

43rd Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



43rd C.B.

1st Embarkation
 NCTO - Davisville
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 1 Jan'43
 Left ABD - 2 Jan'43
 Destination - Alaskan Sector

2nd Embarkation
 NCTO - (Parks)
 ABD - Hueneme (5/13/44)
 Ready Date - 19 Jun'44
 Left ABD - 5 Jul'44
 Location - Lion-6 Pearl Hbr
 Maui

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- 12-17-42 - Proceeded to Hueneme.
 1- 2-43 - Departed Hueneme for embarkation.
 3- 5-43 - Co. D, consisting of 236 men and 4 officers, detached for project at Sand Point 23 Jan'43.
 4-30-43 - 1st Brig. states that 3 Co's are at Kodiak and 1 Co. at Sand Point NAAF.
 7- 1-43 - 43rd CB is at Kodiak. (Com 13 to ComAlSec dtd 31 Jun'43 Sec. Disp.)
 1-22-44 - 43rd CB arrived Parks. Coming in 3 sections - 1st Sect. arrived 15 Jan'44, 2nd Sect. arrived 18 Jan'44 and the 3rd Sect. to arrive 1 Feb'44. (WRK)
 1-25-44 - 385 men and 7 officers of 43rd arrived Camp Parks 30 Jan'44. (Parks TWX 24 Jan'44)
 2-29-44 - 3rd Echelon, 1 officer and 80 men, arrived Parks 11 Feb'44.
 4th Echelon, 7 officers and 286 men, arrived Parks 20 Feb'44.
 5th Echelon, 1 officer and 120 men, arrived Parks 22 Feb'44.
 3- 2-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 43rd CB - During the month of Jan'44, 448 men were detached to Camp Parks.
 7-22-44 - 43rd CB left ABD Hueneme 5 Jul'44. (WRK)
 8-10-44 - Officers and men of 43rd CB reported to 2nd Brig 11 Jul'44 - ordered to report

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- to 8th Reg. for duty. (OinC 2nd Brig ltr 3NCBr-06-JRH/lk over P16-4 dtd 29 Jul'44 to OinC 43rd CB)
 8-29-44 - 43rd CB report dtd 1 Aug'44 - operating at Iroquois Point.
 10-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 43rd CB - Operating at Waipio Peninsula and Iroquois Point.
 11-15-44 - The 43rd CB is assigned to the 7th Reg. (Comservpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/apk over Ser. 001008 to CMO dtd 4 Nov'44).
 11-16-44 - The 43rd CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CMO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
 11-17-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 43rd CB - Operating at Iroquois Pt., Waipio Pen., West Loch. Estimated date of completion of present assignment is 15 Jan'45. Report endorsed by 36th Regiment.
 12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 7th Reg. - 43rd CB reported to the 7th Reg. on 4 Oct'44.
 12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 43rd CB - Report endorsed by 7th Reg. and H.A.B.
 1-17-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 43rd CB - Located at Pearl Harbor. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
 2- 7-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 43rd CB - located at Oahu. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
 2-17-45 - The 43rd CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CMO 081016 Feb'45).
 2-27-45 - The 43rd CB is assigned temp. duty with the MarCorps for a future Cenpac operation. Upon completion of assault duties to report to CG 10th Army and to ComSostTroops for further assignment. (Comservpac Sec. disp to Cincpoa 231911 Feb'45 with ref. to Cincpoa 150005).
 2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 43rd CB - located on Oahu. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
 3- 5-45 - Comservpac requests arrangements to transport the following units mounting at P.H 116th CB to Hilo; 43rd, 98th CBs and 7th Reg. to Maui. Desire all to reach destinations by 1 May'45. (Conf Disp from Comservpac to PD Pearl 250211 Feb)

Location - Maui

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- 4-14-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 43rd CB - Batt was secured from work on 28 Feb'45.
5- 8-45 - Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 43rd CB located with 5th Amph Coy (temp duty with Fleet Marines) Assigned Okinawa.
5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 43rd CB - located at Maui. Ready to move forward with a Marine Division. Movements during Apr'45 as follows:
4 Apr'45 - Co A, 3 off. and 197 men, moved to Maui.
8 Apr'45 - Co B, 6 off. and 195 men, and part of Hdqtrs Co moved to Maui.
12 Apr'45 - Cos C and D and part of Hdqtrs, 7 off. and 350 men, moved to Nawililiwili, Kauai.
16 Apr'45 - Hdqtrs Co., 6 off. and 58 men, moved to Maui.
84 men and 1 off. remained at Iroquois Pt to load equip to be shipped to Maui.

