18th Naval Construction Regiment

Historical Information

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"We Build, We Fight"

NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND

Dec'43 report (27th, 34th, 61 & 63rd CB's(18th Regiment) Location - ~~Tulagi & Guadalcanal~~ Noumea Emirau.
CBMU 515)

12-18-43 - Lt. Comdr. Burnum assigned as Exec from Advance Naval Base Force(Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 14 Dec'43).

12-20-43 - Comdr. Studdert assigned as OinC from 61st C.B.(Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 14 December 1943).

12-20-43 - 18th Reg. established in the Bevy-Fold area to include the 27th, 61st, and 63rd CBs - effective 11 December 1943.(CNO conf. ltr Op30K33-DM over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 0852230 to ComSoPac dated 14 December).

1-10-44 - Dirpacdiv Budocks Pearl Harbor conf. disp. 310131 Dec'43 to Budocks states that Comsopac prefers and reaffirms Studdert as OinC of 18th Regiment versus MacBean.

3-24-44 - Lt. Stickney assigned from CBMU 533(Comsopac ltr P16-4/00/(60) over Serial 3425p to subj. officer dated 5 Mar'44).

3-24-44 - Lt.(jg) J. H. Kroh assigned from 61st CB(61st CB monthly report for Jan'44).

3-24-44 - Ens. Cone assigned from Det. 1016(Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 21 Mar'44).

3-27-44 - Lt.Cmdr. Gillette assigned from 63rd CB(63rd CB change report of officers dated 29 Feb'44).

3-27-44 - Lt. Shisko, CEC, detached from 58th CB and assigned to 18 Reg.(58th CB monthly report for Feb'44).

4-5-44 - Lt.(jg) Haggett assigned from 61st CB(61st CB monthly report for Jan'44).

6-7-44 - **Lt.Potts assigned from 61st CB(61st CB report for 1 Mar'44).**

6-13-44 - INACTIVATED. (CNO Conf Dispatch to Comsopac 292011 May)

6-14-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 May'44 report - added Ens. Ortmeyer, SC. 18th Reg. consisted of 27th, 61st, 63rd, 77th and 88th CB's, at Emirau. (left Guadalcanal during Mar'44 - 34th CB report for Mar'44).

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7-10-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 Jun'44 report - Lt.(jg) Kroh, Ens. Cone and Lt. Potts not listed. Operating at Emirau. Landed at Emirau 25 Mar'44. Addec Ens. Doe,O-V.

7-17-44 - Lt Cdr Prescott assigned from 22nd Reg. (Comsopacs restricted AirMailGram 29Ø41Ø NCR 14336, 8 Jul 44 to CO NAB Espiritu Santo)

7-28-44 -- The 18th Reg. Hdqtrs. of 8 Off. and 21 men ordered to Noumea for duty with Comseronsopac. The 88th, 77th and 63rd CB to report to CNB Emirau for temp. duty awaiting transportation for a forward movement.(CNB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 28 Jul 1944 270032 NCR 2933).

8-5-44 -- By CNO Conf. Disp. to Comsopac 041927 NCR 7711 dtd 4 Aug'44 authority is granted to retain identity as the 18th Reg.

9-25-44 - 149 men enroute to 18th Reg. at Epic via Bevy. (Sec disp 23 Sep from CNB Emirau to Comseronsopac 222110 NCR 6665)

10-21-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 18th Reg. - Located at Noumea. OinC and 5 off. departed Emirau by air on 29 Jul'44 and arrived at New Caledonia on 31 Jul'44. 1 off. was placed in charge of the rear echelon and ordered to proceed with the enlisted personnel together with the equip. and gear. 18th Reg. during July consisted of the following batts: 27th, 61st, 63rd, 77th, 88th. All batts of the Reg. have been alerted for new assignments or are awaiting shipment.

10-28-44 --18th Reg. hereby dissolved in accordance with authority granted by CNO 292011 May'44. The 82nd and 87th CB's attached to the 18th Reg. is to report to the 17th Reg. for duty.(Comsopac Secret disp. 230036 NCR 246 dtd 23 Oct'44 to Comseronsopac and CNB Noumea).

10-30-44 --Comsopac disp. 230036 cancelled. The 18th Reg. is to remain attached to CNB Noumea pending further orders - consists of 9 off. and 23 men. The 82nd & 87th CB's are to remain assigned to the 17th Reg.(Comsopac Sec. disp to Cincpoa, Comseronsopac & CNB Noumea 250432 NCR 2451 Oct'44.

