

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 577

Historical Information



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



CBMU 577

NCTO - Peary
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 20 Jan'44
Left ABD - 24 Feb'44
Location - ~~Acorn 17 Mullinix Field, Tarawa~~
Eniwetok

LOG

- 15 Dec'43 - CNO orders transfer of CBMU 577 to ABD Hueneme about 20 Dec. (CNO Conf Disp to Camp Peary 151535 dtd 15 Dec'43)
- 3- 8-44 - CBMU 577 left ABD 24 Feb'44. (WRK)
- 5-31-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 577 - operating at Mullinix Field, Tarawa.
- 6-24-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 577 - operating at Mullinix Field, Tarawa.
- 7-27-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 577 - operating at Tarawa.
- 8-26-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 577 - operating at Tarawa.
- 9-16-44 - CBMU 577 is located at Buota, Tarawa. (ComGilbert Sub Area to CNO 050547 dtd 9 Sep)
- 10- 3-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 577 - no info on location.
- 11- 2-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 577 - operating at NAB Tarawa.
- 11-14-44 - CBMU 577 is being moved to Eniwetok. (Com MarGil Area to Comserforpacflt Sec ltr P16-1/MM/00/J2-mb over Ser 00932 dtd 3 Nov'44)
- 12- 4-44 - Destination of CBMU 577 changed to Ulithi. (Cincpoa Sec Disp to ComMarGil Area 280847 dtd 30 Nov'44) *Cancelled*
- 12- 4-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 592 - 170 men from CBMU 577 have arrived at Eniwetok for duty.

Location - Eniwetok

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- 12-8-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 577 - Operated at Tarawa until 28 Oct'44 and then sailed for NAB Eniwetok.
- 12-12-44 - CBMU 577 located at Eniwetok. (Commargil Area Sec. Disp. to CNO dtd 9 Dec 010522)
- 12-12-44 - Retain CBMU 577 at Eniwetok. (Cincpoa Sec. Disp. to ComMarGils Area 100250 dtd 10 Dec'44 - modifies 240914 and cancels 280847)
- 1-2-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 577 - 1 officer and 75 men left at Mullinnix Field, Tarawa, were transferred to CBMU 549. No info on present location.
- 1-12-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 592 - CBMU 577 arrived at Eniwetok on 2 Nov'44.
- 1-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 577 - no info on location.
- 2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok.
- 4- 3-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok with a det. of 1 off. and 35 men at Engebi.
- 4-10-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 577 - Detachment of 1 officer and 35 men at Engebi.
- 5-11-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok. During Apr'45 following men were furnished:
35 men & 1 officer at Engebi.
3 men at Japtan Island.
55 men for maintenance work.
- 6-15-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok with 1 off. and 28 men on temp duty at Engebi and 3 men at Japtan Is.
- 7-21-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok. 1 off. and 32 men temp duty at Engebi. 2 men on temp duty at Japtan Is.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok. 1 off. and 32 men on temp duty at Engebi.

Location - EniwetokCBMU 577

- 8-17-45 - CBMU 577 is located at NAB Eniwetok. (ComAirPac sec report on status of Naval aircraft service units in Pacific area dtd 2 Aug)
- 9-13-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBMU 577. No info as to location.
- 10-26-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok.
- 11-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBMU 577 - located at Eniwetok.
- 12-26-45 - Comservpac reqs ComMarshalls RDO Guam to inactivate CBMU 577. (Comservpac disp 230005 Dec'45 to ComMarshalls, RDO Guam).
- 1-7-46 - CBMU 577 is inactive as of 7 Jan'46. (AtollCom Eniwetok disp 070430 Jan'46 to Comservpac).

INACTIVATED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>		<u>AUTHORITY</u>
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	
1 Jul'44	5	256	MoR
1 Aug'44	5	256	MoR
1 Sep'44	5	254	R & MoR
1 Oct'44	5	252	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'44	4	175	MoR
1 Dec'44	4	175	MoR
1 Jan'45	4	189	BNP625 & R
1 Feb'45	4	188	BNP625 & R
1 Mar'45	5	260	BNP625 & R
1 Apr'45	5	257	MoR
1 May'45	5	252	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45	5	222	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jul'45	5	263	Roster & BNP625
1 Aug'45	7	256	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		251	BNP625
1 Oct'45	6	183	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	5	86	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	3	41	BNP625 & R

CBMU 577

After forming at Camp Peary, CBMU 577 moved to Hueneme on Dec. 20, 1943 and shipped out Feb. 24, 1944. The unit was operating at Mullinex field, Tarawa, by May. On Oct. 28, the outfit left, and arrived on Eniwetok March 2, 1945. One officer and 35 men were on temporary duty at Engebi in February. The outfit was still on duty at Eniwetok in September.

