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MEMORANDUM
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Subj: BAHRAIN DET STATUS

1. We're being carried on the Task Force 150 organization as CTE 150.3.2.5, NR PWC SUBIC DET ALFA. CTF 150 is COMUSNAVCENT, VADM S. R. ARTHUR; CTG 150.3 is COMUSNAVLOGSUPFOR, RADM R. SUTTON. Tasking is "the Seabee unit will be located at ASU Bahrain and will provide Naval Seabee public works support throughout the theater". A run down of what we've been working on follows.

2. MCMGRU Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates): The mine counter-measures folks and some amphibs are based there at UAE leased port facilities. The camp includes a 300 bed modular trailer facility and a large stick built galley/dining hall. The MCM group went north a few weeks ago in preparation for you know what, leaving the camp deserted except for our 12 Bees and three MCM types, their porkchop LT and two Chiefs. The camp had been built to less than sterling specs, and we were working full time to keep it functioning while occupied. As soon as it vacated, we were able to get serious, level and plumb all trailers, reconnect failed plumbing lines, get doors and windows working, and tear out and rebuild all the water closets. This is done, the camp now over the construction hump and ready for maintenance, so we will be scaling back the det to ten by Monday. Det POIC is EOL "TJ" Tjemsland. See below for our "Sprung" building work at this location.

3. FLSS Jeddah (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia): This is one of the many Fleet Logistics Support Sites in the theater. These sites typically have a good long runway, C-141/C-5 capable, and are within COD and helo range of operating units of the various task groups in theater. They take in fleet mail, supplies, and incoming personnel, transit them to the ships, and bring out return traffic. We went in to Jeddah with 12 Seabees, found a few tents and modulars sitting in the sand at the end of the runway, and not much else. We have completed trailer setup, put in wood decks and a roof in between common-use modulars, put floors in tents and other fabric structures, rewired the expeditionary distribution mess, reworked generators, maintained MHE, built shelving, tables, benches, etc., and generally were typically useful Bees. By tonight, we will be downsized to eight, and will send out specialty crews (phone, power, etc.) as specific jobs crop up, materials arrive, or reqts change. Det POIC was EOL Tom Roy, who got things off to a great start, but due to our urgent reqt for EO's, is back here. CE1 Keith Mathews is currently in charge.

4. AHD Hurghada (Egypt): See above description of FLSS, Airhead similar function. As this site was politically controversial with the host nation, we did not commit heavily. Had three Bees on site for three weeks. Arrived to find tents without power, lights, or phones. Runway/helo pads were being lit by smudge pots (really) for night ops. We brought in/ hooked up power, installed runway lights (the first night the lights came on, a helo pilot on final aborted a landing, sure he was coming down at the wrong field), and trouble shot wiring on some used trailers to where interior and exterior lights would work on request. As long term use here remained uncertain, all our forces back home waiting for further tasking.

5. Fleet Hospital 5 (Jubail, KSA): Our 20 man augment continues. This is an active duty hospital, manned by two active CBU's. The rate mix/total count isn't quite right, resulting in need for our help. The next two Flehosps set up were reserve, had reserve CBHU's, and PW appears to be better matched to the reqts. We have not been asked to augment either. At the hosp/PW level, our augment appears very successful as far as active-reserve integration. Given the right leadership/environment, Seabees is Seabees and often can and do get along fine. CEC Aquavella in charge there.

6. NAVLOGSUPFOR/N7 (Bahrain): We keep 5 or 6 Bees constantly busy at the Embassy Annex, the HQ's for RADM Sutton and staff. CEC Iha runs the Bees, seems to be at work 20 hrs a day (this is an old building). CEL Adams's knowledge of the switchgear has been essential to logarithmic growth of STU's, faxes, phones, comm gear, etc. Our duty locksmith, MS2 Coulter, has been equally indispensable as overzealous tinkerers mess up a safe lock mechanisms with mission critical data inside, or some high ranking personage locks himself out of the head or automobile. LCDR Marty Opitz, after working at ROICC for a month writing facility leases, is now down at Doha, Qatar, as the Navy's rep during the buildup of an airhead there. He coordinates with the US Embassy, USAF, Corps of Engineers, Bechtel, and the local officials as we build up a facility there. LT Ed Keith and his trusty sidekick EOC Harrison is doing the constr mgt in Bahrain, with a huge ramp expansion almost complete at Bahrain Int'l, and new constr underway there for new Aviation Unit support facilities. He also handled the contract work for the site prep at Awali for Flehosp 6/22. LT Bruce Wessels has responsibility for camp (embassy) maintenance and handles all the rolling stock we own, which thanks to the Govt of Japan (GOJ), is extensive. He also coordinates all GOJ equipment funding coordination with Riyadh. SWCS Smith is the N7 coordinator for the 3 Flehosps, spends much of time on the road. YN1 Miller runs N7 admin.

7. AHD Masirah (Oman): We have a small CM hit team scheduled to go in and out for MHE preventive maintenance. Not full time.

8. Sprung Structures: These are tension fabric temporary structures being used throughout the theater. They were being purchased turnkey; however, when the shooting started, the contractor skipped town. We sent a team up to King Fahd Airport (KSA) to work on a

structure with the Canadian tech reps, and become the subject matter experts. With SW1 Gary Rowan in the lead, the eight man team is now in Abu Dhabi erecting 2 bldgs, a 30x120 & 60x120. The 30x120, their first, took about 2 1/2 days. Monday the 25th they'll travel to Half Moon Bay to erect a 30x120, then on to Flehosp 5 for a 30x120 galley. There are a couple more after that for a Seal Team. Their expertise may lead us into further work in this field.

9. PW ASU Bahrain: The "main body" did a reverse augment (67 reserve to 25 active) of public works. UCCM Lane is now number three (kind of like our code 30), working directly for the APWO. All departments report to him. Transportation is EOCS Waseca, we're running up to 1000 pax/week to/from ASU/airport. Also running tractor trailers regularly to Riyadh, the ports of Dammam, Jubail, and Bahrain. EAC Tarca is running the eng'g shop; CEC Beamer all the field construction projects. These include the build up of the Army's 47th Field Hospital, located on 13 acres adjacent to (and a future expansion location for) ASU. Projects for the hospital include several "permanent" ASU items such as a perimeter fence and lighting system, an underground shore power distribution system, a transformer switch gear pad and house, and septic tanks/piping to the storm sewer system. Semi permanent work includes five heads with showers and a new galley/mess hall complex. We're also working with the PW permanent party to catch up with deferred work, and furnish 8 to 10 security personnel to the ASU. Goal is to help bring systems and backlog up to the where the replacement group finds us organized and caught up.

10. Hope the above gives you a better idea of what we're doing.

V/R

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NR PWC SUBIC - PERSONNEL LOCATIONS

ABU DAHBI - 12

ROICC (ASU) - 4

LOGSUPPORT: STAFF - 6 (INCLUDING AVUNIT & FH6)

MAINT - $\frac{5}{11}$

FH5 - 20

HURGHADA - 2

JEDDAH - 10

SPRONG ERECTION TEAM - 9

MASIRAH - 3

ASU PW: PW (MAINT & TRANS) - 60

47TH FIELD HOSP - 10

ASU SECURITY - $\frac{6}{76}$

TOTAL IN THEATER: 147

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