

113th Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



113th C.B.

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 5 Jan'44
Left ABD - 21 Feb'44
Location - Milne-Bay Finschafen Hollandia Mindoro

LOG

- 7-31-43 - Budocks requests transfer of the 113th CB from Peary to Devisville on 5 Aug'43. (Budocks ltr to CNO dtd 31 Jul'43)
- 9- 7-43 - VCNO will transfer the 113th CB to ABD Gulfport on 14 Sep'43 FFT Huaneme. (TWX071802 9-43 to Gulfport)
- 12- 6-43 - 113th CB arrived Hueneme 5 Dec'43 from Gulfport. (Rest. Disp. 061730 NCR 324-1 to Budocks)
- 2-25-44 - 113th CB left for EDUR 21 Feb'44. (AES)
- 5-29-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 113th CB - operating in Finschafen area. Has been located in the following places:
 - Peary - - - 25 Jun'43 to 5 Aug'43.
 - Endicott - - 6 Aug'43 to 14 Sep'43.
 - Gulfport - - 17 Sep'43 to 2 Dec'43.
 - Hueneme - - 5 Dec'43 to 21 Feb'44.
- 6-28-44 - 113th CB is located at Hollandia as of 31 May'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Ser. BP-001407 to Dirpadocks dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 7-14-44 - 1 May'44 report of 113th CB - all operations secured at Finschafen on 15 Apr'44. Batt is in travel status to Hollandia.

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- 7-18-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 113th CB - Left Finschafen 6 May'44 and arrived at Hollandia on 9 May'44.
- 8-15-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 113th CB - operating at Hollandia.
- 9- 6-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 24th Reg. - A detachment of 2 off. and 50 men has been formed, known as the 113th CB PT Detachment. On 25 Jul'44, this detachment reported to Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons for duty in connection with construction of PT Bases in advanced areas.
- 9- 7-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 113th CB - operating at Hollandia. The PT detachment of the 113th CB arrived Mios Woendi 8 Jun'44 where they completed the base construction job there by 31 Jun'44.
- 10-24-44 - 113th CB is operating at Hollandia. A detachment of 2 officers and 55 men are assigned to Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron for construction of Advanced PT bases. (Comservfor7flt monthly report for Aug'44 to Budocks Ser. BPO01818 Sec. dtd 13 Sep'44)
- 11-3-44 - 113th CB is in the 24th Reg. and is located at Hollandia. A detachment of 2 off. and 45 men are assigned to Commander MTB Squadron for construction of Advance PT Bases. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-16-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 113th CB - located at Hollandia. The PT detachment of the 113th, comprised of 2 officers and 50 men, left on 25 Jul'44 and arrived at Amsterdam Island where it completed the construction of a PT Advance Base #3. The detachment left returned to Hollandia on 28 Aug'44. Report endorsed by the 24th Regiment.
- 11-29-44 - 113th CB located at Hollandia. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)

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- 12-4-44 - OinC 113th CB Sec. ltr 251625 over P16-3/00 over RSS:ga to Lt. H. C. Phillips dtd 15 Nov'44 - ordered to take charge of the 113th CB NABU #5 Detachment to proceed and report to NABU #8 for temp. additional duty - to be detached on or about 15 Nov'44).
- 12-28-44 - The 113th CB located at Hollandia. 2 officers and 55 men are assigned to Advance PT Bases. 3 offs and 100 men of the batt are alerted for early forward movement. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).
- 1-1-45 - 1 Oct'44 report of 113th CB - located at Hollandia. Report endorsed by 24th Reg. On 12 Sep'44, the 113th CB PT Detachment loaded on LST and departed to undertake construction of PT Advance Base #4 in the vicinity of Morotai Island.
- 1-11-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 113th CB - located at Hollandia. Report endorsed by 24th Regiment. The 113th CB PT Detachment was on detached duty from 12 Sep to 5 Oct'44 constructing a PT Advance Base #4 in the vicinity of Morotai Island. On 22 Oct the PT Detachment left to undertake construction of PT Advance Base #5 in the Philippine area.
- 1-13-45 - 113th CB at Hollandia; Detachment of 2 officers and 55 men are with PT Bases at Morotai. 3 officers and 100 men of this batt have been detached and $\frac{1}{2}$ of this detachment left with NABU 5 for forward area. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-27-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 113th CB - Located at Hollandia. Report endorsed by the 24th Reg. Construction of PT Advance Base #5 on Samar Is. was completed by the 113th CB PT Detachment in the period between 31 Oct and 23 Nov'44. On 17 Nov, the 113th CB NABU #5 Detachment, consisting of 4 off. and 105 men, left for the construction of NABU #5.

