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Ref: (a) COMCBPAC/COMCBLANTINST 3121.1
(b) COMCBLANT OPORDER 15-85
Encl: (1) Unit Location Summary
(2) Historical Summary
(3) Administration/Training/Supply Summary
(4) Operations/Equipment/Special Operations Summary

1. Enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

2. In accordance with reference (b), U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE Detail Sigonella deployed to NAS Sigonella, Sicily from 17 February to 30 October 1986. Due to the unique nature of NMCB FIVE's deployment, where the Battalion main body was located in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, Detail Sigonella operated as a separate detail reporting directly to Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The Detail deployed a construction detail to the U. S. Coast Guard Loran Station Lampedusa, IT during the periods 21-25 April and 24 June to 27 September 1986.


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UNIT



LOCATION

UNIT LOCATION SUMMARY

<u>TYPE UNIT</u>	<u>OFF / ENL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE ON SITE</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
Detail Sigonella	3 / 190	NAS Sigonella Sicily, IT	17 FEB 86- 30 OCT 86	Construction
Detail Lampedusa	0 / 11	USCG Loran Station Lampedusa IT	21-25 APR 86 24 JUN - 27 SEP 86	Construction

HISTORICAL



SUMMARY

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

01 AUG 1985 MAIN BODY NMCB FIVE RETURNS TO HOMEPORT

23 AUG 1985 BATTALION REORGANIZATION, NMCB FIVE DETAIL SIGONELLA IS FORMED

26 AUG 1985 CAPT GALLEN COMCBPAC CSO ABOARD

03-06 SEP 1985 BATTALION WEEK

09 SEP 1985 COMMENCED HOMEPORT TRAINING

12-14 NOV 1985 LT ARN CBLANT N3B1, LT SCHANZE 20NCR R70 ON BOARD FOR VISIT

13 NOV 1985 CAPT BUFFINGTON COMCBLANT ON BOARD FOR VISIT

23-27 NOV 1985 PREDEPLOYMENT VISIT TO SIGONELLA

1-19 DEC 1985 AIR DET EXERCISE KENNEL BEAR 86-02

5-18 DEC 1985 BATTALION FEX AT FT HUNTER-LIGGETT CA

7-8 JAN 1986 LCDR WILLIAMS COMCBLANT N3B ON BOARD FOR VISIT AND RDI

13-16 JAN 1986 EXERCISE WOODEN FIST 86-01; ABFC/DRT EXERCISE CONDUCTED

21-23 JAN 1986 PREDEPLOYMENT VISIT TO COMCBLANT HQ

12 FEB 1986 ENS CASTLE DEPARTS FOR SIGONELLA FOR ROICC TURNOVER

13 FEB 1986 PRE ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS FOR SIGONELLA

17 FEB 1986 DETAIL SIGONELLA ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS FROM NAS POINT MUGU TO SIGONELLA

18 FEB 1986 ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES IN SIGONELLA. TURNOVER BEGINS. NMCB 133 DET SIGONELLA ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS

19-25 FEB 1986 CMC CLINK CBLANT DET GULFPORT ON BOARD TO OBSERVE BEEP

22-26 FEB 1986 CDR LEWIS CBLANT N4 ON BOARD TO OBSERVE SUPPLY TURNOVER

23-26 FEB 1986 LCDR WILLIAMS CBLANT N3B, UTCS CIFRANIC CBLANT N3BC ON BOARD TO OBSERVE OPERATIONS TURNOVER

25 FEB 1986 TURNOVER COMPLETE. NMCB FIVE DETAIL SIGONELLA RELIEVES NMCB ONE THREE THREE DETAIL SIGONELLA

26 FEB 1986 NMCB FIVE DETAIL SIGONELLA M/B ARRIVES IN SIGONELLA. NMCB ONE THREE THREE DETAIL SIGONELLA M/B DEPARTS

16-21 MAR 1986 CDR WATERS CO NMCB FIVE AND EQCM TURNER CM/C NMCB FIVE ON BOARD FOR DET VISIT

18-20 MAR 1986 LT SCHANZE 20NCR R70 ON BOARD FOR DET VISIT

20-21 MAR 1986 RADM BOTTORFF COMLANTDIVNAVFACENGCOM ON BOARD TO VISIT
DETAIL

21 MAR 1986 SIGONELLA SEABEE BALL HELD

16-18 APR 1986 BUCS RACE COMCBLANT SAFETY CHIEF ON BOARD FOR SAFETY DMI

14 APR 1986 DETAIL SIGONELLA TASKED TO MOUNT OUT A 11 MAN DETAIL FOR
EMERGENCY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT USCG LORAN STATION
LAMPEDUSA, IT

