35th Naval Construction Regiment

Historical Information

"Construimus, Batuimus"
"We Build, We Fight"

NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND

Location- Guam 35th Reg.

9-29-45 - Comservpac directs 35th Reg. to inactivate the following CBMUs 504, 515, 532. Per with 18 months or more overseas duty to be returned to states & balance of pers to be transferred to other units of the 35th Reg. Inform Comservpac when all inactivations are completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05344 dtd 21 Sept'45 to OinC, 35th Reg.).

12-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 35th Reg. - location not stated. Report via 5th Brig.

1-28-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of 35th Reg. - located at Guam. Report via 5th Brig.

1-31-46 - 1 Jan'46 report of 35th Reg. - located at Guam. Report via 5th Brig.

3-1-46 - 1 Feb report of 35th Reg. - located at Guam. Report via 5th Brig.

3-27-46 - 1 Mar 46 report of 35th Reg. - located at Guam. Report via 5th Brig.

4-11-46 - Comservpac orders 5th Brig. to inactivate 35th Reg. (Comservpac disp 102352 April to RDO Guam).

4-29-46 - 35th Reg. inactivated as of 10 May. (5th Brig. conf ltr ser 1078 to OinC dtd 11 Apr 1946).

6-3-46 Inactivated 11 May 46 (Final report dtd 11 May 46) 39 Enl transf to 103 NCB

INACTIVATED

Location - Pearl Hbr. 35th Reg.

8-8-44 - CNO conf. ltr Op-30-2CK14-UOT over (SC)P16-5/ND14 over Ser. 01186730 to the Distribution List dtd 1 Aug'44 authorizes the establishment of the 7th and 8th Brgs., and 31st through 37th Regs. The 35th Reg. to consist of the 10th, 16th, 130th and 136th CB's. Effective when directed by CinCPOA.

10-31-44-The 35th Reg. consists of the 116th, 126th, 130th CB's.(2nd Brg. conf. ltr 2NCBr-06-HCB/kb over P16-4/00/MM over 9338 to OinC 7th Reg. dtd 14 Sep'44).

11-15-44-The 35th Reg. assigned to the 8th Brgiade under the command of the HANCB. To be composed of the 14th CB, 116th, 126th and 130th CB's.(Comserforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW apk over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).

11-21-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of the 35th Reg. - Consists of the 116th, 126th, and 130th CB's. The staff of the 7th Reg. is acting for the 35th until the staff and equipment of the 35th are set in operation. The 126th CB is scheduled to return from the forward area at an early date. 35th Reg. officially commissioned 18 Sep'44.

12-7-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 35th Reg. - Covered activities of the 14th, 126th, 116th, and 130th CB's. The 14th CB arrived aboard on 30 Oct'44. The 126th CB has been recommended for decommissioning.

1-3-45 -- The 14th, 116th and 126th CB($\frac{1}{2}$) are the Batts composing the 35th Reg.(ComSerForUS PacFlt Sec. ltr Ser. 55-CKW/apk over Ser. 001389 to CNO dtd 18 Dec'44).

1-24-45 --The 7th CB reported to the 35th Reg. for duty 29 Dec'44.(35th Reg. 4th End. dtd 4 Jan'45 Ser. 060 on Parks conf. orders to OinC 7th CB dtd 19 Dec'44).

1-26-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 35th Reg. - Located at Oahu. Covered reports on the 14th, 116th, 126th, and 130th CBs. Report endorsed by 8th Brg.

2- 6-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the ~~35th~~ 8th Brg. - Report on the 35th Reg. included the 7th, 14th, 116th, and 130th CB's. The 7th CB reported to the Regiment about 29 Dec'44. 130th CB was secured on 2 Dec'44.

Location - Pearl Harbor & Saipan 35th Reg.

2-15-45 - The 116th CB ordered detached from the 35th Reg. 27 Jan'45 to report to the 7th Reg. (8th Brg. conf. ltr Ser. C-69 to OinC 116th CB dtd 25 Jan'45 to OinC 116th CB).

2-15-45 - 21st CB reported to the 35th Reg. 27 Jan'45 from the 7th Reg.(35th Reg. 2nd End.(on 8th Brg. ltr dtd 25 Jan'45) Ser. 085 dtd 27 Jan'45 to OinC 21st CB.)

3- 3-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 35th Reg. - Report endorsed by the 8th Brg. and HANCB. No comments on units attached.

4-9-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 8th Brg. - 7th, 14th, and 21st CBs attached as of this date. The 21st CB was attached to the 35th Reg. 27 Jan'45 and the 116th CB was detached the same date.