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- 2-14-45 - The 113th CB is at Hollandia - a detachment of 2 officers and 55 men are assigned to ComMTEBrons for construction of PT bases. This detachment completed a PT Base on Samar 23 Nov'44. 4 officers and 100 men left with NABU #5 but was unable to arrive due to enemy action at Mindoro Is. A detachment of 4 officers and 150 men were assigned to NABU 7 to replace this group. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
- 3-29-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 113th CB - located at Hollandia. Report end. by 24th Reg. Det. "C", 150 men, left the base on 26 Dec., making a total of 310 men on det. duty.
- 3-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 24th Reg. - 113th CB PT Det. "A", consisting of 55 men and 1 off., moved from Leyte to Mindoro Is. and arrived there on D-Day, 15 Dec'44. NABU #5 Det., now known as Det. "B", consisting of 105 men and 4 off. left Leyte on 12 Dec., arriving off Mindoro Is. on 15 Dec. LST was sunk and surviving members of this det. arrived back at base on 23 Dec'44. Det. "C", consisting of 150 men and 4 off., left base on 26 Dec for a dest. in the Philippine theatre. 1 off. and 33 men det. on tempdu with 302nd CB on 5 Dec'44.
- 3-31-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 24th Reg. - Dets. of 113th CB on det. duty:
 Det. A, 1 off. and 55 men, with PT Base 6
 Det. B, 4 off. and 100 men, on Survivors Leave
 Det. C, 4 off. and 150 men, at NABU-7
 Det. D, 4 off. and 250 men, at NABU-7--Total of 13 off. and 555 men on det. duty.
- 3-31-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 113th CB - Det. C arrived Mindoro on 13 Jan. Det. D left Hollandia on 24 Jan for Mindoro. 75 men from the 60th CB to be trf'd to this Batt. Report end. by 24th Reg.
- 4-10-45 - The 113th CB is located at Mindoro (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominoh 250756 Mar'45).

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- 4-25-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 113th CB -
Det A - End by Comserv7flt states that Det A has been assigned to Comdr Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron for const of adv PT bases.
Det B - Nothing reported.
Det C - 4 off. and 150 men disembarked on Mindoro on 12 Jan'45.
Det D - Left Hollandia 24 Jan'45 and arrived San Jose on 7 Feb'45.
Det E - 1 off. and 35 men have been secured; are awaiting transp, being attached temp to NABU 8.

74 replacements were rec'd in Feb. 12 men on the Dredge D YORK SYME shortly to be detached.

- 5- 1-45 - Comserv7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows 1/2 of 113th CB at Mindoro, balance en-route to Mindoro. PT Detach of 2 off. and 50 men at Zamboanga.
5- 8-45 - The 113th CB is located at Mindoro with NABU #7. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
5-10-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 113th CB - Section remaining at Hollandia was secured on 25 Mar'45 awaiting transportation. A draft of 30 men was recvd from Rec.Bks as replacements. Sectn 1 and Det. A located at Mindoro. Det. "A" completed work on 7 Feb'45. Orders for movement of Det. "E" cancelled & Det. returned to 113th CB at Hollandia. Dets C and D at Mindoro.
5-21-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 24th Reg - 113th CB has been detached from the 24th Reg & is remaining at Hollandia to complete work previously assigned to 102nd CB.
5-25-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 113th CB - located at Mindoro. Sec II of this activity, consisting of 16 off. and 432 men, left Hollandia on 2 Apr'45 and arrived at Sec Base San Jose, Mindoro on 11 Apr'45, joining Sec I of the batt. All personnel of this activity, with the exception of Det. A, are now located at the latter

