

31st Special Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/19/44	-	Unassigned		
7/26/44	-	Hueneme	CNO Conf 221521 to Davisville (Juni)	Transferred about 28 June 44
7/28	-	Hueneme	Hueneme rests deep 041810 July.	Arrived Hueneme 3 July.
8/15	-	HODE	CNO Soc. Disp. 242001 Aug	Ready Hueneme 1 Sept. Assid HODE.
8/18	-	HODE (Saipan)	Hueneme Soc. Disp. Left Hueneme 131700 Sept.	for HODE.
9/1/44	-	HODE "	Saipan Soc. Act disp. Nov. 040700Z	
8/21	-	Comberopac sec.	210105 Aug to Marianas "in addition T.S. 131927 necessary use this unit.	

31st C.B. (Special)

NOTC - Endicott
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 1 Sep'44
 Left ABD - 11 Sep'44
 Location - Saipan

LOG

- 6-23-44 - CNO orders transfer of the 31st (Sp) from Davisville to Hueneme about 28 Jun'44.
 (Conf. Disp. from CNO to Davisville 221521 NCR 244 dtd 22 Jun'44)
 7- 5-44 - 31st (Sp) arrived Hueneme 3 Jul. from Davisville. (Rest. Disp. 041810 NCR 33683
 from Hueneme to CNO dtd 5 Jul'44)
 9-15-44 - 31st (Sp) left Hueneme 11 Sep'44 for HODE. (ABD Hueneme Sec. Disp. 131700 NCR
 8030 to CNO dtd 14 Sep'44)
 11-17-44 - The 31st (Sp) is located at Saipan. (Is Com Saipan Sup to CNO Sec. Disp. 040700Z
 NCR 16454 dtd 14 Nov'44)
 11-21-44 - The 31st (Sp) is located at Saipan. (Is. Com Saipan Sed. Disp. to CNO 110211Z NCR
 17595 dtd 19 Nov'44)
 12-13-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 31st (SP) - Letter of commendation from CNB Saipan.
 2-13-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 31st (Sp) - located at Saipan.
 2-13-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - location not stated.
 3-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - location not given.
 4-16-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - location not given. Report routed via 39th Reg.
 4-21-45 - In accord with Ref a (39th CB and 31st (Sp) hereby det. from 39th Reg. and directed
 to report to IsCom Saipan) and upon receipt of these orders you and off. and
 men under your command are detached from duty with the 39th Reg. and will further
 report to IsCom Saipan for duty. (39th Reg. Sec ltr Ser 2525 dtd 18 Apr '45)

Location - Saipan

31st (Sp)

- 5-8-45 - The 31st (Sp) is located at Saipan. (Dirpac docks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-29-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - location not given.
- 6-5-45 - The 31st (Sp) has been assigned to advanced base ARTU by CNO. (Comservpac sec ltr ser 002038 dtd 8 May'45 to CNO)
- 6-30-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - location not given.
- 6-21-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 31st (Sp) - located at Saipan.
- 6-26-45 - In additional CB units my 131827 Aug necessary to use following units:- 31st (Sp) and 38th CB. 38th CB to be augmented with personnel from your area to form truck oper batt. 31st (Sp) and 38th CB each to be organized for operation in four sep sections. Req ur concurrence. (Comservpac Sec disp 16146 12 Commarianas).
- 6-26-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 31st (Sp) - located at Saipan.
- 10-8-45 - Comservpac desires to order the following units to 41st Reg.-90, 127, 138 & 38th CBs. 28th (Sp), 31st (Sp), Sec. 3 & CBMU 602. Comservpac requests 41st Reg. recommendations as to which units should be for administrative control. Desire also 41st Reg. recommendations for consolidation of 38th CB & 31st (Sp), sec. 3 with other units Yokosuka area to reduce personnel overhead. (Comservpac sec spdltr ser 002755 dtd 30 Sept'45 to 41st Reg.).
- 11-23-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 31st (Sp) - location not stated. Report via 41st Reg. 20 Sept'45 Sec. 3 embarked from Saipan for Yokosuka. 28 Sept'45 Sec. 2 embarked from Saipan for Kure, Japan. 29 Sept'45 Sec. 1 embarked from Saipan for Sasebo, Japan. 30 Sept'45 Sec. 4 still on Saipan.
- 12-4-45 - 31st (Sp), Sec. 1 was inactivated as of 19 Nov'45. (5th Brig conf ltr dtd 19 Nov'45 to OinC, 31st (Sp), Sec. 1).

