

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SEVENTY-FOUR
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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR
To: Distribution List

Subj: Deployment Completion Report

Ref: (a) COMCBPAC/COMCBLANT INST 5213.1
(b) COMCBLANT Operation Order 5-73

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1. Enclosures (1) through (14) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a), as required in the performance of reference (b).

2. Unit Location: In accordance with reference (b), NMCB-74 was deployed to Diego Garcia, Chagos Archipelago, British Indian Ocean Territories from 20 March to 9 November 1973 with an average strength of 607 men. A Seabee Team of 13 men was located in Yap, TTPI from 21 April to 6 December 1973.

3. Unit Movements:

18 FEB 73 - NMCB-74 Advance Party departed Gulfport, Mississippi with 9 Officers and 164 Enlisted.

19 - 23 MAR 73 - NMCB-74 Main Body departed Gulfport, Mississippi with 8 Officers and 436 Enlisted.

21 APR 73 - Seabee Team 74-13 arrived at Yap, TTPI with one Officer and 12 Enlsited.

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12 - 13 OCT 73 - NMCB-74 Advance Party departed Diego Garcia, BIOT with 2 Officers and 103 Enlisted.

8 - 11 NOV 73 - NMCB-74 Main Body departed Diego Garcia, BIOT with 16 Officers and 462 Enlisted.

4. Significant Events:

2 MAR 73 - Seabees Birthday Celebration

3 MAR 73 - USS NOA (DD 841) visited Diego Garcia and departed 5 March 1973.

18 MAR 73 - CDR J. E. BODAMER, Commanding Officer NMCB-74 arrived on island.

20 MAR 73 - Island Commander, Diego Garcia Change of Command Ceremony.

20 MAR 73 - Commissioning of NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia.

21 - 25 MAR 73 - NMCB-74 Main Body arrived.

23 MAR 73 - CDR TOLIVER, Commanding Officer, NMCB-62 departed.

26 MAR 73 - USS EXPORT BUILDER, resupply ship visited Diego Garcia and departed 29 March 1973.

26 - 27 MAR 73 - LT BURKE, OICC Thailand, Mr. WADELICH, OICC Thailand, Mr. GILLISON, PACDIV, and 17 others visited Diego Garcia for familiarization with site conditions affecting bidding on dredge contract.

4 APR 73 - Mr. REED, NAVSEECTPHIL, arrived for COMMSTA Weather Facility inspection.

4 APR 73 - Mr. JACKSON, CBLANT Representative, arrived for inspection of MCON; and departed 13 April 1973.

8 APR 73 - CA Patrick L. ROBINSON, NMCB-74 died by drowning.

9 APR 73 - Held memorial service for CA ROBINSON.

14 APR 73 - Captain R. N. VICKERS, USAF, arrived for duty.

15 APR 73 - BAMBURI, Resupply of cement.

18 APR 73 - Captain L. N. WHITE, COMNAVCOMM, arrived for three day visit.

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21 APR 73 - Seabee Team 74-13 arrived at Yap, TTPI.

2 MAY 73 - CDR M. J. MCDONALD, PACNAVFAC, arrived for one day visit.

4 MAY 73 - BUL William M. STONE, NMCB-74 died of natural causes.

5 MAY 73 - Conducted memorial services for BUL STONE.

9 MAY 73 - CDR W. C. CONNOR, Commanding Officer, NMCB-133 arrived for two day visit.

9 MAY 73 - CWO-2 M. G. THATCHER, 31 NCR and two others arrived for CBPAC equipment study and departed 11 May 1973.

9 MAY 73 - CDR A. H. DICKENS, Royal Navy arrived for two day visit.

9 MAY 73 - SS Export Bay, monthly resupply ship.

9 MAY 73 - Miss Carmen D'ORO and three others arrived for performance of USO Show on 10 May 1973.

16 MAY 73 - CDR J. R. WILLIAMS, COMCBLANT, RDS Project Coordinator, arrived for one week visit.

16 MAY 73 - Four Man Drug Education Team (DEFT) arrived for one week.

31 MAY 73 - NMCB-10 Advance Party arrived with two officers and five enlisted for turnover of RDS Projects from NMCB-133 DET CHAGOS NMCB-10.