"HISTORY OF CBMU 577"

OCT. 1, 1943

ARRIVED AT CAMP PEARY, VA. FOR BOOT TRAINING IN PLATOON 9318, AREA D-11, BARRACKS NO. 121. OUR INSTRUCTOR, C.F. WILKINSON, G.M. 1/C WAS A MARINE COMBAT VETERAN FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

NOV. 1, 1943

OUR ADVANCED TRAINING BEGAN IN THE NEWLY FORMED 21ST SUPER BATTALION AT CAMP PEARY. I WAS IN CO. D. PLATOON 3.

NOV. 30 - DEC 9, 1943

OUR TEN DAY LEAVE HOME.

DEC. 10, 1943

ARRIVED BACK AT CAMP PEARY, VA AND MOVED TO AREA B-6. THIS 21ST SUPER BATTALION WAS SEPARATED INTO FOUR COMPANIES NAMED AS FOLLOWS:

CBMU 574, CO. "A"

CBMU 575, CO. "B"

CBMU 576, CO. "C"

CBMU 577, CO. "D"

DEC. 20, 1943

CBMU 574, CBMU 575, CBMU 576 AND CBMU 577 DEPARTED TOGETHER BY TROOP TRAIN FROM CAMP PEARY, VA. ON THIS DATE.

DEC. 27, 1943

CBMU 574, CBMU 575, CBMU 576 AND CBMU 577 ARRIVED AT CAMP ROUSSEAU, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA FOR FURTHER ADVANCED TRAINING.

JAN. 23, 1944

CBMU 576 DEPARTED CAMP ROUSSEAU TO SERVE AT ATTU, ALASKA AND MERGED WITH THE 138TH SEABEE BATTALION.

FEB. 24, 1944

CBMU 575, CBMU 577 AND CBMU 549 DEPARTED CAMP ROUSSEAU, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA TOGETHER ON A NEW TROOP TRANSPORT "THE GENERAL BROOKS" AND ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII ON MAR. 1, 1944

MAR. 1, 1944

CBMU 575 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL AIR STATION AT PUUNENE, MAUI, HAWAII.

MAR. 13, 1944

CBMU 574 DEPARTED CAMP ROUSSEAU, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA. ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR ON MAR. 21, 1944. ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL AIR STATION AT PEARL HARBOR.

MAR. 2, 1944

CBMU 577 AND CBMU 549 DEPARTED PEARL HARBOR IN A CONVOY OF THREE LIBERTY SHIPS ALONG WITH TWO DESTROYER ESCORTS. OUR SHIP, THE "U.S.S. KENMORE," WAS THE FLAG SHIP. (NOTE! CBMU 549 HELPED IN THE MAKING OF THE MOVIE "THE FIGHTING SEABEES" PRIOR TO LEAVING CAMP ROUSSEAU.)

MAR. 11, 1944

CBMU 577 AND CBMU 549 ARRIVED AT TARAWA ATOLL IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS. (APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL, THE "U.S.S. KENMORE" CAME CLOSE TO BEING TORPEDOED BY A JAP SUB OFF OUR PORT SIDE WITH ONE OF OUR DESTROYER ESCORTS IN PURSUIT.)

CBMU 549 WAS ASSIGNED TO SERVE AT "HAWKINS FIELD" ON BETIO ISLAND. CBMU 577 WAS ASSIGNED TO SERVE AT "MULLINNIX FIELD" ON BUOTA ISLAND TWENTY MILES DISTANT. FROM HERE THE SEVENTH U.S AIR FORCE B-25 BILLY MITCHELL BOMBERS WERE MAKING BOMBER RAIDS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AS WELL AS ON TRUK AND PONAPE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

OCT, 28, 1944

THE MAIN GROUP OF CBMU 577 DEPARTED TARAWA FOR ENIWETOK IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. I WAS ONE OF APPROXIMATELY 75 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR ENSIGN, JOHN H. STEWART, TO REMAIN AT "MULLINNIX FIELD" TO DISMANTLE CERTAIN FACILITIES FOR SHIPMENT. WE WERE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO CBMU 549 ON BETIO ISLAND.

FEB. 1, 1945

HAVING FINISHED OUR ASSIGNMENT, ALL REMAINING 75 MEN OF CBMU 577 ALONG WITH OUR HEAVY EQUIPMENT BOARDED THE LIBERTY SHIP "U.S.S. JOHN H. McCLINTOK" AND DEPARTED TARAWA TO REJOIN CBMU 577 AT ENIWETOK, ARRIVING THERE ON FEB. 8, 1945.

