

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 504

Historical Information



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



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>		<u>AUTHORITY</u>
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	
1 Aug'44	5	193	BNP 625
1 Sep'44	5	191	BNP625 & MoR
1 Oct'44	5	191	MoR
1 Nov'44	5	192	MoR
1 Dec'44	5	191	MoR
1 Jan'45	5	185	MoR
1 Feb'45	5	178	MoR
1 Mar'45	4	180	MoR
1 Apr'45	4	171	MoR
1 May'45	4	130	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45	4	129	BNP625
1 Jul'45	4	117 <i>+ 44 Transients</i>	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45		114	BNP625
1 Sept'45		97	BNP625

C.B.M.U. #504 (INACTIVATED)

CBMU 504

NCTC - Magruder
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date -
 Left ABD - 30 Apr'43
 Location - Atom Wallis Is. & Upolu Emireau Noumea

LOG

- 3-24-43 - Transferred NCTC Peary to ABD Hueneme 29 Mar. FFT to Atom.
- 4- 7-43 - Arrived ABD Hueneme from Norfolk.
- 4-30-43 - Entrained from San Fran for Atom.
- 5-23-43 - Arrived Wallis Island. (ComNavBasesSoPac area to ComSoPac sec. ltr of 5-11-43 Stated that unit was enroute to Wallis Island.)
- 9- 1-43 - 1 Aug'43 report of CBMU 504 - located at Wallis Island.
- 10- 5-43 - CBMU 504 being assisted on Wallis Island by Edit Detachment of 1st CB and C Co. of 3rd CB -(Aug'43 report)
- 3-20-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of CBMU 504 - operating at Wallis Is.
- 4- 3-44 - 2 officers and 98 men are doing salvage work at Upolu. 3 officers and 118 men remain at Wallis. Upolu detachment left Wallis 29 Jan'44 (Mar'44 report)
- 6- 7-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 504 - Upolu detachment consists of 98 men.
- 6-16-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 504 Wallis Detachment - consists of 102 men.
- 7-26-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of Upolu Detachment - consists of 2 officers and 96 men. According to 2nd End. by Comseronsopacfor, the detachment at Wallis Is. has rejoined the unit at Upolu. (End. dtd 5 Jul'44)
- 8- 1-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of Wallis Detachment - consists of 3 officers and 103 men.

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- 8-21-44 - The Wallis Detachment rejoined the Unit at Upolu 18 Jun'44. Estimated completion date is 1 Aug'44. (1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 504)
- 9- 5-44 - CBMU 504 ordered to CNB Emirau from Upolu. (Comseronsopac Sec. Disp. 010010 NCR 9015 1 Sep'44 to NB Upolu)
- 9-15-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 504 - then at Upolu. Assignment at Upolu completed 22 Jul.
- 10-10-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 504 - then located at Upolu.
- 10-25-44 - CBMU 504 is to leave Upolu about 15 Sep'44 for duty at Emirau. (Comserfor7flt mo. report for Aug'44 to Budocks sec. Ser BFO01815 dtd 12 Sep'44)
- 11- 8-44 - CBMU 504 enroute to Emirau. (Comserfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser EP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-16-44 - CBMU 504 is located at Upolu - moving to Emirau when transportation is available. (Comseronsopacfor Sec. monthly report P16-1/A9 over Ser C01465 32/Eak/dtt to Budocks dtd 2 Nov'44)
- 11-20-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 504 - located at Upolu, British Samoa.
- 11-21-44 - 4 CBMU's needed at Manus. CBMU 504 is available.- scheduled for Emirau but delayed in shipment. This unit could be ready at Noumea early Jan'45. (Comsopac Sec. disp. to Cincpoa 172142 NOR 6183 dtd 18 Nov'44)
- 12-15-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 504 - located at Upolu, Br. Samoa. The detail of 60 men which lived in Apia have rejoined the unit. CBMU 504 ready and waiting to be transferred to their new base.
- 12-29-44 - CBMU 504 ordered detached when transportation is available and to proceed to Noumea and report to the 17th Reg. for duty pending Furas. (Comseronsopac Sec. disp to CNS Tutuila 172340 dtd 18 Dec'44).

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- 2-29-44 - CBMU 504 arrived Tutuila from Upolu 25 Nov'44. (Comdt Samoan Def Group to Comseronsopac 012000 dtd 19 Dec'44 - Sec. disp).
- 1-4-45 - CBMU 504 is to report to Emirau when transportation is available. (Comseronsopacfor Sec. report for Nov'44 dtd 5 Dec'44).
- 1-13-45 - CBMU 504 scheduled to arrive Emirau Feb'45. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 15-45 - CBMU 504 ordered detached from Upolu and ordered to report to Noumea; upon arrival at Noumea, to report to the 17th Regiment for duty pending further assignment. (Comdt Samoan Def Grp ltr P16-4/00 HQ:AH:jrw dtd 2 Jan'45 to OinC CBMU 504)
- 15-45 - CBMU 504 is located at Tutuila (due to depart about 3 Jan'45 for Noumea). (Comdt. Samoan Def. Group Sec Disp to Comseronsopac)
- 1-27-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 504 - located at Tutuila, American Samoa. This unit left the U.S. on 1 May'43 and has served continuously in the Samoan area for the past 19 months. Has been ordered to and will arrive early Jan at Noumea for staging.
- 2- 1-45 - CBMU 504 departed Tutuila 3 Jan'45 for Noumea FFT. (ComSamoan Def. Grp. Sec. Disp to Comseronsopac 162120 dtd 27 Jan'45)
- 2- 9-45 - CBMU 504 hereby detached from present duty and directed to report to CNB Noumea for duty. (Comseronsopacfor conf disp to 17th Reg 260455 dtd 3 Feb'45)
- 2-10-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 504 - located at Tutuila during Dec'44.
- 2-15-45 - CBMU 504 is located at Noumea. (CNB Noumea Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 030700 dtd 12 Feb'45).
- 2-28-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 504 - Unit left Samoa 3 Jan'45 and arrived at Noumea on 17 Jan'45. Camp site at Ile Nou. Estimated date of completion of salvaging of the Scaplane Base Camp is 28 Feb'45.

