Kien Phong. All four teams were made up of one officer and 12 enlisted men.

As of June 1971, MCB-74 had twenty-four (24) officers and 644 enlisted men.

2. OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

MECB-74's fourth deployment to RVN since recommissioning, was to CBC, Bien Hoa, RVN, as established by COMCVPAC O'ORD CB31 A52 of 17 August 1970. (See deployment completion report, previously submitted)

a. Operational Statistics

The deployment completion report previously submitted, in reference to COMCVPAC O'ORD Ser CB 31A52 of 17 August 1970 and COMCVPAC INST 5213.1E contains facts and figures concerning statistics during deployment.

b. Construction Assignments

MECB-74 was given a wide variety of projects while on the six month deployment to CBC Bien Hoa, RVN. Most of these projects dealt with or were in direct support of the ACTOV (Accelerated turnover to the Vietnamese) program.

Among the most outstanding of MECB-74's projects were the building of three ACTOV bases in the Mekong Delta. These bases were Cho Loi, Long Phu, and Nam Can. MECB-74 also built two ACTOV radar stations at Phu Dinh and Nui Ta Kou.

Annex VII and VIII of the deployment completion report contains detailed information concerning these and the many other projects which MECB-74 completed. The deployment completion report also includes projects cost and labor statistics.

3. SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

The P25A Organic Allowance was the basic supply and logistical support to the Battalion. Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, as in previous deployments remained the mainstay of Battalion support in both repair parts and organic allowance areas.

Materials necessary for the construction projects were obtained from Long Binh Army Depot, Naval Support Activity Saigon and the Air Force, through Interservice Support Agreements.

4. CASUALTIES OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT

MECB-74 suffered five fatalities and two casualties as a result of enemy action and one industrial accident created an additional fatality. WO3 R. W. JOHNSON was hit by shrapnel near Danang when the equipment he was operating detonated a mine. WO3 C. W. BOO was hit in the leg by a piece of shrapnel from an enemy mortar at Nam Can. He was operating a fork-lift when the mortar exploded nearby. CE3 Larry A. GIBBS was fatally injured on November 17, 1970 when he fell from a fifty foot radio station antenna pole. On December 31, 1970, BU2 Jerry L. WOODS, Jr., CE3 Harold E. AMER, WO3 Edger L. BECK, CE John F. BAUSCH, and WO Wayne C. BURTON were killed in action by VC forces while traveling by boat between Cho Loi and Binh Thuy, RVN.

5. WRECK REL

See part two, annex A deployment completion report.

6. FEDERAL/DETAIL

See part two, Annex J and K deployment completion report.

7. CAPTAIN

See part two, annex L deployment completion report.

8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

On August 3, 1971, Hurricane Celia struck at Corpus Christi, Texas. Within twenty hours MFCB-74 deployed 85 enlisted men and two officers to help with the clean-up. Emergency generators were immediately installed and housing was restored over a period of weeks. At the peak of the clean-up operation, MFCB-74 had 151 enlisted men and two officers on the job.

In addition, many community projects were carried out in the local area as part of on-the-job training.

9. CIVIC ACTION

Many details of MFCB-74 in the Republic of Vietnam carried out civic actions. They ranged from maintenance at nearby schools to providing medical aid to orphans. The Battalion's Seabee teams carried out many civic action projects.

10. AWARDS AND COMPLETION

See part two, annex H of previously submitted deployment completion report for various individual awards.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refer to chronological summary.