

13th Special Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/30/44	-	Oahu	C.B. report 1 June.	Left U.S. Nov. 1943.
7/18	-	Guam	C.B. report 1 September.	
11/10	-	DIVA (Guam)	20 com Guam ser. act disp 011201 Nov.	

13th C.B. (Special)

NCTC - Peary
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 2 Nov'43
 Left ABD - 1st Wave - 23 Nov'43
 2nd Wave - 26 Dec'43
 1 off. and 20 men left ABD 16 Dec'43
 Location - Pearl-Harbor Oahu Guam

LOC

- 9-25-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 13th (Sp) about 2 Oct'43 from Peary to Gulfprt. (Conf. Disp. 251933 NCR 2948 from VCNO to Peary dtd 25 Sep'43)
 10-27-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 13th (Sp) about 31 Oct'43 from Gulfport to Hueneme. (Conf. Disp. 271611 NCR 8582 from CNO to Gulfport dtd 27 Oct'43)
 1- 3-44 - The 2nd Echelon of this batt. left Hueneme 26 Dec'43. (WRC)
 1- 6-44 - 13th (Sp) - 9 officers and 265 men left ABD 12/26/43. 1 officer and 20 men left ABD 12/16/43. (RFD)
 1- 7-44 - 1 Dec'43 report of 13th (Sp) - Unit arrived Pearl Harbor 27 Nov'43 - 33 officers.
 1-27-44 - 13th (Sp) - 700 men arrived P.H. 27 Nov'43 and the balance of the batt. arrived 2 Jan'44. Temporarily assigned to 3rd Reg. (Capt. Porter's ltr to Adm. Maxwell dtd 4 Jan'44)
 2-10-44 - 1 Jan'44 report of 13th (Sp) - Has 733 men at Oahu and 265 men enroute to same place.
 2-26-44 - 13th (Sp) detached from 3rd Reg. and assigned to 20th Reg. (Capt. Eric. Ltr 2NCR-06-hc over P16-4 to CinC 13th (Sp) dt. 5 Feb'44)

13th C.B. (Special)

- 3- 4-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 13th (Sp) - At present, all but 74 men are now located in new quarters at Iroquois Point, and it is expected to have the batt. intact in a few weeks. 74 men probably at NSD.
- 4-23-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 13th (Sp) - operating at Oahu.
- 5- 6-44 - 20th Reg. report for 1 Mar'44 states that the 13th (Sp) is operating at Iroquois Point.
- 6-21-44 - 13th (Sp) detached from the 20th Reg. and assigned to the 5th Brig. (see memo ltr WNCPr-06-HCB/he over #16-3 sep 6691 conf. to CINC 13th (Sp) dtd 21 Oct'44)
- 8- 2-44 - The 13th (Sp) was detached from the 2nd Brig. during Jun'44 for forward area service. (2nd Brig. monthly report for Jun'44)
- 10-18-44 - 13th (Sp) is operating in the area of Saipan and Guam with the 3rd Amph. Corps Task Group 56.2 (Sec. memo from R-48 (U.S. Fleet, Navy Dept., Wash. D.C., to Sec. Mail Room dtd 15 Sep'44)
- 10-25-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 5th Brig. - Rear echelon of 13th (Sp) landed 10 Aug'44.
- 10-28-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 13th (Sp) - 1st Echelon (1/2 Batt) left Iroquois Pt. on 1 Jun'44 and landed on Guam 27 Jul'44. The 2nd Echelon (1/2 Batt) left Iroquois Pt. on 18 Jun'44 and was detained at Eniwetok where it engaged in stevedoring operations. Report endorsed by 28th Reg.
- 10-30-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 13th (Sp) - operating at Guam. Report endorsed by 28th Reg.
- 11-11-44 - the 13th (Sp) is located at Guam. (In. Com. Sec. Airmailgram to CMC 011201 WCR 14731 dtd 6 Nov'44)
- 11-30-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 13th (Sp) - no info on location. Report endorsed by 28th Reg.
- 1-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 28th Reg. - The 13th (Sp) is located on Guam.
- 2- 1-45 - The 13th (Sp) is located at Orote, Guam. (5th Brg. War Diary 1 Dec'44 thru 31 Dec'44)

Location - Guam

13th(Sp)

