

98th Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



98th C.B.

NCTD - Peary
ABD - Gulfport - Hueneme
Ready Date - 11 Sep'43
Left ABD - 20 Oct'43 (19 Oct'43)
Location - ~~Acorn-17 Tarawa & Pearl Harbor~~
Maui

LOG

- 8- 5-43 - Budocks requests transfer of the 98th CB from Davisville on 11 Aug'43 To Gulfport. (Budocks ltr to CNO 5 Aug'43)
- 9-10-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 98th CB about 15 Sep to ABD Hueneme. Assigned Acorn 17 (Conf. disp. 101322 NCR 359 dtd 10 Sep'43 from CNO to ABD Gulfport)
- 9-22-43 - 98th CB arrived Hueneme from Gulfport 19 Sep. (Rest. Disp. 212050 NCR 32248 from Hueneme to Budocks)
- 10-20-43 - 98th CB departed ABD 20 Oct'43 for destination. (WRK)
- 12-23-43 - 98th CB is at Tarawa as of 23 Nov'43. (ComAirPac 3 Dec'43)
- 1-10-44 - 1 Nov'43 report of 98th CB - This CB left ABD 19 Oct'43 on SS Dashing Wave - now at Iroquois Pt., T.H. (This entry precedes the one above)
- 1-11-44 - 1 Off. and 175 men were ordered to the 2nd Brig. for temporary duty. (U.S. Pac-Flt AirForPacFlt Conf. Memo dtd 5 Nov'43)
- 1-13-44 - 1 Nov'43 report of 98th CB - Arrived at Oahu, T.H. 26 Oct'43.
- 1-14-44 - 1 Dec'43 report of 98th CB - 1st Section arrived Tarawa 25 Nov'43, 2nd Sect. embarked for Tarawa 26 Nov'43. 3 officers and 165 men detached for duty with the 2nd Brig.
- 4- 1-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 98th CB - 141 men and 3 officers were transferred to Helen Is

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36 men and 1 off. transferred to Cora Is. to relieve the personnel of the 74th CB. Transfers started on 22 Feb'44.

- 5-19-44 - 98th CB is assigned to the 29th Reg. (AES 5/15/44)
- 5-29-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 98th CB - Left Tarawa 16 Mar'44 with 17 off. and 533 men and returned to Pearl Harbor. 10 off. and 434 men remained on Betio and Buota Is. to continue maintenance and uncompleted construction.
- 5-29-44 - The portion of 98th CB arriving at P.H. - arrived 1 Apr'44 and assigned to the 3rd Reg. (3rd Reg. Mar'44 report)
- 6-27-44 - 1 May'44 report of 98th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch.
- 7- 6-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 98th CB - operating at Iroquois Pt.
- 8-11-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 98th CB - operating at Iroquois Pt.
- 8-29-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 98th CB - operating at Iroquois Pt.
- 10-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 98th CB - operating at Iroquois Pt.
- 11-15-44 - The 98th CB is assigned to the 7th Reg. (Comairforpacflt Sec. ltr 65-CAW/spk over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-16-44 - The 98th CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
- 11-21-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 98th CB - Took over construction of "Camp for Pontonn Assembly Groups" at Waipio on 23 Sep'44 from the 23rd CB. Estimated date of completion of present assignment is 15 Dec'44.
- 11-20-44 -- 1 Nov'44 historical data of 98th CB on Tarawa submitted by Dirbudocks 128 - Left U.S. 19 Oct'43 - arrived Pearl Hbr. 25 Oct'43. Left P.H. 15 Nov, 27 Nov'43 and 5 Jan'44 - arrived Tarawa 24 Nov'43 (1st Section). Left Tarawa 15 Mar and 1 Apr'44 for P.H.

