

127th Naval Construction Battalion

Historical Information



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



127th C.B.

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Gulfport - Hueneme
Ready Date - 25 Feb'44
Left ABD - 1 May'44
Location - ~~Pearl Harbor - Puunene, Maui~~
Leyte-Samar LOG

- 10-13-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 127th CB about 17 Oct'43 to AED Gulfport. (Conf. Disp. 121910 NCR 5837 from CNO to Peary dtd 13 Oct'43)
5-19-44 - 127th CB left ABD 1 May'44. (WRK)
2-4-44 - 127th CB departed Gulfport for Hueneme 3 Feb'44. (O4TWX1405-02-44 from Budoocks to Hueneme)
6-20-44 - 127th CB reported to 48th CB for duty 11 May'44. (48th CB 6th end. dtd 11 May'44 on ABRB Hueneme orders NT4-59/P16-4 dtd 27 Apr'44 to CinC 127th CB)
7-7-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 127th CB - operating at Puunene, Maui.
8-9-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 127th CB - operating Marine Camp, Maui and Puunene, Maui.
8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 127th CB - operating Maui (Puunene).
10-18-44 - The 127th CB located at Pearl Harbor. (Com14 Sec. Disp. 042028 NCR 17923 to CNO dtd 9 Oct'44)
10-23-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 127th CB - operating at Maui, T.H. during Aug. Report endorsed by 7th Reg.
11-15-44 -- The 127th CB is assigned to the 34th Reg. (Comservforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CNV/adv over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
11-16-44 -- The 127th CB is located at Puunene, Maui. (Com 14 Sec. disp. to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).

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- 1-20-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 127th CB - operating at Puunene, Maui.
2-28-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 127th CB - operating at Puunene, Maui. Report endorsed by 34th Regiment.
1-11-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 127th CB - no info on location.
1-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 127th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by the 34th Regiment, 2nd Brg., and H.A.B.
2-13-45 -- 2nd Brg. Sec. ltr Ser. 086 dtd 27 Jan'45 to the CinC 127th 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.
2-14-45 -- The 127th CB is available from Pearl for assignment to Samar. (CNO Sec. ltr to distribution list Ser. 0039230 dtd 3 Feb'45).
2-14-45 -- Comserv7flt desires to lift the 129th CB from Pearl in Feb'45. (Comserv7flt Sec. disp 061001 to Com7flt dtd 8 Feb'45).
2-17-45 -- The 127th CB is located at Pearl Hbr & Puunene. (Com14 Sec. disp to CNO 061016 Feb'45).
2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 127th CB - located with HANCB and 34th Reg.
2-5-45 -- Dirpadoocks San Fran ordered to outfit the 127th CB (Cincpoa) with a waterfront allowance. (Comservpac Sec. disp to Dirpadoocks San Fran 020059 Mar'45).
4-11-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 127th CB - located at Puunene, Maui.
4-18-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 34th Reg. - The 127th CB is located at Puunene, Maui.
All outlying or detached details of the batts attached to the 34th Reg. have ret'd to their resp. batts preparatory for movement to forwd area within 2 weeks. All const will be secured on 7 Apr'45 to prepare for embarkation to Samar on or about 12 Apr'45.

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- Location - ~~Maui~~ Leyte-Samar
- 4-30-45 - Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows the 127th CB ordered from P.H. to Leyte-Samar area.
 - 5- 8-45 - The 127th CB is located at Maui, ordered to 7th Flt Leyte-Samar. (Dirpaddocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
 - 5-8-45 - 1 May'45 report of 127th CB - located at Maui. Routed via 34th Reg & 2nd Brig.
 - 5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 127th CB - location not given. Routed via 34th Reg & 2nd Brig.
 - 6-13-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 34th Reg. - About the middle of April all constr projects were terminated in order that the batts would be able to make final preparations for movement to Samar. The transport destined to carry the Reg staff and the 2 batts on Maui (127th and 142nd) arrived at ~~Maui~~ on 27 April. Plans were made for all personnel of the Reg and 2 batts to go aboard on 1 May. ~~The~~
 - 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 127th CB - located at Leyte-Samar. On 4 Apr'45 4 men and 1 off. departed as an adv ech on temp add duty with the 34th Reg from this Batt, and reported to the 2nd Brg at ~~Guisan~~, Samar on 17 May'45. On 1 May'45, 952 men and 25 off. departed and embarked from NAS Puunene, Maui, and on 25 May'45, 75% of the Batt disembarked from ship at Samar--208 men disembarked for assignment with the 96th CB, 191 men disembarked for assignment with the 91st CB, and 256 men disembarked to prepare temp camp for Batt hdqtrs. Report via 31st Reg and 2nd Brg.
 - 6-26-45 - The 127th CB has been reassigned to the 31st Reg of the 2nd Brg. (1 Jun'45 report of the 34th Reg)
 - 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 127th CB - located in Leyte-Samar area.
 Co "A" - Averaging 200 men, assigned to the 96th CB on Manicani.
 Co "B" - Averaging 200 men, assigned to the 91st CB on Manicani.
 Co "C" - Homonhon Det, about 100 men, engaged in constr of ~~hxxx~~ underwater sound detect system. Manicani Det, about 100 men, engaged in constr of batt