31 MAY 73 - LT KANNEGIESER, CBLANT Equipment Officer arrived for one week visit.

31 MAY 73 - LCDR F. WATSON, NMCB-10 Operations Officer, arrived to assist in turnover of RDS Projects.

6 JUN 73 - USO handshake tour.

8 JUN 73 - NMCB-10 DET CHAGOS arrived and NMCB-133 departed.

8 JUN 73 - First commercial aircraft to depart Diego Garcia after sunset with the aid of permanent airfield lighting.

13 JUN 73 - Combat Camera Group arrived for two week film coverage of RDS Projects.

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13 JUN 73 - LT J. REEVER, BUPERS arrived on a two day visit.

13 JUN 73 - LTJG SMAT, NMCB-74, Bangkok Rep arrived for a visit.

15 JUN 73 - LCDR J. CANTER, COMBIOTREP, and LCDR SCOTT, ROICC RDS departed 15 June for predredging conference.

20 JUN 73 - Dredging contractor arrived for a one day predeployment visit.

21 JUN 73 - USS LASALLE (AGF-3) arrived for a three day port call.

27 JUN 73 - LTJG HIRSCH, Island Commander Diego Garcia PORHUE Rep., arrived for one week visit.

27 JUN 73 - Dr. E. GUNDERSON, BUMED, arrived for two week visit for study purposes.

4 JUL 73 - LCDR H. LEWIS arrived for duty as NMCB-74 Executive Officer.

4 JUL 73 - NAVOCEANO Rep arrived for two month survey.

11 JUL 73 - RADM ISELIN, COMCBPAC, PACDIV, arrived for one day visit.

11 JUL 73 - COL E. W. STEVENS, USAF, arrived for one day visit.

20 JUL 73 - Fuel resupply ship arrived.

25 JUL 73 - Mr. N. JACKSON, CBLANT Rep, arrived for one week visit.

2 AUG 73 - CDR J. E. BODAMER, Commanding Officer NMCB-74, departed for drug abuse presentation.

2 AUG 73 - CDR K. R. GREGORY, COMCBLANT, arrived for one week ASI.

9 AUG 73 - CDR J. A. WALTERS, PACDIV, arrived for one week ground water study.

9 AUG 73 - LCDR J. B. WRIGHT, COMSERVPAC, arrived for one week logistic study.

9 AUG 73 - CDR J. E. BODAMER, Commanding Officer, NMCB-74 returned.

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10 AUG 73 - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-FOUR is "BEST OF TYPE" in the East.

10 AUG 73 - Retrograde ship SS AMERICAN CHAMPION arrived and departed 16 August 1973.

19 AUG 73 - M. V. VISHVA NAYAK, resupply ship arrived.

22 AUG 73 - RADM J. R. FISHER, COMCBPAC, arrived for one day tour of island.

22 AUG 73 - Captain W. E. WYNNE, OICC THAI, arrived for one day tour of island.

24 AUG 73 - Resupply ship departed.

24 AUG 73 - Dredging Contractors Advanced Party arrived.

29 AUG 73 - CDR S. T. ALEXANDER, Commanding Officer, NMCB-4, arrived for pre-deployment visit and departed 9 September 1973.

12 SEP 73 - Captain CLEMENTS, COMCBLANT, arrived for a three and one-half day visit and departed 16 September 1973.

15 SEP 73 - COMCBLANT Air Conditioning Balance Team arrived.

15 SEP 73 - CDR STALLMAN, Commanding Officer, NMCB-10, arrived for visit with NMCB-10 DET CHAGOS.

15 SEP 73 - Drug Education Field Team arrived to conduct one week of classes.

23 SEP 73 - LCDR SCOTT, ROICC, Diego Garcia, departed.

23 SEP 73 - CDR STALLMAN, Commanding Officer, NMCB-10, departed.

25 SEP 73 - RFA BACCHUS, British supply ship arrived, after cargo was offloaded she departed 27 September 1973.

29 SEP 73 - LCDR SCOTT, ROICC, Diego Garcia, returned.

30 SEP 73 - RADM BURKE, COMSERVLANT, arrived for three and one-half day familiarization visit.

10 OCT 73 - SS AMERICAN RACER, resupply ship arrived.


11 - 12 OCT 73 - NMCB-4 Advance Party arrived and NMCB-74 Advance Party departed.

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22 OCT 73 - BAMBURI cement offload ship arrived.

9 NOV 73 - Island Commander, Diego Garcia, Change of Command Ceremony.


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