

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 546

Historical Information



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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/13/44	-	Milne Bay, Cairns, Australia	C. B. report 1 June	Left U.S. Jan. 1944
1/9	-	Edes (Milne Bay)	Comserfor7flt sec act disp dec. 231053.	added
3/29	-	Hollandia 700 Base	Comserfor7flt sec 260558 Mar.	* present location & assignment
6/24	-	Palawan	Comserfor7flt sec. 231113 June.	det'd present duty report Palawan.

CBMU 546

NOTC - Peary
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 30 Nov'43
 Left ABD - 3 Jan'44
 Location - Cairns, Milne Bay & Pt. Moresby
 Palawan

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- 10-28-43 - CNO orders transfer of CBMU 546 about 2 Nov'43 to Parks. (CNO conf disp 271859 NCR 8583 to Peary dtd 28 Oct'43)
- 11-12-43 - CNO orders transfer of CBMU 546 about 26 Nov to Hueneme. (CNO conf disp 221651 NCR 2749 to Parks dtd 12 Nov'43)
- 1-11-44 - CBMU 546 departed ABD Hueneme 3 Jan'44 for GOWN. (ABD Huen. disp 041730 4 Jan'44 to No Action addressee)
- 3-29-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of CBMU 546 - operating at Cairns, Australia.
- 4-21-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of CBMU 546 - operating at Cairns.
- 6-14-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 546 - operating at Cairns, Pt Moresby, Hilimoi (Milne Bay), Samarai Is. and Kana Kopa, Milne Bay.
- 6-29-44 - CBMU 546 hdqtrs located at Milne Bay, also at Pt Moresby, Cairns, Samarai, Kana Kopa, Hilimoi as of 31 May'44. (Comserfor7flt Sec ltr A-9 over Ser BP-001407 to Dirpaddock dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 8-7-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 546 - operating at Cairns, Pt. Moresby, Samarai Is., Kana Kopa, and Hilimoi.
- 8-29-44 - CBMU 546 located at Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec Disp 090824 NCR 14303 to CNO dtd 9 Aug'44)

- 10-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 546 - Maintaining Bases at Cairns, Australia and at Milne Bay, Port Moresby, Samarai Is. on New Guinea.
- 11-4-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 546 - operating at Hilimoi, Milne Bay; Cairns, Australia; Port Moresby, N.G.; Samarai Is., N.G.
- 11-8-44 - CBMU 546 located at Ledava. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr AG-4 over Ser WF-001888 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-16-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 546 - During Sep., was located at Pt. Moresby, Hilimoi, Samarai Is., New Guinea and at Cairns, Australia. Decommissioning base at Samarai.
- 12-29-44 - CBMU 546 operating at Milne Bay with a detachment at Samarai, Port Moresby and Cairns, Austr. Port Moresby detachment returning to Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec. Report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).
- 1-11-45 - CBMU 546 is operating at Milne Bay. (Comserfor7flt Sec. disp to CNO 231053 dtd 5 Jan'45)
- 1-13-45 - CBMU 546 located at Hilimoi, M.B. (hdctrs) with detachments at Samarai, and Cairns, Australia. Roll-up at Samarai was completed late in Nov. Cairns Det. expects to go on a forward move. (Comserfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec)
- 1-17-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 546 - located at Milne Bay, Pt. Moresby, Samarai, and Cairns, Australia during Oct'44.
- 1-27-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 546 - The detachment at Naval Section Base, Pt. Moresby completed "roll-up" of said base on 1 Nov'44 and the OinC and men reported for duty to the OinC of CBMU 546 on 27 Nov'44. The detachment at Naval Fleet Air-Wing No. 17 Station completed "roll-up" of said base on 3 Dec'44 and the OinC and men reported for duty to the OinC CBMU 546. The original "roll-up" plan affecting the Second Section at Naval Base, Cairns has been altered and it is anticipated that the completion of the "roll-up" will be by 1 Jan'45.