17-22 APR 1986 CMCS BROWNING AND EOC NAPERT, CBLANT DET GULFPORT ON BOARD
FOR CESE DMI

21-23 APR 1986 NCEL REPS ON BOARD FOR SCPS-N MTG

21-25 APR 1986 LAMPEDUSA DETAIL DEPLOYED TO SITE

21-25 APR 1986 BUCS BROWN 20NCR R-70 ON BOARD FOR PROJECT MATERIALS REVIEW

22-25 APR 1986 LCDR WILLIAMS AND UTCS CIFRANIC ON BOARD FOR 45 DAY REVIEW

22-29 APR 1986 LT SCHENK COMCBLANT N5 ON BOARD FOR CAMP
EXPANSION/DEPLOYMENT SITE REVIEW

30 APR-6 MAY 1986 CDR WATERS AND EQCM TURNER ON BOARD FOR DET VISIT

13-20 MAY 1986 LCDR REAMS PS3 NMCB FIVE ON BOARD FOR TURNOVER

2-5 JUN 1986 CAPT RUFFINGTON, COMCBLANT AND UCCM BABCOCK, COMCBLANT CM/C
ON BOARD FOR DET VISIT

7-10 JUN 1986 CDR KIESLING COMCBLANT N3 ON BOARD FOR DETAIL VISIT

10 JUN 1986 LT SLATES CHECKS INTO DETAIL SIGONELLA

17 JUN 1986 LT LAWS DETACHES AS AOIC DETAIL SIGONELLA

24 JUN 1986 DETAIL LAMPEDUSA A/P DEPARTS FOR USCG LORAN STATION
LAMPEDUSA, IT

25-27 JUN 1986 RADM JONES COMNAVFACENGCOM, CAPT MARTINELLI OICC
MEDITERRANEAN, CAPT DAMES, EQCM HUGHES MCPO OF SEABEES ON
BOARD FOR DET VISIT

26 JUN-1 JUL 1986 CE2 WOOD 20NCR R70 ON BOARD FOR CAMP EXPANSION PROJECT
DISCUSSIONS

30 JUN-8 JUL 1986 CDR WATERS ON BOARD

12-18 JUL 1986 NCC WILLIAMS, CARCO NMCB FIVE ON BOARD

14-23 JUL 1986 CDR WATERS, EQCM TURNER, LCDR RUUD S4, NMCB FIVE ON BOARD FOR SITE VISIT

21-24 JUL 1986 LT SCHENK ON BOARD FOR CAMP EXPANSION VISIT

21-25 JUL 1986 LT NADEAU, SKCS BEILING, SK1 GARCIA-HENKS CBLANT N4 ON BOARD FOR SMI

16-19 AUG 1986 LT HETTICH S4, LT MCKERALL MLO, LT WESTERHORSMANN C6, LTJG SOARES A6, CMC RODDICK A4, CUCM GRIFFIN CM/C, NMCB FOUR PREDEPLOYMENT PARTY ON BOARD

18-19 AUG 1986 CDR ANDERSON CO, LCDR GUSTAFSON S3, CECS MCKONLY S3C NMCB FOUR ON BOARD FOR PREDEPLOYMENT VISIT

23-28 AUG 1986 LT KING, UTCS CIFRANIC COMCBLANT ON BOARD FOR OPS DMI

24-28 AUG 1986 CDR KNOLL CBLANT N3 ON BOARD FOR OPS DMI

8-16 SEP 1986 LT SCHENK ON BOARD FOR SEABEE CAMP PROJECT DISCUSSIONS

24-30 SEP 1986 CDR WATERS, EQCM TURNER ON BOARD FOR DETAIL VISIT

9-13 OCT 1986 CAPT BUFFINGTON, UCCM BABCOCK ON BOARD FOR DETAIL VISIT

9-30 OCT 1986 LCDR RUUD ON BOARD FOR SUPPLY TURNOVER

9-12 OCT 1986 EOCS GRANT CBLANT DET GULFPORT ON BOARD FOR DET VISIT

21-30 OCT 1986 EOC NAPERT CBLANT DET GULFPORT ON BOARD FOR BEEP

22 OCT 1986 NMCB FOUR ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES
NMCB FIVE ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS

