

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 543

Historical Information



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



CBMU 543

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Davisville
Ready Date - 25 Nov'43
Left ABD - 10 Dec'43 (WRK)
Location - ~~Weedlark Finschafen~~
Subic Bay

LOG

- 10-19-43 - CNO orders transfer of CBMU 543 about 25 Oct'43 to ABD Davisville. (CNO Conf. Mailgram to Peary 191856 NCR 7047 dtd 19 Oct'43)
- 5- 9-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 6-19-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 6-29-44 - CBMU 543 is located at Finschafen as of 31 May'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpaddock dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 7-14-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 8-22-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 10-20-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 11- 8-44 - CBMU 543 located at Finschafen. (Comservfor7flt Sec ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-18-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 543 - operating at Finschafen.
- 11-29-44 - CBMU 543 located at Finschafen. (Comservfor7flt Sec Disp to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
- 12-29-44 - CBMU 543 is located at Finschafen. (Comservfor7flt Sec. Report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44)
- 1- 1-45 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen.

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- 1-11-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen.
- 1-13-45 - CBMU 543 located at Finschafen. (Comservfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-27-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen.
- 2-15-45 - CBMU 543 is located at Finschafen. (Comservfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
- 3-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen.
- 4-2-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen. This is the only unit available for maint. and roll-up of base.
- 4-10-45 -- CBMU 543 is located at Finschafen. Proposed to be transferred to Subic 1 May'45. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).
- 4-13-45 - Upon arrival of transp. approx 1 May, CBMU 543 detached from presently assigned duty. Prorep CO NABU 6 for operational duty. Report by ltr to CinC 24th Reg. for adm. purposes. (Comservfor7flt Conf spdltr Pl6-5 over Ser BP-0768 dtd 30 Mar to CNB Finschafen.)
- 4-23-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 543 - located at Finschafen. Rolling up base.
- 26-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 543 - location not given. End by CNB Finschafen.
- 26-45 - Surveying party of 1 off. and 6 men ordered to proceed fairtrans to Subic for duty with CNB Subic Bay. (CBMU 543 conf orders Ser 214 dtd 9 Apr to Lt. Richardson)
- 1-45 - Comservfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows CBMU 543 located at Finschafen. To move to Subic Bay approx 1 May'45.
- 5- 1-45 - CBMU 543 located at Finschafen. Assigned 91st CB. (Dirpaddock P Sec Rep of 1 Apr
- 13-45 - Dirpaddock SF sec rep of 15 May shows CBMU 543 located at Subic Bay.
- 7-25-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 543 - located at Subic Bay. Report via 3rd Brig.
- 7-27-45 - CBMU 543 is located at Subic Bay, Luzon performing maint duties. (COT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)

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- 8-21-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 543 - located at Subic Bay.
8-31-45 - CBMU 543 - propose to inactivate. (Dirynedocks, P. sec report 17 21 Aug'45).
10-01-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBMU 543 - No info as to location. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig.
11-1-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 24th Reg. - 24th Reg. report states that CBMU 543 was inactivated(actual date not given). All pers not eligible for discharge in accord. with ALNAV 252-45 were transferred into CBMU 612.
11-26-45 - CBMU 543 was inactivated on 11 Oct'45. (Comphilseafron restr ltr ser 7982 dtd 3 Nov'45 to Comservpac).
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INACTIVATED

DATE	ON BOARD		AUTHORITY
	OFFICERS	MEN	
30 Jun'44		253	Recap.
1 Jun'44	5		MoR
1 Jul'44	5	253	MoR
1 Aug'44	5	252	MoR
1 Sep'44	5	250	MoR
30 Sep'44	7	249	Recap
1 Oct'44	5	249	
1 Nov'44	5	243	MoR
1 Dec'44	6	248	MoR
31 Dec'44		244	Recap.
3 Jan'45	5	244	MoR
1 Feb'45	5	236	MoR
1 Mar'45	5	234	MoR
1 Apr'45	5	235	MoR
1 Jun'45		230	BNP625
1 Jul'45	5	232	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	5	204	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		202	BNP625
1 Oct'45	4	150	BNP625 & R

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
1/3/44	-	Finschafen UROM	C B Report 1 June 1944.	Left U.S. Dec. 1943
11/25	-	UROM	Combes du jet sec lect olap. Nov. 150133.	
3/28	-	# Finschafen ndu Base	Combes du jet sec 260558 Mar.	# present location of assignment.

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Organized at Camp Peary in Oct. 1943, CBMU 543 was transferred to Davisville, R. I., Oct. 25. Embarking at Davisville Dec. 10, 1943, the unit arrived at Finschaven, New Guinea, Apr. 1, 1944. In May 1945 the unit moved to Subic bay in the Philippines. War's end found it still operating at that base.

CHRONOLOGY OF
CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 543

- 6 October 1943 --- Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 543 was commissioned at the Naval Construction Training Center (Camp Peary), Williamsburg, Virginia. Lieutenant (jg.) Adelbert F. Grinnell, Jr., CEC, USNR, was officer in charge.
- 25 October 1943 --- CBMU 543 was transferred to the Advance Base Depot Receiving Barracks, Davisville, Rhode Island, for outfitting.
- 10 December 1943 --- CBMU 543 shipped out of Davisville for deployment overseas.
- February 1944 --- CBMU 543 arrived at the U.S. Naval Base, Finschhafen, British New Guinea, to perform base maintenance. Over the next 6 months this Seabee unit also aided in construction of the base and helped to build several Army hospitals.
- January 1945 --- CBMU 543 was still at Finschhafen. By early 1945 the unit was rolling up the base.
- Early May 1945 --- CBMU 543 left Finschhafen for the U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, the Philippine Islands, where the unit's principal duty was to maintain the base. At Subic Bay CBMU 543 reported to the 24th Naval Construction Regiment.

11 October 1945 --- CBMU 543 was inactivated at Subic Bay. All personnel not eligible for discharge were transferred to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 612.

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