4-23-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 35th Reg. - The 7th, 14th, and 21st CBs are staging at Saipah. The adv echelon of the Reg consisting of OinC, 3 off. and 7 men are at the staging area. 5 off. and 14 men, comprising the rear echelon ar e at P.H.

5-7-45 - Dirpacdocks B.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 35th Reg. located at Saipan staging for BIVE.

5-14-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 35th Reg - The advance ehcelon of the Regiment, consisting of OinC, 3 off. and 7 men, arrived at Saipan on 17 Mar'45. The 7th, 14th, and 21st CBs arrived at the staging point shortly thereafter. The adv ehcelon of the Reg. and the batts are moving forward to target in echelons. 5 off. and 14 men, comprising the rear echelon of the Regiment, are at Pearl Harbor. Report routed via 8th Brg.

5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 35th Reg.-location not given. Major part of the 35th Reg with the 7th CB, 14th & 21st CB embarked during Feb'45 for staging at a forward area. Report end. by 8th Brig.

6-13-45 - Dirpacdocks shows the 35th Reg at Okinawa. (Dirpacdocks SF sec rep of 15 May'45)

Location - P.H. & Saipan 35th Regiment

7- 5-45 - Result redistribution work load between Brgs this command on area basis, retention 35th Reg in commission no longer required. Recommend this Regiment be inactivated at earliest practicable date. Further recommend that personnel of the 35th Reg staff be ordered to report to OinC 8th Brg ffa to alleviate shortages in key off. and enl staff personnel other Regiments of the 8th Brg. (CCT Okinawa sec disp 010504 to Comservpac)

7-23-45 - The 35th Reg hereby detached from the 8th Brg and CCT Okinawa and is assigned to IsCom Guam. This change of assignment will be effected without any physical transfer of personnel or equipment. All off. prev assigned 35th Reg staff are being ordered to the 8th Brg ffa with the exception of the OinC who is being ordered to the 26th Reg. CCT is directed to transfer all enl personnel to other units under his cognizance. CCT is directed to dispose of 35th Reg records. Officers presently on duty at Guam P.W. Dept will be ordered to duty on the 35th Reg staff. IsCom Guam directed to detach following units from present duty and order them to report to the 35th Reg: 103rd CB, 134th CB, CBMU 502, CBMU 504, CBMU 515, CBMU 532. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 03897 dtd 13 July to IsCom Guam and CCT BIVE)

7-23-45 - Activation or inactivation of CB Regiments will not be approved by CNO until Cincpoa approval is rec'd. Cincpoa ref Comservpac's disp 180103 and advise. Request comment as to advisability of attaching CBMUs to Regiments. Cincpoa refer also CCT Okinawa disp 291132Z June and 010504 to Comservpac. Propose inactivation 42nd and 35th Regs. Dispatch advice is requested as to approval or disapproval of subj inactivations. (CNO conf disp 191555 July to Cincpoa)

7-23-45 - Effective 10 July, CB units assigned to the 35th Reg of the 8th Brg are as follow 9th CB, 21st CB, 135th CB. (CCT APO 331 sec report on assignment of CB units ser 897 dtd 10 July to all CB activities assigned CCT APO 331)

ON BOARD

DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Oct'44	2	0	MoR
1 Nov'44	4	1	MoR
1 Dec'44	5	20	MoR
1 Jan'45	6	19	MoR of 8th Brg & MoR
1 Feb'45	6	22	MoR
/ Mar'45	8	24	MoR
1 Apr'45	8	26	BNP 625 & MoR
1 May'45	9	29	MoR
1 Jun'45	10		Roster
L Jul'45	12	23	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45		0	BNP625
1 Sept'45	11	35	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	7	25	R & BNP625
1 Nov'45	18	29	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	29	40	R & BNP625
1 Jan'46	28	60	BNP625 & R
1 Feb 46	31	111	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	24	55	BNP 625 & R

35th Const. Regiment (INACTIVATED)

Location - Guam

35th Regiment

7-31-45- 1 Jul'45 report of the 35th Reg - On 12 May, the rear echelon of the 35th Reg' staff departed from Hawaii in 2 drafts, the larger consisting of 4 off. and 53 men; second draft consisting of 12 men and 1 off. departed 14 May. Both drafts were destined to join the 1st echelon serving in the forwd area. Helped select camp sites for the 7th, 14th, and 21st CBs. Report via 8th Brg and CCT.