23-30 OCT 1986 GYSGT COOPER AND ET1 HADAWAY, COM20NCR R50 ON BOARD FOR ORDANANCE/COMM TURNOVER

23-30 OCT 1986 LT SCHENK CBLANT N5 ON BOARD FOR CAMP TURNOVER

26-30 OCT 1986 CDR LEWIS COMCBLANT N4 ON BOARD FOR SUPPLY TURNOVER

27-30 OCT 1986 CWO4 PUCKETT CBLANT DET GULFPORT ON BOARD FOR BEEP

28-30 OCT 1986 LCDR WILLIAMS, LT KING CBLANT N3B ON BOARD FOR OPERATIONS TURNOVER

30 OCT 1986 NMCB FOUR MAIN BODY ARRIVES
NMCB FIVE MAIN BODY DEPARTS

ADMINISTRATION TRAINING



SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION/TRAINING/SUPPLY SUMMARY

1. LESSONS LEARNED:

a. ADMIN/TRAINING

1. PROBLEM: Lack of Training spaces.

DISCUSSION: Spaces to conduct training on board NAS are extremely limited. Those utilized included the two crew's lounges in the Seabee Barracks, the BOQ Training Room, the CPO Lounge and the Marine Barracks. These were barely adequate and can hold a maximum of 25 people each.

RECOMMENDATION: Include in near term Camp Projects provisions for at least one 20' X 48' building for classroom space. The proposed wash rack area adjacent to the new S2 Building could accommodate this facility.

2. PROBLEM: 50hz power effect on office machines.

DISCUSSION: Standard Italian power is 50HZ. American office equipment, especially typewriters and word processors are 110 volt 60HZ. The lower frequency causes motors to overheat, shut down and decrease their useable life.

RECOMMENDATION: A frequency convertor with sufficient capacity to service as a minimum for the Supply and Administrative spaces should be installed in the camp. If funds are available, a unit for the entire camp should be procured. This will be cost effective since it will extend the service life of other equipment such as airconditioners which are also adversely affected by 50HZ power. The difference in power frequency should also be covered in the predeployment briefing so that troops can get 50HZ or battery clocks for their rooms.

3. PROBLEM: No Career Information and Counselling (CIAC) Training.

DISCUSSION: Detail Sigonella arrived with several Platoon Career Counselors who were unable to attend CIAC during homeport. No CIAC classes were available during the duration of the deployment.

RECOMMENDATION: Insure extra CIAC classes are scheduled during homeport so that all retention team members can attend. The normal concept of obtaining this training on site does not hold true in Sigonella as it is non-existent.

4. PROBLEM: Limited military training opportunities.

DISCUSSION: NAS Sigonella has no facilities to support normal Battalion Military Training evolutions. The Rifle Range which can only be used for familiarization firing is located over an hour away. During the summer it cannot be used due to its proximity to resort beaches. Military training was limited to class room instruction on weapons and security/react drills.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

5. PROBLEM: Lack of Medical Treatment Facilities.

DISCUSSION: NAS Sigonella has a Branch Hospital with 10 inpatient holding beds and almost no specialty clinics, such as Optometry, Orthopedics, and ENT. Any malady which requires more than the most basic care will be medically evacuated (MEDEVACED) to Naples or Germany. The lost time can vary from one day to two weeks depending on the location.

Additionally, once patients are MEDEVACED, the ability to ascertain their status is significantly diminished. The Branch Hospital does not follow up and routine updates are not provided by the receiving facility. Personnel can become "lost" within the system for as long as two weeks.

RECOMMENDATION: 1. Detail Corpsman must play a strong pro-active role in arranging and tracking Det members. This is not listed in his assigned duties, but is a necessity since the system will not take care of people on its own. The placement of the Battalion Medical Officer should help with this problem.

