

# 11<sup>th</sup> Special Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



11th C.B. (Special)

NCTC - Peary  
ABD - Davisville  
Ready Date - 31 Aug'43  
Left ABD - 13 Sep'43  
Location - Navy Noumea Russells  
Okinawa

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- 7-31-44 - 11th (Sp) departed Peary on 31 Jul'43. (Report on conduct of men due 7/21/43)  
9-21-43 - Departed Davisville for embarkation point 9/12/43.  
12-7-43 - 1 Nov'43 report of the 11th (Sp) - Arrived destination 30 Oct'43.  
3-8-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating on Russells.  
3-30-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating on Russells.  
5-12-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
6-6-44 - 1 May'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
7-10-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
8-3-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
8-25-44 - 11th (Sp) located at Russells where they arrived Oct'43. (Date of replacements of 7/1/44)  
9-7-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
10-13-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 23rd Reg. - 11th (Sp) recently rec'd 75 men, which brings the batt up to approximate full strength. This batt has completed one year of duty overseas.  
10-1-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells. Report endorsed by 23rd Reg. Batt rec'd 75 replacements on 6 Aug'44.

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- 1-21-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of the 23rd Reg. - 11th (Sp) received 61 replacements during Sep'44.  
1-27-44 -- CNO 292011 May'44 included authority to dissolve the 23rd Reg. but action was withheld pending withdrawal of the 11th and 12th (Sp) from the Russells. Now plan to withdraw these batts to Noumea for staging early in Dec'44. Comsoopac requests Cincpoa's concurrence in effecting the inactivation of the 23rd Reg. (Comsoopac Sec. disp to Cincpoa 160528 NCR 8263 dtd 20 Nov'44).  
1-29-44 -- The 11th and 12th (Sp) ordered detached from the 23rd Reg. when transportation is available about 1 Dec'44 for movement to Noumea, reporting to the 17th Reg. for staging and outfitting. (Comseronsopac Sec. disp to CMB Russells 270552 dtd 27 Nov'44).  
1-29-44 -- Upon detachment of the 11th and 12th (Sp) inactivate the 23rd Reg. The enlisted personnel to be transferred to the 11th or the 12th (Sp). (Comsoopac Sec. disp to CMB Russells 280008 NCR 6333 dtd 28 Nov'44).  
1-30-44 -- 1 Oct'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells.  
2-8-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 11th (Sp) - operating at Russells. Report endorsed by 23rd Reg.  
2-29-44 - 11th (Sp) assigned temp add. duty with the 3rd Phib Corps in a future operation. Upon completion of assault duties to report to IsCom for further assignment to CTU 99.3.5. (Cincpoas Sec. disp to Comsoopac 210735 dtd 22 Dec'44).  
1-3-45 - Regiment "C" comprised of the 58th, 71st, 130th and 145th CB's assigned temp duty with MarCorps and the 11th (Sp) plus 2 base companies. Regiment will be activated upon reporting of the new regimental OinC to ComGen3rdPhibCorps for temp add. duty. When assault phase ends and when directed by ComGen 10th Army "C" Reg. will report to IsCom Furas to CTU 99.3.5. (Cincpoa Sec. disp to Comsoopac 240131 dtd 24 Dec'44).

- 1-4-45 - The 11th (Sp) located at Noumea during the first half of Dec'44. (CMB Noumea Sec. disp. to Comseronsopac 160730 dtd 25 Dec'44).
- 2- 1-45 - The 11th (Sp) to be divided into equal sections - 1st Section to proceed Fagtrans and report to Guadalcanal, further reporting for temp add'l duty to ComGen 3rd PhibCorps and the 6th MarDiv; the 2nd Section to proceed Fagtrans and report Russells, further reporting for temp add. duty to ComGen 3rd PhibCorps and the 1st MarDiv. (Comseronsopac Sec Disp to 17th Reg. 170108 dtd 18 Jan'45)
- 2-13-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 11th (Sp) - operated at Russells during Nov'44. Report end. by 23rd Reg.
- 2-15-45 - The 11th (Sp) 1st Section is located at Guadalcanal. (CMB Guadalcanal Sec. Disp to Comseronsopac 010255 dtd 9 Feb'45).
- 2-15-45 - The 11th (Sp) (part?) is located at Russells. (CMB Russells Sec. Disp 070315 dtd 14 Feb'45 to Comseronsopac).
- 2-15-45 -- The 11th (Sp) assigned to the 44th Reg. for duty. (Comserac Sec. Disp to CMB Russells and CMB Guadalcanal 012142 dtd 14 Feb'45).
- 2-16-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - Report endorsed by 17th Reg. and CMB Noumen.
- 2-19-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 17th Reg. - The 11th (Sp) left Russells 2 Dec'44 and arrived at Noumea 6 Dec'44.
- 3- 5-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - located at Guadalcanal. The batt and part of the equip. left Noumea on 24 Jan'45. The first section arr'd at Guadalcanal on 27 Jan and the second section arr'd at Russells on 30 Jan'45. A rear echelon of 2 off. and 50 men was left at Noumea to ship the balance of batt cargo to the forward location. Base Companies 26 and 32 consisting of 250 and 239 men respectively have been attached to the batt for duty as per orders and are now undergoing military training.

