

24th Special Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



24th C.B. (Special)

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 16 Mar'44
Left ABD - 7 Apr'44 (WRK)
Location - Gamadodo Leyte Subic Bay (1st sec)

LOG

- 2- 2-44 - Budocks requests transfer of the 24th (Sp) from Peary to Hueneme on 16 Feb'44. (Budocks ltr to CNO dtd 2 Feb'44)
- 6-29-44 - 24th (Sp) is located at Gamadodo as of 31 May'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpadocks dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 6-29-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 24th (Sp) - Batt began field operations 14 May'44.
- 7-15-44 - 24th (Sp) is located at Milne Bay as of 31 May'44 - arrived Milne Bay 14 May'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9-4 over Ser 00673 to Budocks dtd 14 Jun'44)
- 8-21-44 - 24th (Sp) report of 1 Jul'44 - operating at Milne Bay.
- 9-15-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 24th (Sp) - operating at Milne Bay.
- 10-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 24th (Sp) - operating at Milne Bay.
- 10-30-44 - The 24th (Sp) is scheduled to operate with Cub 12 at KING 2 (OSSO). (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr S31 over Ser 001873 to Budocks dtd 6 Oct'44)
- 11- 8-44 - 24th (Sp) was located at Gamadodo in Sep'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-11-44 - The 24th (Sp) ordered, when transportation is available, detached from Milne Bay to proceed and report to the CO of NABU #4 for duty. (Comservfor7flt Sec. spltr to CNB Milne Bay Ser 001132 dtd 22 Oct'44)
- 11-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 24th (Sp) - operated at Milne Bay during Sep'44.

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- 11-29-44 - 24th (Sp) located at Tacloban, Leyte. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
- 1-12-45 - The 24th (Sp) is located at Milne Bay. (Comserv7flt Sec. disp to CNO 231053 dtd 5 Jan'45).
- 1-13-45 - 24th (Sp) located at Gamadodo. (Comservfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-20-45 - Upon arrival of transportation the 24th (Sp) hereby detached from Milne Bay to proceed and report to CNB Leyte. (Comservfor7flt Sec. spltr A3 Ser. 002005 to CNB Milne Bay dtd 4 Jan'45).
- 2- 9-45 - The 24th (Sp) hereby detached CNB Milne Bay and upon arrival of transportation to proceed and report to CO NABU 6 FFT Subic Bay for duty. (Comserv7flt Sec Disp to CNB Milne and CNO 030411 dtd 4 Feb'45)
- 2-13-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 24th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay during Oct'44.
- 2-13-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 24th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay during Nov'44.
- 2-15-45 - The 24th (Sp) is located at Gamadodo, Milne Bay. (Comservfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
- 3-8-45 -- The 24th (Sp) is located at Subic Bay according to Dirpadocks San Fran 15 Feb'45 report.
- 3-13-45 -- Comserv7flt Sec. disp to CO NABU 6 110029 Mar'45 - $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 24th (Sp) hereby detached NABU 6 to proceed and report to CNB Manila for duty. Section 1 is assigned to Subic Bay and Sec. 2 to Manila.
- 27-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 24th (Sp) - Alerted early in Jan for movement to Subic Bay, Luzon for duty with NABU 6.
- 4-10-45 -- The 24th (Sp) 1st Sec. is located at Subic. The 2nd Sec. is located at Manila. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).

Location - Subic Bay 24th C.B. (Special) 1st Sec.

5-1-45 - 1/2 24th (Sp) arrived Subic Bay 8 Mar'45, other half located at Manila. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)

5-2-45 - The 24th (Sp) was divided into two sections on 18 Mar'45 by authority of Comserfor7flt Disp 110029. (Recap Sheet of 31 Mar'45)

5-8-45 - The 24th (Sp) 1st Sec is located at Subic Bay. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 16Apr)

5-19-45 - 1 May'45 report of 24th (Sp) 1st Sect. - located at Subic Bay.

5-23-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 24th (Sp) 1st Sect. - located at Subic Bay. Entire Batt. was in transit to Subic Bay until 7 Mar'45. Divided into two sections & Sect. 2 departed for duty at Manila Bay 18 Mar'45. 84 men of Sect. 1 are on detached duty at Milne Bay.

5-30-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 24th(Sp) - Preparing for forward movement from Milne Bay during 1st part of Feb'45 & in transit during latter part of Feb'45. 1 officer & 20 men left at Milne Bay FFT.

6-21-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 24th (Sp) Sec 1 - located at Subic Bay.

7-23-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 24th (Sp) Sec 1 - located at Subic Bay. 5 men were transferred to the U.S. for discharge during Jun'45.

8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 24th (Sp) Sec 1 - location not given. Report via the 24th Reg and 3rd Brg.

9-25-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 24th(Sp) Sec 1 - location not given. Report via 24th Reg, 3rd Brig. 7 off & 500 men ordered to report first week in Sept for duty.

11-1-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 24th(Sp), Sec. 1 - location not given. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 448 men reported aboard from the 80th CB. 138 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system.

12-13-45 - Comservpac reqs Comphlseafron to inactivate 24th(Sp). (Comservpac disp ⁹²⁵⁷⁴ 080115 Dec'45 to Comphlseafron).

Location - Subic Bay 24th (Special), 1st Sec.

