

51st Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



51st C.B.

1st Embarkation
 NCTC - Davisville
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 2 Feb'43
 Left ABD - 9 Feb'43
 Location - Kodiak Dutch Harbor

2nd Embarkation
 NCTC - (Parks)
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 28 Jun'44
 Left ABD - 9 Sep'44
 Location - ~~ABED (Sub-36)~~ Ulithi, Saipan

LOG

- 1- 6-43 - Ordered transferred to ABD Davisville FFT Hueneme when space is available.
- 1- 4-43 - 26 officers and 1006 men to ABD Davisville.
- 1-18-43 - Dispatch authorizes transfer to ABD Hueneme.
- 1-27-43 - Arrived ABD Hueneme.
- 1-30-43 - Comdt. Alsec advises 51st leaving Seattle about 8 Feb.
- 2- 9-43 - Entrained for Seattle.
- 3-31-43 - 51st CB arrived Dutch Harbor 17 Feb'43 with the 52nd CB. (52nd Mo. Report)
- 4-30-43 - 1st Brig. reports that the 51st is at NOB Dutch Harbor.
- 7- 1-43 - 51st CB is at Dutch Harbor. (Com 13 to ComAlSec dtd 6-21-43 - Sec. Disp.)
- 3-16-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 1st Brig. - located at Dutch Harbor and scheduled to return to U.S. in March - June'44)
- 3-23-44 - 51st CB arrived Camp Parks 15 Mar'44. (TWX 16-1618-44)

2nd Embarkation

- 5-16-44 - 51st CB, consisting of approx. 28 off. and 1081 men, to be transferred from

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- Parks to Hueneme on 30 May'44. (Budocks ltr A-8A-1/lm over NM24/MM over NM24(51)-Al-1 over A-8 dtd 16 May'44 to CNO)
- 9-15-44 - 51st C left Hueneme 9 Sep'44 for ALID. (ABD Huneme Sec. Disp. 131700 NCR 8030 to CNO dtd 14 Sep'44)
- 9-21-44 - 51st CB with 26 off. and 1031 men located at ALID. (Conf. disp. 131736 NCR 8020 from Com 12 to addressees)
- 11-11-44 - The 51st CB is located at Ulithi. (Atoll Command Ulithi, Mariannas Sec. disp to CNO 011428 NCR 15157 dtd 8 Nov'44).
- 12-12-44 - 51st CB located at Ulithi. (AtCom Ulithi Sec. Disp. to CNO 011402 dtd 9 Dec'44)
- 1-1-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of 51st CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 38th Reg.
- 1-3-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 51st CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 38th Reg.
- 1-13-45 - The 51st CB (1 Co.) located at Ulithi. (Atoll Com Ulithi Sec Disp to CNO 030544 dtd 11 Jan'45)
- 1-20-45 -- 3/4 of the 51st CB is at Saipan and 1/4th at Ulithi. The part at Ulithi will move to Saipan when relieved by CEMU 517. (Comincpac&poa conf. ltr Ser. 0198 dtd 6 Jan'45 to CNO).
- 1-23-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 38th Reg. - Copy of letter of commendation congratulates the 51st CB on completion of Ulithi Air Strip and inauguration of Air Transport Service 27 Oct'44.
- 1-30-45 --- Cincpoa conf. disp to ComFwdArea CenPac 190238 dtd 25 Jan'45 - desires P13 accompanying 51st CB (my 082111 Dec) be assigned 39th Reg.
- 1-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 51st CB - located in the Mariannas. There are 797 men and 28 officers in the forward echelon. One Company, composed of 206 men and 4 officers, left at Carolines pending relief by a CEMU. The ACEPD unit, with 2 officers and 2 men, has been issued temp duty with the 39th Regiment.

- 2-12-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 38th Reg. - Co's A, C, D, and Hdqtrs Co. of the 51st CB were detached from the Reg. and transferred to the 39th Reg. This group departed from Ulithi on the 27th of Dec'44, leaving for maintenance, pending arrival of CBMU 517, Co. "B" with a section of Hdqtrs at Asor to complete construction.
- 2-13-45 -- One company of the 51st CB is located at Ulithi. (Atoll Com Ulithi Sec. disp to CNO 020006 dtd 8 Feb'45).
- 2-15-45 -- The 51st CB is located at Saipan(3/47)(IsComSaipan Sec. disp to CNO 020216Z dtd 9 Feb'45).
- 2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 51st CB - Strength of forward unit is 784 men and 28 off. Special drafts of men for operation of ACEPD were rec'd and forwarded to the 39th Reg. for duty. Detachment of 204 men and 4 off. at Ulithi.
- 3-8-45 -- According to Dirpadocks San Fran 15 Feb'45 report the 51st CB is located at Saipan.
- 3-17-45 -- IsComSaipan Sec. disp to ComFwdArea 150609Z Mar'45 - Ref. Comfwdarea 130943 - Strongly recommend that the 51st CB be moved rather than the 117th CB.
- 3-20-45 - Current indications are that the 51st CB may not be reunited by mounting date. Original recommendation of ComFwdArea stands. (Comfwdarea Sec Disp to IsComSaipan 170517 Mar'45 - referring to 150609)
- 3-21-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 38th Reg. - Co. B of the 51st CB located at Asor, Ulithi. Doing base maint and will be available to join their batt upon arrival of CBMU 517 or other relief unit.
- 4-17-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 51st CB - Strength of forward echelon is 772 men and 25 off. Strength of rear echelon is 197 men and 4 off. Shows operations at Marpi Pt. Airfield.

Location - Saipan, Ulithi51st C.B.