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- 1-15-45 - CBMU 546 is located with Hdctrs at Hilimoi, Milne Bay with the 2nd Sec. at Cairns. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
- 2-8-45 - According to Dirpaddock's San Fran 15 Feb'45 report CBMU 546 is located at Hollandia.
- 4-2-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 546 - Departed Milne Bay sometime after 28 Jan and arrived Hollandia on 6 Feb'45. Roll-up of Dowa-Dowa and Kana-Kopa was completed 15 Jan and 13 Jan. resp. Began staging at Gamadodo on 13 Jan. The detachment at Cairns reported to OinC at Gamadodo on 26 Jan'45.
- 4-10-45 - CBMU 546 is located at Hollandia. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).
- 4-21-45 - CBMU 546 was at Milne until late Jan'45. Arrived Hollandia on 6 Feb'45. 2nd Sec. at Cairns rolling up base. Part of CBMU 546 at Hilimoi until late Jan when they departed for Hollandia. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep for Jan'45)
- 2-26-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 546 - Left Milne Bay 3 Feb'45 and reported to CMB Hollandia 8 Feb'45. Reassigned to establish Sub-ABCD Hollandia. Operations commenced 12 Feb. Unit staged at Milne Bay from 29 Jan to 3 Feb'45.
- 4-28-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 546 - located at Hollandia. 15 men in work party furnished by Receiving Barracks, Hollandia. 23 men on duty at Milne Bay securing CBMU 546 equipment.
- 4-1-45 - CBMU 546 is located at Hollandia. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-14-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 546 - Operating Sub-ABCD Hollandia. 25 men on detached duty at Milne Bay.
- 6-5-45 - CBMU 546 has been ordered to Subic Bay. (3rd end by Comserfor7flt to CBMU 546 M of 1 May'45)
- 6-15-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 546 - located at Hollandia. Orders were recd 22 May'45 to roll up Sub-ABCD and prepare both Sub-ABCD and CBMU 546 for movement to Subic Bay. Further orders states CBMU 546 to set up and operate Sub-ABCD at new loc. 17 men rec'd during month.

Location - Puerto Princessa

- 6-19-45 - Comserv7flt Sec CB Loc Sched 7 Flt dtd 5 Jun shows CBMU 546 ordered to assist Bay to operate ABCD. ETD 6/10.
- 8-27-45 - My orders CBMU 546 spdltr BP-1456 hereby cancelled. Substitute following on arrival transp furnished by Comserv7flt. CBMU 546 detached present duty. Proceed Palawan. Report on arrival by ltr to CinC 3rd Brg for duty at Palawan. (Comserv-7flt conf disp 23113 to CNE Hollandia)
- 7-29-45 - CCF 7th Flt Sec Rep for June shows CBMU 546 enroute to Palawan for general point duties.
- 9-18-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 546 - located at Puerto Princessa. Departed Hollandia on 29 Jun'45 and arrived at Puerto Princessa on 18 Jul'45. 30 men were sent to Puerto Princessa to help maintain AGORN 47 until remainder of unit arrives.
- 8-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 546 - arrived at Puerto Princessa on 18 Jul'45. On 28 Jul'45 5 men were returned to the U.S. for leave. From 1 Jul'45 to 18 Jul'45 30 men were on TAD to help maintain Base NAVY 3291 until remainder of Unit arrived. Report via 3rd Brg.
- 9-11-45 - 1 Sep'45 report of CBMU 546 - located at Puerto Princessa. 11 men transfd for leave and reassignment. Report via 3rd Brg.
- 8-18-45 - 51st Reg established 7 July'45. Includes following CB units: -54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. CBMUs 546, 565, 608. Under 3rd Brg. (COT, PhilSeaFron conf spdltr ser 4188 dtd 5 Sept'45 to Cominch & others).
- 10-25-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 546 - location not stated. Report via 51st Reg. & 3rd Brg. 53 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. 73 rec'd from 84th CB.