2. Insure members have Detail's Autovon phone number when MEDEVACED. Have them call in with their phone number when they reach their destination.

b. SUPPLY

1. PROBLEM: Differences in MLO procedures between CBLANT and CBPAC

DISCUSSION: COMCBLANT and COMCBPAC utilize different reports and procedures for MLO.

RECOMMENDATION: MLO Training for Pacific Battalions deploying to the Atlantic Theater should be scheduled at early as possible during homeport.

2. PROBLEM: Local material delays.

DISCUSSION: All locally procured materials are processed through the NAS Sigonella Supply Department. This office which is extremely busy and under staffed is also buying parts and supplies for NAS and Fleet units. The result is a significant backlog of requisitions which can delay material procurement and delivery. Further aggravating the problem, many local vendors are not responsive to contract delivery schedules and will go as far as to indicate merchandise is in stock and ready for pick-up when it is not. Once the contract is awarded to the vendor, Supply is reluctant to change sources which can delay critical materials.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Increase use of CONUS procurement. A smaller quantity of local purchase items will decrease the potential impact on project schedules by minimizing the exposure to this risk. Local procurement should be limited to common readily available items such as mineral products and block.

2. Increase project development time to allow CONUS vs local procurement.

3. Track all requisitions extremely closely, obtaining weekly status.

3. PROBLEM: Shut down of supply sources in August.

DISCUSSION: The Italians take almost the entire month of August as a holiday period. Most stores and vendors shut down completely. Materials and supplies including mineral products are not available.

RECOMMENDATION: Plan ahead adequately to insure all requisitions are processed and materials received by 1 August.

4. PROBLEM: NAS Sigonella Supply Department shutdown.

DISCUSSION: NAS Supply will not accept requisitions for local purchases from approximately 20 August to 30 September, in order to close out the fiscal year. With the local vendors closing up for the August holiday period this effectively eliminates material procurements from 1 August to 30 September.

RECOMMENDATION: Insure all requisitions for September materials if not in by 1 August are in by 15 August. Supply will process those they receive prior to 20 August once the local sources reopen in September. Processing is slow and status should be monitored closely.

2. GENERAL

a. ADMINISTRATION/TRAINING. The Administration Office manned by four people consisted of a PNC, PN3, YN3, and YNSN. The office was responsible for all clerical work including typing, filing, message handling, and mail pickup as well as service record upkeep, travel orders, advancements and reenlistments. Office equipment consisted of a Xerox 860 Word Processor, two IBM Selectric III Typewriters and a NASHUA 4600 Copying Machine.

The working spaces were barely adequate for the personnel assigned. Lack of desk space, typewriters, and a single word processor hampered the efficiency of the office. The office's dual role as OIC/AOIC reception area resulted in a large volume of traffic through the space which also adversely impacted operations.

The barracks occupied by the Detail are under the control of NAS Sigonella. Berthing entailed two men to a room for E-6 and three to a room for E-5 and below. The Detail was located in two separate barracks, BEQ's 570 and 560. BEQ 570 is the primary NCF Barracks. The rooms in BEQ 560 were comparable in quality and no adverse impact was experienced by the separate berthing. It should be noted that the DET's rooms in BEQ 560 had been rehabilitated. Those in BEQ 560 which have not been rehabilitated represent a quantum decrease in the quality of the living compared to BEQ 570.

An MA1 was assigned to the Detail to function as its Master at Arms. He functioned as the Watchbill Coordinator, Detail Investigator and was the principle liaison with the NAS Sigonella Security Department. Fulfilling the role of Barracks Petty Officer, he was responsible for BEQ management, manning the BEQ Quarterdeck during the work day and tracking work requests with NAS Billeting for outstanding maintenance and repairs in the berthing spaces. The Detail has no responsibility for Barrack's upkeep which is performed by NAS Public Works.

The Administrative Chief functioned as DET Career Counselor. Each Platoon had an assigned Career Counselor. The Detail pursued an aggressive retention program. A highlight was the placing of calls to the Detailers twice a month to negotiate/confirm orders. A total of 34 reenlistments took place during the deployment.