- 4-28-45 - 51st CB ordered to report to IsCom Saipan in accord Ref (a)-(51st CB hereby det from 39th Reg.) (39th Reg Sec ltr 2529 dtd 13 Apr to OinC 51st CB)
- 5- 1-45 - 51st CB located at Saipan. Co B at Ulithi. (Dirpadocks P Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 5- 8-45 - Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Ap'45 shows the 51st CB located at Saipan. Assigned Okinawa.
- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 51st CB - located at Marpi airfield. Batt was detached from the 39th Reg. and is now under command of the IsCom. Co B detachment, composed of 4 off. and 197 men, left in the Western Carolines when the batt moved to present location, rejoined the main unit on 26 April. They embarked from the WesCar on 20 Apr'45.
- 6-23-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 51st CB - located at Saipan. Recd 52 replacements in May.
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 51st CB - located at Saipan. 66 replacements recd. 35 men transfd to other batts. 53 men transfd to U.S. for discharge. Constr facilities at Isley, Marpi, and Kagman Airfields.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 51st CB - Constructing facilities on the Isley and Kagman Airfields. 44 men transfd. Expecting 25 replacements.
- 8-10-45 - 52nd Reg is composed of the following units in addition to the Regt. Staff:-
39, 51, 117, 121 CBs, CBUs 505, 510, 595, 614, 616 & CBD 1093. Adv Comservpac of the effective date of establishment. (Comservpac conf ltr ser 05014 dtd 30 Aug'45 to Iscom, Saipan).
- 8-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 51st CB. 56 men were transferred to U.S. for over-age discharge. 35 replacements were recd. Approx. 15 off & 400 men will be on duty at Marcus Is. Initial group of 182 men & 10 off embarked from Saipan on 30 Aug'45. Located at Saipan.

- 10-24-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 51st CB - located at Saipan. Report via 52nd Reg. 169 men were transferred for discharge. 228 men were rec'd. 15 off. & 459 men are at Marcus Is.
- 11-23-45 - Comservpac is directing Guam to inactivate the 51st CB. (Comservpac restr 220023 Nov'45 TWX to RDO, Guam).
- 12-6-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 51st CB - located at Saipan. Report via 52nd Reg. 301 men transferred to U.S. for discharge. 88 men transferred to 121st CB for duty. 6 off. & 253 men are at Marcus Is.
- 12-28-45 - 51st CB will be inactivated on 8 Dec'45. Pers. transferred to 121st CB. (OinC, 52nd Reg. ltr ser 585 dtd 4 Dec'45 to 51st CB, CBMUs 510, 595, 614).
- 1-15-46 - 51st CB inactivated on 8 December 1945. (OinC ltr dated 12/15/45 to ComServPac)
- 1-28-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of 51st CB - located at Saipan. Report via 52nd Reg. & 5th Brig. All enl. pers., except 5 men, were transferred to 121st CB for duty.

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Aug'44	31	994	R & BNP625
1 Sep'44	30	1053	R & BNP625
1 Oct	28	1028	R & BNP625
1 Nov'44	30	1022	BNP625 & MoR
1 Dec'44	31	1009	MoR
1 Jan'45	32	1003	BNP625 & MoR
1 Feb'45	32	985	MoR
1 Mar'45	29		R
1 Apr'45	29	969	MoR
1 May'45		970	BNP625
1 Jun'45	28	1012	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	28	980	Roster & BNP625
1 Aug'45	28	937	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		893	BNP625
1 Oct'45		943	BNP625
1 Nov'45	15	525	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	10	5	BNP625 & R

51ST BATTALION

After formation at Davisville, R. I., Dec. 2, 1942, the 51st NCB trekked across country to Hueneme and then to Seattle, sailing for Alaska early in February and arriving on the 17th at Dutch Harbor. Remaining slightly over a year, the unit left Dutch Harbor March 6, 1944, and reached Camp Parks March 15. The 51st began its second tour of duty Sept. 9, 1944, when it sailed for Ulithi in the Western Carolines, arriving Oct. 8. A forward detachment of 28 officers and 797 men moved to Saipan Dec. 30, and was joined by the rear echelon of four officers and 197 men April 26, 1945. The 51st finished out the war on Saipan, and after the surrender was sent to Marcus island.

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Chronology

02 Dec 1942	Formed at NCTC, Davisville, R.I.
06 Jan 1943	Transferred to ABD, Davisville, R.I.
22 Jan 1943	Departed ABD, Davisville, R.I.
27 Jan 1943	Arrived ABD, Port Hueneme, California.
09 Feb 1943	Departed ABD, Port Hueneme for Seattle FFT A1sec.
17 Feb 1943	Arrived Dutch Harbor.
06 Mar 1944	Departed Dutch harbor for U.S.
15 Mar 1944	Arrived CBRD, Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.

Second Tour of Duty

30 May 1944	Departed CBRD, Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.
31 May 1944	Arrived ABD, Port Hueneme, California.
09 Sept 1944	Departed ABD, Port Hueneme for Ulithi.
08 Oct 1944	Arrived Ulithi.
27 Dec 1944	Forward Echelon consisting of 28 officers and 797 men departed Ulithi for Saipan. The Rear Echelon consisting of 4 officers and 206 men remained at Ulithi awaiting relief.
30 Dec 1944	Forward Echelon arrived Saipan.
26 Apr 1945	Rear Echelon composed of 4 officers and 197 men arrived at Saipan.



DAVISVILLE, R.I.

PORT HUENEME, CALIF.

THE ALEUTIANS

CAMP PARKS, CALIF.



HEAD SWIMERS

BAND
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