FEB. 24, 1945

THE OFFICERS OF CBMU 577 HELD AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY WITH A LARGE DECORATED CAKE FOR CBMU 577 CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF DUTY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES. A PHOTO WAS TAKEN OF OUR COMMANDER, LT. ARRASMITH, CUTTING THE CAKE.

OCT. 27, 1945

BEING ONE OF THE GROUP ELIGIBLE TO LEAVE CBMU 577 TO RETURN TO THE U.S., WE BOARDED THE "U.S.S. HOLLANDIA," A SMALL AIRCRAFT CARRIER, AND DEPARTED ENIWETOK FOR THE THIRTEEN DAY TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. CBMU 577 WAS STILL ON DUTY AT ENIWETOK THIS DATE

VERLE M. WILLIAMS, M.M. 3/C

DECLASSIFIED

ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 877.

Formed at Camp Peary, Virginia.

20 Dec 1943 - Transferred from Camp Peary to ASD, Port Muenzner.

24 Feb 1944 - Departed ASD Muenzner for overseas.

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Feb 1945 - 1 officer and 35 men on temporary duty at Engebi.

1 Aug 1945 - Still located at Eniwetok with detachment at Engebi.

NOTE: This itinerary based on records in C.B. Operations and Personnel Section of Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Date: 5 September 1945.

