

99th Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



99th C.B.

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 7 Sep'43
Left ABD - 5 Nov'43
Location - Pearl Harbor - Honolulu - Oahu, T.H.

LOG

- 6-17-43 - Budocks requests transfer of the 99th CB from Peary to Davisville on 24 Jun'43. (Budocks ltr to CNO 17 Jun'43)
- 8- 4-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 99th CB about 7 Aug to Camp Parks. (Conf. Disp. 041301 NCR 3785 from VCNO to NCTC Davisville)
- 9- 2-43 - 99th CB ordered to Hueneme 2 Sep'43. (OinC Parks ltr NM24-CPks over P16-4/(99CB) over OO/MM over ER:tr dtd 2 Sep'43 to OinC 99th CB)
- 9-21-43 - Assigned to Pearl Harbor and 3rd Reg. and as replacement for 16th CB. (Conf. Disp. 010010 Sep VVNO to ABD Hueneme)
- 11- 9-43 - 99th CB departed Hueneme for embarkation point 5 Nov'43. (RHD)
- 1-10-44 - 1 Dec'43 report of 99th CB - arrived Honolulu 12 Nov'43.
- 1-27-44 - 99th CB divided into 4 detachments - Kauai, Hawaii, Johnston Is., and Oahu.
Kauai Detachment - 211 men left P.H. 13 Nov'43 and later increased to 252 men.
Hawaii Detachment - 149 men left P.H. 26 Nov'43 to assist the 59th CB.
Johnston Is. Det. - 99 men left P.H. 29 Dec'43.
Balance of the battalion is at Oahu. (Capt. Porter's ltr to Adm. Moreell dtd 4 Jan
- 2-10-44 - 1 Jan'44 report of 99th CB - Distribution of personnel: 11 off. and 213 men at

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- Oahu, T.H. 6 off. and 178 men at Waiawa Gulch project, 3 off. and 115 men at Ewa, 2 off. and 49 men at John Rodgers Airport, 6 off. and 253 men at Kauai, 2 off. and 149 men at Hilo, 99men and 2 off. left for Johnston Is. on 29 Dec'43.
- 3- 8-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Ewa, Hilo, Honolulu, Moanalua, Kauai, Johnston, and Waiawa Gulch.
 - 4-20-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Ewa Is. of Kauai, Johnston Is. and French Frigate.
 - 5-12-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Johnston Is., Kauai Is., French Frigate Is.
 - 5-29-44 - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A detachment of the 99th CB is scheduled to relieve a detachment of 10th CB at Canton Is. sometime during Apr'44. (3rd Reg. Mar'44 rep.)
 - 6-27-44 - 1 May'44 report of 99th CB- operating at Waiawa Gulch, Johnston Is., Kauai Is., French Frigate Is.
 - 7- 6-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Johnston Is., French Frigate Is., and Kauai.
 - 8-11-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Kauai, Johnston Is., and French Frigate Shoals.
 - 8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Kauai Is., Johnston Is., French Frigate Is.
 - 10-7-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 99th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Kauai Is., Johnston Is., French Frigate Is. Under 3rd Regiment
 - 11-2-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 99th CB - operating on the following islands: Oahu, Kauai, Johnston. Completed assignment on Fr. Frigate Is. Estimated date of completion of present assignment is 1 Dec'44. Report endorsed by 32nd Reg.

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- 11-15-44 - The 99th CB is assigned to the 32nd Reg. (Comservforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/apk over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-16-44 - The 99th CB is located at Pearl Hbr., Nawiliwili, Kauai, Johnston Is., Canton Is. and French Frigates Is. (Coml4 Sec. disp to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
- 12-13-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 99th CB - Report endorsed by 32nd Reg. and HANCB.
- 1-16-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 32nd Regiment - A detachment of 2 officers and 85 men are on Kauai Is.; detachment of 1 officer and 43 men on Johnston Is. These detachments to return to Oahu on or about 15 Dec'44.
- 1-17-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 99th CB - Location not stated. Report endorsed by the 32nd Reg., 7th Brg., and H.A.B.
- 2- 2-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 99th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 32nd Reg.
- 3- 6-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 32nd Reg. - Two detachments consisting of 127 men have ret'd to the 99th CB from outlying islands. This leaves one detachment of 26 men which has not ret'd to the unit.
- 2-13-45 -- 7th Brg. Sec. ltr Ser. 0018 dtd 25 Jan'45 to OinC 99th CB - ordered to proceed on ships to a verbally designated place in the Pacific area. Upon arrival to report to the 32nd Reg. for duty.
- 2-13-45 -- The 99th CB is available from Pearl for assignment to Samar. (CNO Sec. ltr to distribution list Ser. 0039230 dtd 3 Feb'45).
- 2-13-45 -- Comserv7flt desires to lift the 99th CB from Pearl in Feb or early Mar'45. (Comserv 7flt Sec. disp 061001 to Com7flt dtd 8 Feb'45).
- 2-17-45 -- The 99th CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 081016 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 32nd Reg. - All detached units of the 99th CB have been ret'd to hdqtrs.
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 99th CB - located with HANCB and 32nd Reg.