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- 5-25-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 113th CB (Cont.) - station. Det. A, consisting of 1 off. and 53 men, assigned to Comdr Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons, for const of adv PT bases, landed on Caldera Point, Mindanao, P.I. on 14 Mar'45. On 17 Mar'45 this detachment moved to Malamiaui Is. nearby where PT base was built. Const of this base was completed on 18 Apr'45.
6-28-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 113th CB - located at Mindoro. 113th CB Detachment "A" consisting of 2 off. and 53 men, assigned to Comdr Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons for constr of Advanced PT Bases, left Malamiaui Is. 26 Apr'45 and arrived at Samar 30 Apr'45. This detachment has remained at PT Base No 17 during May for rest and re-outfitting for their next assignment. Men serving in assignments to the Hollandia Lbr Prod Sec and to the D York Syme Dredge Detachment.
7-20-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 113th CB - located at Mindoro. Detachment of 1 off. and 21 men departed from this base 19 June for Talampulan Is. for road constr. Det "A" assigned to Comdr Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons is understood to have left Samar for the constr of an Advanced PT Base in the Borneo area.
7-27-45 - The 113th CB is located at Mindoro, constructing the Naval Base, PT Base and Acorn 19, NSD facilities. A detachment of 2 off. and 55 men are at Zamboanga assigned to ComMTBrons for constr of adv PT Base. Batt attached to 3rd Brg. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
8-17-45 - Upon arrival transp 113th CB secured all assigned projects. Proceed via transp furnished to Manila and report to CinC 3rd Reg for oper duty. Adm remains with the 51st Reg. (Comserv7flt sec dis: 120807 Aug to CNSB Mindoro)
8-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 3rd Brig states that the 113th C^b is located at Mindoro and should complete all work projects by 15 Aug'45. The 113th CB is attached to the 51st Reg and 3rd Brig.

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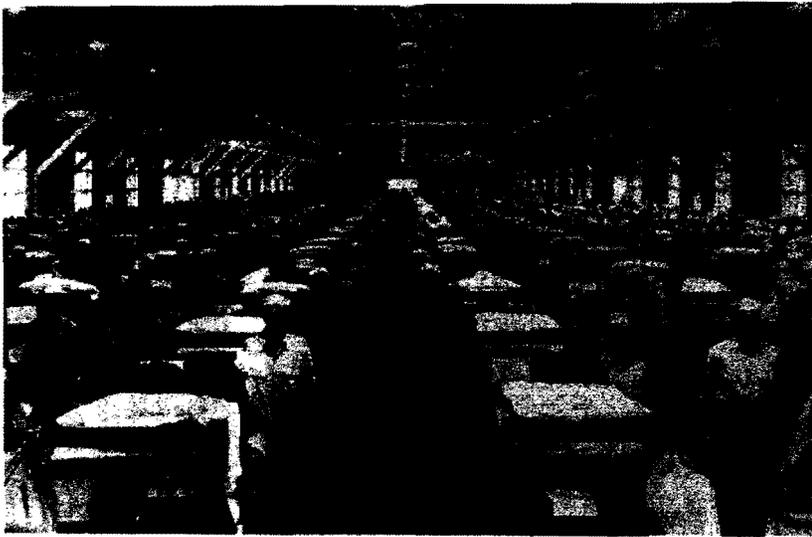
- 8-21-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 113th CB - located at Mindoro as of 1 Aug. Exact whereabouts of Det A assigned to Comdr Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons 7 Flt not known. Report via the 51st Reg and 3rd Brg.
- 8-23-45 - When directed by CCT, 7thflt 113th CB detached 51st Reg proceed via transportation furnished by Comserv7thflt to Manila report to CinC, 3rd Reg for duty. (Comservfor7thflt conf spdltr dtd 10 Aug '45 ser 01972 to CCT, 7thflt).
- 9-18-45 - 51st Reg established 6 July'45. Includes following CB units:-54, 84, 113, 116 CBs CEMUs 546, 565, 609. Under 3rd Brig. (CCT, PhilSeaFron conf spdltr ser 01974 dtd 5 Sept'45 to Cominch & others).
- 9-26-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 113th CB - no info as to location. Report via 51st CB & 3rd Brig. Batt. moved to Manila, with 6 officers & 145 men, rest of batt. to be moved in coming month.
- 10-25-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 113th CB - location not stated. Report via 51st Reg. & 3rd Brg. 196 men transferred for discharges under the point system. 6 off. & 251 men located in Manila. Det. "A" with 2 off. & 51 men is now at Samar. Det. "A" left Samar 6 June'45 & arrived Balikpapan 4 July'45. Det. "A" then departed Balikpapan 24 Sept'45 & arrived Samar 1 Oct'45. 14 off. & 387 men are located at Mindoro.
- 12-7-45 - Comservpac reqs Comphilseafon to inactivate 113th CB. (Comservpac restr disp 060115 Dec'45 to Comphilseafon).
- 12-17-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 3rd Brig. states that the 113th CB will have been inactivated by 7 Dec'45.

