4th Naval Construction Brigade

Historical Information

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"We Build, We Fight"

NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND

Location: Manus 4th Brigade 4th Construction Brigade

4-15-44 - Comdr. Brelsford assigned as Exec. from Comseron3rdflt(Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 6 Apr'44).

4-28-44 - Lt.Cmdr. Thrapp assigned duty 4th Brigade as OinC Advance Base Construction Depot, coming from Staff of Comseronsopacfor.(Comsopac ltr P16-4/00/(60) over Serial 7577p to Subj. officer dated 30 Mar'44).

5-22-44 - Capt. Short, USN, assigned as OinC 4th Brig. according to Miss Fisher/no orders rec'd by A-8/

5-22-44 - Lt. Patterson assigned from Peary(Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 27 Apr'44).

5-22-44 - Lt.(jg) Miller assigned by Comsopac(Comsopac 8th End. dated 6 Apr'44 on Bupers orders 316621 Pers-318-BC-d dated 21 Feb'44 to subj. off.).

5-22-44 - Ens. Fitzpatrick assigned by Comsopac(Comsopac 8th End. dated 6 Apr'44 on Bupers orders Pers-318-BB-4 236364 dated 24 Feb'44 to subj. off.).

6-9-44 - Lt. Luce assigned to 4th Brigade Temporarily(BNP352 from 5th Reg. dtd 28 Apr'44).

6-21-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 May'44 roster - only Capt. Short, Comdr. Brelsford and Lt.(jg) Miller listed.

6-21-44 - Lt. Comdr. Brier assigned from Endicott(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 12 Jun'44).

6-21-44 - Lt.(jg) Morjig assigned from 32nd CB FFA(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 25 May'44).

6-26-44 - 4th Brigade is located at Manus as of 31 May'44(Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Ser. BP-001407 to Dirpacdocks dtd 8 June'44).

7-7-44 - 4th Constr. Brig. - hdqtrs. at Lorengan, Manus(ComServFor7flt Sec. ltr A-9-4 over Ser. 00673 to Budocks dtd 14 Jun'44).

7-12-44 - Ens. Green and Dembinsky assigned from Parks(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 15 Jun'44).

7-12-44 - Lt. Stimson, Stiveson and Lt.(jg) Ewing assigned from Parks(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 15 Jun'44).

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7-12-44 - Lt.(jg) Scott assigned from 22nd CB(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 15 Jun'44).

7-12-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 Jun'44 ~~xxxxxx~~ roster - Lt. Patterson, Luce and Lt. Comdr. Thrapp not listed as well as some late assignments. Lt. Carroll of Det. 1051 is with this Brg. until 1051 arrives.

7-17-44 - Carps. Hinshaw and Myers assigned from Endicott via Naval Training School DE Beloit and Parks (BuDocks ltr to BuPers dtd 7/5/44). Comdr Brelsford detached to Parks (BuDocks ltr to BuPers dtd 7/8/44)

7-28-44 - Lt. Comdr. Fitzgerald assigned from Endicott(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 14 Jul'44).

7-28-44 - Lt. Smith assigned from Dirpacdocks P.H.(Cincpac spdltr to Dirpacdocks Pearl P16-4/00 over 1040-P dtd 8 Jul'44).

7-28-44 - ChCarp. Frazier and Carp. Cunningham assigned from Beloit, Wis.(Budocks ltr to Bupe dtd 19 Jul'44).

7-29-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 Jul'44 roster - Lt. Comdr. Trapp, Lt. Luce, Lt. Comdr Brier, Lt. Morjig not listed as well as some late assignments. Added the following which were shown on the officer roster: ~~Comdr. Brelsford,CEC~~, Lt. Comdr. Algers,CEC Lt. Carroll,CEC, Lt. Grant,CED.

7-29-44 Lt. Janes, CEC, assigned from 82nd CB (Comsopac Disp. 230216 23 Jul'44 NCR 37168 to 82 CB)

8-2-44 - Lt. Pilgian and Lt. Wait, Jr. assigned from 57th CB. Lt. Comdr. Turrentine assigne as Exec. Officer from 44th CB (Dispatch from ComSoPac 160022 NCR 17444 24 Jul'44 to OINC 57th CB and OinC 44th CB)

8-2-44 -- According to 30 Jun'44 muster report of ABCD Manus Lt. Comdr. Thrapp is OinC of that unit.

8-16-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of4th Brg. - operating at Manus. Brg. consists of 2nd Reg.(11th, 58th & 71st CB's), 5th Reg.(35th, 44th, 57th & 140th CB's), and the 17th Reg.(40th, 46th, 78th and 104th CB's).

4th Brg.

10-17-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 4th Brg - consists of the 2nd, 5th and 17th Regiments. According to End. by Comserfor7flt dtd 16 Sep'44 the batts of this brigade upon completion of the present assignment at Manus are to return to Comsopac.

10-24-44 - The 4th Brigade hdqtrs is at Lorengau, Manus Is. Consist of the 2nd, 5th and 17th Regiments.(Comserfor7flt mon. rep. for Aug'44 to Budocks Ser.BP001815 Sec. dtd 12 Sep'44).

10-28-44 - 17th Reg. detached from the 4th Brg. on movement to Noumea(NB Manus conf. ltr P16-4/00 - no date or serial No. RET/rb to the OinC 17th Reg.) The 46th and 78th CB's are to report to the 4th Brg. for duty.

