

39th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



*“Construimus, Batuimus”
“We Build, We Fight”*



39th C.B.

NCTO - Norfolk
MBD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 6 Jan'43
Left ABD - 5 Feb'43 LEFT U.S. 8 Feb'43
Destination - ~~Lien-#1 Espiritu Santo~~ Kahului Saipan

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- 12-15-42 - 39th CB transferred from Norfolk to Hueneme 22 Dec. (Budocks ltr to BuPers)
- 2- 8-43 - Tentative assignment NAS Maui.
- 3-22-43 - 39th CB is at Espiritu Santo. ?
- 3- 2-43 - 39th replaced 5th CB at Midway. ?
- 7-23-43 - 1 Jul'44 report of 39th CB - operating at Kahului NAS, Maui, T.H.
- 8-30-43 - 1 Aug'44 report of 39th CB - 32 off. and 940 men at Maui.
- 1-27-44 - 39th CB arrived Pearl Harbor 16 Feb'43. Have been at Kahului since 17 Feb'43. Estimated date of completion of present authorized projects about 15 Aug'44. (Capt. Porter's ltr to Adm. Moreell dtd 4 Jan'44)
- 2-10-44 - 1 Jan'44 report of 39th CB - The 48th CB has 300 men with this batt. 39th CB distribution as follows: 907 men and 30 off. at Kahului NAS Maui, T.H., 1 man with 3rd Reg., 1 man at Puunene NAS, Maui, T.H., and 1 off. and 19 men at Kahoolawe, T.H.
- 4-20-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 39th CB - operating at NAS Kahului, Maui, T.H.
- 5-12-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 39th CB - operating at Kahului, Maui.

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- 5-17-44 - 39th CB is in the 27th Reg. (AMS 5/15/44)
- 6-26-44 - 1 May'44 report of 39th CB - operating at NAS Kahului, Maui, T.H.
- 7- 5-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 39th CB - operating at NAS Kahului, Maui, T.H.
- 8- 1-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 563-- The 142nd CB replaced the 39th CB at Kahului.
- 8-10-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 39th CB - all work at Kahului turned over to 142nd CB 15 Jun'44.
- 8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 3rd Reg. - The 39th CB is to participate in forward move in near future.
- 8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 39th CB - location not stated.
- 9- 5-44 - 2nd Brig. conf. ltr 2R9 Ser 8240 to 39th CB orders the 39th CB detached from 3rd Reg. to report to the 5th Brig. - Ltr written 11 Aug'44.
- 9- 9-44 - 39th CB located at Pearl Harbor. (CNO Disp. 061917 NCR 3784 to Comseropac)
- 10-12-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 3rd Reg. - 39th CB has completed its military training and staging and will be detached for a forward movement soon after the first of Sep.
- 10-12-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 39th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 3rd Reg.
- 10-31-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 39th CB - Embarked 7 Sep'44 and arrived at Saipan 30 Sep'44. Shipping destination of this batt was changed from Guam to Saipan. Report endorsed by 6th Brig. Was ordered to report to the 6th Brg. instead of the 5th Brg.
- 1-17-44 -- The 39th CB is located at Saipan (Is. Com Saipan Sup to CNO Sec. disp 040700Z NCR 16454 dtd 14 Nov'44).
- 11-21-44 -- The 39th CB is located at Saipan. (IsCom Saipan Sec. disp to CNO 110211Z NCR 17595 at dtd 19 Nov'44).
- 11-24-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 39th CB - No info on location. Batt was organized 23 Nov'43 and sailed from San Francisco 8 Feb'43. Approx. 850 of the original personnel are now with the batt. Report endorsed by 39th Regiment.