INACTIVATED

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	REMARKS
6/3/44	Milne Bay Pinechafen		Left d. 3 July 1944
7/19	Ballandice TRIM	C. B. report 1 July	
11/25	Trim	Comsec w/ de jet Sec act disp. Nov. 150133.	
3/29	Mindoro Nav Sec Base	Comsec w/ de jet Sec. 265558 Mar.	* present location to assignment.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEM</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	31	1053	MoR
1 Aug'44	34	1053	MoR
1 Sep'44	33	1034	MoR
30 Sep'44		1031	Recap
1 Oct'44	31	1031	MoR
1 Nov'44	31	1034	MoR
1 Dec'44	31	1015	MoR
31 Dec'44		893	Recap.
1 Jan'45	28	893	MoR
1 Feb'45	30	903	MoR
1 Mar'45	31	973	MoR
1 Apr'45	29	986	MoR
1 May'45	32	984	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jun'45	31	981	BNP625
1 Jul'45	29	957	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	30	937	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	27	903	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45		688	BNP625
1 Nov'45		458	BNP625



Days We Will Never Forget

AFTER the United States found itself at war, every man in America began to think "How is this going to affect me and my family, and how am I going to meet the situation?" Some were men with grown children, some with young children, men with wives, some were bachelors and some were students. Regardless of our status in life we were being drawn into that large "whirl-pool," the Training Center.

"Boots!" was a word that the majority of us had never heard before except as something to wear. We were going to wear that word all right, but never in our wildest dreams could we picture what we were getting into. All trains, it seemed, led to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. The minute we stepped off the train we recognized that we had entered a new life.

"Fall in and answer when your name is called."

"Get into those waiting trucks—10 men to a truck. I said 10 men! Can't you understand English? Where you from, Mate, are you deaf?"

Being Americans and used to living our own lives, our first impulse was to punch that "wise guy" in the nose—but, no—we'd better wait a while—we're in the Navy now.

"Say, that truck driver must be trying to kill us all! What's the idea? The war will last a while longer."

Finally through the gates and we see our new home. We land in Detention Area, are assigned quarters and look around at all the strange faces. Friendships are made that extended way out to the Pacific islands.

More physicals are given us—well, they may as well look us over—everyone else has. Through the clothes issuing rooms where we pick up more gear than we thought possible. Then they cut off our hair—this time we are sore enough to fight, but something holds our tempers and soon we are all laughing about it.

More trucks and into the training areas we go. Another phase of our new life—we were officially the lowest form of animal life—"Boots!" There we meet the arch-fiend of creation—the Chief Petty Officer! We are in platoons and feel that we have been delivered to him for the one purpose of being tortured. We are confused, tangled up in our gear, unhappy, and uncertain about the property rights to our own souls.

Calisthenics, military drill, roll clothes, try to stay awake through lectures during the hottest part of the day. It's a strange thing but we are living through it—in fact, getting fat on it. The chiefs and officers actually are beginning to look like human beings—well, almost human! Strange words are beginning to have a meaning and we are even beginning to look Navy and talk Navy. "Our platoon is the best platoon in the area and I can lick any so-and-so who says differently."

Our dress blues are beginning to come back from the fitters and we self-consciously try them on. "They'll never be able to get me out in public with one of these suits on. They look like the 'long woolies' put on backwards!"