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- 12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 98th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
- 1-11-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 98th CB - located at Oahu. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
- 2- 6-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 9th Brg. - 46 men of the 98th CB on detached duty with the 7th Reg.; 24 men of the 98th CB on detached duty with the 10th CB.
- 2- 7-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 98th CB - located in Hawaii area. Report endorsed by the 7th Regiment.
- 2-17-45 - The 98th CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 081016 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 98th CB - located with the HANCB and 7th Regiment.
- 2-27-45 --- The 98th CB is assigned temp duty with the MarCorps. Upon completion of assault duties when directed by CG 10th Army to report to ComConstTroops for further assignment. (Comservpac Sec. disp to Cincpac 231911 Feb'45 - Ref: Cincpac 150005).
- 3- 6-45 - Comservpac requests arrangements to transport the 43rd CB, 98th CB, and 7th Reg. to Maui. Desires them to reach destination by 1 May'45. (Conf Disp from Comservpac to PD Pearl 250211 Feb)
- 3-26-45 - 6 off. and 139 men ordered to proceed to Maui on or about 13 Mar'45 and report to the Sr Batt officer present for temp add. duty; upon completion of duty to report to OinC 98th CB for resumption of regular duties. (Conf. orders 98NCB-01-HCJ/egh over S-79 over Ser 1050 dtd 12 Mar'45 to Lt. Mayer)
- 3-26-45 - 2 off. and 140 men ordered to proceed to Maui on or about 15 Mar'45 and report to the Sr. officer of the 98th CB for duty; upon completion to return and report to OinC of the 98th CB for resumption of regular duties. (Conf. orders 98NCB-01-HCJ/jr over Ser 491 dtd 14 Mar'45 to Lt. Thomson)
- 3-30-45 - 1 off. and 131 men ordered to Maui on 17 Mar'45 for temp add. duty. (Conf orders from OinC 98th CB 98NCB-01-HCJ/jr over Ser 497 dtd 16 Mar to Lt. Abramson)

Location - ~~Oahu~~ Maui 98th C.B.

- 3-30-45 - 1 off. and 83 men ordered to Maui on or about 18 Mar'45. (Conf orders from OinC 98th CB 98NCB-01-HCJ/jr over Ser 498 dtd 17 Mar to Lt. Stevens)
- 4-13-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 98th CB. - All work projects on Oahu discontinued as of 1 Mar'45 Battalion was moving to Maui during the period.
- 4-16-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 7th Reg. - The larger parts of the 98th & 116th CB had been moved to the staging area by 31 Mar'45.
- 5- 8-45 - The 98th CB is shown located with the 5th Amph Corp on temp duty, assigned Okinawa on the Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-17-45 - 1 May'45 report of 98th CB - Entire Battalion has been moved to Maui. Received 25 men during Apr'45. Report routed via 7th Reg & 8th Brig.
- 5-18-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 7th Reg states that the 98th CB is with the 7th Reg. but has been loaned to the 33rd Reg.
- 5-19-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 98th CB - located at Oahu - 90 men from 98th CB are working at ABRD with the 43rd CB. Report end by 7th Reg & 8th Brig.
- 5-19-45 - 1 May'45 report of 8th Brig states that 98th CB located at Maui.
- 6- 7-45 - The 98th CB is located at Maui with 5th PhibsCorps. (Comservpac conf spltr 02787 dtd 29 May'45 to CNO)
- 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 98th CB - located at MAUI rehabilitating Marine encampments on the island.
- 7-20-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 98th CB - Batt has been engaged during June in rehabilitating Marine encampments on Island of Maui. Also constructing a dummy airfield on nearby island of Kahoolawe. 10 men recd. 109 men transd for rehab. Report via 7th Reg.

- Location - Maui Sasebo Harbor, Kyushu 98th C.B.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 98th CB - located at Maui. Rehabilitating Marine units. 290 men recd; 85 transfd for rehab. Report via 7th Reg.
- 9-15-45 - 98th CB temp'd with 5th Amph Force. (Directly reports sec location not stated)
- 9-24-45 - Following CBs attached 7th Reg -43, 98, 116 CBs. (Com 14 sec dis: 151-11 Sept'45 to CNO).
- 10-29-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 98th CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg. 27 men rec'd. 85 men transferred for discharge, leave & reassignment. 6 off. & 192 men embarked Maui, Hawaii on 26 Aug'45. 12 off. & 730 men embarked Maui, Hawaii on 27 Aug'45. 3 off. & 79 men remained on Maui, Hawaii composing the rear echelon.
- 10-29-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 98th CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg. 18 off & 922 men arrived Sasebo Harbor, Kyushu, Japan on 22 Sept'45. 11 off. & 602 men disembarked on 23 Sept'45. 6 off. & 192 men disembarked on 24 Sept'45. 1 off. & 128 men disembarked on 27 Sept'45.
- 10-30-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 7th Reg. - 7th Reg. report states that the 98th CB landed in the Sasebo area with units of the 5th Amph Corps on Sept 22, 23 & 24.
- 11-16-45 - 98th CB to be inactivated. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac TWX 150230 Nov'45 to Sasebo, Japan).
- 11-30-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 98th CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg.
- 12-21-45 - 98th CB is inactivated as of 3 Dec'45. (7th Reg. conf ltr ser 0519 dtd 3 Dec'45 to 98th CB). (233 men trans. to 31st CB for duty)
- 12-28-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 98th CB - location not stated. Report via 7th Reg. 214 men transferred to U.S. for discharge. 222 men transferred to U.S. for leave & re-assignment.