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11-4-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 18th Reg. - During August, consisted of the following batts: 19th, 36th, 40th; awaiting arrival of the 82nd and 87th CB's. 40th CB reported to the Reg. on 1 Aug; 19th CB reported to the Reg. on 10 Aug. and was detached for shipment to the U.S. on 23 Aug; 36th CB reported to the Reg. on 19 Aug. The 18th Reg., at the end of Aug., had 6 officers and 303 men attached to the staff awaiting FPA to staging battalions; 50 men temporarily assigned to ABCD Noumea.

11-21-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 18th Reg. - located at Noumea, New Caledonia. The 36th and 40t CB's were detached from the Reg. for return to U.S. on 2 Sep'44. 82nd CB reported on 5 Sep'44; 87th CB reported on 15 Sep'44. The rear echelon of the 18th Reg., composed of 1 officer and 21 men, arrived after 6 wks in waiting and in transit from Emirau. 26 officers were assigned to the 18th Reg.

11-25-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 18th Reg. - located at Noumea, New Caledonia.

12-18-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 17th Reg. - On arrival of the 17th Reg. at Noumea, the 82nd and 87th CB's were detached from the 18th Reg. and attached to the 17th.

12-28-44 - The 18th Reg. as of 1 Dec'44 located at Noumea.(CNB Noumea Sec. disp to Comseronsc pac 070540 dtd 16 Dec'44).

12-29-44 - The 4th Brg. consisting of the 2nd, 5th and 18th Regs. will be dissolved by CNO effective date to be specified by Cincpoa. Staff personnel will form the 10th and 11th Brigades and Regs. 42 thru 48th.(CNO Sec. ltr Op30-2CK12-UOT over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 01429730 to Cincpoa dtd 19 Dec'44).

1-10-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 18th Reg. - No CBs or other Seabee units attached.

1-26-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 18th Reg. - Ditto.

2-8-45 - The 43rd Reg. has been activated and the OinC ordered to report to NAB Noumea. The 18th Reg. ordered to transfer all personnel attached to the 18th Reg. to the

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2- 8-45 - (Cont.) 43rd Reg. for duty. Transfer all equipment. Transfer all officers presently attached to the 18th Reg. which will be handled by separate orders. (Comseronsopacfor Sec ltr 0071 to OinC 18th Reg. dtd 21 Jan'45)

2-15-45 -- The 18th Reg. is deleted from the CB activities at Noumea.(CNB Noumea Sec. disp. to Comseronsopac 030700 dtd 12 Feb'45).

2-22-45 -- The 18th Reg. is to be inactivated effective when directed by Cincpoa.(CNO conf. ltr Ser. 076430 dtd 17 Feb'45 to Cincpoa and Bupers).

2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 18th Reg. - Regiment decommissioned as of 23 Jan'45. 7 off. and 33 men ordered to report to the 43rd Reg. for duty. 11 men ordered returned to the States for leave and reassignment. At time of decommissioning, no other CB units were attached to the Regiment.

3- 1-45 - In accordance with Par. 5 of CNO Ser 01429730 dtd 19 Dec'44, Cincpoa requests that the 4th Brg, 2nd Reg, 5th Reg, 18th Reg, and the 23rd Reg. be dissolved 1 Mar'45. Staff personnel therefrom have reported to new CB units. (Cincpoa conf disp to CNO 242351 Feb'45)

3-10-45 -- The 18th Reg. is to be inactivated at once in accordance with CNO Ser. 076430 dtd 17 Feb'45.(Cincpoa conf. disp to Comservpac 042155 Mar'45).

ON BOARD

DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Jul'44	9	24	Roster & BNP 625
1 Aug'44	7	25	MoR
1 Sep'44	9	29	MoR
1 Nov'44	10	44	MoR
1 Dec'44	14	43	MoR
1 Jan'45	11	44	MoR

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
2/26	-	(Inactivated)	Cincpoa Pearl Conf. 242351 Feb.	Request be dissolved 3/1.
3/9	-	Inactivated	Cincpoa Pearl Conf. 042155 Mar.	Inactivated at once.

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6/22/44	Inactivated.			
7/27/44	-	Noumea	ComSeronSoPac sec. disp. 250530 July. also Com Nav Base Emiraw sec. disp. 270032 July	Detached present duty proceed Noumea.
10/22	-	Dissolved	ComSoPac sec disp. 230036 October.	82nd and 87th Btns. report 17th regt.
10/25	-	Noumea	ComSoPac sec. 250432 Oct.	except 82nd & 87th Btns report 17th regt also at Noumea.
2/18	-		Noumea sec Act disp Feb. 030700.	delete
	Bureau report 1 February shows inactivated			
2/20	-	Inactivated	op30 conf serial 076430 of 2/17.	Inactivated - effective when directed by Cincpoa.

NO LOGO AVAILABLE

NO PHOTOS AVAILABLE