After four weeks of incessant training we are lined up on the Area Street. The officers hold long lists in their hands and each platoon chief has his copy. The "scuttlebutt" has it that we are to be assigned to battalions, special battalions and station force. The day we have been training for has arrived. As soon as our name is called with the number of the battalion we cease to be that most despised of God's creatures and become sailors in Uncle Sam's Navy. The roll call goes on and on—"John Doe, S2c, report to the 113th Naval Construction Battalion, quartered at B-6 Drill Hall."

That is another story in itself, Mate. It will be easier to show you than tell about it . . .



LOG OF THE 113TH N. C. B.

5 August 1943—The long-awaited day of breaking boot . . . into Camp Peary's B-6 Drill Hall poured the crew, assembled from various detention barracks; a green, bewildered bunch of workers, shortly roused from their thoughts with a booming "Hallo, men." It was Commander Nowell announcing to all hands that we were a Battalion, that he was our Skipper, and that we were to be "the best outfit afloat or ashore."

Advanced training at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island . . . new words thrown at us, new techniques, new responsibilities . . . our first liberty . . . construction classes with emphasis on "the Navy way" judo and bayonet practice . . . dry firing hour upon hour . . . then real target practice at Sun Valley with the inevitable "Maggie's Drawers" to hold down that perfect score.

13 September 1943—The Day of Days . . . proudly we stood at attention in full military dress as the United States Navy commissioned us the 113th United States Naval Construction Battalion.

14 September 1943—Our first move as a Battalion . . . the full meaning of "scuttlebutt" planted itself firmly in our minds as the train pulled out of Rhode Island—all on the "ber of authority" the 113th was going to Quoddy, Maine; Camp Parks, California; Camp Rousseau, California; Camp Hollyday, Mississippi. One of them had to be right, and after hitting practically all points except Dulock and Dallas we landed in Mississippi . . . uniform of the day: "Wet Dress Blues"; the beginning of tradition that it always rained when the 113th made a move . . . more conditioning on obstacle courses . . . a three-mile hike to the swimming hole . . . a seven-mile maneuver to "root out the enemy" . . . and then those never-to-be-forgotten days—the 32 mile hike to the rifle range and return, with a side trip into the waist-deep swamp . . . at last construction on a small scale, camp facilities, boat repair work, swimming pools, fire-fighting, the bivouac area . . . then that something-new added to our experience: the 113th expedition to Cat Island, our first taste of what Island "X" might be like . . . and back on the mainland the first "all-Battalion" construction project yet undertaken, a 250-man Experimental Galley started at 1230 on the 4th of November.

2 December 1943—After a thorough indoctrination in Advanced Base Depot training the Battalion was ready for overseas staging . . . the cross-country trip to Camp Rousseau on the southern California coast . . . perimeter guard . . . special liberties . . . Hollywood and Los Angeles . . . further training and small construction jobs . . . down on the dock we viewed our equipment. It was OURS, those cats and shovels and trucks were soon to be working in everyone's mind as job men . . . cargo was loaded . . . the equipment ships took off . . .

21 February 1944—Finally that tense, hushed hour of 0200 . . . the train moved out under military security for port of embarkation . . . the last man was sandwiched aboard the "West Point", the 113th shoved off! . . . February 23rd, the one date to remain engraved in everyone's mind as job after job grew and was completed, and the date from which all time seemed to be reckoned.

28 February 1944—Crossed the Equator at 162 meridian.

16 March 1944—The beginning of a week of waiting . . . a week of living with the infantry pack in loaded for embarkation, then a delay of sailing orders . . . life overseas began at Finschhafen.

6 May 1944—Two Liberty Ships left Finschhafen with 113th men and equipment for the big job ahead: construction of Navy Base 3115 at a forward area.