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11th CB (Sp)

- 3- 6-45 - 11th (Sp) arrived Russells 5 Feb'45 from Noumea. (Sec Disp 210315 from CMB Russells to Comseronsopacfor)
- 3-27-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - 1st and 2nd sections of the batt are in transit as of 28 Feb. A rear echelon of 2 off. and 53 men is at Guadalcanal for the shipping of batt cargo to the forward location. The rear echelon of 50 men and 2 off. that was left at Noumea and 27 other men joined the batt. 94 replacements joined the batt during the month.
- 4-16-45 - The 11th (Sp) has been ordered to Cenpac area. (Comseronsopac Sec Rep dtd 1 Apr'45)
- 4-25-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - 1st and 2nd Secs of Batt were in transit status during entire month of March. A rear echelon of 2 off. and approx 100 men were left at Guadalcanal for the shipping of batt cargo to forwd location.
- 5- 8-45 - Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 11th (Sp) at Guadalcanal (1/2) assigned to 6th MarDiv and 2nd half at Russells, assigned 1st MarDiv.
- 5-24-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 44th Reg. - The 71st and 11th (Sp) CBs with attached Base Cos are still on temp duty with the III Amph Corps.
- 5-25-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - located at Okinawa. This Batt, augmented by Base Cos 26 and 32, had been split into two sections for transp purposes to the target area. Sec 1, comprised of 758 men and 21 off., departed Guadalcanal 1 March 1945. Sec 2, comprised of 731 men and 15 off., departed Russell Is. 1 Mar'45. These two sections reunited at Okinawa on 1 Apr'45. A rear echelon of 72 men and 2 off. departed Guadalcanal 3 Apr'45 and are due to arrive at Okinawa 2 May'45.
- 6-6-45 - Present location of the hcdtrs of the 11th (Sp) is Okinawa. At present the entire batt is together except for a small rear echelon. (44th Reg conf ltr (no ser) dtd 3 May'45 to Bupers)

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- 6-13-45 - Recap sheet for Base Co. 32 of 11th (Sp) dated 31 May'45 states that in accord with auth. contained in ComServForFacFlt ltr serl 15348-665 dtd 15 May'45 Base Co 32 is dissolved as of this date. All personnel in Base Co 32 will be immediately recvd into Logistic Support Co 32 of the 11th (Sp).
- 6-19-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - The rear echelon of 72 men and 2 off. departed Guadalcanal on 3 April and joined batt at Okinawa on 2 May. Unit departed sent. U.S. on 12 Sep'45. (1)
- 6-21-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 44th Reg. - The detachment of the 11th (Sp) with attached Base Cos Nos. 26 and 32 on 17 May'45 by CCT ltr ser 119 dtd 15 May'45 on authority of CNO ser 01429730 of 19 Dec'44 constitutes the only change within the Reg.
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - located at Okinawa. Cos 26 and 32 were relieved of duties assigned with this activity and Logistic Support Cos 57 and 58 were assigned duties with the Batt. 34 men transferred to U.S. for discharge; 36 men transferred to U.S. for rehab leave. Report via 47th Reg.
- 7-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 11th (Sp) - located at Okinawa. Report via 47th Reg.
- 9-10-45 - 12th Brig 53rd Reg, 54th Reg all activated 1 Sept'45. Regs & Batts in 12th Brig as follows:-47th Reg-3,4,11,12,23,27,36(7 disp jumbled) Sp batts. 53rd Reg-137 & 148 CBs. 54th Reg-137 & 139 CBs. (CNOB, Okinawa conf disp 010654 Sent'45 to Cincpoa, P.).
- 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 11th CB(Sp) - located at Okinawa. Report via 47th Reg. CinC recommends batt be inactivated. 159 are enroute from Navy =128 as replacement for the 11th CB(Sp).
- 9-20-45 - Comservpac desires to inactivate 11th CB(Sp) as early as practicable. Cincpoa's approval is requested. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05189 dtd 12 Sept'45 to Cincpoa).

