

25th Special Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



25th C.B. (Special)

NCDC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 1 Apr'44
Left ABD - 26 Apr'44
Location - Milne Bay

LOG

- 2-25-44 - Budocks requests transfer of the 25th (Sp) on 4 Mar'44 from Peary to Hueneme.
(Budocks ltr to CNO dtd 25 Feb'44)
5-22-44 - 25th (Sp) left ABD 26 Apr'44. (WRK)
6-29-44 - 25th (Sp) is located at Milne Bay as of 31 May'44. (Comserfor7flt Sec. A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpadoocks dtd 8 Jun'44)
7-11-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 25th (Sp) - Staging at Milne Bay.
7-15-44 - 25th (Sp) arrived at Milne Bay the last week in May'44. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9-4 over Ser 00673 to Budocks dtd 14 Jun'44)
7-19-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 25th (Sp) - operating at Milne Bay.
9-4-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 25th (Sp) - operating at Milne Bay.
11-8-44 - 25th (Sp) is located at Gamadodo. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltrA -9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
11-29-44 - 25th (Sp) is located at Milne Bay. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
11-30-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 25th (Sp) - operating at Milne Bay.
12-29-44 - The 25th CB is located at Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).

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25th (Sp)

- 1-13-45 - If comserfor7flt finds it necessary to separate the 25th (Sp) each section will have an OinC independent of the other as they will be working in at separate locations. (Comserfor7flt Spdltr to OinC 25th (Sp) P16-3 over Ser. BP 3198 dtd 18 Dec'44)
1-13-45 - 25th (Sp) at Gamadodo; preparing for early forward movement. (Comserfor7flit Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
2-13-45 - 1 Oct'44 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay during Sep'44.
2-13-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay, preparing for forward movement.
2-13-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay during Nov'44.
2-15-45 - The 25th (Sp) is located at Gamadodo, Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
3-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay.
4-2-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay.
4-10-45 - The 25th (Sp) 1st Sec. is located at Puerto Princesa. The 2nd Sec. is located at Milne Bay. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).
4-17-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of 25th CB (Sp) - located at Milne Bay.
4-25-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay. 25th (Sp) relieved 118th CB on 23 Feb'45 at Base Rifle Range, Milne Bay.
5-1-45 - The 25th (Sp) is located at Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay. 25th (Sp) left U.S. on 27 Apr' 1944. Report routed via 3rd Brig.
6-16-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of 25th(Sp) - located at Milne Bay. Report routed via 3rd Brig.

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- 7-13-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 25th (Sp) - located at Milne Bay. Report via 24th Reg.
- 7-17-45 - Upon arrival transo furnished by Comserv7flt, billet detachment of 1/3 25th Sp. Consignees of 3 companies and adequate doctors personnel. Proceed to Subic Bay. On arrival report to CinC 24th Reg for temp addtl duty. Advise immediately no. of officer selected as CinC detachment. Take formal 1/3 25th Sp. allowances, housekeeping gear and personnel effects. (Comserv7flt restr ltr ser 1179-5-61 dtd 1 Aug to CNB Milne)
- 8-16-45 - 1 Aug '45 report of 25th (Sp). Still located at Milne Bay.
- 9-11-45 - He (Lt. Cowley) is to assume the duties of CinC, 25th Sp. Detach."A" to KESO (Subic Bay). Report with your unit to the 24th Reg for D&D. (Comserv7flt conf ltr ser 2917 dtd 23 Aug'45 to Lt. Cowley).
- 9-28-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 25th(Sp) - located at Milne Bay. Detach."A" arrived Aug'45.
- 10-30-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 25th(Sp)-Detach."A" - located at Subic Bay. Report via 24th Reg & 3rd Brig. 25th(Sp) left Milne Bay on 6 Sept'45 & arrived at Seadler Harbor at Manus on 10 Sept'45. Detach."A" sailed from Manus on 17 Sept'45 for Subic Bay. Arriving at Subic Bay on 25 Sept'45.
- 10-30-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 25th(Sp) - located at Milne Bay.
- 11-16-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 24th Reg. states that the 25th(Sp) is to be inactivated by the middle of Nov.
- 11-19-45 - Comservpac is requesting the inactivation of 25(Sp). Inform Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac ltr ser 5721 dtd 5 Nov'45 to Comphilseafrcn).
- 11-20-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 25th(Sp) - located at Subic Bay(Detach."A"). Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. 242 men returned to U.S. for discharge. 65 men transferred to ABCD, Subic Bay for duty.

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- 11-21-45 - 25th(Sp) has been inactivated, date not given. (Comservpac restr ltr ser 1179-5-61 dtd 1 Nov'45 to BuPers).
- 12-6-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 25th(Sp) - location not stated. 200 men transferred to U.S. for discharge.
- 1-3-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of 25th(Sp) - location not stated. 97 men transferred to U.S. for discharge. This report states that the 25th(Sp) is in the process of inactivation since 1 Nov'45.
- 3-1-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of 25th(Sp) - located at Milne Bay, New Guinea. Report via 7th Br.
- 5-9-46 - ComPhilSeaFron states that 25th(Sp), Sec. 1, was officially inactivated on 3 Dec 45. Sec. 1 held as military necessity, departed for continental limits of U.S. from Milne Bay approximately 8 March 1946. 25th(Sp), Sec. 2 inactivated at Subic Bay on 17 November 1945. (ComPhilSeaFron spdltr ser 4725 dtd 25 Apr 46 to Comservpac).

INACTIVATED

25th CB Special

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/19/44	-	Milne Bay	e. C. report 1 June,	Left U.S. April 1944.
1/25	-	Educa	Commonwealth Det Sec Adm 150/33 Mar.	
3/29	-	* Milne Bay Gamadodo	Commonwealth Det Sec 260558 Mar.	* Present location of assignment

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	30	985	MoR
1 Aug'44	30	976	MoR
1 Oct'44	30	971	Comserfor 7 flt Rep. for Sep 44
1 Sep'44	30	977	MoR
1 Oct'44	30	970	MoR
1 Nov'44	31	964	MoR
1 Dec'44 - 1st Sec.	18	469	MoR
1 Dec'44 - 2nd Sec.	15	489	MoR
31 Dec'44		951	Recap.
1 Jan'45	34	951	MoR
1 Feb'45	32	936	MoR
1 Mar'45	30	937	MoR
1 Apr'45	28	932	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45		930	BNP625
1 Jun'45	26	925	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	29	920	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	28	907	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	28	899	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	13	447	
		438 (Det.A)	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	7	120 (Det.A)	BNP625 & R
		349	BNP625

25TH SPECIAL BATTALION

The 25th Special NCB, after organization at Camp Peary in Feb. 1944, shifted to Hueneme March 9, and sailed April 26 from San Francisco, arriving at Milne Bay, New Guinea, May 19, after a brief stop at Noumea, New Caledonia. The 25th had 15 continuous months at Gamadodo, Milne Bay, when the war ended.

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26 Feb 1944 Date of commissioning at NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

4 Mar 1944 Departed NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

9 Mar 1944 Arrived at ABD, Port Hueneme, Calif.

26 Apr 1944 Departed ABD, Port Hueneme, Calif. for overseas.

19 May 1944 Arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea.

26 May 1945 Entire Battalion still serving at Milne Bay, New Guinea.

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This itinerary has been checked and authenticated by the Officer-in-Charge of the 25th Special Naval Construction Battalion.

7 June 1945

3 Dec 1945 - Still at Milne Bay

To Facilitate
Administrative Handing
Classification changed
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To:

Signature

25TH SPECIAL
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