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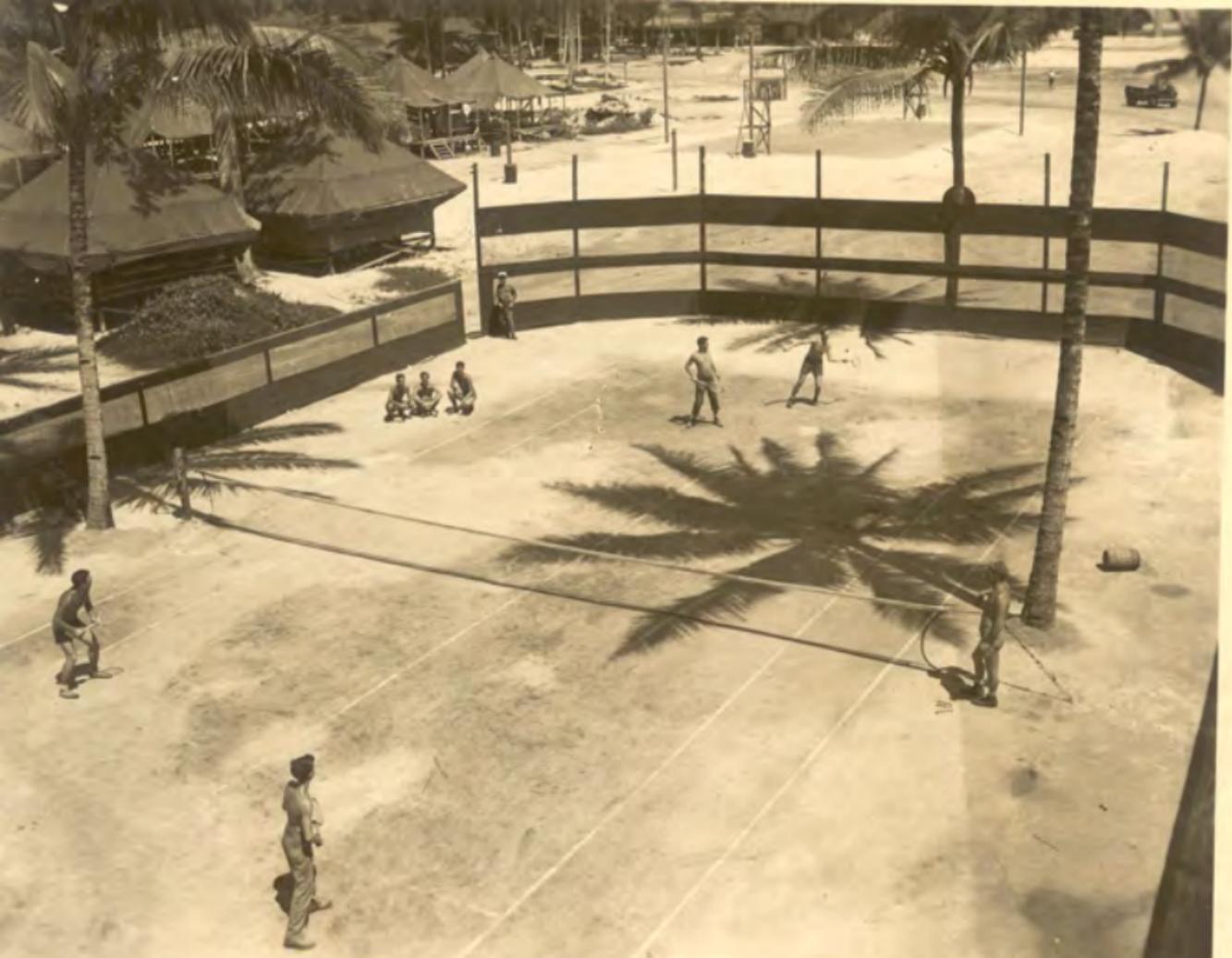
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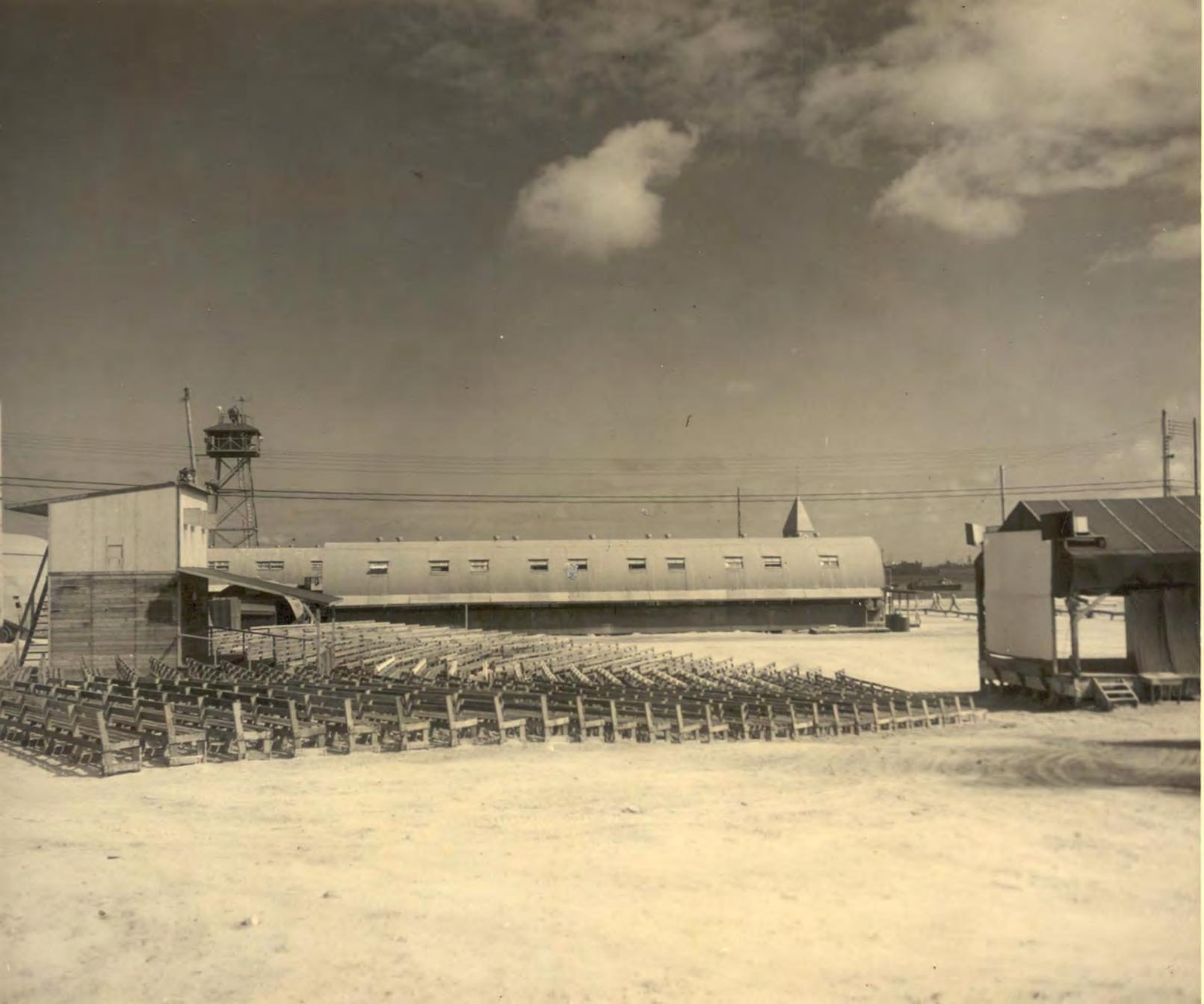
To: Irvin S. Rogmanson
Comdr. (C.O.V.), USNR

Signature



**NO
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AVAILABLE**









MERRY XMAS
ENWETOK"
C.B.M.U. 577