- Location - Saipan 39th CB
- 1-5-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 39th CB - location not stated. Report endorsed by the 39th Regiment.
 - 1-25-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 39th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 39th Reg.
 - 1-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 39th CB - location not given.
 - 4-12-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 39th CB - constructing air base at Tanapag.
 - 4-21-45 - In accord with Ref. a (39th CB and 31st (Sp) hereby det. from 39th Reg. and directed to report to IsCom Saipan) and upon receipt of these orders you and off. and men under your command are detached from duty with the 39th Reg. and will further report to IsCom Saipan for duty. (39th Reg. Sec ltr Ser 2525 dtd 12 Apr to CinCm 31st (Sp) and 39th CB)
 - 5- 1-45 - The 39th CB is located at Saipan. (Dirpaddock's P Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
 - 5- 2-45 - 15 men of the 39th CB arrived Parks from overseas on 28 Apr'45. (Parks TWX 010005 May'45 to Bupers)
 - 5- 8-45 - The 39th CB is located at Saipan. Assigned Acorn 38. (Dirpaddock's S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
 - 5-11-45 - 1 May report of 39th CB - location not given. 2 officers & 187 men were returned to U.S. during Apr'45 for rehabilitation. Constructing Naval Air Base at Tanapag.
 - 5-13-45 - Dirpaddock's SF sec rep of 15 May shows the 39th CB at Saipan - assigned Acorn 38.
 - 6-18-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of 39th CB - located on Saipan. Received a total of 9 officers & 179 men on board during May'45. 7 officers & 81 men were returned to the mainland for rotation.
 - 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 39th CB - located at Saipan. 5 off. and 139 men retd to U.S. on leave. 8 off. and 159 men recd on board. Batt doing constr work at NAB Tanapag.

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- Location - Saipan 39th C.B.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 39th CB - located at Saipan. 42 replacements recd. 2 off. and 118 men retd to mainland for rotation. Constructing Naval Air Base at Tanapag.
 - 8-30-45 - Comservpac requests Cincpoa's approval to inactivate CBD 1078, 39th & 41st CBs. (Comservpac conf disp 290007 Aug'45 to Cincpoa, P.).
 - 9-10-45 - 52nd Reg is composed of the following units in addition to the Regt. Staff; 39, 51, 117, 121 CBs. CBMUs 505, 510, 595, 614, 616 & CBD 1093. Advise Comservpac of the effective date of establishment. (Comservpac conf ltr ser 05014 dtd 30 Aug'45 to IsCom, Saipan).
 - 9-11-45 - Inactivation of following CB units approved Comservpac disps 291935, 290051 & 290007 all Aug:- 39th CB - Saipan. (Cincpoa conf spdltr ser 032559 dtd 4 Sept'45 to Comservpac).
 - 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 39th CB. 2 off & 45 men rec'd on board. 113 men returned to U.S. for rotation & discharge. No info as to location.
 - 9-29-45 - Comservpac directs Commarianas to inactivate immediately 39th CB at Saipan. Pers. with 18 months or more overseas duty to be sent to continental rec. sta. for leave. Balance from 39th CB to other CB units Saipan. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05173 dtd 11 Sept'45 to Commarianas).
 - 10-17-45 - 39th CB inactivated 28 Sept'45. (Commarianas conf disp 012343 Oct'45 to Comservpac).

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39TH BATTALION

One of the longest continuous duty Battalions, the 39th has been overseas since Feb. 8, 1943. After being commissioned in Norfolk, Va., Nov. 23, 1942, the outfit was sent to Hueneme from where they shipped out to Maui, arriving there Feb. 17, 1943. After 19 months at Maui, the 39th sailed for Saipan, landing there Sept. 30, 1944. The Battalion was on Saipan at war's end.

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ITINERARY OF THE 39th CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

- 23 Nov 1942 - Formed at NCTC, Norfolk, Va.
- 22 Dec 1942 - Ordered transferred from NCTC, Norfolk to ABD, Port Hueneme.
- 28 Dec 1942 - Arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme.
- 5 Feb 1943 - Departed ABD, Port Hueneme.
- 8 Feb 1943 - Departed U. S. for overseas.
- 16 Feb 1943 - Arrived at Pearl Harbor.
- 17 Feb 1943 - Arrived at Kahului, Maui.
- 15 Jun 1944 - Transferred to Camp Maui (near Kahului, Maui).
- 7 Sep 1944 - Departed Camp Maui for Pearl Harbor.
- 8 Sep 1944 - Departed Pearl Harbor.
- 30 Sep 1944 - Arrived at Saipan.
- 28 May 1945 - Still located at Saipan.

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