

CHRONOLOGY

U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 62

- 30 Dec 42 Commissioned at Davisville, R.I.
- 25 Feb 43 Advanced training (military and technical) completed.
Departed Davisville, R.I. for ASD, Fort Hueneame, Calif.
- 1 & 2 Mar 43 Arrived Fort Hueneame, Calif.
- 22 Mar 43 Departed Fort Hueneame for San Francisco, Calif.
- 24 Mar 43 Embarked on Matsunia at San Francisco.
- 29 Mar 43 Arrived Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.
- 1 Oct 43 Moved from Aiea to Red Hill.
- 30 Oct 43 Battalion secured from Red Hill and left for the
island of Maui.
- 25 Dec 44 First echelon boarded Lanucee for Iwo Jima.

Remainder of Battalion departed for Iwo Jima on
various dates between 12 Jan 45 and 1 Feb 45.
- 19 Feb 45 D-Day. First echelon arrived off Iwo Jima.

Battalion landed at Iwo Jima between 24 Feb 45 and
15 Mar 45.
- 12 Apr 45 Moved to new "Camp Bola." (FDR Died)

Main job of the Battalion while on Iwo Jima was the
building of Central Airfield.
- 11 Sep 45 Battalion inactivated on Iwo Jima.
(62nd NCB 1tr ser 62CB/A3-1 of 11 Sep 45 to 9th NC
Brigade, via 41st NC Regiment.)

CHRONOLOGY OF NMCB 62, 1966-89

Commissioned on 2 July 1966 at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi. The first commanding officer was Commander William J. Richeson, CEC, USN. Gulfport remained the home port of NMCB 62 for the next 23 years.

December 1966 - August 1967 -- Deployed to Hue-Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for this deployment.

January - October 1968 -- Deployed to Danang, RVN. Awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for this deployment. Also won the Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet, and the Peltier Award for fiscal year 1969.

March - November 1969 -- Deployed to Dong Ha, RVN. Awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation for this deployment. Also awarded the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation. Won the Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet, and the Peltier Award again for fiscal year 1970.

April - November 1970 -- Deployed to Danang, RVN. Awarded the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation again for this deployment.

May 1971 - January 1972 -- Deployed to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

July 1972 - March 1973 -- Deployed to Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

September 1973 - May 1974 -- Deployed to Guam, the Mariana Islands.

November 1974 - July 1975 -- Deployed to Rota, Spain.

January - September 1976 -- Deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

March - November 1977 -- Deployed to Diego Garcia, BIOT. Won the Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet, and Peltier Award for fiscal year 1977.

May 1978 - January 1979 -- Deployed to Guam, the Mariana Islands.

July 1979 - March 1980 -- Deployed to Rota, Spain. Won the Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet, for fiscal year 1979.

September 1980 - May 1981 -- Deployed to Puerto Rico.

November 1981 - July 1982 -- Deployed to Diego Garcia, BIOT.

January - September 1983 -- Deployed to Guam, the Mariana Islands.

May - November 1984 -- Deployed to Puerto Rico.

June - December 1985 -- Deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

July 1986 - February 1987 -- Deployed to Rota, Spain.

August 1987 - April 1988 -- Deployed to Guam, the Mariana Islands.

October 1988 - June 1989 -- Deployed to Sigonella, Italy.