

16th Special Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



16th (SF)

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 5 Dec'43
Left ABD - 25 Dec'43
Location - Pearl-Harbor, Oahu Guam

LOG

- 10-15-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 16th (Sp) to Gulfport about 23 Oct'43 from Peary. (Conf. Disp. 151859 NCR 6507 from CNO to Peary dtd 15 Oct'43)
- 11- 7-43 - CNO orders transfer of the 16th (Sp) to Hueneme about 14 Nov'43. (Conf. Disp. 061937 CNR 360 from CNO to Gulfport dtd 7 Nov'43)
- 1- 3-44 - 16th (Sp) left ABD Hueneme 25 Dec'43. (WBK)
- 2-10-44 - 16th (Sp) arrived at Pearl Harbor 1 Jan'44 and located at Oahu, T.H. (3rd Reg. Dec'43 monthly report)
- 2-26-44 - 16th (Sp) detached from 3rd Regiment and ordered to report to 20th Regiment. (2nd Brig. ltr 2NCR-06-HCB/hs over P16-4 to OinC 16th Sp dtd 5 Feb'44)
- 3- 9-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 16th (Sp) - Quartered in Aiea Receiving Barracks Area.
- 4-21-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of 16th (Sp) - 125 men on detached duty with task force.
- 5-11-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 16th (Sp) - 125 men left batt 13 Feb'44 and returned 13 Mar'44 from Eniwetok.
- 6-16-44 - 1 May'44 report of 16th (Sp) - located at Moanalua.
- 7-10-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 16th (Sp) - operating at Pearl Harbor. On 18 and 19 May'44, 1 off. and 28 men returned from temp. duty at Island of Maui.

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- 8- 3-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 16th (Sp) - Stevedore operations at NSD Pearl Harbor were secured 16 Jun'44 and batt went into military training on 19 Jun'44.
- 8-29-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 16th (Sp) - Training completed 1 Jul'44 and batt began operations at NSD Pearl Harbor.
- 8-29-44 - 16th (Sp) ordered detached from duty with 20th Reg. and 2nd Brig. and ordered to report to 5th Brig. for duty. (OinC 2nd Brig. ltr 2NCR-06-HCB/kb over P16-3 8139 dtd 7 Aug'44 to OinC 16th (Sp).
- 9- 5-44 - OinC 5th Brig. Sec. ltr 12285 over P16-3 dtd 7 Aug'44 to OinC 16th (Sp) orders the 16th (Sp) to embark for forward area.
- 10- 3-44 - 12 Sep'44 report of 16th (Sp) - This batt was in movement at the end of Aug'44; has been in the process of setting up camp since its arrival at Guam.
- 10-25-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 5th Brig. - 16th (Sp) landed on 30 Aug'44.
- 10-30-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 16th (Sp) covering months of Aug & Sep - All stevedoring operations at Pearl Harbor were secured on 1 Aug'44. On 8 Aug'44, the batt consisting of 35 officers and 1023 men embarked at P.H. and arrived at Apra Harbor, Guam on 30 Aug'44. On 31 Aug. the batt disembarked and set up camp on Cabras Island, Guam. Reported to the 28th Reg. and 5th Brig. on 31 Aug'44.
- 11-11-44 - The 16th (Sp) is located at Guam. (Is. com. Sec. airmailgram to CNO 011201 NCR 14731 dtd 6 Nov'44)
- 11-30-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 16th (Sp) - located on Cabras Island, Guam, also operating at the Piti Navy Yard. Report endorsed by 28th Regiment.
- 12-30-44 - 1 Dec'44 report of 16th (Sp) - located on Guam (Cabras Is. and Piti Navy Yd). Report endorsed by the 28th Regiment.
- 1- 1-45 - The 16th (Sp) is located at Cabras Is., Guam. (5th Brig. War Diary 1 Dec'44 thru 31 Dec'44)