Medical, Dental, and Chaplain support were received from NAS Sigonella. An HM2 was assigned TAD to the Branch Hospital and worked at the NAS II Clinic, he acted as the DET's liaison with the Medical and Dental clinics. The Corpsman was given Tuesdays off from clinic routine to be available to the Detail to tend to medical administrative matters.

The Detail placed a priority on Dental care during homeport. The Detail deployed with over 80% of its personnel in Class I or II condition. By routine recalls, the Detail was able to maintain this posture throughout the deployment.

The Naval Air Station provided Chapel services for Detail personnel. The station Chaplains visited the Detail one day per week. Appointments were scheduled with them at those times or on an as needed basis.

Legal support was received from the NLSO Naples DET Sigonella and the NAS Station Judge Advocate. The OIC was delegated Non-Judicial Punishment authority by COMCBPAC. This was used four times as most offenses were not serious enough to warrant immediate attention and could wait for the Commanding Officer's visits.

The small size of the Detail combined with the limited assets available for training did not require the designation of a separate Training Department. This function was placed under the Administration Department with the PNC designated as the Training Chief.

One Saturday per month was dedicated to training. The topics presented were limited to non-technical topics. Included were the personnel, BEQ and Seabag inspections, the monthly Navy Physical Fitness Test (PFT), general military topics, substance abuse and safety films. In addition to the monthly PFT the Detail conducted organized physical training prior to breakfast on each working Saturday. Personnel failing to meet the minimum Navy Physical Fitness standards were required to attend the Detail's Remedial PT Program conducted three evenings a week.

The Detail funded travel for an American Red Cross instructor from Naples to come on site to certify four people as Cardio Pulmonary-Resuscitation (CPR) Instructors and Instructor Trainers. Utilizing these instructors the Detail attained 100% certification of its people by conducting CPR training two days per week.

Technical training was conducted primarily by OJT. The Detail utilized cross rate training extensively to put under utilized ratings to work on projects. For example, UT's and BU's were licensed to operate dump trucks to get the Apron Project underway while work in their respective areas was slow. The EO's and CM's were rotated between each other's duties to gain an appreciation for the interdependencies of their rates. PRCP records were updated to reflect all OJT acquired skills and forwarded to the Port Hueneme detail for inclusion in the GEMS Report.

b. DAPA. The Detail employed a BUC as its primary DAPA and a BUI as its alternate. The DAPA was available as a counselor to the men on a round-the-clock basis. Drugs in Sigonella are available but not overtly. The Detail did not have any illegal drug "hits." Urinalysis was conducted by drawing a number at duty section muster approximately three times per month on the evening prior to the screening. The men were notified and had to provide a sample prior to quarters the next morning. This eliminated lost production time necessitated by the work at outlying job sites at NAS I.

The lack of liberty at Sigonella resulted in an increase in alcohol related problems. NADSAP and the CAAC were used to treat initial problems. Alcoholics anonymous meets four times per week at NAS I. One man was sent to ARS in Rota for the six week in-patient-program. 11 people attended NADSAP classes.

c. SPECIAL SERVICES. Special Services employed a UT3 full time. His primary duty was to arrange for off-duty tours. The Detail is assigned a 45 passenger tour bus which was utilized to go to local cities and places of interest. A nominal fee was charged to cover the cost of hiring a local tour guide. The most popular destination was to Taormina, a beach resort about one hour north of Sigonella. Other trips were: skiing on Mt. Etna, Siracusa, Agrigento and the market at Randazzo.

The Detail entered four teams in the Base Softball League and was an active participant in all intramural sports. The Detail established an internal Bowling League. The good weather prompted most of the Detail to work out on their own. The opening of the NAS II Gym in May helped to cultivate this activity.

d. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. The Detail contributed articles to the Battalion Family Gram "The Hardhat" and the NAS base paper. To supplement the articles, the Detail videotaped the work and off duty activities and sent them to the wives club. The OIC provided monthly input to the Ombudsman for her newsletter by way of a message to the Port Hueneme Detail.