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- Location - Leyte-Samar
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of 127th CB (cont.) - of batt hdqtrs on Manicani--this detachment now assigned to the 32nd Reg.
 Co."D" - Embarked for Samar on 3 June. Averaging about 200 men. Continuing constr of camp begun by Co C late in May.
 Hdqtrs - After 15 June the bulk of the Co comprising about 100 men moved to the Batt hdqtrs camp on Manicani. The remainder of the Hdqtrs Co were divided among the 4 constr Cos during the latter half of the month. 3 camps are being operated by the Hdqtrs Co.
 - 7-25-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 31st Reg states that 1 1/2 Cos of the 127th CB is at Samar engaged in construction of an Ammo Storage Depot and are under operational control of the 32nd Reg.
 - 7-27-45 - The 127th CB is attached to the 31st Reg and 2nd Brg. Located at Guisan, Samar constructing ship repair shops. (OCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
 - 8-13-45 - The 127th CB is assigned to the Olympic Operation. (Com7flt conf report on CB organization in Leyte-Samar area ser 04296 dtd 26 July to CNO)
 - 8-20-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 127th CB - located in Leyte-Samar area. As of 1 Jul'45 the Batt was quartered in five camps as follows:
 Co "A" quartered and subsisted with the 96th CB, Manicani.
 Co "B" " " " " " " 91st CB " "
 Hdqtrs Co and 1/2 of Co "C" quartered in Batt Hdqtrs Camp, Manicani and subsisted by the 91st CB. Remainder of Co "C" quartered in construction camp, Homonhon.
 Co "D" quartered in Batt Co "D" Camp, Samar, self subsisted.
 The Homonhon Detachment of Co "C" ret'd to Batt Hdqtrs Camp, Manicani, on 23 and 24 Jul'45. The status of other units essentially remained unchanged throughout the month of July. Report via the 31st Reg and 2nd Brg.

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- 8-21-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 31st Reg - The 127th CB detail on the Homohoa Project retd to the main group on Manicani, and Co "D", presently on Samar, has been recalled and will return very soon. Before the end of next month the batt will be entirely re-united on Manicani.
- 9-13-45 - 127th CB scheduled for forward move. (Direastpaddock sec location report dtd 20 Aug'45).
- 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 127th CB. Report via 31st Reg & 2nd Brig. No info on location.
- 10-8-45 - Comservpac desires to order the following units to 41st Reg.-90, 127, 138 & 38th CBs, etc. Comservpac requests 41st Reg. recommendations as to which units shld be for administrative control. (Comservpac sec spdltr ser 003755 dtd 30 Sept'45 to 41st Reg.).
- 10-9-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 127th CB - located at Leyte-Samar. Report via 2nd Brig. 127th CB preparing for fwd move.(incls. just men not yet eligible for discharge).
- 10-15-45 - 127th CB ordered to proceed on the USS Sea Quail to a verbally designated location in Pacific area. (OinOC, Samar conf ltr ser 2654 dtd 24 Sept'45 to OinC, 127CB).
- 11-13-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 127th CB - location not stated. Report via 41st Reg.
- 11-26-45 - Comservpac requests Comfleactivity, Yokosuka, Japan to inactivate 127th CB. (Comservpac TWX 241958 Nov'45 to Comfleactivity, Yokosuka, Japan).
- 12-7-45 - 127th CB was inactivated on 26 Nov'45. (41st Reg. ltr ser 1108 dtd 26 Nov'45 to Comservpac).

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ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	30	1055	BNP625 & MoR
1 Aug'44	31	1048	MoR
1 Oct'44	32	1051	R & MoR
1 Sep'44	32	1055	MoR
30 Sep'44		1051	Recap
1 Nov'44	30	1039	MoR
1 Dec'44	29	1031	MoR
1 Jan'45	29	999	MoR
1 Feb'45	28	990	MoR
1 Apr'45	27	972	MoR
1 May'45	27	956	MoR
1 Jun'45	27	961	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	29	938	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45		907	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		919	BNP625

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/6/44	-	FRAY Main	Com 14 sec act disp. 021721 May.	Departed Hueneme May 1
9/18	-	JAFI (Guernsey, Maine)	Com 14 sec act disp. 043215 Aug.	
10/11	-	FRAY	Com 14 sec act disp. 042028 Oct.	
11/13	-	JAFI (Guernsey, Maine)	Com 14 sec act disp. 062343 Nov.	
2/15	-	FRAY (2nd Bridg.)	Com 14 sec act Act disp Feb 081016.	desired be listed from Beant in dis
2/15	-	-	Comberpac sec 061947 Feb.	Ready Fray 20 Feb.
6/11	-	-	Com 14 sec act disp 102050 June.	Relate Fray

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
8/14	-	Bureau reports	Acq show	0550-Not on
3/22	-	-	-	Comberpac sec request 212025 Aug advise earliest possible lifting date

127TH BATTALION

After training at Camp Peary and Gulfport, the 127th NCB left Hueneme May 1, 1944. It operated in the Hawaiian area, including the island of Maui, until May 1, 1945, when it left for the Philippines, arriving in the Leyte-Samar area May 25. After the war's end, the 127th moved on to Japan.

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- 17 Oct. 1943 Transferred from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia to ABD, Gulfport, Mississippi.
- 3 Feb. 1944 Left ABD, Gulfport for ABD, Hueneke.
- 1 May 1944 Left ABD, Hueneke for Pearl Harbor. Exact date of arrival unknown.
- 1 June 1944 Operating in Hawaiian area.
- 15 Apr. 1945 Located Maui, ordered to 7th Fleet, Leyte-Samar. 4 men and 1 officer departed 4 April 1945 on advance temporary additional duty and reported to the 2nd Naval Construction Brigade, Samar, 17 May 1945.
- 1 May 1945 522 men and 25 officers departed Maui.
- 25 May 1945 Arrived Leyte-Samar. Battalion operated on Samar and Manicani.
- 1 Aug. 1945 Located in Leyte-Samar area.

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NOTE: This itinerary based on records available in C. B. Operations and Personnel Section of Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Date: 20 September 1945.



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