Location - Saipan Yokosuka, Japan 31st (Sp)

- 12-6-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 31st (Sp), Sec. 3 - located at Yokosuka. Report via 41st Rep. 31st (Sp) ^{Sec. 1} embarked from Saipan on 29 Sept'45 & arrived Kure, Japan on 8 Oct'45. 31st (Sp), Sec. 2 embarked from Saipan on 28 Sept'45 & arrived Sasebo, Kyishu, Japan on 22 Oct'45 & was inactivated on 5 Nov'45. Pers. in Sec. 2 were transferred to 1st (Sp). Sec. 3 embarked from Saipan on 20 Sept'45 & arrived in Harbor off Yokosuka, Japan on 4 Oct'45. Sec. 4 rec'd orders to embark from Saipan to Ominato, Japan. These orders were cancelled on 5 Oct'45.
- 12-17-45 - Comservpac reqs 31st (Sp), Sec. 2 be inactivated. (Comservpac disp 150304 Dec'45 to RDO, Sasebo, Japan).
- 12-26-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 31st (Sp), Sec. 3 - located at Yokosuka. Report via 41st Rep. This report states that the 31st (Sp), sec. 3 had arrived at Yokosuka, Japan on 26 Oct'45.
- 1-4-46 - Inactivation of 31st (Sp), Sec. 2 was completed during Nov. (Comagen Aircr ft FMFPAC disp 260115 Dec'45 to Comservpac).
- 1-21-46 - Comservpac requests inactivation of 31st (Sp), Sec. 3. (Comservpac disp 182036/January to COFLEACTIVITY YOKOSUKA, COM5THFLT).
- 1-29-46 - 1 Jan'46 report of 31st (Sp) - located at Yokosuka, Japan. Report via 41st Rep.
- 3-5-46 - Sections 1 and 4 of 31st (Sp) inactivated during the period 31 January to 1 March 1946. Exact date not given. (Comservpac disp 022110 March 1946).
- 3-11-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of 31st (Sp) Sec. 3 - located at Yokosuka, Japan. Report via 90th CB.
- 3-15-46 - 31st (Sp) Sec. 3 inactivated on 2 Feb 46. All other sections have been previously inactivated. (OinC ltr ser 143 dtd 15 Feb 46).
- 6-21-46 - Comservpac states 31st (Sp) Sect. 3 inactivated. (Comservpac disp 020220 May to BuPers Attn: Pers 212)(Date not given)

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
13 Jun '44	33	1010	R
1 Aug '44		960	BNP625
1 Sep '44		997	BNP625
1 Oct '44	29	990	BNP625 & MoR
1 Dec '44	32	987	MoR
31 Dec '44		987	Recap.
1 Jan '45	33	987	BNP625 & MoR
1 Feb '45	33	984	MoR
1 Apr '45	32	959	BNP625 & MoR
1 May '45	32	944	MoR
1 Jun '45	28	919	BNP625 & R
1 Jul '45	29	877	Roster & ReCap
1 Aug '45	29	867	BNP625 & R
1 Sept '45	32	916	BNP625 & R
1 Nov '45	10	472	BNP625 & R
1 Dec '45	14	496	BNP625 & R
1 Jan '46	12 - Sec. 3		R
1 Jan '46	3 - Sec. 4		R
1 Feb '46	17	404	BNP 625 & R

31st Construction Battalion (Special) (INACTIVATED)

31 Special CB

U.S. Forces
Japan.

Batt. 1 = embarked from Saipan 29 Sept. 45; arrived Kure, Japan, 8 Oct.
lay at anchorage 5 days; ordered to report to Guam.

Batt 2 = embarked from Saipan 28 Sept.; arrived Sasebo, 22 Oct.; was
inactivated 5 Nov 45. Personnel transferred to 1st Special

Batt 3 = embarked from Saipan 20 Sept.; arrived Yokosuka 4 Oct.; disembarked
26 Oct. ~~Assigned to~~ Remained to work.

Batt 4 = Orders to embark from Saipan to Ominato, Japan, were cancelled
5 Oct 45

31ST SPECIAL BATTALION

From Davisville, R. I., the 31st Special moved to Hueneme on July 3, 1944. The Battalion shipped overseas Sept. 11, and arrived at Saipan some weeks later. The outfit was stationed on Saipan until after the war's end and then was split into four sections and transferred to different sections of Japan.

DECLASSIFIED

ITINERARY OF THE 31ST (SPECIAL) NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

2 May 1944 - Battalion commissioned at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.

28 Jun 1944 - Transferred from Davisville, R. I., to Port Hueneme, California.

3 Jul 1944 - Arrived at Port Hueneme, California.

11 Sep 1944 - Departed for overseas.

6 Oct 1944 - Arrived Saipan, Marianas, Islands.

20 Sep 1945 - Section No. 3 embarked from Saipan, for Yokosuka, Japan.

28 Sep 1945 - Section No. 2 embarked from Saipan, for Kure, Japan.

29 Sep 1945 - Section No. 1 embarked from Saipan, for Sasebo, Japan.

16 Oct 1945 - Section No. 4 orders cancelled, remaining on Saipan.

18 Oct 1945 - Section No. 3 arrived Yokosuka, Japan.

-- Oct 1945 - Section No. 1 arrived Sasebo, Japan.

-- Oct 1945 - Section No. 2 arrived Kure, Japan.

The dates of arrival in Japan of Sections 1 and 2 are not available at the present time.

NOTE: This itinerary has been checked and authenticated by the Officer-in-Charge of the 31st (Special) Naval Construction Battalion.

5 December 1945.



THIRTY FIRST SPECIAL

U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION



- COMING THROUGH -









