

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 520

*Historical
Information*



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



CBMU 520

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Hueneme - Gulfport
Ready Date - 10 Oct'43
Left ABD - 2nd Sec. - 4 Nov'43; 1st Sec. - 11 Nov'43
Location - Guadalcanal - CBMU 518 and 520 arrived Guadalcanal Feb'44
(18th Reg. Feb'44 report)

LOG

9- 1-43 - CNO orders transfer of the CBMU 520 about 4 Sep'43 to ABD Gulfport. (Conf. Disp. 011514 NCR 8819 from VCNO to Peary dtd 1 Sep'43)
11-11-43 - 2nd Section CBMU 520 departed Gulfport 4 Nov'43. (RHD)
11-15-43 - CBMU 520 (presumably the 1st Section) embarked 11 Nov'43. (RHD)
5-31-44 - CBMU 520 is operating at Guadalcanal. (Mar'44 report)
6-29-44 - CBMU 520 operating at Guadalcanal. (Apr'44 report)
7- 7-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 520 - operating at Guadalcanal.
8- 3-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 520 - operating at Guadalcanal.
9- 6-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 520 - operating at Guadalcanal.
9-15-44 - CBMU 520 is located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec. Disp. 042252 NCR 10533 to Comseronsopac dtd 13 Sep'44)
10- 5-44 - CBMU 520 is operating at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec. Airmailgram 200755 to Comseronsopac dtd 29 Sep'44)
10-30-44 - CBMU 520 is located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec. Disp. to Comseronsopac 190606 NCR 12204 dtd 25 Oct'44)
11-15-44 - CBMU 520 is located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal to Comseronsopac Sec. Disp. 010414 NCR 15570 dtd 10 Nov'44)

Location - Guadalcanal

CBMU 520

11-29-44 - CBMU 520 is located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Envoy to Comseronsopac 161339 NCR 18947 dtd 25 Nov'44)
12- 1-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 520 - operating at Guadalcanal.
12-14-44 - CBMU's 518, 520, and 533 located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec. Disp. to Comseronsopac 021305 dtd 11 Dec'44)
12-30-44 - CBMU 520 is located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 142312 dtd 21 Dec'44).
1-11-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
-15-45 - CBMU 520 located at Guadalcanal. (CNB Guadalcanal Sec Disp to Comseronsopac 022325 dtd 13 Jan'45)
-16-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
2-16-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
4-7-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Gaudalcanal.
5-4-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
5-21-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal. Preparing for forward movement.
6-9-45 - CBMU 520 included in list of units earmarked and ready later but no destinations assigned. (Comsopac sec disp 290535 May'45 to Comservpac)
6-20-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
6-27-45 - Request Comservpac's approval to inactivate CBMU 518 in lieu of CBMU 520. (Comsopac sec disp 250416 to Cincpac/Poa P)
6-29-45 - Request you take action relative to inactivation CBMUs SoPac's 250416 (529, 535; substitute 518 for 520). SoPac CBMUs will be moved to the forwd area when unloading conditions permit. (Cincpoa P Restr TWX 270257 to Comservpac)

Location - Guadalcanal

CBMU 520

- 6-29-45 - Reur 250416. Approve CBMU 518 to be inactivated in lieu of CBMU 520. Substitute accordingly in my spdltr ser 03415 of 23 June. (Comservpac Conf TWX 262313 to Comsopac)
- 7- 6-45- Inactivate CBMUs 520 and 535. Enl men to be transferred to other CB units in Sopac. Return those needing rehab to U.S. Inactivation 2 Sopac ~~in~~ CBMUs approved Cincpoa 272321 May and these units nominated your 060300 June. Advise Comservpac when inactivation completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 03415 dtd 23 June to Comsopac)
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul '45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
- 8- 2-45 - Your sec 150312 of July nominated CBMUs 501 and 520 for inactivation in lieu of CBMUs 538 and 550 nominated for forwd movement. Inactivate CBMUs 501 and 520. Advise Comservpac and all info addressees when inactivation completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 04103 dtd 21 July to Comsopac)
- 8-21-45 - 1 Aug '45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal.
- 8-28-45 - CBMU 520 inactivated 22 Aug '45. (Comseronsopac conf disp 270650 to Comservpac).
- 9- 4-45 - Comservronsonopac directs CNB, Guadalcanal to inactivate CBMU 520 on 22 Aug '45. (CNB, Guadalcanal Sec ltr ser 00940 dtd 14 Aug '45 to OinC, CBMU 520).
- 9- 8-45 - 1 Sept '45 report of CBMU 520 - located at Guadalcanal. 187 men transferred to U.S. for leave & reassignment. The remaining 3 men were transferred to the RecSta Navy 145 for further assignment. CBMU 520 embarked from U.S. in 2 sections, one on 21 Oct '45 & the other on 4 Nov '45, with a total of 265 men & 5 off. 7 men were rec'd, 43 men sent to U.S. by medical authority, 14 men transferred to other activities & 24 men have returned to the U.S. of which 15 went for leave, 7 for emergency leave & 2 for discharge ~~INACTIVATED~~ because of over-age.

