

126th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



126th C.B.

NCTC - Peary, Davisville
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 15 Nov'43
Left ABD - 23 Feb'44
Location - ~~Gropac-7 Engebi Pearl Harbor~~
Okinawa

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- 9- 2-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 126th CB to NCTC Davisville about 5 Sep'43. (Conf. Disp. 011453 NCR 8818 from VCNO to Peary dtd 2 Sep'43)
- 10- 6-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 126th CB to Parks about 15 Oct'43. (Conf. Disp. 061312 NCR 4824 from CNO to Davisville dtd 6 Oct'43)
- 12-27-43- 126th CB scheduled to depart for Hueneme 3 Jan'44. (27TWX1650-12-43 from Budocks to Parks)
- 2-25-44 - 126th CB left ABD 23 Feb'44. (HCE)
- 5- 9-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 126th CB - 3 officers and 124 men were on temp. duty with 110 CB at Eniwetok Is. from 9 Mar'44 to 24 Mar'44. 126th CB with 75% of complement arrived at destination 11 Mar'44.
- 5-29-44 - 1 May'44 report of 126th CB - operating at Gropac 7.
- 7- 7-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 126th CB - operating at Gropac 7.
- 7-27-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 126th CB - operating at Gropac 7.
- 8-19-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 126th CB - CBMU 594 is relieving the 126th CB at Gropac 7 (Engebi Is., Eniwetok). Operating at Parry Is., Japtan Is., and Hawthorne Is.
- 10- 3-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 126th CB - Work on Japtan Is. was taken over by Det. 1034 during the 2nd week in Aug. The 125-man detail on Parry Is. was taken gradually

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reduced to approximately 55 men after the arrival of CBMU 608 on that Island. From Aug. 12 until the end of the month work was underway moving batt hdqtrs. from Engebi Is. to Runit Is. On 12 Aug., 25 men and 1 off. left the unit for P.H. to make ready for this batt's arrival at that port.

- 10-18-44 - The 126th CB is no longer located at Engebi. (Com Marshalls-Gilbert Area Sec. Disp. 013036 NCR 17940 to CNO dtd 9 Oct'44).
- 10-18-44 - The 126th CB is now located at Pearl Harbor. (Com 14 Sec. Disp. 042028 NCR 17923 to CNO dtd 9 Oct'44)
- 11-15-44 -- The 126th CB is assigned to the 35th Reg. (Comserforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/apk ove Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-16-44 -- The 126th CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
- 11-29-44 -- HANCB conf. disp to Budocks 250007 dtd 25 Nov'44 - requests 700 replacements be ordered to the 126th CB as they are not available in this area.
- 11-30-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 126th CB - no info on location.
- 12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 35th Reg. - The 126th CB with a complement of approx 71% of the authorized strength has been recommended for decommissioning.
- 12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 126th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 35th Reg. and H.A.B.
- 1-17-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 126th CB - Location not stated. Report endorsed by the 35th Reg., 8th Brg., and H.A.B.
- 1-20-45 - The 126th CB is $\frac{1}{2}$ strength - to be increased to a full batt. (Comincpac&poa conf. ltr Ser. 0198 dtd 6 Jan'45 to CNO).

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- 1-26-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 35th Reg. - 10 men of the 126th CB on detached duty with the 10th Army Command at Schofield Barracks, Oahu; detachment of 11 men on temp. duty with the 116th CB at Barbers Pt., Oahu.
- 1-31-45 - 126th CB is with the 2nd Brg. (Com 14 Sec Disp to CNO 112205 dtd 18 Jan'45 - change in shipping designations at P.H.)
- 1-31-45 - Contemplate embarking CD 2610 (126th CB replacements) at New Orleans early in Feb'45. (CNO Sec Disp to ComWesSeaFron 241615 dtd 24 Jan'45)
- 2- 7-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 126th CB - located in Hawaiian area. Report endorsed by the 3rd Regiment.
- 2- 9-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 3rd Reg. - On 21 Dec'44, the 126th CB reported with approximately 325 men and 12 off. to the 3rd Reg. for duty. A draft of approx 700 men of various ratings is expected to arrive shortly to bring the 126th CB to authorized complement. The 27 men of the 126th CB who had been transferred in Nov to the 35th and 37th Regs. were ret'd to the batt.
- 2-13-45 -- 2nd Brg. Sec. ltr Ser. 090 dtd 27 Jan'45 to OinC 126th CB - ordered to proceed on ships to a verbally designated place in the Pacific Area. Upon arrival to report to the 2nd Brg. for duty.
- 2-13-45 -- The 126th 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 126th CB from Pearl in Feb'45. (Comserv7flt Sec. disp 061001 to Com7flt dtd 8 Feb'45).
- 2-13-45 -- 3rd Reg. Sec. 1st End (on 2nd Brg. Ser. 090) dtd 29 Jan'45 Ser. 4939 to OinC ~~126th~~^{129th} CB - upon arrival at destination to report to the 2nd Brg. for duty with the 3rd Regiment.