Location - ~~P.H.~~ Samar99th C.B.

- 3-20-45 - The 42nd and 99th CBs are to be lifted ETD 20 Mar'45 from Pearl to Samar. (Cincpoa P. Sec Disp to CNO 180241 Mar'45)
- 4- 9-45 - Personnel and equip of 99th CB ETD 29 Mar'45. (Cincpoa PearlSec Disp to CNO 310153 Mar'45)
- 4-25-45 - 99th CB included in list of units deleted from 14ND. (Coml4 Sec Airmailgram NCR 13634 to CNO dtd 10 Apr'45)
- 4-30-45 - Comservfor7flt Sec Report of 1 Apr'45 shows the 99th CB ordered from P.H. to Leyte-Samar area.
- 4-30-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 99th CB - 99th CB secured for month of Mar'45 & in transit. All constructn projects assigned to this activity have been transferrd to HANCB as of 1 Feb'45. Report routed via 32nd Reg & 7th Brig.
20 Mar'45 - Echelon #1 left Oahu with 14 officers & 764 men.
28th Mar'45 - Echelon #2 left Oahu with 5 officers & 185 men.
- 5- 1-45 - Dirpadocks P Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows the 99th CB located at Samar.
- 5- 8-45 - The 99th CB is located at Samar. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 99th CB - Arrived at Samar as follows:
9 Apr'45 - 5 off. who traveled with 7th Brg arrived approx this date.
11 Apr'45 - Ech #1 arrived with 14 off. and 761 men.
13 Apr'45 - 2 off. and 3 CPOs who traveled with cargo ship arrived.
19 Apr'45 - Ech #2 (final ech) arrived with 3 off. and 185 men.
Report routed via the 32nd Reg. and 7th Brg.
- 5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 32nd Reg - As of 1 Mar'45 the 32nd Reg was comprised of 42nd, 83rd & 99th CB.
- 5-21-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 99th CB - Batt secured for month of Feb'45. All const projects transferred to HANCB as of 1 Feb'45.

Location - Samar- Leyte

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- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 99th CB - located at Leyte-Samar. Report via the 32nd Reg and 7th Brg.
- 7-27-45 - The 99th CB is attached to the 32nd Reg and 7th Brg. Located at Guiuan, Samar, erecting camp site. Assisting on construction of 2,000-bed hospital at Mercedes, water lines and pump station. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
- 8-13-45 - The 99th CB is in the 32nd Reg and 7th Brg. (Com7flt conf report on CB organization in Leyte-Samar area ser 04296 dtd 26 July to CNO)
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 99th CB - located at Leyte-Samar. Report via the 32nd Reg and 7th Brg.
- 9-19-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 99th CB - located at Samar area. Report via 32nd Reg & 7th Brig.
- 10-18-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 99th CB - location not stated. Report via 32nd Reg. & 7th Brig.
- 10-30-45 - OinCC, Samar requests authority to inactivate the 99th CB. (OinCC, Samar spdltr ser P60-45 dtd 13 Oct'45 to CCT, Philseafon).
- 11-14-45 - All pers. of 99th CB have been transferred on 19 Oct'45 to 100th CB. (OinC, 99th CB ltr dtd 1 Nov'45 to Direastpacdocks).
- 1-4-46 - 99th CB reported inactivated since 20 Dec'45. (Comservpac, Pearl disp 022103 Jan46 to BuPers).