- 2-10-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - located at Guam.
- 3- 5-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - located at Guam. Report end. by 28th Reg.
- 4- 3-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - no info on location.
- 4-10-45 -- The 13th (Sp) is located at Orote Peninsula(Guam)(5th Brg. War Diary 1 Feb to 28 Feb 45).
- 4-11-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - no info on location.
- 4-12-45 - 1 Apr'45 BNP 625 report shows 814 men from the 5th Brg. Motor Pool carried as supernumeraries but not included in on bd figure for 13th (Sp).
- 4-16-45 - The 13th (Sp) is located on Orote Pen., Guam and is attached to the 28th Reg. (5th Brg War Diary of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 BNP 625 report shows 810 men from the 5th Brg. Motor Pool carried as supernumeraries but not included in on bd figure for 13th (Sp).
- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of 13th (Sp) - location not given. Report routed via 28th Reg & 5th Brig.
- 6- 4-45 - No contemplated redeployment of 4 CB Specials now at Guam. Suggest the following: Transfer 34th (Sp) fagtrans from Pearl to Guam. Increase complement 134th CB to 2000 enl men and 50 off. (Cincpac P Sec disp 272321 May'45 to Comservpac)
- 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - location not stated. Report thru 28th Reg and 5th Brg.
- 7-12-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - location not stated. Report via 28th Reg and 5th Brg. Rec'd 124 replacements during June.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 13th (Sp) - location not stated. Report via 28th Reg and 5th Brg. 125 replacements recd in July.

Location -

13th (Sp)

- 9-14-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of the 13th(Sp). No info as to location. Report via 28th Reg. & 5th Brig. 20 men were detached for discharge.
- 10-18-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 13th(Sp) - location not stated. Report via 28th Reg. & 5th Brig. 32 men transferred for discharge & leave & reassignment.
- 10-24-45 - Desire to inactivate 13th (Sp). Cincpoa approval is requested to inactivate above unit. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05558 dtd 9 Oct'45 to Cincpoa).
- 1-31-46 - 13th(Sp) to CSP 30 Oct'45 ltr states that the 13th(Sp) was inactivated on 15 Oct'45. (Dirwespacdocks conf rpt dtd 10 Jan'46).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jun'44	31	1018	MoR
1 Sep'44	33	1013	MoR
1 Oct'44	33	1006	MoR
1 Nov'44	33	991	MoR
1 Jan'45	31	965	MoR
1 Feb'45	33	947	MoR
1 Mar'45	31	953	MoR
1 Apr'45	29	949	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45		938 & 810*Supernumeries	BNP625
1 Jun'45	28	937 & 804*Supernumeries	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	27	1018	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	29	1118	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		1097	BNP625
1 Oct'45	29	1065	BNP625 & R

* The 810 men from the 1st Div. Medical Det. are not included in the total.

13th Construction Battalion (Special) (INACTIVATED)

13TH SPECIAL BATTALION

After brief training periods at Camp Peary, Gulfport and Hueneme, the first echelon of the 13th Special arrived at Pearl Harbor Nov. 27, 1943, and was joined by the second echelon on Jan. 2, 1944. The Battalion worked at Pearl for

five months, and then shipped out to Guam, the first echelon leaving June 1, and the second, June 18. The two sections reached Guam July 27 and Aug. 10 respectively. The 13th was still stevedoring on Guam at the war's end.

ITINERARY OF THE 13TH CB(SP)

- 2 Oct 1943 - Transferred from NCTC, Camp Peary, to Gulfport, Miss.
- 31 Oct 1943 - Transferred from Gulfport to Port Hueneme.
- 27 Nov 1943 - First echelon arrived Pearl Harbor. Date of departure from States unknown.
- 2 Jan 1944 - Second echelon arrived Pearl Harbor.
- 1 Mar 1944 - Battalion operating at Oahu.
- 1 Jun 1944 - First echelon left Iroquois Point.
- 18 Jun 1944 - Second echelon left Iroquois Point.
- 27 Jul 1944 - First echelon arrived Guam.
- 10 Aug 1944 - Second echelon arrived Guam. Was detained at Eniwetock where it engaged in stevedoring operations.
- 1 Aug 1945 - Located Guay.

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

4 September 1945.



13