Report routed via 7th Reg. and 8th Brg.

- 5-19-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 98th CB states that 90 men from 98th CB are working at ABRD with the 43rd CB as of 1 Mar'45.
5-19-45 - 1 May'45 report of 8th Brig states that 43rd CB is located at Maui.
5-19-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 43rd CB - located at Oahu as of 1 Mar'45.
5-21-45 - 1 May'45 report of 7th Reg - One detachment of 43rd CB still on an adjacent Island but should rejoin the Batt. & 7th Reg early in May.
6-7-45 - The 43rd CB is located at Maui with 4th MarDiv, 5th Phibscorps. (Comservpac conf spltr O2787 dtd 29 May'45 to CNO)
6-15-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 43rd CB - located at MAUI. 147 men recd. 7 off. and 350 men retd 8 May from duty at Kauai. Report via 7th Reg.
7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 43rd CB - location not given.
7-27-45 - Dirpadocks Sec Rep of 10 July shows the 43rd CB at Maui, assigned Saipan.

Location - Maui Nagasaki, Japan

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- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 43rd CB - located at Maui, preparing for move to Saipan. Most of the equip and component was loaded aboard ship for movement to staging area in Saipan. 2 off. and 17 men accompanied this equipment in advance of the movement of the whole battalion. Report via 17th Reg. *? Must be 7th Reg.*
9-24-45 - Following CBs attached 7th Reg - 43, 98, 116 CBs. (Com14 sec disp 151837 Sept'45 to CNO).
9-28-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 43rd CB - no info as to location. Report via 7th Reg. Cos. A, C, D & Hdqtrs in transit to Saipan. Co. B detached at FRAY to await transportation to Saipan.
10-24-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 43rd CB - ~~location not stated~~. Report via 7th Reg. 124 men released during the month for discharge under the point system. 43rd CB arrived at Saipan on 3 Sept'45 from Maui. Left Saipan on 16 Sept'45 & arrived at Nagasaki, Japan on 23 Sept'45.
10-30-45 - 43rd CB landed in the Nagasaki area on 24 Sept'45, as stated in 1 Oct'45 report of 7th Reg.
11-30-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 43rd CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg. 306 men transferred to U.S. for discharge. Co. "A" has moved to Isahaya, Kyushu with the 10th Marines.
12-20-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 43rd CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg. 50 men transferred to U.S. for discharge. 83 men of the 31st CB reported aboard as replacements. Co. "A" now consists of 1 off. & 54 men still at Isahaya, Kyushu, with the 10th Marine Reg.
12-21-45 - 43rd CB is inactivated as of 5 Dec'45. (7th Reg. conf ltr ser O521 dtd 5 Dec'45 to CinC, 43rd CB). (Pers. transferred to 31st CB).
1-15-46 - On inactivation, 349 enlisted personnel transferred to 31st CB, 10 to West Coast (CinC 43rd CB ltr ser 3226 to Bu ~~INACTIVATED~~ Docks dated 13/5/45) (CinC)

43CB

Inactivated 5 Dec 45

Nagasaki Japan

Arrived Saipan 3 Sept 45 from Maui

Left " 16 " " ; arrived Nagasaki, Japan, 23 Sep 45

Mission: making general repairs to buildings, warehouses, wharves, docks, grading roads, maintenance of roads, leveling off storage areas, repairing tanks & making connections for gasoline & diesel oil storage

In Oct, Company A moved to Isahaya, Kyushu, with the 10th Marines
In Nov, Bn extended an aviation field (Atomic Field) from 800 to 1800 feet, erected 31 40x100 Butler huts, one 2-story quarters hut repaired & maintained Dejima Wharf, maintained main roads in the Nagasaki area, unloaded tanks, furnished crane operators for unloading supplies, & did plumbing, heating, wiring, building, & maintenance for the 2nd Marine Division.

Most of the work done in an area destroyed by bombs - many patches from nails & chip pieces of steel - graded & covered with wood material 2 or 3 inches thick to remedy.