8-11-45 - CBMU 502 ordered to consider unit attached to the 35th Reg. (Comservpac sec and ser 003268 dtd 2 Aug to OinC CBMU 502)

8-11-45 - 9th CB detaxhed from the 35th Reg and ordered to report to the 17th Reg for duty. (CCT APO 331 orders ser 1264 dtd 29 July to OinC 9th CB)

8-13-45 - Comservpac spdltr ser 03897 dtd 13 Jul'45 reassigned the 35th Reg without any physical transfer of personnel or equip to the IsCom Guam. On 1 Aug'45, Capt Oscar L. Carlson, CEC, USNR, will assume duty as OinC 35th Reg. on 1 Aug'45, the following organizations will stand detached from their present duties and will report to the OinC 35th Reg for duty: 103rd CB, 134th CB, CBMUs 502, 504, 515, 532, 506, 511, 557, 593, 594, 602, and 619. (IsCom Order #40-45 dtd 23 July)

8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 502 - On 1 Aug, the IsCom Public Works organization will be dissolved and commissioned as the 35th Regiment.

8-20-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 515 - On 31 Jul'45 CBMU 515 was detached from the 5th Bri, and attached administratively and operationally to the 35th Reg for duty In PW.

8-21-45 - Request you issue necessary additional instructions to have all Guam CBMUs report to 35th Reg(Public Works). (Cincpoa conf spdltr 13 Aug '45 ser 032018 to Comservpac).

8-30-45 - IsCom, Guam ordered 2 batts & all Guam CBMUs to report to the 35th Reg on 1 Aug'4 (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 04887 dtd 23 Aug'45 to Cincpac).

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35th Regiment

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
9/20	–	Pearl Harbor	C.B. report 1 September.	Battalions 10th, 16th, 180 136.
10/14	–	Pearl Harbor 8th Brig.	C.B. report 1 October	116th, 126th, 130th.
7/2/45	–	–	Comdg. Const. troops Okinawa sec. 010504 July.	no longer needed in commission recommend be inactivated.

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HISTORICAL REPORT

of

THIRTY FIFTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT

for the period

18 October 1944 to 28 February 1945

1 May 1945

FIRST ORGANIZATION

The 35th Naval Construction Regiment was established as an active subordinate part of the 8th Naval Construction Brigade on 18 October, 1944. At that time Commander P. L. Andrews, Officer in Charge of the 7th Naval Construction Regiment and his staff assumed additional duty as the temporary operating staff of the newly organized regiment.

Commander Lawrence A. Cline, CEC, USNR, reported aboard on the 28th of September 1944, to assume the duties of Officer in Charge of the 35th Naval Construction Regiment, just one week after the arrival of Lieutenant Oscar N. Kulberg, CEC, USNR, the first of the permanent staff to arrive.

At the time that Commander Cline assumed his post the 35th Naval Construction Regiment consisted of three regular construction battalions: the 116th Naval Construction Battalion under Commander Robert S. Stewart, CEC, USNR, at the Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Oahu; the 126th Naval Construction Battalion then in the Marshall Islands, but readying for a movement back to Oahu, under Lieut. Comdr. Graham Spickard, CEC, USNR; and the 130th Naval Construction Battalion under Lieut. Comdr. Richard C. Holbrook, CEC, USNR, at the Marine Corps Air Station at Ewa on Oahu.

With the arrival of Ensign Jacob P. Frankel, CEC, USNR, and several enlisted men, the 7th Naval Construction Regiment turned over all records and correspondence to the new staff which immediately undertook to carry on with the projects at hand.

At that time the 116th Naval Construction Battalion was at work on such construction projects at the Naval Air Station as building assembly and repair shops, a moving target range, mess halls, battery shops, electrical distribution systems, and so forth; and at the same time operating a concrete batching plant, and rock quarry and crushing plant. The 130th Naval Construction Battalion was then constructing at the Marine Corps Air Station projects such as an administration building, squadron workshops and storage, post exchange, the new double-decked SSAB huts, and rocket magazine, as well as resurfacing part of the landing strips.

The 126th Naval Construction Battalion, meanwhile, had embarked for Oahu, arriving on the 14th of October 1944.

At the time of the arrival of Lieut. Robert R. Brown, CEC, USNR, on 19 October 1944, the staff of the Regiment was set up as follows: Assisting Commander Cline were Lieut. Kulberg as Operations Officer, Lieut. Brown as his assistant in the Materials Section, and Ensign Frankel as Adjutant and Personnel Officer.