11- 2-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 4th Brig. - located at Manus. Consisted of the following units:
2nd Reg.
11th CB, 58th CB, 71st CB.
5th Reg.
35thCB, 44th CB, 57th CB, 140th CB(temp)
17th Reg.
46th CB, 78th CB.

11- 8-44 - 4th Brig. has its hdqtrs at Lorengau, Manus Is. and consists of the following:
2nd Reg.: 11th, 58th, 71st CB's.
5th Reg.: 35th, 44th, 57th, 63rd CB's.
17th Reg: 46th CB, 78th CB.
(Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 mo. report for Sep'44)

11-27-44 -- The OinC's of the 4th Brg., 5th Reg. and 2nd Reg. ordered to proceed and report to such port as Cincpoa may be for further assignment.(Comseronsopac conf. disp to CNAB Manus 220705 NCR 1139 dtd 23 Nov'44).

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11-28-44 - Comsopac requests that Manus order the staff and equipment of the 4th Brig. to Noumea (the OinC has been ordered elsewhere). (Comsopac Sec. Disp. to CNB Manus 232154 NCR 2477 dtd 24 Nov'44)

12-28-44 - 4th Brigade located at Lorengau, Manus - consists of the 2nd, 5th and 17th Regiments.(Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).

12-29-44 - The 4th Brg. consisting of the 2nd, 5th and 18th Regs. will be dissolved by CNO effective date to be specified by Cincpoa - staff personnel will form the organizations of the 11th & 12th Brigades, and 42nd Reg. thru 48.(CNO Sec. ltr Op30-2CK12-UOT over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 01429730 to Cincpoa dtd 19 Dec'44).

1-3-45 - 1 Oct'44 report of 4th Brig. - located at Manus.

1-4-45 - 4th Brg. located at Noumea during the first part of Dec'44.(CNB Noumea Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 160730 dtd 28 Dec'44).

1-13-45 - 4th Brigade hdqtrs located at Lorengau, Manus; consists of the 2nd, 5th Regiment and the 46th and 78th CBs. (Comserfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)

1-22-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 4th Brigade - located at Manus during Oct'44.

1-30-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 4th Brg. - located at Noumea.

2- 8-45 - The 5th Brg. officers and men directed to report to the CG 10th Army for duty on the staff of ComConstTroops and Senior Brg. Commander. The 4th Brg. will move staff equipment when they move at a later date. (Comseronsopac Sec. ltr 0085 to OinC 5th Reg. dtd 22 Jan'45)

2-15-45 -- Comseronsopacfor Sec. ltr 00130 dtd 2 Feb'45 to OinC 4th Brg. - in accordance w: Cincpoa ltr Ser. 00056 dtd 12 Jan'45 the 11th Brg. is activated as of 31 Jan'45 The present OinC of the 4th Brg.(acting) is to report to NAB Noumea for duty as acting OinC of 11th Brg. All personnel and material of the 4th Brg. to be transferred to the 11th Brg. 4th Brg. officers orders will be separate effecte by this commend.

2-22-45 - The 4th Brg., 2nd, 5th, 18th and 23rd Regs. are inactivated effective when directed by Cincpoa.(CNO conf. ltr Ser. 076430 dtd 17 Feb'45 to Cincpoa and Bupers)

2-22-45 - 11th Brg. Sec. ltr Ser. 001 dtd 3 Feb'45 to NAB Noumea - in accordance with Comseronsopac Sec. ltr to OinC 4th Brg. dtd 2 Feb'45 Ser. 00130 the acting OinC of the 4th Brg. has reported to the 11th Brg. as OinC. All enlisted personnel, material and equipment formerly attached to the 4th Brg. has been transferred to th 11th Brg. All officers on duty with the 4th Brg. on 31 Jan'45 have received and executed orders transferring them to the 11th Brg.

3- 1-45 - Cincpoa requests that the 4th Brg., 2nd Reg., 5th Reg., 18th Reg., and 23rd Reg. be dissolved 1 Mar'45. Staff personnel have reported to new CB units. (Cincpoa conf disp to CNO 242351 Feb'45)

3-10-45 - The 4th Brg. inactivated immediately in accordance with CNO Ser. 076430 dtd 17 Feb 1945.(Cincpoa Pearl conf. disp to Comservpac 042155 Mar'45).

3-16-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 4th Brg. - Personnel being transferred to the 11th Brg. as of 1 Feb.

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4th Brg.

ON BOARD

Date	Off.	Men	Authority
1 Jul'44	7	12	MoR
31 Jul'44	20	34	R & BNP625
1 Sep'44	22	85	BNP625 & MoR
1 Oct'44	19	48	Comserfor7flt Rep. for Sep'44
1 Nov'44		78	BNP625
1 Oct'44	27 + 9 T.D.	84	MoR
1 Nov'44	25 + 6 T.D.	78	MoR
1 Jan'45	13	73	MoR
1 Feb'45	9	67	MoR

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Activated in April 1944, the 4th Brigade was located at Manus. Moved to Noumea in November 1944. Inactivated March 1945 at Noumea.

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28, SEPT. 1944
PROJECT No. III-B SHIP REPAIR PIER
PROJECT No. II-B SEA PLANE BASE
4TH CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE
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15 AUG. 1944

PROJECT No. I-B NAB ADMINISTRATION AREA

4TH CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE
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7 JUNE 1944
PROJECT No. I-B NAB ADMINISTRATION AREA
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MARCH 1944
PROJECT No. I-B NAB ADMINISTRATION AREA
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PROJECT No. II-A PITYILU STRIP

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