12-17-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 3rd Brig. states that the 24th(Sp) will have been inactivated by 7 Dec'45.

12-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 24th(Sp), Sec. 1 - located at Subic Bay. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 264 men transferred to U.S. for discharge.

1-5-46 - 24th(Sp) reported inactivated since 20 Dec'45. (Comservpac, Pearl disp 022103 Jan'46 to BuPers).

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ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MMN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Apr'45		447	BNP625
1 Jun'45	11	442	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	13	437	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	13	433	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		471	BNP625
1 Oct'45	11	432	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	19	366	BNP625 & R

24th Construction Battalion (Special) -- 2nd Sec. (INACTIVATED)

Location - Manila

24th CB (Special) - 2nd Sec.

- 5- 2-45 - The 24th (Sp) was divided into two sections on 18 Mar'45 by authority of Comserfor7flt disp 110029. (Recap Sheet of 31 Mar'45)
- 5- 8-45 - The 24th (Sp) 2nd Sec. is located at Manila. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr)
- 5-23-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 24th (Sp) Sect.1 - Entire battalion was in transit to Subic Bay until 7 Mar'45. Divided into two sections & Sect. 2 departed for duty at Manila Bay 18 Mar'45.
- 6-25-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 24th (Sp) Sec 2 - located at Manila.
- 7-27-45 - The 24th (Sp) Sec 2 is located at Manila, Luzon and is attached to the 3rd Reg and 3rd Brig. (OCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
- 8-3-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 24th(Sp) Sec 2 - location not stated. Report via 3rd Brig.
- 8-8-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 24th(Sp) Sec 2 - location not stated. Report came via 3rd Brig. & 3rd Reg.
- 10-3-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 24th(Sp) Sec 2 - location not stated. Report via 3rd Reg. & 3rd Brig.
- 10-17-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 3rd Reg. - 3rd Reg. report states that 24th(Sp), 2nd Sec. is located at Manila.
- 11-1-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 24th(Sp), 2nd Sec - location not stated. Report via 3rd Reg. & 3rd Brig.
- 12-6-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 24th(Sp), 2nd Sec - location not stated. Report via 3rd Reg. & 3rd Brig.
- 12-13-45 - Comservpac recc Comphlseafron to inactivate 24th(Sp). (Comservpac ^{report} also 060115 Dec'45 to Comphlseafron).
- 12-17-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 3rd Brig. states that the 24th(Sp) will have been inactivated 7 Dec'45.

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Location - Manila

24th CB (Special)

1-5-46 - 24th(Sp) reported inactivated since 20 Dec'45. (Conservation, Pearl diag 032145
Jan'46 to BuPers).

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24th CB Special

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/19/44	-	Milne Bay	C. B. report	Left U.S. April 1944
11/25	-	OSSO	1 June.	
1/9	-	Edue (Milne Bay)	Combeswiche jet sec act disp. Nov. 150133.	
7/3	-	(CO-NAB46 Subic Bay.)	Combeswiche jet sec. 030411 Feb.	detached Milne. Upon arrival rep. CO NAB46 FT Subic Bay for duty.
7/2	-	Sec 1 - Subic Sec 2 - Manila	Combeswiche jet. sec. 110029 Mar.	1/2 detached na B26 - proceed Manila.
3/29	-	Sec 1 - Subic Bay - Nav Base Sec 2 - Manila - Nav Base	Combeswiche jet sec 265558 Mar	present location & assignment.
4/22	-	1/2 - Ucip - Manila	Combeswiche jet sec act disp. 100031 May	added

ON BOARD

DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
30 Jun'44		943 (943)	Recap.
19 Jul'44	31		R
1 Aug'44	32	940	MoR
1 Sep'44	29	935	MoR
1 Oct'44	30	939	MoR
1 Nov'44	32	981	MoR
1 Dec'44	34	977	MoR
31 Dec'44		970	Recap.
1 Feb'45	33	942	MoR
1 Mar'45	28	930	BNP625
1 Apr'45 (1st Sect.)	14	484	BNP625 & R
1 May'45 (1st Sect.)	13	490	MoR
1 Jun'45	14	481	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	15	470	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	16	449	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	15	443	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	24	745	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	17	481	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	24		R

24TH SPECIAL BATTALION

After leaving Hueneme early in 1944, the 24th Special swung the big hook in both New Guinea and the Philippines. After nine months at Milne Bay, the unit was split into two sections, the first moving north to Subic Bay in the Philippines, and the second section going to Manila. Here they were working when the war ended.

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FIRST SECTION

- 16 Feb 1944 - Transferred from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia to ABD, Fort Hueneme, California.
- Date of departure from United States unknown.
- 14 May 1944 - Arrived Milne Bay.
- 4 Feb 1945 - Ordered detached from Milne Bay and upon arrival of transportation to proceed and report to CO NABU 6 for further transportation to Subic Bay for duty.
- 7 Mar 1945 - Arrived Subic Bay. One officer and 20 men left Milne Bay FFT.
- 18 Mar 1945 - Battalion divided into two sections and Section two departed from Subic Bay for Manila.
- 1 Aug 1945 - First section located Subic Bay.

SECOND SECTION

- 18 Mar 1945 - Battalion divided into two sections while located Subic Bay. Second Section ordered to Manila.
- 1 Aug 1945 - Located Manila.

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

13 September 1945.

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