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- 2-17-45 - The 126th CB is located at Pearl H. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 081016 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 126th CB - located with the HANCB and 3rd Reg.
- 3-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 3rd Reg. - CD #2610 of approx 700 men ordered to the 126th CB had not reported as of 1 Feb.
- 4-11-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 126th CB - located at Oahu.
- 4- 30-45 - Comservfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows the 126th CB ordered from P.H. to Leyte-Samar area.
- 5- 8-45 - Dirpaddock's S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 126th CB located at Oahu, ordered to 7th Flt Leyte-Samar.
- 5-10-45 - Established complement of 126th CB revised to 33 off. and 1082 men. (Comservpac restr ltr Ser 148-1-61 dtd 3 Feb'45 to OinC 126th CB)
- 5-11-45 - The 126th CB hereby detached from the 2nd Brg. To report to Comdr Const Troops APO 331. (Comservpac sec spllter ser 002008 dtd 4 May'45 to OinCs 74th, 126th, and 141st CBs)
- 5-14-45 - 1 May'45 report of 126th CB - located at Oahu. 1 officer & 17 men left 5 Apr'45 for temp duty to 2nd Brig at Samar.
- 5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 3rd Reg. - 126th CB located at Oahu. As of 1 Mar'45 the 3rd Reg was comprised of the 64th, 126th & 129th CBs. On 23 Feb'45 CD 2610 consisting of 693 men reported to the 126th CB from Davisville. 5 officers were received from the 16th CB during Feb'45.
- 5-19-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 126th CB - located at Oahu. Report end by 3rd Reg & 2nd Brig.
- 6-6-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 3rd Reg. states that the 126th CB scheduled for movement but apparently had a change of orders & are probably still in the Hawaiian Area. Men, officers accompanying 126th CB eqpt from th U.S. to the 126th CBs originally proposed new station arrived in th Leyte area during Apr'45 & have been assigned temp duty
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- 6-6-45 - (Cont'd) with the 3rd Reg pending proceed orders. There are 21 men & 1 offer from the 126th CB enroute to Leyte Gulf area.
- 6-13-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 3rd Reg. - 6 off. and 21 men of the 126th CB departed old station 31 Mar, 5 & 7 Apr and arrived Leyte-Samar on 5 and 24 May'45. Batt was detached from the 3rd Reg. on 28 May'45.
- 7-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of 126th CB - Until the 20 May'45 the 126th CB was quartered at Moandua Seabee Camp on Oahu. On 20 May Battalion embarked for Okinawa. 18 men from the 126th CB arrived at Samar 25 May'45 to help in movement of 2nd Brigade eqpt & materials. 20 men transferred to other Battalions for duty. 38 men were transferred to the 2nd Brigade for duty. Battalion strength at time of movement to Okinawa was 28 officers and 1006 men.
- 7-23-45 - The 126th CB is assigned to the 10th Brg and 44th Reg effective 10 July. (CCT APO 331 sec report on assignment of CB units ser 897 dtd 10 July)
- 8- 1-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 126th CB - The main section of the Batt, comprising 18 off. and 918 men, arrived at Okinawa 24 June. 6 off. and 72 men accompanying batt's equip and supplies arrived Okinawa 25 June. 1 off. and 17 men originally sent to Samar with Batt gear arrived at Okinawa 26 June.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 126th CB - located at Okinawa. Entire batt is now located near village of Kin on the island.
- 9-11-45 - 1 Sep'45 report of the 126th CB - located at Okinawa. Batt was transfd from the 44th Reg and 10th Brg to the 46th Reg and 11th Brg on 1 Aug'45. Batt's camp and hdqtrs moved from Kin to the mouth of Tengan River, south of the Village of Agina 41 men transfd for rehab. Report via 46th Reg and 11th Brg.