Location -Puerto Princessa

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- 11-23-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBMU 546 - location not stated. Report via 3rd Brg. 77 men rec'd. 21 men transferred for discharge.
- 2-20-46 - 1 Jan 46 report of CBMU 546 - location not stated. Report via 7th Brig.
- 3-21-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of CBMU 546 - located at Samar. Report via 7th Brig.
- 5-13-46 - 1 May 46 report of 7th Brig. states that CBMU 546, located at Palawan, is scheduled for inactivation on 20 May.
- 6-7-46 - Comservepac requests authority to reactivate, CBMU 546 at Samar with 300 enl. men. (Comservepac dispatch 051949Z to C/C Hedpearl)
- 6-11-46 - CBMU 546 reported inactivated as of 28 May 46. (CinC, 7th CB Brigade, ltr. serial 3959 to CinC CBMU 546)
- 7-31-46 - CBMU 546 reported reactivated 1 July 46 at NOB, Leyte-Samas. Comdr. C A Ericson CinC. (ComPhilSeaFron Letter to ComServPac, dtd. 1 July 46, Serial 6718)

8/6/46 - *CBMU 546 Inactivated 1 Aug. NOB Samar P.I. 020310
Aug 47 To CNO.*

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
25 Jun'44	5	251	MoR
1 Jul'44	5	251	MoR
1 Aug'44	5	250	MoR
1 Sep'44	5	246	Comserfor7flit ManRep
1 Sep'44	5	239	MoR
1 Oct'44	5	245	MoR
1 Nov'44	5	237	MoR
1 Dec'44	5	243	MoR
31 Dec'44		235	Recap.
1 Feb'45	5	242	MoR
1 Mar'45	6	243	MoR
1 Apr'45	5	240	MoR
1 May'45	5	238	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45		241	BNP625
1 Jul'45		232	BNP625
1 Aug'45	5	233	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	5	208	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	5	236	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	9	286	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	4	182	BNP625 & R
1 Jan'46	3	114	R & BNP 625
1 Feb 46		77	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	1		R
1 Sep 46	3		Roster

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ON BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Authority</u>
1 Oct 46	2	93	BNP 625 & Roster
1 Nov.46	3	98	BNP 625 & Roster
1 Dec.46	3	98	BNP 625 & Roster
1 Jan.47	3	83	BNP 625 & Roster
1 Feb.47	3	145	BNP 625 & Roster
1 Mar.47	3	145	BNP 625 & Roster

CBMU 546

CMBU 546 shipped out of Hueneme Jan. 3, 1944, and was operating in Cairns, Australia, by March. In April 1944, detachments were sent to Port Moresby and Milne Bay. In February 1945, the first detachment arrived at Hollandia and two months later they were joined by the rest of the outfit. In June of 1945, the MU left for Palawan, between Mindoro and Borneo, where they are now operating.

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Formed at KOCB, Camp Pease, Williamsburg, Va.

- 2 Nov 1943 - Transferred to Camp Parks.
- 26 Nov 1943 - Transferred to ABD Huoness.
- 3 Jan 1944 - Departed ABD Huoness for Cairns, Australia.
- 1 Mar 1944 - Operating at Cairns, Australia.
- 1 Jun 1944 - Operating at Cairns, Pt. Moresby, Milneoi (Milne Bay), Samarai Is., and Kana Kopa, Milne Bay.
- Nov 1944 - Roll-up at Samarai and Pt. Moresby completed this month.
- Jan 1945 - Located with hdqtrs at Milneoi, Milne Bay with 2nd Sec. at Cairns, Australia.
- 28 Jan 1945 - 1st Sec. departed Milne Bay sometime after this date. 2nd Sec. at Cairns rolling up base. Part of CBMU 546 at Milneoi until late Jan when they departed for Hollandia.
- 6 Feb 1945 - 1st Sec. arrived Hollandia. Assigned establishment of sub-ABCD Hollandia.
- 1 Apr 1945 - Located at Hollandia. 23 men on duty at Milne Bay securing CBMU 546 equipment.
- 29 Jun 1945 - Departed Hollandia.
- 16 Jul 1945 - Arrived Puerto Princessa, Palawan.

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

30 August 1945.

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