

22nd Special Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



22nd CB Special

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/20/44	-	Manus	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. April 1944.
9/18	-	Los Negros	C.B. report 1 September	
11/25	-	Manus	Comserv7flt sec act disp. no 150133.	
3/29	-	Manus new Base	Comserv7flt sec 260558 man	present location & assignment.

22nd C.B. (Special)

NCTC - Peary
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 25 Feb'44
 Left ABD - 7 Apr'44
 Location - Milne-Bay Los Negros

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- 2- 1-44 - 22nd (Sp) arrived 1 Feb'44 at Hueneme from Peary. (Rest. Disp. 312130 NCR 39969 from Hueneme to addressees)
 6-29-44 - 22nd (Sp) is enroute to Manus as of 31 May'44. (Comserv7flt Sec. A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpadocks dtd 8 Jun'44)
 7- 7-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 22nd (Sp) - Left ABDRE Hueneme 7 Apr'44 and arrived at Los Negros 18 May'44.
 8-31-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 22nd (Sp) - operating at Manus.
 10-25-44 - The 22nd (Sp) is located at Los Negros. (Comserv7flt monthly report for Aug'44 to Budocks ser BPO01815 Sec. dtd 12 Sep'44)
 10-28-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 22nd (Sp) - operating at Manus.
 11- 8-44 - 22nd (Sp) is located at Los Negros. (Comserv7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
 11-29-44 - 22nd (Sp) located at Manus. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
 11-30-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 22nd (Sp) - operating at Manus.
 12-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 22nd (Sp) - operating at Manus. Report endorsed by 4th Brig.
 12-28-44 - 22nd (Sp) located at Los Negros. (Comserv7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44)

Location - Manus

22nd (Sp)

- 1-13-45 - 22nd (Sp) located at Los Negros. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec)
2-10-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus.
2-13-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus.
2-15-45 -- The 22nd (Sp) is located at Los Negros. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
4-2-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus. Has been assigned for duty at this base since 18 May'44.
4-10-45 - The 22nd (Sp) is located at Manus. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec rep for 15 Mar'45)
4-16-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - location not given. From 27 Mar to 31 Mar'45 a detachment of 3 officers & 15 men was furnished for discharging & loading of a high priority vessel at the Naval Base ammunition dock on Manus Island.
5- 1-45 - The 22nd (Sp) is located at Manus. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45.)
5-4-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 22nd(Sp) - located at Manus.
5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus.
6-16045 0 1 Jun'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus. Large detachment stevedoring at Lorengau, Manus Is.
7-18-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 22nd(Sp) - located at Manus. During the month of Jun'45 the 22nd(Sp) was separated into two sections at the request of the CMB Manus, one sec. remaining at Los Negros and the other section comprising 8 officers and 392 men quartered at Manus and engaged in stevedoring at Lorengau, to relieve the 21st(Sp) which has moved to a forward area.
8-17-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 22nd (Sp) - located at Manus and Los Negros. The 22nd(Sp) continues to be separated into two sections during Jul'45. 1 sec remained at the original camp area at Los Negros and the other section comprised of 10 officers and 490 men were at Manus. Report

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- 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 22nd (Sp). Located at Manus. 15 men transferred to U.S. for over-age discharge. 22nd(Sp) cont'd to be separated into two sections during Aug., one section at Los Negros Isl. & the other section at Manus Is.
10-25-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 22nd(Sp) - located at Manus. 165 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. 12 off. & 514 men at Manus.
11-30-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 22nd(Sp) - located at Manus. 261 men transferred to U.S. for discharge.
12-17-45 -Comservpac reqs Guam inactivate 22nd(Sp). (Comservpac disp 132056 Dec'45 to RDC, Guam)/
1-3-46 -1 Dec'45 report of 22nd(Sp) - location not stated. 397 men transferred to U.S. for discharge.
1-5-46 - 22nd(Sp) inactivated as of 30 Dec'45. (22nd(Sp) ltr dtd 30 Dec'45 to BuDocks).