The Detail experienced difficulty during the March/April 1986 U. S. - Libyan confrontations with numerous inquiries from families concerning the situation in Sigonella. The reports shown on the stateside media reflected a far more threatening situation than was actually being experienced by the Detail. By additional messages to the Ombudsman and phone calls to the Port Hueneme Detail to spread the word via the Wives' Club, the Detail was able to reassure families that the men were safe and going about a fairly normal routine.

e. ORDANANCE/COMMUNICATIONS. The Detail assumed custody of 135 M-16A1 Rifles, four M60 Machine Guns, 15 - .45 Caliber Pistols and nine M203 Grenade

Launchers. These weapons were assigned to the TOA of Seabee Camp Mitchell, and were stored in the Marine Barracks. The size of the Detail and the need for additional weapons to fulfill the Crisis Reaction commitment required the Detail to draw 45 - M-14 Rifles from the NAS Weapons Department. These were turned back to NAS prior to deployment's end.

The weapons were in excellent condition. An LTI/Ordnance Assistance visit was not conducted. The weapons were turned over to NMCB FOUR who was tasked to ship them to Rota upon receipt of their TOA.

Upon arrival the Detail's communication equipment was limited to a Base Station and six Motorola Walkie-Talkies. These were utilized as an administrative net for conducting construction and embarkation operations. For the Crisis Reaction Force to communicate with the Marines, PRC-77 Radios were required. Since none were on hand, six were obtained from NMCB SEVEN in Rota during the Libyan Crisis. These were in good condition and performed well when used. They were turned over to NMCB FOUR for shipment to Rota upon receipt of their TOA.

f. EMBARKATION. The Detail contained the Battalion's Embarkation Officer, Chief and Petty Officer as well as the entire air detachment. Although no Air Det exercise was conducted on deployment, the Detail mounted out men and materials to support construction at the U. S. Coast Guard Station Lampedusa. See enclosure (4), Special Operations for more details.

The Detail's movement to and from CONUS was by SAAM utilizing C-141 and L-1011 aircraft. The Detail had five certified customs inspectors trained in homeport who inspected and pre-cleared the unaccompanied and accompanied baggage for the return to CONUS. This had to be arranged with 42nd MP Group in Germany.

g. OPERATIONS. See enclosure (4).

h. SUPPLY. The Supply Department was manned by an SKC, SK1, three SK3's and SKSN and an SH3, to provide logistics and accounting support. An appropriate number of OF-13 personnel were assigned to man Automotive Repair Parts (ARP), Material Liaison Office (MLO), and Central Tool Room (CTR). An SK1 and two local hire civilians assigned to the Sigonella CBLANT MLO were utilized to provide continuity and translations of American specs into Italian. They also ensured that the correct materials were received and that specified time frames were met.

MLO was staffed by an SK3 and seven OF-13 personnel (2 BU's, 1 EA, 3 UT's and 1 SW). It was responsible for the day to day receipt, storage, issue, delivery and accountability of all project material.

CTR was staffed by an SK3, a BU1 (LPO for both MLO and CTR) and a CE3. A BU3 was responsible for managing augment tools and kits. Tools and kits were stored in a MILVAN, 3 CONEX boxes, a mezzanine for in-house kits and a 10' 8" X 26' 4" room for the balance of all the individual tools. A separate CE and CM shop was also maintained for preventive maintenance of all electrical and small engine equipment.

The Greens Issue and 782/Infantry Gear outlets were located on separate

mezzanines inside the main MLO warehouse and were operated by an SH3. The storage spaces for Greens and 782/Infantry gear are adequate for a detachment sized unit, but require expansion for a Battalion's allowance.

The Repair Parts Outlet was located in the main Alfa Company shop and operated by an SK3. A CM1 and CM3 were provided to help in the daily operations of the Technical Library. It was necessary to re-configure and restow material in this particular outlet due to the increased maintenance stocking level (G to H) of about 2000 line items. POL, tires and batteries were stored separately from the main storage area due to limited space in the warehouse. Parts support from CBC Gulfport was found to be very good. Turn around time on NORS requisition was excellent with an average receipt time of three weeks. Routine requisitions averaged between 60 and 75 days.

The Supply Office maintained three OPTARS, COG 01, 02, and 03. All three OPTARS totalled 462K annually. The Supply Office was manned by an SK1 and an SKSN, who were responsible for the daily financial transactions and reports of the detachment.