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Date	Organization	Location	Remarks	Notes
5/31/44	Lion 6	Kueneme En Route	Budocks reamd 5/22/44	Ready to depart June 19.
9/14	-	FRAY	Com 14 sec. act. diag. 042215	
9/19	-	" Mar Div	Aug. quest. cin. proc. sec	Send to Mar Division
11/13	-	FRAY	diag. 260515 aug	
2/26	-	-	Com 14 sec act diag 062243 mar.	8th Div
2/26	-	-	Comsecpac sec. 231911 Feb.	Ass'd 2nd Div Mar Corps.
2/26	-	-	Cdr. Bunke note - going to Rome.	
8/5	-	-	Comsecpac Comd 250211 Feb.	Request arrangements transport to Blak (main 7.11 desire all reach destinations by 1 May.)
	-	-	130943 Mar. sec. nominates 13,117 & 13520 substitutes for 43,52,98 - One	Saipan 8010700 2 act - decided

Aug report, allow
main - act of
Spec.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
31 Jan'44	25		MoR
30 Jun'44		1033	Recap.
1 Aug'44	31	1065	MoR
1 Sep'44	31	1053	MoR
1 Oct'44	31	1023	MoR
1 Nov'44	32	992	MoR
1 Dec'44	32	981	MoR
1 Jan'45	32	978	MoR
1 Feb'45	30	964	MoR
1 Mar'45	28	935	MoR
1 Apr'45	26	901	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45	27	897	MoR
1 Jun'45	27	1040	MoR
1 Jul'45	28	979	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	25	1043	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	25	1026	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	26	914	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	26	593	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	12	361	BNP625 & R

43rd Construction Battalion (INACTIVATED)

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From the Chronological History of the 1st Brigade -

- 10 Jan'43 - Arrived Kodiak from U.S.
- 1 May'43 - One Co. at Sand Point.
- 1 Jul'43 - Co. D (4 off. & 308 men) at Sand Point.
- Jul'43 - Det. ret'd from Sand Point to Kodiak
- 19 Aug'43 - Det. of 4 off & 96 men at Sand Point (for about 30 days)
- 5 Jan'44 - 5 Off. & 237 men departed Kodiak for U.S.
- 15 Jan'44 - 5 Off. & 225 men departed for U.S.
- 18 Jan'44 - 2 Off. & 160 men left for U.S. *THIS INFO DOES NOT AGREE WITH BNP625*
- 9 Feb'44 - 161 men left for U.S.
- 9 Feb'44 - 200 men left for U.S.
- 14 Feb'44 - 2 Off. & 138 men left for U.S. *WILLIS*

(Com 17 Sec. ltr ND17/A12-1/L7 over Ser 0096 to Budocks dtd 6 Nov'44)

History of the Forty-Third U.S. Naval Construction Battalion

Some of the men of the newly activated 43rd Naval Construction Battalion saw snow for the first time on 12 November 1942, the day they "broke boot" at the Davisville, Rhode Island, Naval Training Center. By the time they returned from their first tour of duty, they were all seasoned Arctic workers.

Kodiak Island

The Battalion left Davisville in mid-December, stopping over for two weeks at the Advanced Base Depot, Port Hueneme, before boarding the U.S.S. Wharton with 27 officers and 1004 enlisted men for transportation to Kodiak Island at the base of the Aleutians. The original plans for Kodiak, projected by Congress in 1939, called for a large naval operating base, a naval air station with facilities for seaplanes as well as landplanes, and a submarine base. Most of these facilities had already been built by the civilian contractor before the arrival of the Fourth Construction Regiment, to which the 43rd Construction Battalion belonged; and many of the projects

originally planned for Kodiak were soon to be cancelled as war strategy shifted the scene of action in the Pacific to the southern hemisphere. Yet a large number of structures were still to be completed on the island, and more importantly, the outlying defense installations which protected the main base needed to be strengthened. These tasks occupied the 43rd Battalion for a little more than a year.

It was still the middle of winter when the Battalion moved into its barracks on Vimy Ridge. Most of the men were split up into details and set to work on miscellaneous jobs in the vicinity, including building their own mess hall. A laundry and a garage were built for the contractors. Repair and storage facilities for Army landplanes were built. ~~The~~ ^{the} Seabees worked on hangars for Naval Air Station, as well as adjoining personnel structures (officers' quarters, garages, a mess hall). One detail sorted and stacked lumber and loaded it into boats; another unloaded cargo craft at the wharf.

Company "D" was detached shortly after the arrival of the Battalion at Kodiak, and sent to Sand Point on Popof Island to work on the Regimental headquarters at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

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When the air facility was completed in September 1943 it accommodated 410 officers and men. With the spring thaw, other detachments were sent out to work on the outlying positions: a warehouse and other facilities were built at the Radio Range Station on Woody Island, six miles northeast of Kodiak; an entire camp was constructed at Entrance Point, on Kodiak Island, where an anti-aircraft training center was located; and Army Gun Emplacements, complete with personnel facilities, were built at Miller's Point and Cape Chiniak, ^{Kodiak.} ~~on the island.~~

