

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 502

*Historical
Information*



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



CBMU 502 (Longbow)

NCTC - Norfolk
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date -
Left ABD - 18 April'43
Location - ~~Yelp, Reap, Jerk~~ Vella-LaVella Emirau
Guam

LOG

- 2-24-43 - Budocks requests transfer of CBMU 502 from Peary to Hueneme on 10 Mar'43. (Budocks ltr to CNO dtd 24 Feb'43)
- 4-18-43 - CBMU 502 departed for Yelp, Reap, Jerk.
- 5-11-43 - CBMU 502 is now enroute to Wellington. (ComNavBasesSoPac area to ComSoPac sec. ltr. dtd 5-11-43)
- 11- 3-43 - 1 Oct'43 report of CBMU 502 - Departed Hueneme 18 Apr'43 and arrived destination 24 May'43.
- 12- 8-43 - 1 Nov'43 report of CBMU 502 - Arrived destination 24 May'43.
- 1-11-43 - CBMU 502 transferred to Vella LaVella. (ComSeronsopac sec. spltr 001061 of 23 Dec'43 50 Dirpadocks)
- 1-26-44 - 1 Jan'44 report of CBMU 502 - To move to Vella LaVella about 15 Jan'44.
- 5- 9-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of CBMU 502 - Left Wellington, New Zealand 7 Jan'44 via Guadalcanal and arriving at Vella LaVella 30 Jan'44. A small group of 79 men arrived from Guadalcanal 10 and 15 Feb'44.
- 5-30-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of CBMU 502 - operating at Vella Lavella.
- 6- 6-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 502 - operating at Vella LaVella.
- 7-12-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 502 - operating at Vella LaVella. According to 2nd

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- 7-12-44 - (Cont.) endorsement by Comseronsopacfor, this unit will be ordered to move soon.
- 8-7-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 Jul'44 report and OK. Operating at VellaLavella. According to to Comseronsopacfor 3rd End. dtd 21 Jul'44 this unit is scheduled for movement during the month of July for duty under CO, USMAB, Emirau.
- 8-29-44 - CBMU 502 located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau to Addresses 170332 NCR 15233 dtd 17 Aug'44)
- 9-13-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 502 - operating at Emirau.
- 9-26-44 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (Sec. Disp. 172238 NCR 13659 dtd 24 Sep from CMB Emirau to Comseronsopac)
- 11-3-44 -- CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 180018 NCR 13541 dtd 31 Oct'44).
- 11-4-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 502 - operating at Emirau.
- 11-6-44 - CBMU 502 located at Emirau. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser PP-001888 to Budock dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-13-44 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 012114 NCR 15171 dtd 6 Nov'44).
- 11-29-44 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 15 Nov'44 NCR 18061 dtd 26 Nov'44).
- 12-14-44 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac dtd 11 Dec'44).
- 1-4-45 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 160402 dtd 28 Dec'44).
- 1-11-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 502 - located at Emirau.
- 1-15-45 - CBMU 502 located at Emirau. (Comserfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-16-45 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec Disp to Comseronsopac 020216 dtd 13 Jan'45)

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- 2-15-45 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. (CMB Emirau Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 010028 dtd 14 Feb'45).
- 2-16-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Emirau.
- 3-10-45 -- Comservpac requested to take necessary steps to effect the return of CBMU 502 to the U.S. (Cincpoa Pearl Sec. disp to Com7flt 062149 Mar'45).
- 3-10-45 -- Cincpoa cancels ~~062149~~ ⁰⁶²¹⁴⁹ which deals with the return of CBMU.502. Rehabilitation of personnel of this unit will be accomplished in accordance with Cincpoa 051711(individual replacements - no units to return to U.S.).(Cincpoa Pearl Sec. disp to Comservpac 080057 Mar'45).
- 3-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 502 - located At Emirau.
- 3-16-45 - Necessary CBMU 502 be transferred to Guam about 1 Apr. (ref. 062149). (Cincpac Pearl Sec Disp 122104 13 Mar'45 to Com7flt)
- 3-17-45 --Comseronsopac requests that CBMU 502 be returned to the U.S. when they become surplus in the Sopac Area.(Comseronsopac Sec. ltr Ser. 00256 to Comserforpac dtd 6 Mar'45).
- 4-10-45 --CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. Proposed to be transferred to Guam 1 Apr'45. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).
- 4-16-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Emirau Island. Since 4 Dec'44 a detail of 24 men from CBMU 502 have been on duty with office of Port Superintendent Headqtrs Army Forces, APO 198.
- 4-21-45 - NavBase at Emirau decommissioned on 1 Mar'45. CBMU 502 to return to Sopac area. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep for Feb'45)
- 5- 1-45 - CBMU 502 is located at Emirau. To return to Sopac. Requested for SoWesPac. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-1-45 - CBMU 502 located at Emirau. Scheduled for Guam. (Dirpacdocks P Sec Rep of 1 Apr)