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- 2-10-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - location not stated. Report endorsed by the 28th Regiment.
- 3- 5-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - location not given. Report end. by the 28th Reg.
- 4- 3-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - located on Cabras Is., Guam. Report end. by 28th Reg.
- 4-10-45 - The 16th (Sp) is located at Cabras Is. (Guam) (5th Brg. War Diary 1 Feb to 28 Feb'45)
- 4-16-45 - The 16th (Sp) is located at Cabras Is., Guam and is attached to the 28th Reg. (5th Brg War Diary of 1 Apr'45)
- 4-17-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 16th (Sp) - This battalion operating at Cabras Island, Guam.
- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - located at Cabras Is., Guam. Operations continue under the direction of the 28th Reg. (Sp) and the Troop Port Comdr. Report routed via the 28th Reg. and 5th Brg. 15 men on temp duty with 5th Brg Motor Pool.
- 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 124th CB to 2000 enl men and 50 off. (Cincpoa P sec disp 272331 May'45 to Comservpac)
- 6-19-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - located at Cabras Is., GUAM. Report via the 28th Reg and 5th Brg.
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - located at Cabras Is., Guam. Report via the 28th Reg and 5th Brig.
- 8-17-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 16th (Sp) - location not given. Received additnl personnel required to bring the Batt strength up to 1125 men from the 2nd (Sp) during Jul'45 upon the inactivation of the 2nd (Sp). Report via 28th Reg and 5th Brig.

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- 9-25-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 16th (Sp). No info as to location. Report via 28th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 10-9-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 16th (Sp). Location not stated. Report via 28th Reg. & 5th Brig. 20 men were returned to the U.S. for leave & reassignment. 13 men transferred to RecSta to await transportation for discharge under the point system.
- 10-24-45 - Desire to inactivate 16th (Sp). Cincpoa approval is requested to inactivate this unit. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05558 dtd 9 Oct'45 to Cincpoa).
- 11-14-45 - Comservpac directs Commarianas to inactivate the following units 16th Sp, etc. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05656 dtd 23 Oct'45 to Commarianas).
- 11-26-45 - 16th (Sp) was inactivated as of 10 Nov'45. (5th Brig. conf ltr ser 13002 dtd 2 Nov'45 to CinC, 16th (Sp)).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	34	1034	Rec-p.
1 Aug'44	38	1023	MoR
1 Oct'44	39	1012	MoR
1 Nov'44	40	1014	MoR
1 Dec'44	38	1008	MoR
1 Jan'45	38	1001	MoR
1 Feb'45	37	992	MoR
1 Mar'45	37	998	MoR
1 Apr'45	37	991	MoR
1 May'45	35	974	MoR
1 Jun'45	35	1005	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	30	1005	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	33	1110	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		1121	BNP625
1 Oct'45	26	1174	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	18	916	BNP625 & R

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Notes</u>
6/19/44	-	Oahu	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. Dec. 1943.
7/22	-	FRAY P.H.	Com 14 sec act. 060609 July	
8/18	-	-	Com 14 sec act clasp. 040056 Sept.	Delete FRAY
2/19	-	Guam	C.B. report 1 September	
1/10	-	DUVA (Guam)	30 Com Guam sec act disp nov-011201	

16TH SPECIAL BATTALION

After organizing and training at Peary, the 16th Special moved to Gulfport, Miss., Oct. 23, 1943. After further training the Battalion entrained for Hueneme Nov. 14. On Christmas Day it embarked from

Hueneme and arrived at Pearl Harbor on New Year's Day, 1944. On Feb. 13, 125 men went on detached duty with task

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ITINERARY OF 16TH (SP) CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