INACTIVATED

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun '44	28	1032	Recap.
1 Aug '44	29	1026	MoR
1 Sep '44	28	1061	MoR
1 Oct '44	27	1010	MoR
1 Nov '44	30	957	MoR
1 Dec '44	29	941	MoR
1 Jan '45	26	896	MoR
1 Feb '45	26	1016	MoR
1 Apr '45		952	MoR
1 May '45		945	BNP625
1 Jun '45	32	931	BNP625 & R
1 Jul '45	31	901	BNP625 & R
1 Aug '45	31	849	BNP625 & R
1 Sept '45		772	BNP625
1 Oct '45	23	333	BNP625 & R
1 Nov '45	15		R

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
2/15	-	-	Comsec 061947 Feb.	Shpp. provided to move personnel and housekeeping gear. Cargo ready Fray 10 Feb.
4/21	-	-	Com 14 sec disp. 14 April hcr 13634	deleted Fray.
5/22	-	0550-2400	Comsec with jet sec. act disp 100031 May	added.

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6/3/44	-	Pearl Harbor (Oahu, Maui, Johnston, Canton, French Frigate Shoals.	-	Left U.S. Nov. 1943.
7/19	-	Oahu	C. B. report 1 July	
7/22	-	FRAY-P.H. ALTO (Hawaii) GIFT (Johnston) MILD (Canton) DohE (French Frigate Shoals)	Com 14 sec act disp. 060609 July. Com 14 sec act disp. 062343 Nov.	
11/13	-	-	-	-
1/18	-	-	-	-
2/8	-	-	Comsec with jet sec. disp. 061001 Feb.	decided shipment be lifted from Oahu in Feb 6 early march consistent with ability of Comsec to provide Shpp.

99TH BATTALION

Activated June 24, 1943 at Camp Peary, the 99th NCB shifted from Davisville to Camp Parks to Hueneme to San Francisco before sailing for overseas duty Nov. 8. Arriving at Oahu Nov. 12, the Battalion set up camp at Waiawa Gulch. Detachments were sent to Kauai and Hilo in November, and to Johnston Island and French Frigate Shoals in January 1944. Other groups went to Canton Island. The 99th furnished one officer and 19 men for the Angaur invasion Sept. 17, 1944 in the Palau Islands, with another group of one officer and 26 men reaching Anguar Sept. 24. The Battalion moved from Waiawa Gulch to Aiea to Moanalua Ridge. In March and April 1945, the 99th transferred to Samar in the Philippines, where it was at the end of the war.

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Chronology

24 Jun 1943 99th Naval Construction Battalion formed at Camp Peary and entrained for Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I.

25 Jun 1943 Arrived at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I.

07 Aug 1943 Departed from Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I.

12 Aug 1943 Arrived at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.

02 Sep 1943 Departed from Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.

03 Sep 1943 Arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme, California.

05 Nov 1943 Departed from ABD Port Hueneme for embarkation point.

06 Nov 1943 Arrived in San Francisco and boarded ship.

08 Nov 1943 Departed continental United States.

12 Nov 1943 Arrived at island of Oahu, T.H. Set up camp at Waiawa Gulch.

13 Nov 1943 Detachment No. 1, consisting of 4 officers and approximately 216 men, left for Island of Kauai. The number of men on this detachment fluctuated from time to time. The entire detachment was returned to Oahu in December 1944.

27 Nov 1943 Detachment No. 2, consisting of 2 officers and approximately 216 men, left for Island of Kauai. The number of men on this detachment fluctuated from time to time. The entire detachment was returned to Oahu in December 1944.

27 Nov 1943 Detachment No. 2, consisting of 2 officers and approximately 149 men left for Hilo, Hawaii. The entire detachment was returned to Oahu 3-31-44.

Jan 1944 Two officers and approximately 85 men left for Johnston Island.

May 1944 One officer and 58 men left for Johnston Island to relieve first group. The number of men on this detachment fluctuated from time to time.

Dec 1944 All men on Johnston Island detachment had been returned to Oahu.

29 Jan 1944 Detachment No. 4, consisting of 1 officer and approximately 21 men, left for French Frigate Island. The number of men on this detachment fluctuated from time to time.

02 Oct 1944 All men of Detachment No. 4 were returned to Oahu.

25 Mar 1944 Detachment No. 5, consisting of 2 officers and 71 men, left for Canton Island.

22 Apr 1944 Forty (40) additional men left for Canton Island.

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May 1944 The battalion moved Waiawa Gulch to Aiea.