OPERATIONS ON OAHU

When the 14th Naval Construction Battalion, a waterfront battalion, under the command of Commander Thomas F. Reilly, Jr., CEC, USNR, first reported to the regiment on 29 October 1944, it was temporarily bivouaced at Iroquois Point. After three days it was moved to the Marine Corps Air Station at Ewa and quartered with the 130th Naval Construction Battalion. A detachment of approximately 40% of the battalion was quartered at Barber's Point with the 116th Naval Construction Battalion. This division of the battalion was necessitated in order to make use of available housing facilities and to obviate the necessity of erecting a new camp. The battalion took over some of the existing work projects from the 116th Naval Construction Battalion and the 130th Naval Construction Battalion and in addition were assigned new projects. At the outset approximately 75% of the personnel available for construction projects were engaged at the Naval Air Station, Barber's Point, while the remaining 25% were at the Marine Corps Air Station, Ewa. These projects consisted of BIB barracks, Mess Hall, Office Buildings, two hangers, etc. Projects on which the other part of the battalion engaged at Ewa were an Enlisted Men's Recreation Building; 3,000 Man Galley and Mess Hall, Dispensary, Warehouses, Transportation Facilities; Sanitation project; Sewer project; and the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve barracks.

As the projects were underway, a high priority assignment was given to the battalion in the reconstruction of the Haleiwa Airfield, which consisted of removing rusted marston mat, regrading, laying of Irving Grid, and construction of a landing mat (asphalt) for the practice of bounce landings. At the time of assignment, this was the highest priority job, and other projects were held in abeyance. A ten day time limit was placed on the project. In spite of the fact that this involved transporting personnel 30 miles each way and also providing hot chow daily from the camp, the project was completed one day ahead of schedule, and on 10 December 1944, Commander Naval Air Bases, 14th Naval District, made the initial landing on the strip. He was highly pleased with the results and especially generous in his compliments paid officers and enlisted personnel of the battalion for its accomplishment.

On 15 November 1944, Lieut.(jg) Edwin H. Webster, CEC, USNR, was transferred from the 126th Naval Construction Battalion to the Regimental staff as Progress Officer, to assist the Operations Officer.

On 2 December 1944, the 130th Naval Construction Battalion was secured from work and detached from the 35th Naval Construction Regiment. (Attention Eighth Naval Construction Brigade Historian: This is a guess as no date of detachment, if any, was ever filed with this command. Chief Ruff of your command advises the use of this date in this regard, however.)

Lieut. Comdr. Benjamin Spector, DC, USNR, reported aboard in his capacity as Dental Officer for Prosthetic Services for the Regiment on 9 December 1944. In conjunction with the 7th and 37th Naval Construction Regiments a dental prosthetic laboratory was established at Iroquois Point for service to the battalions.

The 126th Naval Construction Battalion was detached from the Regiment on 20 December 1944, and was transferred to the 3rd Naval Construction Regiment of the 2nd Naval Construction Brigade.

The 7th Naval Construction Battalion under Lieut. Comdr. Willard H. Day, CEC, USNR, arrived in Oahu from Camp Parks, California, on 29 December 1944, the second waterfront battalion to be assigned to the Regiment. Since an early departure of the entire Regiment from Oahu was anticipated, the 7th Naval Construction Battalion's gear was never removed from the compound into which it had been placed on its arrival, and the battalion was employed in a great deal of camp improvement. All company streets of their Iroquois Point camp were graded and surfaced with crushed coral. Office furniture and furniture for the living quarters of both officers and men was made. Area improvement was made during the entire time of the battalion's stay on Oahu. These and other operations included the operation of the coral pit in which it was necessary to drill, blast, and to operate cranes.

On 6 January 1945, Lieut.(jg) Webster completed his duty as Progress Officer and returned to duty with the 126th Naval Construction Battalion. In his stead the Regiment gained Lieut.(jg) James W. Walker, CEC, USNR, from the 52nd Naval Construction Battalion, who reported for duty on 13 January 1945.

PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT

Lieut. Richard D. Pinkerton, CEC, USN, reported for duty as Executive Assistant to the Officer in Charge on 11 January 1945. With the detachment of Lieut. Brown on 16 January 1945, Lieut. Pinkerton assumed the duties of Materials Officer.

With the attachment of Lieut. Comdr. Guy B. Cornell, CEC, USNR, as Acting Executive Officer on 22 January 1945, and Lieut. Benjamin R. Ramey, Jr., CEC, USNR, as Engineering Officer, on 25 February 1945, the staff of the 35th Naval Construction Regiment reached its present form. Lieut. Comdr. Cornell was relieved of his duties as Executive Officer of the 21st Naval Construction Battalion on 25 February 1945, and at that time assumed full responsibilities as Executive Officer of the Regiment.

All the battalions were secured from their work projects on the 27th of January 1945, and immediately began preparations for a movement into the forward areas. At that time the 116th Naval Construction Battalion was transferred to, and the 21st Naval Construction Battalion was received from the 7th Naval Construction Regiment.

On 28 February 1945, the roster of battalions serving as the 35th Naval Construction Regiment consisted of the 7th, 14th, and 21st Naval Construction Battalions, all waterfront battalions.

NO LOGO AVAILABLE