23 Oct. 1943 Transferred from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. to Gulfport, Miss.

14 Nov. 1943 Transferred from Gulfport to ABD, Port Hueneme, Calif.

25 Dec. 1943 Left ABD, Port Hueneme.

1 Jan. 1944 Arrived Pearl Harbor and located at Oahu.

13 Feb. 1944 125 men left battalion on detached duty with task force at Eniwetok.

13 Mar. 1944 125 men returned to battalion.

1 May 1944 Located at Hounalua.

18 May 1944 One officer and 28 men returned from tempdu on Maui Island.

19 May 1944

8 Aug. 1944 Embarked at Pearl Harbor for forward area.

30 Aug. 1944 Arrived Apra Harbor, Guam. Set up camp at Cebra Island.

1 Aug. 1945 Operating at Guam.

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

6 Sept 1945

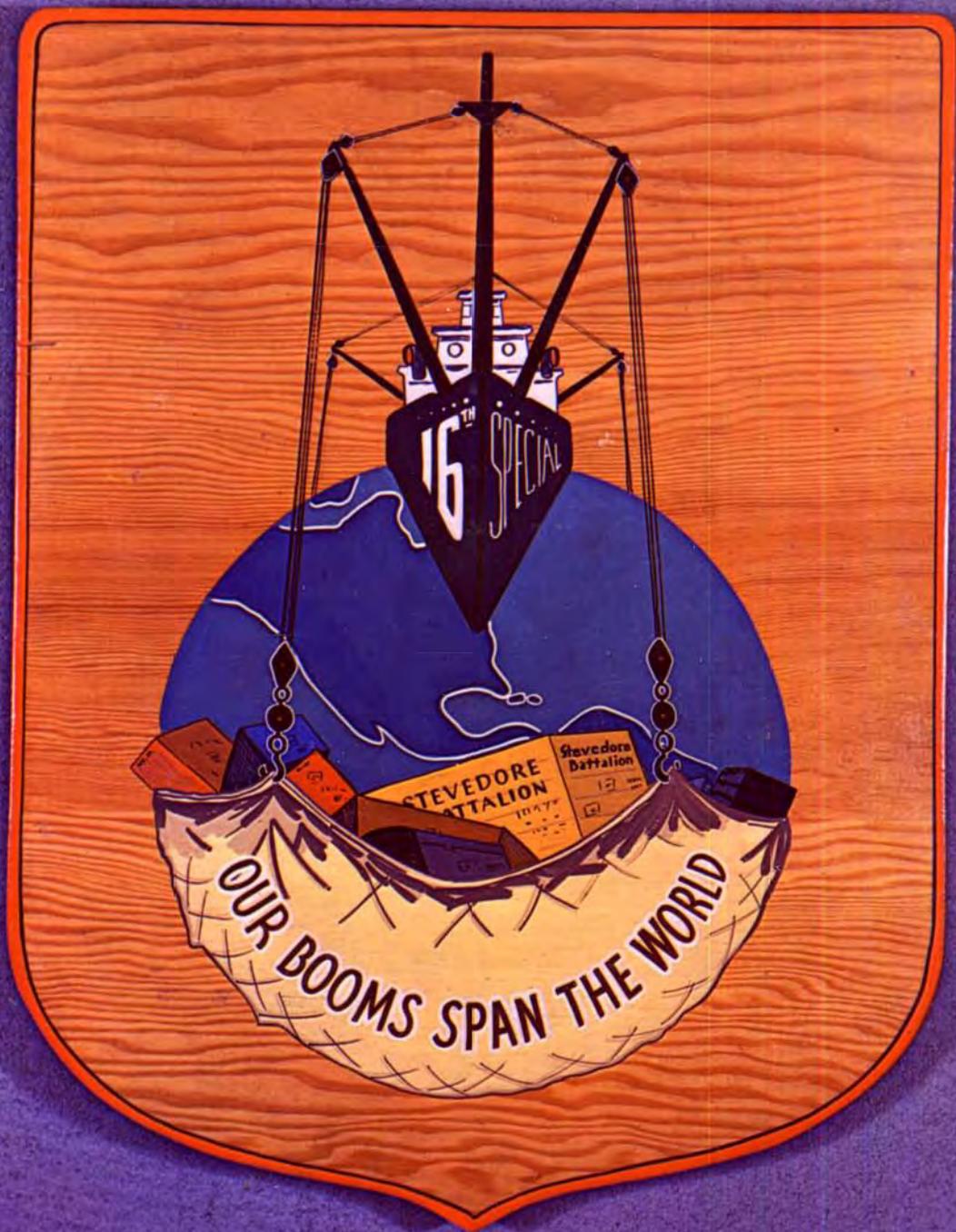
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Comdr. C. B. P. 115

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