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<u>ON BOARD</u>			
<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	30	870	Recap.
1 Aug'44	30	1047	MoR
1 Sep'44	31	1062	MoR
1 Oct'44	31	1024	MoR
1 Nov'44	28	985	MoR
1 Dec'44	26	981	MoR
1 Jan'45	24	991	MoR
1 Feb'45	23	953	MoR
1 Mar'45	23	901	MoR
1 Apr'45	24	905	MoR
1 May'45	25	954	MoR
1 Jun'45	23	961	MoR
1 Jul'45	20	861	Roster & BNP625
1 Aug'45	16	1065	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	21	998	R & BNP625
1 Oct'45	21	922	R & BNP625
1 Nov'45	21	673	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	13	236	BNP625 & R

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98TH BATTALION

Embarking from Hueneme Oct. 19, 1943, after being commissioned at Camp Peary June 30, the 98th NCB reached Oahu Oct. 25 and was assigned to Waiawa Gulch. First Section of the 98th left Nov. 15 for the Gilbert Islands, reaching Tarawa Nov. 24. Second Section followed Dec. 4, and Third Section on Jan. 17, 1944.

Detachments of the 98th relieved part of the 74th NCB at Cora and Helen Islands. The 98th returned to Pearl Harbor in April 1944 and remained for nearly a year before switching to Maui Island in several sections during March and April 1945. The 98th was still at Maui at war's end. A month after the Japanese surrender the outfit was scheduled to be transferred to Sasebo, Japan.

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Chronology

11 Aug 1943	Transferred to ABD Gulfport.
19 Sep 1943	Arrived ABD Port Hueneme from Gulport
19 Oct 1943	Embarked for overseas from ABD, Port Hueneme.
25 Oct 1943	Arrived Oahu and assigned to Waiawa Gulch.
15 Nov 1943	1 st section consisting of 18 officers and 541 men departed Pearl Harbor.
24 Nov 1943	1 st section arrived at Tarawa.
27 Nov 1943	2 nd section consisting of 10 officers and 290 men departed Pearl Harbor.
04 Dec 1943	2 nd section arrived at Tarawa.
05 Jan 1944	3 rd section consisting of 3 officers and 165 men departed Pearl Harbor.
17 Jan 1944	3 rd section arrived at Tarawa.
22 Feb 1944	1 officer and 36 men were transferred to Cora Island to relieve personnel of the 74 th C.B.
01 Mar 1944	3 officers and 141 men were transferred to Helen Island to relieve personnel of the 74 th C.B.
15 Mar 1944	1 st section consisting of 17 officers and 533 men departed Tarawa.
01 Apr 1944	1 st section arrived pearl Harbor.
01 Apr 1944	2 nd section consisting of 10 officers and 434 men departed Tarawa.
10 Apr 1944	2 nd section arrived Pearl Harbor.
01 Apr-01 May 1944	Battalion operating at Waiawa Gulch.
01 May-08 Dec 1944	Battalion operating at Iroquois Point.
23 Sep 1944	Construction on camp for Pontoon Assembly Groups at Wapio was started and completed in November 1944. Battalion remained stationed at Iroquois Point.
08 Dec 1944 – 01 Mar 1945	Battalion operating at Moanalua Ridge, Oahu.
01 Mar 1945	Work projects on Oahu discontinued and Battalion began movement to staging area on Maui.
03 Dec 1945	98 th Naval Construction Battalion was inactivated.

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To Form No. 1
Administrative Data Form
from:

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- 8 Dec. 1944 to
1 Mar. 1945 Battalion operating at Koanalua Ridge, Oahu.
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To: [REDACTED]
Irvin S. Robinson
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HISTORICAL RECORD
Return to HISTORIAN
Bureau of Yards and Docks

Officers	Men	Date Depart'd Oahu	Date Arrived Maui
7	139	13 Mar. 1945	14 Mar. 1945
1	---	14 Mar. 1945	14 Mar. 1945
1	140	14 Mar. 1945	15 Mar. 1945
-	134	16 Mar. 1945	17 Mar. 1945
1	72	18 Mar. 1945	19 Mar. 1945
6	145	22 Mar. 1945	23 Mar. 1945
1	44	25 Mar. 1945	26 Mar. 1945
-	124	8 Apr. 1945	9 Apr. 1945
1	---	9 Apr. 1945	9 Apr. 1945
5	128	13 Apr. 1945	14 Apr. 1945

Certified

J. E. LAWRENCE, Lt. Col., USNR
Executive Officer 23 1945



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Camp Rousseau









