

# 21<sup>st</sup> Special Naval Construction Battalion

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*Historical  
Information*



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



21st C.B. (Special)

NCTC - Peary  
ABD - Hueneme  
Ready Date - 10 Feb'44  
Left ABD - 1 May'44  
Location - ~~Lien-4-Manus~~ Subic Bay

LOG

- 1-10-44 - CNO orders transfer of the 21st (Sp) about 20 Jan'44 from Peary to Hueneme. (Conf. Disp. 101831 NCR 747 from CNO to Peary dtd 10 Jan'44)
- 5-23-44 - 21st (Sp) left ABD 1 May'44. (WRK)
- 6-29-44 - 21st (Sp) was enroute to Manus as of 31 May'44. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpadocks dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 8-23-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 21st (Sp) - operating at Manus.
- 9-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 21st (Sp) - operating at Manus.
- 11- 8-44 - 21st (Sp) is located at Manus. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 21st (Sp) - operating at Manus.
- 1-29-44 - 21st (Sp) located at Manus. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
- 2-28-44 - 21st CB (Sp) located at Manus. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).
- 1-13-45 - 21st (Sp) located at Manus. (Comserfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 2-10-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus.
- 2-10-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus.

Location - Manus - Subic Bay                      21st C.B. (Sp)

- 3-31-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus.
- 4-16-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - location not given.
- 4-20-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus.
- 5- 1-45 - The 21st (Sp) is located at Manus. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus.
- 5-31-45 - Upon arrival of transp, the 21st (Sp) detached. Proceed and report to CNB Subic Bay for duty. (Comserfor7flt Conf spdltr ser BP-01475 dtd 19 May to CNB Manus)
- 6-15-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 21st (Sp) - located at Manus. On 8 May'45 this Batt was alerted for movement.
- 7-2-45 - You will consider your present duty at Manus terminated. Ordered to proceed via transp designated with off. and enl personnel of the 21st (Sp) to CNB Subic Bay and upon arrival report to that officer for duty. (CNB Manus conf orders ser 01137 dtd 16 Jun'45 to Lt. Comdr. F.M. Poole).
- 7-27-45 - CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June shows the 21st (Sp) located at Subic Bay and attached to 3rd Brg.
- 8-17-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 21st(Sp) - located at Subic Bay. On 14 Jun'45 the 1st ech of 1 offer and 17 men departed Manus arriving Subic Bay on 23 Jun'45. On 18 June the 2nd ech of 23 officers and 758 men departed Manus arriving Subic Bay on 29 June.
- 8-13-45 - 21st(Sp) scheduled for forward move. (Dirpadocks sec location report dtd 20 Aug'45).
- 10-1-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 21st(Sp) - no info as to location. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 11 men transferred to U.S. for over-age discharges.

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21st CB (Sp)

- 10-25-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 21st(Sp) - location not stated. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 452 men rec'd from 80th CB on 11 Sept'45. Also 80 men rec'd from the 77th CB on 19 Sept'45. 229 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system.
- 12-7-45 - Comservpac reqs Comphlseafron to inactivate 21st(Sp). (Comservpac restr disp 060115 Dec'45 to Comphlseafron).
- 12-17-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 3rd Brig. states that the 21st(Sp) will have been inactivated by 7 Dec'45.
- 1-5-46 - 21st(Sp) reported inactivated since 20 Dec'45. (Comservpac, Pearl disp 032103 Jan '46 to BuPers).
- 1-29-46 - 1 Nov'45 report of 21st CB(Sp) - location not stated. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 76 men transferred to U.S. for discharge.

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	225	973	Recap.
1 Jul'44	30	973	R & BNP625
1 Aug'44	30	961	MoR
1 Oct'44	30	959	Comservfor7flt Rep. for Sep'45
1 Sep'44	30	959	MoR
1 Dec'44	30	943	MoR
1 Jan'45	28	939	MoR
1 Feb'45	28	952	MoR
1 MAR'45	29	960	M.K
1 Apr'45	28	940	MoR
1 May'45	28	937	MoR
1 Jun'45	28	941	BNP625
1 Jul'45		933	BNP625
1 Aug'45		920	BNP625
1 Sept'45		1207	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	28		R
1 Nov'45	7		

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/20/44	Lion H (may report)	Manus	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. May 1944
10/16	-	Manus Htk Brig.	C.B. report	
11/25	-	Manus	Com Serv report see act dep. no 150133.	
3/29	-	*Manus Nav Base	Com Serv report see 260558 Mac	* present location & assignment

Any report source Subj: [unclear]

## **21ST SPECIAL BATTALION**

Formed at Camp Peary in 1944, the 21st Special transferred to Hueneme on Feb. 20. Sailing on May 1, the Battalion

landed at Manus Island on May 31, where it operated for approximately one year. Moving in two echelons, the outfit left Manus on June 14 and 18, 1945 and they arrived at Subic Bay, Luzon on June 23 and 29, 1945. This unit was still working there at the war's end.

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ITINERARY OF THE 21ST (SPECIAL) CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

- 20 Feb 1944 - Transferred from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, to ABD Port Hueneme, California.
- 1 May 1944 - Left ABD, Port Hueneme for overseas destination.
- 31 May 1944 - On or about this date arrived Manus.
- 8 May 1945 - Battalion alerted for forward movement.
- 14 Jun 1945 - First Echelon departed Manus with 1 officer and 17 men.
- 18 Jun 1945 - Second Echelon departed Manus with 23 officers and 758 men.
- 23 Jun 1945 - First Echelon arrived Subic Bay.
- 29 Jun 1945 - Second Echelon arrived Subic Bay.

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NOTE: This itinerary based on records available in G.B. Operations and Personnel Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

6 September 1945.



**NO  
LOGO  
AVAILABLE**