23 Jul 1944	Detachment No. 6, consisting of 1 officer and 19 men are temporarily detached to form a part of a Pontoon Outfit. Landed on Angaur Island on 17 Sept 1944 and departed for return to battalion on 17 Oct 1944
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c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

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Comdr. CEC-V/S. USNR
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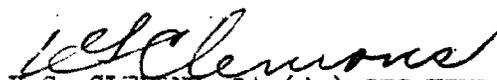
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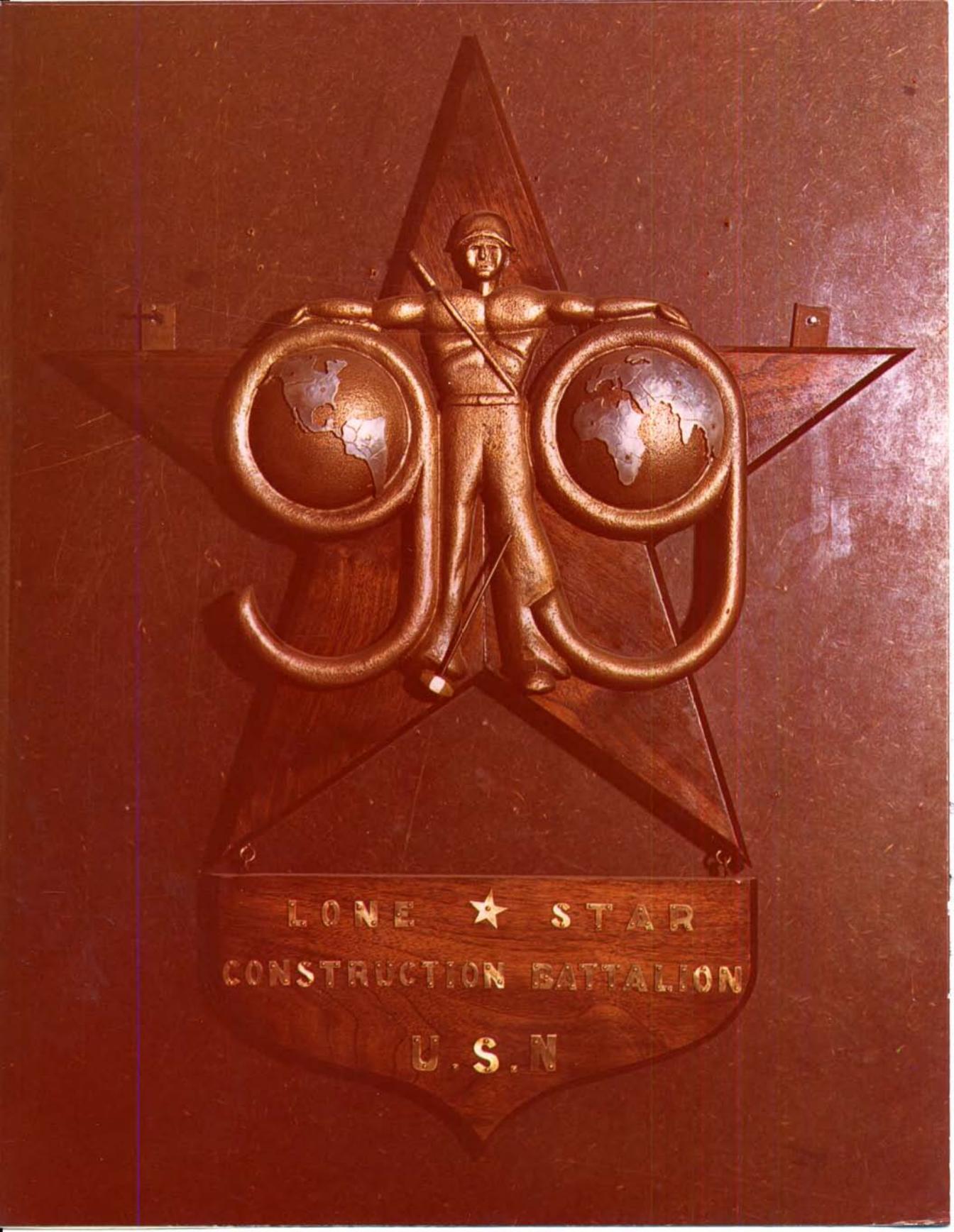
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