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- 5- 9-45 - CBMU 502 is being ordered to report to IsCom Guam. It is assumed that this unit will report to Island PWO. (Comservpac Sec ltr Ser 001903 dtd 28 Apr to IsComGuam)
- 5-15-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Emirau.
- 5-31-45 - 4 addtl CBMUs will be ordered to Guam for P.W. requirements. This makes a total of 15 CBMUs at, assigned, or to be assigned to Guam to meet P.W. requirements. These units are 502, 504, 506, 511, 515, 532, 593, 594, 597, 602, 619, and 4 to be later designated. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 02628 dtd 23 May to Comfwdarea-centpac)
- 6-19-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Emirau. In compliance with ComNavFac-NorSols despatches, the greater part of CBMU 502 equip was shipped to Manus on 27 May'45 for further shipment to Guam. It is expected that the movement to Guam will be completed the first week in June.
- 7-18-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 502 - Unit moved in several echelons beginning 28 May to Manus (last date of arrival at Manus 7 June) where it is awaiting further transp to its next base, Guam. Began loading on an APA on 27 June.
- 7-23-45 - IsCom Guam directed to detach CBMU 502 and order it to report to the 35th Reg. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 03897 dtd 13 July to IsCom Guam and CGT Okinawa)
- 8-8-45- CBMU 502 added to list of activities at Guam. (IsCom Guam sec disp 010406 Aug to CNO)
- 8-11-45 - You will consider your unit attached to the 35th Reg and consider you have reported for duty to the 35th Reg. (Comservpac sec end ser 003268 dtd 2 Aug 1945 to CinC CBMU 502)
- 8-13-45 - On 1 Aug'45 CBMU 502 will stand detached from its present duties and will report to the CinC 35th Reg for duty. (IsCom Guam Order #40-45 dtd 23 July)

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- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Guam. 105 replacements have been rec'd to date and a like no. of men have been ret'd to the States for leave and reassign. CBMU 502 embarked from Manus on 30 June and arrived at Guam on 4 Jul. Upon reporting to the IsCom Guam, the Unit was assigned to duty under the IsCom PWO. On 1 Aug, the IsCom PW organization will be dissolved and commissioned as the 35th Regiment of which this unit will then become a component. CBMU 502 has been assigned a camp area in conjunction with CBMU 504. It is planned to man and operate the camp and shop facilities jointly.
- 8-21-45 - Req you issue necessary additional instructions to have all Guam CBMUs report to 35th Reg (Public Works). (Cincpac conf spltr dtd 13 Aug 45 ser 032018 to Comservpac).
- 8-31-45 - CBMU 502 - enroute transshipping at Manila. (Dirpaddocks, P. sec report of 10 Aug'45).
- 9-18-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. 71 men detached & sent to the States.
- 9-29-45 - Commarianas directs Comservpac to nominate CBMU 502 for Truk Is., 5th Brig will assign low point men & officers from Brig. unit. (Commarianas conf disp 250639 Sept'45 to Comservpac).
- 10-10-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. 166 men rec'd as replacements. 24 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. CBMU 504 was inactivated and 116 men transferred to CBMU 502 for duty.
- 11-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBMU 502 - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg.
- 12-12-45 - Comservpac reqs Commarianas to inactivate CBMU 502. (Comservpac spltr ser 5758 to Commarianas dtd 8 Nov'45).