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44		988	Recap.
1 Jul'44	28	988	R & MoR
1 Sep'44	29	984	ComSerfor7flit onRep
1 Oct'44	30	985	ComSerfor7flit Rep. Cap Ser
1 Oct'44	30	987	MoR
1 Dec'44	30	974	MoR
1 Jan'45	27	970	MoR
1 Feb'45	29	959	MoR
1 MAR'45	29	954	MoR
1 Apr'45	28	942	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45	27	932	MoR
1 Jun'45	27	921	MoR
1 Jul'45	24	924	Roster & BNP625
1 Aug'45	23	907	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		890	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45		719	BNP625
1 Nov'45	20	460	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	16	222	BNP625 & R
1 Jan'46	16		R

22nd Construction Battalion (Special) (INACTIVATED)

22nd CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SPECIAL)

31 Jan 43 Arrived ABD Hueneme from NCTC Peary.
7 Apr 44 Left ABD, Hueneme.
18 May 44 Arrived Los Negros.

22ND SPECIAL U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
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San Francisco, California

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- 30 January 1944 - First section arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme, California from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia
- 31 January 1944 - Second section arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme.
- 1 February 1944 - Third section arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme.
- 7 April 1944 - - Left Port Hueneme.
- 18 May 1944 - - - Arrived at Manus Island, U. S. Navy Base No. 3205. The original camp was set up close to the dock area on Los Negros Island, a small island off the coast of Manus Island. Major stevedoring operations carried on at Los Negros Island docks and on ships in the stream. At various times engaged in stevedoring operations at Manus Island. Battalion was not split for these operations.
- 17 June 1945 - - On this date the battalion was split into two sections at the request of the CNB Manus, one section remaining at Los Negros Island and the other section comprising 8 officers and 392 men quartered at Manus and engaged in stevedoring at Lorengau.
- 1 August 1945 - Battalion continued to be divided into two sections. The strength of the Manus detachment was 10 officers and 490 men.
- 1 September 1945 - Battalion continued to be divided into two sections. The strength of the Manus detachment was 10 officers and 517 men.

Date: 28 September 1945.

Certified corrects:



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22ND SPECIAL BATTALION

After two months of final readying at Port Hueneme, the 22nd Special sailed directly to Manus Island in the Admiralties on April 7, 1944, and on this and adjacent islands which formed one of the

largest and most vital bases in the Southwest Pacific, the Battalion was working when the war ended.

United States Naval Construction Battalion 22 (Special)

- 25 Jan 44 United States Naval Construction Battalion 22 (Special) was activated at the Naval Construction Training Center, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia. The same day the battalion departed for the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California. For the train trip to Port Hueneme, the battalion was divided into three sections.
- 29 Jan 44 The first section of the battalion arrived at the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.
- 31 Jan 44 The second and third sections of the battalion arrived at the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.
- 7 Apr 44 The 22nd Special Battalion departed from Port Hueneme for Manus Island.
- 18 May 44 The battalion arrived at Manus Island. The original battalion camp was set up close to the dock area on Los Negros Island, a small island off the coast of Manus Island. Their major stevedoring operations were carried on at Los Negros Island docks and on ships in the stream. At various times, the battalion engaged in stevedoring operations at Manus Island. However, the battalion was not split for these operations.
- 6 Mar 45 The 22nd Special Construction Battalion set a record by unloading 4,410 tons in a 24-hour period.

- 17 Jun 45 The battalion was split into two sections at the request of the Commander of the Naval Base, Manus. One section remained at Los Negros Island while the other section was quartered at Manus and engaged in stevedoring at Lorengau.
- 5 Aug 45 The battalion unloaded sections of Tank Landing Crafts from Tank Landing Ships with a 75-ton floating crane. For their outstanding work during this operation, the battalion received a special commendation from Brigadier General Hugh Hoffman, Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry, United States Army.
- Sep-Dec 45 The battalion continued to operate in two sections, one at Manus Island and the other at Los Negros. However, the strength of the battalion declined rapidly because men were being transferred to the United States for discharge.
- 20 Dec 45 United States Naval Construction Battalion 22 (Special) was inactivated.



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