39th Naval Construction Regiment

Historical Information

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

NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND

Location - Saipan

39th Reg.

10-18-44 - 39th Reg. established to consist of the 17th, 39th, 101st, 117th and 31st(Sp) CB's.(Cno conf. ltr 6p30-2CK15-UOT over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 01243630 to Cincpoa dtd 7 Sep'44).

10-18-44 - 101st CB detached from the 7th Reg. and ordered to report to the OinC of the 39th Reg. for duty.(2nd Brg. conf. ltr 2NCBr-06-HCB fnf over P16-4/00/MM to the OinC of 101st CB dtd 19 Sep'44).

10-27-44 - Upon embarkation to a point in the Central Pacific area, the 117th CB is detached from the 8th Reg. and 2nd Brig. and will report to the OinC of the 39th Reg. for duty. (Hawaiian area NC Brigs conf. ltr HAB-06-HCB/fnf over Ply-4/00/MM over Ser 6088 to the 117th CB dtd 27 Sep'44)

1-5-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 39th Reg. - No info on location.

1-26-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 39th Reg. - No info on location. Several enemy bombings during Dec. Recommends return of the 39th CB to States for rehabilitation.

2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 51st CB - 2 off. of the 51st CB on detached duty with the 39th Reg. in connection with the ACEPD. Special drafts of men for the operation of the ACEPD were rec'd and forwarded to the 39th Reg. for duty.

4-18-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 39th Reg. - no info on location.

4-21-45 - In accord with Ref. a (39th CB and 31st (Sp) hereby det. from 39th Reg. and directed to report to IsCom Saipan) and upon receipt of these orders, you and off. and men under your command are detached from duty with the 39th Reg. and will further report to IsCom Saipan for duty. (39th Reg. Sec ltr Ser 2525 dtd 12 Apr to OinC 31st (Sp) and 39th CB)

5- 7-45 - The 39th Reg. is located at Saipan. (Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)

5-22-45 - 1 May'45 report of 39th Reg. - location not given. 17th & 117th CBs attached to 39t Reg.

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6- 2-45- Dirpacdocks Sec Rep of 1 May'45 shows the 39th Reg located at Saipan scheduled for Okinawa.

6-7-45 - Upon departure 39th Reg from Saipan, 117th CB detached from 39th Reg. Report to IsCom Saipan. (Comservpac conf disp 060035 Jun'45 to IsCom Saipan)

6-7-45 - The 39th Reg Staff your area detached from present duty. Proceed in accord with shipping instr and report to Comdr Const Troops APO 331. (Comservpac sec disp 042341 Jun'45 to Com Mariannas)

6-26-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 39th Reg. - location not given.

7-23-45 - Effective 10 July, CB units assigned to the 11th Brg and 39th Reg are: 7th CB, 37th CB, 101st CB, and 147th CB. (CCT APO 331 sec report on assignment of CB units ser 897 dtd 10 July to all CB activities assigned CCT APO 331)

8-23-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 39th Reg - located at Okinawa. Comments re the 7th, 101st and 147th CBs. Report via the 11th Brig.

10-2-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 39th Reg - located at Okinawa. Report via 11th Brig.

10-30-45 - The following units are transferred from the 45th Reg. to 39th Reg. effective as of 28 Sept'45:- 15, 36, 79 CBs & CBMU 523. (CNCT, Okinawa conf ltr ser 0596 dtd 6 Oct'45 to 11th Brig).

10-30-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 39th Reg. - located at Okinawa. Report via 11th Brig.

10-31-45 - For consolidation purposes request inactivation when directed by CNOB, Okinawa t 39th Reg. (Comdr., NOB, Okinawa conf disp 291147 Oct'45 to Comservpac).

12-4-45 - Comservpac reqs NOB, Okinawa to inactivate 39th Reg. (Comservpac spdltr ser 5800 dtd 13 Nov'45 to NOB, Okinawa).

12-5-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 39th Reg. - located at Okinawa.

12-17-45 - The following construction units are directed to report to CNCT, Okinawa upon in activation of 39th Reg. on or about 30 Nov'45. (CNCT, Okinawa conf ltr ser 6289 dtd 24 Nov'45 to 39th Reg).

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1-11-46 - Inactivation of 39th Reg. was completed on 10 Dec'45. (39th Reg. ltr dtd 10 Dec'4 to Comservpac).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

DATE	OFF.	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Dec'44	4	6	MoR
1 Jan'45	5	20	R & BNP625
1 Feb'45	5	20	BNP625 & MoR
1 Apr'45	7	29	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45		26	BNP625
1 Jun'45	9	36	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	9	29	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	10	45	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		40	
		4 transients	BNP625
1 Oct'45	10	46	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	8	46	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	2		R

39th Const. Regiment (INACTIVATED)

39 Regiment

DECLASSIFIED

9/12	–	–	ap 30 Conf Serial 01243630 7 Sept	Composed of 17, 39, 101, 117, 31 Sp.
9/18	–	Saipan 5th Brig.	C B report 1 September.	
2/15/45	–	HODE	Saipan sec act. added. disp. 0202162 Feb.	
6/6	–	–	ComSeropac conf disp 060035 June.	report departure from Saipan - 117 det'd - report 2 com Saipan
6/6	–		ComSeropac sec disp 042341 June.	det'd marianas area - proceed 1 report Const troops apo 331.
7/1	–		2s com Saipan sec act disp. 010211 July.	delete 39th NC Regt. Staff.

Thirty-ninth United States Naval Construction Regiment

On 19 September 1944, the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area directed the activation of the Thirty-ninth United States Naval Construction Regiment. On 30 September 1944, at the Island of Saipan, Commander Michael J. Burke was detached as Officer in Charge of the 117th Naval Construction Battalion. On that date, he activated the Thirty-ninth Regiment at Saipan and assumed command of the Regiment as Officer in Charge. The Regiment originally was composed of Naval Construction Battalions 17, 39, 101, 117, and Special Construction Battalion 31.

On Saipan, the Construction Battalions constituting the Regiment were engaged in construction work for both the Army and the Navy, including considerable grading, road work, and earth moving. Because of working with coral and ledge limestone formations, construction equipment rapidly deteriorated. Despite the difficulties, the men and equipment of the Regiment were highly productive.

Early in 1945, the Regiment began training and staging operations in preparation for duty on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands. The Regimental headquarters arrived at Okinawa on 26 June 1945. By the end of July, the four Battalions assigned to the Regiment for the Okinawa operation had arrived, namely the 7th, 37th, 101st, and 147th Battalions.

On landing, the Regiment was assigned to the Eleventh Naval Construction Brigade. During the following five months, the Battalions and Maintenance Units of the Regiment engaged in Public Works activities and for both the Army and Navy built camps, causeways, small boat harbors, docks roads, warehouses, air base facilities, and fuel tank farms.

Because of numerous reorganizations of naval construction forces, the composition of the Regiment was changing almost every week. However, on 1 October 1945, the Regiment consisted of Naval Construction Battalions 15, 36, 37, 79, 101, 147, Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 541, and the 1908th Aviation Engineer Battalion.

On 31 August 1945, Commander Michael J. Burke was detached as Officer in Charge of the Thirty-ninth Regiment, and on that date Commander Peter Corradi became Officer in Charge of the Regiment. On 29 November 1945, Commander Corradi was detached and he supervised the inactivation of the Regiment, which officially took place on 30 November 1945.

At the time of its inactivation, the Regiment consisted of Naval Construction Battalions 36 and 147 and Construction Battalion Maintenance Units 523, 539 and 541. These remaining subordinate units were assigned to Commander Naval Construction Forces Okinawa.

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