9 May 1944—113th landed at Hollandia, New Guinea, the first Seabee battalion ashore, our first big job . . . ship unloading began, heavy equipment started clearing and cutting roads and storage space . . . enemy bombings nearby and an occasional sniper reported . . . work began in earnest, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

3 June 1944—Advance Base Detachment left Humboldt Bay for construction on Mios Woendi Island near Biak.

25 July 1944—113th PT Detachment of two officers and fifty men sailed for Sanapep.

12 September 1944—PT Detachment boarded LST for job on Soemsoeme Island off southern tip of Morotai Island.

22 October 1944—PT Detachment departed from Navy 3111 on two LSTs for advance base construction in Philippines.

17 November 1944—113th NABU #1 Detachment of four officers and 105 men loaded on an LST and shoved off for construction of advanced base on Mindoro.

15 December 1944—NABU #1 Detachment's LST was victim of Japanese suicide plane . . . five of our men killed or missing, five wounded.

26 December 1944—Detachment "C" sailed from Hollandia to take over construction job scheduled for the Detachment that was shot up by enemy action.

8 February 1945—113th Detachment "D" arrived on Mindoro Island in the Philippines to begin operations on Naval Base 3106.

2 April 1945—113th Battalion, "first in, last out" said farewell to Hollandia and New Guinea and sailed to join the two previous detachments on Mindoro . . . at last some flat country . . . natives who understood and spoke English . . . airfields and plane rides . . . and the threat of typhoons.

10 June 1945—113th Detachment "F" of one officer and 21 men departed from the Mindoro base for Talamponan Island to build a road the length of the island for Coast Guard activities.

29 June 1945—113th received new Officer-in-Charge, Comdr. E. H. Dunham. Comdr. Dunham, expert on airfield construction, directed completion of facilities at McGuinn Strip, correlated Battalion construction activities, established recreation schedules which saw personnel through final days of construction at Mindoro following Japanese surrender.

15 August 1945—Japan accepted the Potsdam surrender terms.

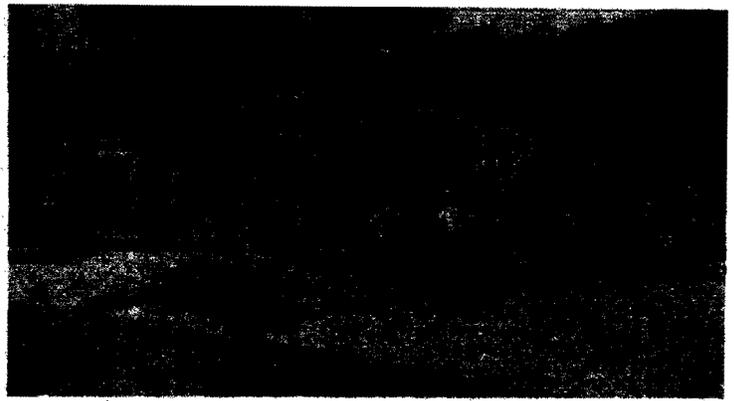
THAT long-awaited and almost mythical "Island X" finally became a reality as cargo ship and troop transport bearing 113th men and equipment tied up at Finschhafen, New Guinea.

Transport-weary construction men who had long been away from their equipment, and younger inexperienced Seabees were eager to begin their first overseas job.

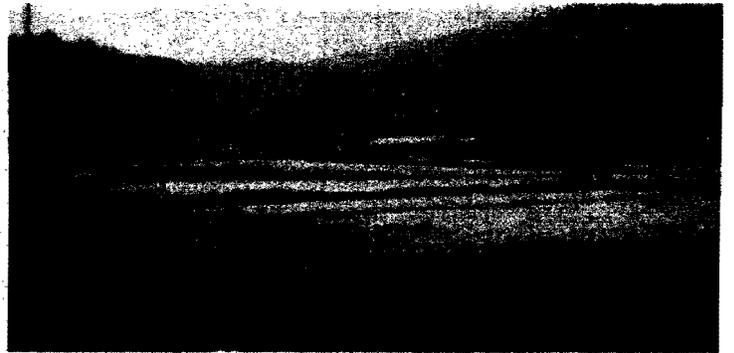
Temporary camps were established, trucks, cats, cranes, rolled off the ships; cargo was unloaded. Within 48 hours of landing the Battalion had taken over the communications set-up from the 78th and installed our own material. The Transportation Department had equipment rolling and Repair Shops at work almost as soon as the ships could be unloaded. Carpenters, plumbers, electricians and machinists began proving themselves Seabees. Thereafter followed a busy program in a staging area where we learned to do a job as a battalion, to function under tropical conditions for the bigger job at forward areas.