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- 1-31-46 - 502 MU to BuDocks ser 36 dtd 20 Nov'45/states that CBMU 502 was inactivated on 20 Nov'45. (Dirwespackocks conf rpt dtd 10 Jan'46).

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
3/10	-	-	Cincpoa Base	Comsec poc requested return to mainland about 1 April for rehabilitation.
3/12	-	-	Cincpoa Base	cancel part 062149 ref. to SO2. (not to be rehabilitated from mainland).
3/29	-	* Emirau Is. Nav. Base.	Comsec 7 de jlt	* present location - to assignment.
8/2	-	DUVA	20 com Guam sec	added.
			act. disp. 010406 Aug.	
9/25/20	-	-		

ON BOARD

DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
30 Jun'44	5		Recap.
1 Jul'44		214	BNP625
1 Aug'44	5	214	MoR
1 Sep'44	5	215	BNP625
1 Oct'44	3	232	MoR
1 Dec'44	3	218	MoR
1 Jan'45	4	215	MoR
1 Feb'45	4	217	MoR
1 Mar'45	4	212	MoR
1 Apr'45	5	205	MoR
1 May'45	4	203	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45	4	204	MoR
1 Jul'45	4	204	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	4	171	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		133	BNP625
1 Oct'45	4	218	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	4	322	BNP625 & R

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6/9/44	-	Vella La Vella	-	Left U.S. April 1943.
7/15/44	-	Emirau	Combasepoc sec disp. 180018 July.	detached present duty. about 12 July report CNO Emirau for duty.
7/21	-	Emirau	Comnav Base Emirau sec disp 190320 July	Reported this date to Comnav Base, Emirau
8/5	-	-	-	-
3/3	-	-	Combasepoc sec disp. 080746 jet	consider activation of 1008 in field would allow release so 2 upon completion present duty - rehabilitation US is recommended.
3/6	-	-	Cincpoa Base sec. 250111 Feb.	now in Nor. Sale. on Luan Sorberpac. can be utilized (for U.S.)
	-	-	Com 7th jet sec. 030354 Mar.	needed until departure US. Mar. Air Squadron about 1 April.

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3/10	-	-	Cincpoa Base sec 061249 Mar.	Combasepoc requested return to Mainland about 1 April for rehabilitation.
3/12	-	-	Cincpoa Base sec. 080057 Mar.	cancel part 062149 ref. to 502. (not to be rehabilitated from mainland).
3/29	-	* Emirau Id. Nav. Base.	Combasepoc jet sec. 260558 Mar.	* present location - to assignment.
8/2	-	DUVA	to Com Guam sec act. disp. 010406 Aug.	added.

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Commissioned at Camp Peary in March 1943, CBMU 502 was transferred to Port Hueneme March 10. The unit left April 18, 1943 and arrived in Wellington, New Zealand, May 24. On Jan. 7, 1944 the outfit left Wellington for Vella La Vella via Guadalcanal, arriving Jan. 30. July 1944, the unit was moved to Emirau. On May 28, 1945, they moved in several echelons to Manus, the last group arriving there June 7. On June 30, they embarked for Guam and arrived there July 4.

ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
MAINTENANCE UNIT #502

Formed at WCTC Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

10 Mar 1943 Transferred from Camp Peary to ABD Huoneme.
18 Apr 1943 Departed U. S. for Wellington, New Zealand
24 May 1943 Arrived Wellington, N..Z.
7 Jan 1944 Departed Wellington, N. Z. via Guadalcanal.
30 Jan 1944 Arrived Vella La Vella. 79 men arrived from
Guadalcanal on 10 and 15 Feb. 1944.
Jul 1944 Moved to Emirau.
28 May 1945 Unit moved in several echelons beginning 28 May to
Manus (last date of arrival at Manus 7 June).
Awaiting transportation to Guam.
30 Jun 1945 Embarked from Manus.
4 Jul 1945 Arrived Guam.
1 Aug 1945 Located at Guam.

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

28 August 1945.



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