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- 10-18-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 126th CB - located at Okinawa. Report via 46th Reg. & 11th Brg 134 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system.
- 11-1-45 - CNOB, Okinawa requests authority to inactivate 126th CB. (CNOB, Okinawa conf disp 261516 Oct'45 to Comservpac).
- 11-13-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 126th CB - located at Okinawa. Report via 46th Reg. & 10th Brg 78 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. 50 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under ALNAV 298-45. 266 men rec'd from the 24th CB. 109 replacements rec'd.
- 11-19-45 - Comservpac approves inactivation of 126th CB. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac ltr ser 5722 dtd 5 Nov'45 to CNOB, Okinawa).
- 1-30-46 - 126th CB is considered inactivated.(date not given). (CNCT, Okinawa ltr ser 707 dtd 31 Dec'45 to Comservpac).
- 3-5-46 - CNOB Okinawa spdltr ser 17-46 to Comservpac dtd 1-28-46 states final inactivation date of 126th CB is 19 Dec 45.

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ON BOARD

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>MEN</u> | <u>AUTHORITY</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 30 Jun'44 | 18 | 519 | Recap. |
| 1 Aug'44 | 18 | 501 | MoR |
| 1 Sep'44 | 13 | 410 | R & MoR |
| 1 Oct'44 | 13 | 405 | MoR |
| 1 Nov'44 | 13 | 389 | MoR |
| 1 Dec'44 | 13 | 332 | MoR |
| 1 Jan'45 | 13 | 325 | MoR |
| 1 Feb'45 | 13 | 323 | MoR |
| 1 Mar'45 | 13 | 188 | MoR |
| 1 Apr'45 | 23 | 1073 | MoR |
| 1 May'45 | 26 | 1076 | MoR |
| 1 Jul'45 | 27 | 1006 | BNP625 & R |
| 1 Aug'45 | 28 | 953 | BNP625 & R |
| 1 Sept'45 | | 947 | BNP625 |
| 1 Oct'45 | 21 | 932 | BNP625 & R |
| 1 Nov'45 | 23 | 980 | BNP625 & R |

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| 6/3/44 | Shogac 7 | - | - | Left U.S. Feb 1944. |
| | 010193 | 1/2 - Engeli | Re Doets C.B. report May 1'44. | |
| 8/4/44 | - | Engel 20. B.F.I. | Com Marshalls Sub Area see act disp. 250849 July. | |
| 10/11 | - | ✓ FRAY | Com 14 rec act disp 042028 act. | |
| 10/11 | - | " | Com Marshalls Delete B.F.I. see act disp. 012036 OX. | |
| 11/13 | - | ✓ FRAY (2nd Brig) | Com 14 sec act disp 062243 Nov. | 8th Brig |
| 1/14 | - | " | "-112205 Jan. | added - 2nd Brig delete - 2nd " |
| 2/7 | - | - | 061001 Feb. - | desired be lifted from Recd in Feb |
| 5/14 | - | - | Comberw Pac. sec. 061947 Feb. | Ready Fray 15 Mar. |
| 5/14 - cdr Burke note - being alerted to Bui | | | | |

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| 6/11 | - | - | Com 14 rec act disp. 102050 June | all Fray |

Aug report shows at Bui

126TH BATTALION

After being formed at Camp Peary, the 126th NCB was transferred to Davisville early in September, 1943. On October 15, the Battalion was sent to Camp Parks, then to Hueneme on Jan. 3, 1944. The outfit left Hueneme Feb. 23 and arrived at Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll on March 11. Detachments were sent to Japtan, Parry and Hawthorne Islands in the Marshalls group. On Oct. 1, the Battalion moved to Pearl Harbor and remained there until May 4, 1945, when it received orders to report to Commander, Construction Troops on Okinawa. When the war ended, the 126th was still on duty on Okinawa.

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ITINERARY OF 126TH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

- 5 Sep. 1943 - Formed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.
On or about this date transferred to NCTC,
Davisville, R.I.
- 15 Oct. 1943 - On or about this date transferred to Camp Parks.
- 3 Jan. 1944 - Transferred to Port Hueneme.
- 23 Feb. 1944 - Left ABD, Port Huenem, for overseas.
- 11 Mar. 1944 - Arrived Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll. Head-
quarters on Engebi Is. with detachments on Parry,
Japtan, and Hawthorne Is.
- 9 Aug. 1944 - On or about this date detachment on Japtan Is.
relieved by CB Detachment 1034.
- 1 Oct. 1944 - On or about this date battalion moved to Pearl
Harbor.
- 9 Oct. 1944 - CB 126 located Pearl Harbor.
- 23 Feb. 1945 - Casual Draft 2610 consisting of 693 men reported
to 126th CB from NCTC Davisville.
- 4 May. 1945 - 126th CB ordered to report to Commander Construction
Troops, APO 331.
- 20 May 1945 - Embarked for Okinawa
- 24 June 1945 - Arrived Okinawa

NOTE: The above itinerary is based upon information available in
the C. B. Operations and Personnel Section of the Bureau of
Naval Personnel.

30 May 1945



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AVAILABLE**