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- 10-8-45 - Comservpac directs OinC, 12th Brig to inactivate 11th(Sp). Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05419 dtd 26 Sept'45 to 12th Brig.).
- 10-18-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 11th(Sp) - located at Okinawa. Report via 47th Reg. & 12th Brdg.
- 1-31-46 - Com NOB, Okinawa to CSP 230637 Nov'45 ltr states the the 11th CB(Sp) was inactivated on 25 Oct'45. (Dirwespacdocks conf rpt dtd 10 Jan'46).

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>		<u>AUTHORITY</u>
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	
30 Jun'44	31	926	Recap.
1 Aug'44	28	930	MoR
1 Sep'44	26	996	MoR
1 Oct'44	32	1030	(Sopac report)
1 Nov'44	29	1033	MoR
1 Dec'44	28	1060	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jan'45	28	1021	MoR
1 Feb'45	30	972	MoR
1 Mar'45	31	1082	MoR
1 Apr'45	31	1096	MoR
1 May'45		1074	BNP625
1 Jun'45	37	1062	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	29	983	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	32	961	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	28	919	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	23	677	BNP625 & R

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/19/44	-	Russell so.	C. B. report 1 June.	Left U.S. Sept. 1943
9/11/44	-	" DIRIK	Russells sec act dis. 012143 Aug.	(See also 11th CB Special Etc. Dis. 012143 Comsofac sec 72 021743)
8/2	-	"	Comberonbora so disps. 270552 Nov.	Attack from 23 Nov. about 1 hour. Two regi- ment to 1 division
10/22	-	"	Centgar sec 210735 Nov.	aid for 1st & 2nd 3rd div. 1000-1200 ft duration, depth 1000 ft. attack for 1st CIN 99.3%.
12/15	-	Nanmea (Epic)	Cn@ Nanmea sec act dis. 160730 dec.	Added.
1/18	-	Comberonbora	Acc. 170108 Jan	To be divided 2 sections. 1st sect report should further reporting demands. Comberonbora capo 6 6 de mandas. 2nd sect report Russell then demand comberon 3-4 phos capo + 1st 700000.

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2/14 - Fink (Russell) Russells act. added (from  
disp 030315 Epic.)  
Feb.

2/15 - Comsopar sec modify 170104  
012142 Feb. un-report  
44th Regt for  
duty.

2/18 - names sec  
act disp. Feb delete Epic.  
030700.

2/19 - Guadal sec act section act  
act disp. Feb Revy  
010285.

3/6 - Guadal sec 1st section  
act disp. 280440 deleted Revy  
Feb

3/26 - Revy (sec) Guadal sec Great schism  
act disp. Mar Added  
150432

4/30 - Guadal sec act  
disp. 172314 April

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5/17 - - Guadal sec act delete.  
Disp. 172314 Revy.  
April.

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## 11TH SPECIAL BATTALION

This outfit shipped out of Davisville Sept. 12, 1943 and arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia Oct. 30. By the following February, the 11th Special was stevedoring in the Russell islands. The Battalion left the Russells Dec. 2, 1944 and returned to Noumea. Here they split up into two sections, the first arriving at Guadalcanal Jan. 27, 1945, the second returning to the Russells Jan. 30. After taking on additional hands, the 11th shipped out again in two sections, the first leaving from Guadalcanal, the second from the Russells. On Easter Sunday, 1945, the entire Battalion arrived at Okinawa, participated in the unloading operations on L-Day and was still on that island when the war ended.

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ITINERARY OF THE 11TH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SPECIAL)

31 Jul 1943 - Transferred from NOTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. to Davisville, R.I.

12 Sep 1943 - Left ABD, Davisville, R. I.

30 Oct 1943 - Arrived Noumea.

1 Feb 1944 - Monthly Report of this date shows 11th (Sp) CB operating at Russell Islands

8 Dec 1944 - Departed Russell Islands.

6 Dec 1944 - Arrived Noumea.

27 Jan 1945 - First section of battalion arrived Guadalcanal.

30 Jan 1945 - Second section returned to Russell Islands.

A rear echelon of 2 officers and 50 men left at Noumea to ship balance of cargo.

Base Companies 26 and 32, consisting of 250 and 239 men respectively, have been attached to the battalion for duty as per orders and undergoing military training.

1 Mar 1945 - The battalion was split into two sections for transportation to forward area.

1st section with 758 men and 21 officers departed Guadalcanal.

2nd section with 731 men and 15 officers departed Russell Islands.

1 Apr 1945 - Both sections arrived at Okinawa.

3 Apr 1945 - Rear echelon left at Guadalcanal departed for Okinawa.

2 May 1945 - Rear echelon of 72 men and 2 officers arrived Okinawa.

1 Jul 1945 - Base companies 26 and 32 relieved of duties with 11th (Sp) CB and Logistic Support Cos. 57 and 58 assigned duties with battalion.