Aside from the problems associated with strenuous work in cold weather, which took its toll in a high rate of illness, construction was complicated by the unusual terrain on the island. Much of the land was marsh, covered over with a blanket of volcanic ash from the eruption of Mount Katmai in 1912. This created constant problems of unstable foundations, groundwater seepage, and mud. Gnats and mosquitos infested the damp areas and added to the sick list. Machinery wore out quickly under these conditions,

and much of the equipment, ^{which} the 43rd Battalion inherited had seen considerable ~~use~~ previous use. Breakdown of equipment proved to be the ~~commanding officer's~~ major headache *of the commanding officer, Commander Hugh A. Dunlap.*

Despite these problems the Battalion completed its assignments before the end of 1943. ~~While~~ While Camp Parks made ready for their return, the Battalion occupied itself ~~by~~ by furnishing assistance to the 41st Construction Battalion, building stand-by storage ~~noncritical~~ noncritical base improvements, tanks and other ~~equipment~~ and by holding extra training classes. To add to the tedious waiting, the battalion went home in dribbles: five ~~echelons~~ echelons, spread out over a month, made *Shoemaker, California,* the trip from Kodiak to Camp Parks, the last arriving 22 February 1944.

The Pacific

After two months of rest and retraining, the Battalion was ready for ~~a~~ a second tour overseas. The men were sent to Port Hueneme Lt. Commander Alan F. Williams, CEC, USNR. and there received a new Officer-in-Charge, ~~in~~ *in* early May for outfitting, Administrative delays gave the Battalion an added month of rest in California, and then it shipped out, 5 July 1944, bound for Pearl Harbor, Oahu. It remained in the

Hawaiian Islands until after the surrender of Japan.

in Oahu

The first work was to turn a ~~half-completed~~ camp of half-completed quonset huts and tents into ~~a~~ livable quarters for the battalion~~s~~, ~~which~~ complete with barracks, showers, a mess hall, theater, chapel, recreation hall, officers' quarters, etc. Besides the camp there were three major areas of work for the 43rd Battalion: the Advanced Base Construction Depot, Iroquois Point; the Naval Salvage Depot, Waipio Point; and the Naval Ammunition Depot, West Loch.

where the ^{43rd Battalion's} ~~Seabee's~~ camp was located, *the Seabees*
At Iroquois Point, ~~the 43rd Battalion~~ took over from the 98th

Battalion the building ~~of~~ of a supply annex. A huge aircraft parking area, 342 acres, was graded and paved with crushed coral. A prisoner of war camp was built. Miscellaneous jobs included an equipment repair shop, a number of warehouses, and a 10,000 bbl. bitumals storage tank.

• The Salvage Depot at Waipio Point, which reclaimed usable parts and metal from damaged ships, required improvements in waterfront facilities. The 43rd Construction Battalion ^{also} built a 1000-foot wharf, a small boat pier, and a 60-ton gantry crane.

Personnel buildings were required at West Loch, in addition to ~~the~~ mine-assembly buildings, railroads, and various safety structural features ~~needed~~ required at Ammunition depots. The 43rd Battalion also built a swimming pool for the enlisted men.

Taken together it was a sizable assignment ^{at Oahu,} and the commanding officer had considerable difficulty stretching his limited manpower to cover so many ~~tasks~~ tasks. "This battalion has been given so many different jobs," he noted in ~~the~~ one report, "that we have had trouble getting enough men and equipment to keep all of the jobs and equipment going at the same time." Equipment failure was again the common complaint. Much of the equipment was old, spare parts were scarce, and use was heavy.

On 28 February 1945, with most of the work completed, the Battalion received order to cease work. Most of the men then began jungle training and other military exercises in ~~the~~ preparation for movement to a forward area. During the month of April, "C" and "D" Companies, and part of Headquarters Company, moved ~~to~~ to Nawiliwili

on the island of Kauai. The rest of the Battalion joined the 4th Marine Division on the island of Maui. The Kauai detachment spent a month readying a Marine camp for the returning marines and erecting some temporary storehouses. They then rejoined the main Battalion, which was engaged in general cleaning-up operations at the huge 30,000-man center on Maui. Structures built during June and July, 1945, were mostly recreational facilities--handball courts, chapels, theaters, ^a ~~and~~ library, club houses, etc.

Toward the end of July the Marines prepared to move across the Pacific for the invasion of the Japanese islands, and the 43rd Construction Battalion began loading equipment aboard ship. Leaving Maui on 13 August 1945 aboard the U.S.S. Prince George, the battalion headed first for Honolulu, arriving only a few hours before the news of peace ~~was received~~ was received on August 14. Nevertheless, construction workers were still needed in the Pacific, and the Seabees proceeded on to Saipan, the scheduled staging area. ^{in the Marianas} After a short stay, they were sent ~~to~~ to Nagasaki, the devastated Japanese port city on the island of Kyushu.

