

FAREWELL TO MOMATS

WELCOME MOMAUPAC

The last of the MOMATs, officially Mobile Mine Assembly Teams, disappeared with the formation of Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Pacific on 1 June 1969. At the direction of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Drill Mine Preparation Facility and Inshore Undersea Warfare Group One, as well as MOMATS 0302, 0303, 0304, and 0305, were disestablished. The manpower was used to establish MOMAUPAC with CWO 4 S. J. Scharschan commanding and based at U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach, California. MOMATS 0301 and 0306 were also disestablished.

The west coast action followed the pattern of the organization of Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Atlantic, which became MOMAULANT 1 July 1968. This command based at U. S. Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina absorbed the east coast MOMATS 0321, 0322, and 0327. Detachments from the parent MOMAULANT accomplish the mission formerly required of the MOMATS.

MOMAUPAC's mission includes support of COMINEPAC's drill mine program and support of West Pac operations. In supporting COMINEPAC, MOMAUPAC will be called upon to prepare and overhaul approximately 350 air-laid, 120 surface-laid and 93 submarine-laid drill mines yearly. The West Pac support at this time consists of three detachments deployed from four to six months.

This marks the end of MOMATS which started their careers as MDAUs, MINE Detail Augmenting Units, except MOMAT 0327 which began as Mine Project 4.



Members of the three detachments now deployed by MOMAUPAC pictured above, identified left to right:

Detachment A. Front row: MN3 J.W.Hudson and MNSN T.A. Lawson; Second row: MN1 J.W.Amburgy and MNCS J.D.Stokes. Detachment B. Front row: MN3 C.F.Argetsinger and MNSN D.J.Abbott; Second row: MNC W.G.Phillippi and MN2 D.D.Smith. Detachment D. MNC F.J. Cline, MN2 J. (NMN) Stevens, MN3 J.D.Snead and MN2 R.P.Kidd.



The crew of Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Pacific at the Naval Station, Long Beach, California pose for their "birthday" picture. Left to right they are:

First row: MN3 M.J. Bayer, MN3 W.E. Hunter, SK1 M.A. Mantonona, MN2 R.R. Davis, MN3 J.J. Jakubisin, MN3 T.L. Bell, MN3 T.T. Sage, MN3 W.M. Small, MN2 R.C. Knight, MN3 K.M. Banks, MN3 S.M. Moore, MN2 S.R. Stephens. Second row: MNCS R.W. Fowler, MNC B.N. Johnson, MNC W.R. Segesser, MNCS J.(N) Glowa, CWO2 P.E. Dechene, CWO4 S.J. Scharschan, MNC F.D. West, MNC D.T. Frank, MNC C. Sing, Jr., MNC D.R. Jones, MNC R.L. Johnson. Third row: MN2 M.H. Fritzhall, MNSN D.T. Abbott, MN2 J.G. Blyth, MN1 R.E. Dwengerk, MN1 C.W. Briggs, Jr., MN3 G.A. Hess, MN2 G.E. Robertson, MN3 J.C. Good, SK2 F.J. Kerekes, MN3 F.M. Crowell, MN3 J.A. Hoffmeister, MN3 D.J. Steinhofel. Not present for photo were MN1 S.L. Guy and MNSN S.A. Bruno.