A new life was unfolding. The greenness of "Stateside sailors" was gradually being transformed into the "hardened overseas salt," the strange life under palm trees and jungle soon became routine. Hitch-hiking was better than Hollywood; hunting "cat eye" and "tiger eye" shells a popular pastime, beard-growing a novelty, and bartering with bushy-haired natives fed the souvenir appetite.

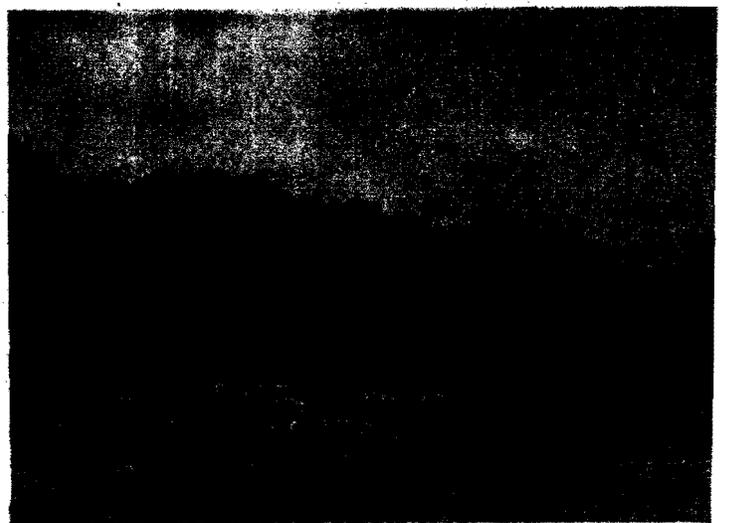
The jungle with its large and poisonous snakes was something new in our experiences. That first glimpse perhaps was different from expectations, pidgin English proved a new language to master for trading purposes. This was the South Seas; this was our "Island X," but we knew that there must be "greener pastures" on up the line: Hollywood and Dorothy Lamour had convinced us.



Assembling pontoon barges.

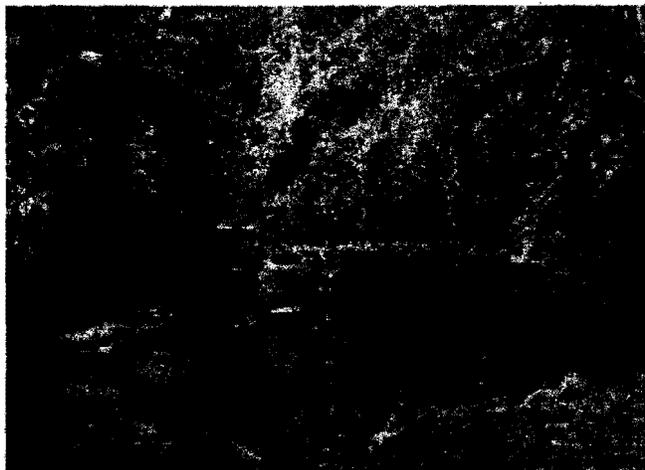


Warehouse and reefer building construction at Naval Supply Depot.

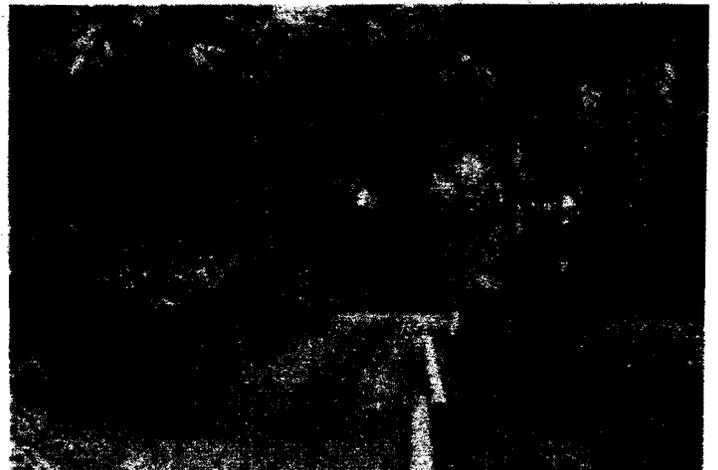


Bacchos digging trench for Base water supply pipe line.