Location -

CBMU 520

- 9-12-45 - CBMU 520 was inactivated 22 Aug '45. 187 men returned to U.S. for leave & reassignment. 3 were transferred to RecSta, NAB, Guadalcanal). (OinC, CBMU 520 sec ltr ser 311 dtd 22 Aug '45 to CNB, Guadalcanal).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD			
DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Aug '44	5	242	BNP625 & R
1 Sep '44	5	241	BNP625 & R
1 Oct '44	5	236	(Somsopac report - 1 Nov '44)
1 Nov '44	5	240	MoR
1 Dec '44	5	235	MoR
1 Jan '45	5	231	MoR
1 Feb '45	5	225	MoR
1 Mar '45	5	222	MoR
1 Apr '45	5	213	MoR
1 May '45	5	211	MoR
1 Jun '45	6	211	BNP625 & R
1 Jul '45	5	211	BNP625 & R
1 Aug '45	6	198	BNP625 & R

C.B.M.U. #520 (INACTIVATED)

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/9/44	-	Guadalcanal	-	Left U.S. Nov. 1943
7/9/44	-	D 1 A L	Guadal Aet. disp. 020530 Aug.	
0/27	B e v / (Guadal 2d. Salomon seconds)	"	Guadal sec act disp out 190606.	
1/26/45	-	"	Guadal sec act disp 150432 Mar.	Comd. Sec. Guadal Sec 150432
1/27/45	-	-	Comd. Sec 250416 June	request approval inactivate 5/18 in new 520.
1/27/45	-	-	Comd. Sec conf 262312 June	approve above.
Aug.	report shows	Guadalcanal - asid		
8/27	-	-	Comd. Sec. 270650 Aug -	Inactivated 22 Aug

CBMU 520

CBMU 520 entrained at Camp Peary on Sept. 8, 1943, for Gulfport, Miss. On Oct. 21, the first section embarked for Guadalcanal, followed by the second section on Oct. 23. Both sections arrived at Guadalcanal Feb. 10, 1944. Enroute they stopped at Panama, Bora-Bora, Pago Pago, Suva in the Society Islands, Noumea, New Caledonia, and Espiritu Santo. At the war's end they were still on Guadalcanal.

COMINTROCTION BATTALION DIVISION UNIT 520
C/O FIRST POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

To Facilitate
Administrative Hand:
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from:

28 July 1945

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INTERVIEW OF COMINTROCTION BATTALION DIVISION-
UNIT UNIT #520 Irvin S. Rusman
Comdr. CEC-V(S), USNR

- 8 Sept. 1943-- Entrained at Camp Peary for ABD, Gulfport, Miss.
- 10 Sept. 1943-- Arrived at ABD, Gulfport, Miss.
- 21 Oct. 1943-- 1st section (2 officers and 110 men) embarked at Gulfport, Miss., for Guadalcanal, B.S.I.
- 23 Oct. 1943-- 1st section arrived at New Orleans, La.
- 4 Nov. 1943-- 2nd section (7 officers and 153 men) embarked at Gulfport, Miss. for Guadalcanal, B.S.I.
- 5 Nov. 1943-- 2nd section arrived at New Orleans, La.
- 13 Nov. 1943-- Both sections left New Orleans, La.
- 22 Nov. 1943-- Both sections arrived at Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.
- 26 Nov. 1943-- Both sections left Cristobal, P.C.Z., and proceeded through Panama Canal.
- 26 Nov. 1943-- Both sections arrived at Balboa, P.C.Z.
- 3 Dec. 1943-- Both sections left Balboa, P.C.Z.
- 24 Dec. 1943-- Both sections arrived at Bora Bora, Society Islands.
- 28 Dec. 1943-- Both sections left Bora Bora, S.I.
- 2 Jan. 1944-- Both sections arrived at Pago Pago, Tutuila, S.I.
- 5 Jan. 1944-- Both sections left Pago Pago, Tutuila, S.I.

CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 520
C/O FLIGHT POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Irvin S. Rasmussen

Comdr. CFC-VS, USNR
[Signature]

- 12 Jan. 1944--Both sections arrived at Suva, Fiji
- 13 Jan. 1944--Both sections left Suva, F.I.
- 17 Jan. 1944--Both sections arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia.
- 1 Feb. 1944--2nd section left Noumea, N. C.
- 2 Feb. 1944--1st section left Noumea, N. C.
- 3 Feb. 1944--1st section returned to Noumea, N. C.
- 4 Feb. 1944--1st section again left Noumea, N. C.
- 5 Feb. 1944--2nd section arrived at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.
- 6 Feb. 1944--1st section arrived at Espiritu Santo, N. H.
- 7 Feb. 1944--Both sections left Espiritu Santo, N. H.
- 10 Feb. 1944--Both sections arrived and disembarked at Guadalcanal, B.S.I. (destination).
- 28 July 1945--Still located at Guadalcanal, B.S.I.

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