1 Aug 1945 - Located at Okinawa.

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

4 September 1945.



**NO  
LOGO  
AVAILABLE**





SPINDLE FROM A DRIVE SHAFT  
WITH A BRONZE BUSHING CENTERED  
IN A 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  PIPE WITH SET SCREWS.  
SHAFT THREADED AT ENDS FOR  
RING NUTS TO TAKE THRUST.

SPINDLE HOUSING A 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  PIPE  
CENTERING SPINDLE BUSHING  
WITH TAP BOLTS.

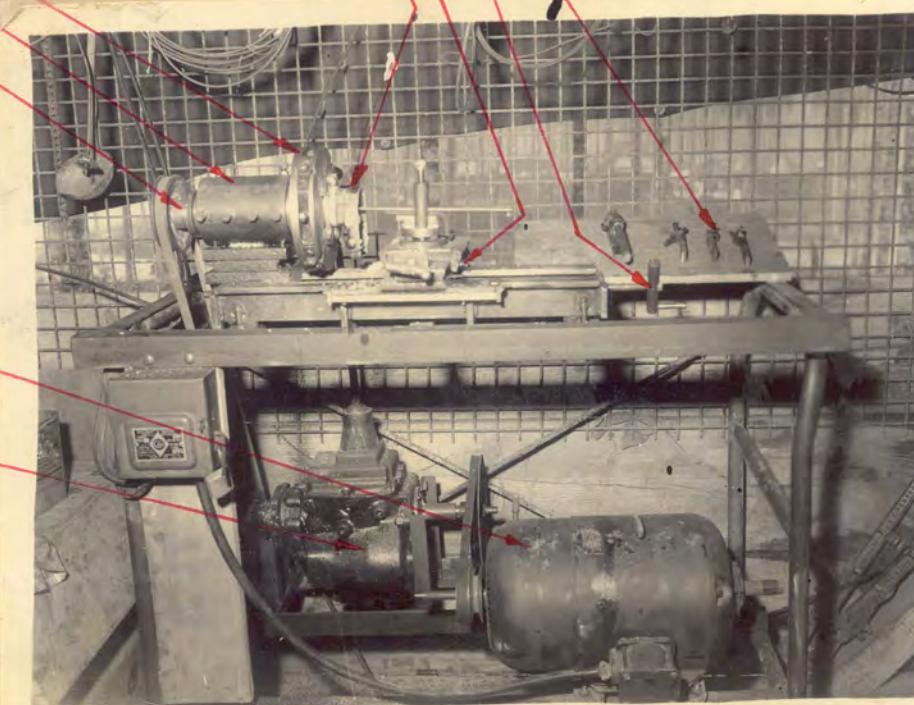
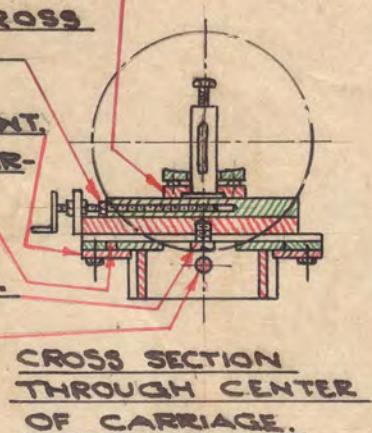
FABRICATED 4 JAWED CHUCK  
TOOL HOLDERS  
LEAD SCREW & HANDLE  
SET SCREWS FOR CROSS  
SLIDE ADJUSTMENTS.

WORK

BOLTED TO CROSS SLIDE  
NUT WELDED TO CROSS  
SLIDE.

BOLTED FOR  
CARRIAGE ADJUSTMENT,  
TAPER KEY FOR CARR-  
IAGE ADJUSTMENTS.  
LOOSEN STUD AND  
SWING CROSS SLIDE  
FOR ANGLE CUTTING.

LEAD SCREW



THE NECESSITY OF A SMALL LATHE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
DEPARTMENT OF THE 11TH. SPEC. N.C.B. GAVE WAY TO THE  
INGENUITY OF R.C. TEMPLER, S/C AND G.I. STILES, M/C WHO,  
WITH BUT A FEW HAND TOOLS, A WELDING RIG, AND A FEW  
SCRAPS OF IRON, BUILT THE ABOVE PICTURED MACHINE.  
IT HAS A 9' DIA. SWING OVER THE BED AND OPERATES  
IN ACCURACY TO WITHIN FOUR THOUSANDTHS INCHES  
PERFECT.