Lt. S. M. Spalding, O-in-C of pipe line construction, examining source of water at Finschhafen.



Water pipe laid along proposed line after 'dozers cut road through



15 March 1945

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Battalion formed at NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

5 August 1943 Departed Camp Peary for NCTC, Davisville, R.I.

6 August 1943 Arrived NCTC, Davisville, R.I.

14 September 1943 Departed NCTC, Davisville, R.I.

17 September 1943 Arrived ABD, Gulfport, Miss.

2 December 1943 Departed ABD, Gulfport, Miss.

5 December 1943 Arrived ABD, Port Hueneme, Calif.

21 February 1944 Departed ABD, Port Hueneme, Calif.

22 February 1944 Departed Continental limits of United States, aboard U.S.S. WEST POINT.

16 March 1944 Arrived in Finschafen area.

6 May 1944 Departed Finschafen.

9 May 1944 Arrived Hollandia.

3 June 1944 113th CB PT Detachment (later renamed 113th CB Detachment "A") consisting of 2 officers and 54 men departed Hollandia.

5 June 1944 113th CB Detachment "A" landed on island near Biak. Turned out to be wrong island and detachment was landed at Mios Woendi on 8 June 1944 for construction of PT advanced base.

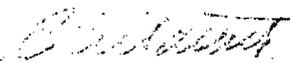
2 July 1944 Construction of PT Base completed. Detachment "A" departed for Hollandia.

5 July 1944 113th CB Detachment "A" arrived Hollandia.

25 July 1944 113th CB Detachment "A", consisting of 2 officers and 50 men, departed Hollandia.

1 August 1944 113th CB Detachment "A" arrived Amsterdam Island for construction of PT Advanced Base No. 3.

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 R. C. MATHER, Lt. Comdr., CEC(S) USNR

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23 December 1944 Survivors of 113th CB Detachment "B" arrived Hollandia and transferred to Receiving Barracks Navy 3115, for survivors' leave.

26 December 1944 113th CB Detachment "C", consisting of 4 officers and 150 men departed Hollandia.

12 January 1945 113th CB Detachment "C" arrived Mindoro for construction of MABU #7.

24 January 1945 113th CB Detachment "D", consisting of 4 officers and 250 men, departed Hollandia.

7 February 1945 113th CB Detachment "D" arrived Mindoro to assist in construction of Naval Base. Detachments "C" and "D" consolidated as 113th CB Section I under Comdr. J. C. Nowell, CEC-V(S) USNR as CinC.

9 May 1944 to present date 113th CB has been located in Hollandia, except for detachments noted above.

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7 Feb 1945 - 113th CB Detachment "D" arrived Mindoro to assist in construction of Naval Base. Detachments "C" and "D" consolidated as 113th CB Section 1 under Comdr. J. C. Nowell, CEC-V(S) USNR as OinC.

NOTE: The above itinerary has been checked and authenticated by the Officer-in-Charge of the 113th Construction Battalion.

5 April 1945

14 Mar 1945 - Detachment "A" assigned to Comdr. Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons landed Caldera Point, Mindanao, P.I.

1 Apr 1945 - Section 2 departed Hollandia for Mindoro.

11 Apr 1945 - Arrived San Jose, Mindoro, and joined Section 1 with exception of Detachment "A"

26 Apr 1945 - Detachment "A" left Malambau Island (near Mindanao) after constructing PT base and arrived Samar 30 April. Remained at PT Base 17 during May for rest and re-outfitting for their next assignment.

1 Jul 1945 - Detachment "A" understood to have left Samar for the construction of an Advanced PT Base in the Borneo area. Nothing further reported on this.

1 Aug 1945 - Report states 113th CB located at Mindoro and should have work projects completed 15 August 1945.

1 Sep 1945 - 6 officers and 145 men moved to Manila. Rest of battalion to be moved in coming month.

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