During their two month stay in the Nagasaki area, the 43rd Battalion ~~were engaged in~~ ^{undertook} general repair work on buildings and warehouses, grading and maintaining roads, ~~repair~~ ^{ing} the Dejimi Wharf and unloading supplies at the harbor. The Battalion extended an airfield, dubbed "Atomic Field," from 800 feet to 1800 feet. It also built 31 Butler huts and a two-storey quonset hut for the 2nd Marine Division. Company "A" moved to Isahaya, northeast of Nagasaki, to assist the 10th Marine Division during November.

^{its}
All during ~~its~~ stay in Japan, the 43rd Battalion was being depleted by discharges. By November it was ~~at~~ at half strength, with the most experienced men absent from the ranks. The commanding officer urged that the entire battalion be sent home. This decision was reached on 30 November. Most of the men had been detached and sent home for discharge by this date, including Commander Williams and ~~thirteen~~ thirteen other officers. Lt. Commander P.R. O'Donnell, the acting Officer-in-Charge, inactivated the battalion on 5 December 1945.

The remnant of the battalion was then ~~incorporated in~~ ^{incorporated in} the 31st Naval Construction Battalion.

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- 17 Dec 1942 The battalion departed Davisville for the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.
- 2 Jan 1943 The battalion left Port Hueneme for Kodiak Island, Alaska, aboard the U.S.S. Wharton.
- 10 Jan 1943 The battalion arrived at the Naval Operating Base, Kodiak.
- 23 Jan 1943 Company "D" consisting of 4 officers and 236 men departed for Sand Point, Popof Island.
- Jul 1943 Company "D" returned to Kodiak.
- 19 Aug 1943 4 officers and 96 men were detached to Sand Point for 30 days duty.
- 20 Jan 1944 1st Echelon of 7 officers and 385 men arrived at the Construction Battalion Replacement Depot, Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California. (Departure dates from Kodiak for all eshelons are not known.)
- 1 Feb 1944 2nd Echelon of 65 men arrived at Camp Parks.
- 11 Feb 1944 3rd Echelon of 1 officer and 80 men arrived at Camp Parks.
- 20 Feb 1944 4th Echelon of 7 officers and 286 men arrived at Camp Parks.
- 22 Feb 1944 5th Echelon of 1 officer and 120 men arrived at Camp Parks.

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Second Tour of Duty

- 7 May 1944 The battalion left Camp Parks, Construction Battalion Replacement Depot.
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- 12 Apr 1945 Companies "C" and "D" and part of Headquarters Company, /
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- 13 Aug 1945 The battalion depart^{ed} Maui aboard the U.S.S. Prince George.
- 14 Aug 1945 The battalion arriv^{ed} at Honolulu, Hawaii, en route to Saipan.
- 3 Sep 1945 The battalion arrived at Saipan, Mariana Islands.
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24 Oct 1945 306 men left Nagasaki for discharge.

30 Nov 1945 91 men ~~00~~ were detached for discharge at Nagasaki, including Commander A. F. Williams.

1 Dec 1945 11 officers and 364 enlisted men (the vast majority being seamen) ~~0000~~ ^{made} up the 43rd Construction Battalion at Nagasaki-Isahaya.

5 Dec 1945 Inactivation ~~00000~~ ^{took} place at Nagasaki at 2400.

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10 Oct 1960 A reunion of the 43rd Naval Construction Battalion was held in Washington, D.C.

Commanding Officers

Officer-in-Charge
was

Commander Hugh A. Dunlap, CEC, USNR, assigned to the still unactivated 43rd Construction Battalion, 26 October 1942. He is officially detached 11 May 1944.

Commander Alan F. Williams, CEC, USNR, was assigned to the battalion on 9 May 1944. He was detached 30 November 1945.

Commander Lieutenant/P.R. O'Donnell, CEC, USNR, relieved Commander Williams and served as acting Officer-in-Charge until 5 December 1945.

Executive Officer
was

Lieutenant J. W. Jones, CEC, USNR, assigned to the new battalion along with Commander Dunlap, 26 October 1942. He was detached ~~00000000~~ 7 April 1943.

Lieutenant Commander William A. Weeks, CEC, USNR, relieved Lt. Jones 7 April 1943, and remained Executive Officer until 5 Dec 1945.

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SPARKLETT'S
SAFETY GLASSES

NAVY
MUSIC BATALION

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43rd

C B



Tropic-Aleuts