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- 3-17-45 - Comseronsopac requests that CBMU 504 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).
- 3-29-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 504 - no info on location.
- 4-17-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 504 - Located at Noumea. Routed via Cdr. Naval Advanced Base, Noumea.
- 5- 7-45 - Transfer CBMU 504 to Guam. Report to IsCom. (Comservpac Sec Spdltr Ser 001877 dtd 27 Apr to Comsopac)
- 5- 9-45 - CBMU 504 being ordered to report to IsCom Guam. It is assumed this unit will report to Island PWO. (Comservpac Sec ltr ser 001903 dtd 28 Apr to IsCom Guam)
- 5-11-45 - 33 men of CBMU 504 ~~xxx~~ arrived Parks from overseas 5 May'45. (Parks TWX 072105 May to Bupers)
- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 504 - located at Noumea. 34 men were transferred in Apr'45 to Camp Parks for leave & reassignment.
- 6- 1-45 - 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, 532, 594, 593, 597, 602, 619, and 4 to be later designated. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 02628 dtd 23 May to Comfwdareacentpac)
- 6- 1-45 - CBMU 504 is hereby detached from NAB Noumea. To proceed to Guam and to report to IsCom Guam for duty. (DNAB Noumea Sec orders ser 126-0 dtd 12 May to CBMU 504)
- 6-12-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 504 - This unit consisting of 4 off. and 129 men, has been reoutfitted and enroute to a new destination. Report routed via IsCom Guam.
- 6-14-45 - CBMU 504 awaiting shipment to Guam. (Comservpac conf disp 080135 Jun to Cinc-Poa P)

Location - Guam

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- 6-25-45 - CBMU 504 reported on board vessel for transp on 18 May. Transp completed on 14 June. (CO USS LUMEN (AKA-30) 1st end dtd 14 June on CNB Noumea orders ser 126-0 dtd 12 May to CinC CBMU 504) IsCom Guam 2nd end on same orders dtd 14 June states that CBMU 504 reported this date (14 June) and assigned duty under the operational control of the PWO--the adm control of the unit will rest with the IsCom.
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 504 - location not given. 2 off. and 58 men replacements recd. 2 off. and 70 men ret'd to U.S. for rehab leave.
- 7-23-45 - IsCom Guam directed to detach CBMU 504 from present duty and order it to report to the 35th Reg. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 03897 dtd 13 July to IsCom Guam and CCT Okinawa)
- 8-13-45 - On 1 Aug'45, CBMU 504 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)
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 504 - located at Guam. 27 replacements reported on board and 27 men were returned to the U.S. for leave and reassignment during Jul'45. Report via the 35th Reg.
- 8-31-45 - Req you issue necessary additional instructions to have all Guam CBMUs report to 35th Reg(Public Works). (Cincpoa conf spdltr dtd 13 Aug '45 ser 032018 to Comservpac).
- 9- 8-45 - 1Sept'45 report of CBMU 504. No info as to location. 11 men have been transferred to U.S. for over-age discharge. 24 men have been assigned, but have not yet reported aboard. Report via 35th Reg.
- 9-29-45 - Comservpac directs 35th Reg. to inactivate the following CBMUs, 504, 515, 532. Pers. with 18 months or more overseas duty to be returned to states & balance of pers to be transferred to other units of the 35th Reg. Inform Comservpac when all inactivations are completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05344 dtd 21 Sept'45 to CinC, 35th Reg.).

Location - Guam

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- 10-3-45 - Delete the following units 41st CB, CBDs 1046, 1070 & CBMUs 504, 515, 532. (IsCom, Guam sec disp 010658 Oct'45 to CNO).
- 10-24-45 - CBMU 504 was inactivated on 30 Sept'45. (35th Reg. conf ltr ser 01381 dtd 27 Sept '45 to CBMU 504).
- 10-25-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 504 - location not stated. Report via 35th Reg. CBMU 504 inactivated on 30 Sept'45, 115 men transferred to CBMU 502 & 8 men transferred to U.S. for leave & reassignment.

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/9/44	-	Sol Wallis Is. Sec Upolu		Left U.S. April 1943
7/19	-	Upolu (Samoa) HOKR	Adv. Base Samoa sec diag. 802024 June.	Balance unit arrive Upolu from Wallis
9/9	-	(Emirau Is.)	Combesonopoc sec disp. 010010 Sept.	To be det'd about 15 Sept - to proceed to report Emirau Island
1/18	-		Combesonopoc sec 192112 Nov	arrived Nov 25.
2/19	-	Host	Samoa def group sec act 012000 Dec	
2/18	-	(Noumea)	Combesonopoc sec 172340 Dec. act disp. Jan 032316.	Detach when Japan available report Noumea - 17th Sept. (to depart about 3 Jan for Epic).
1/27	-	Epic	Combesonopoc sec 162120 Jan.	delete Host - departed 3 Jan for EPIC EFF.

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2/3	-	Epic (Noumea)	Combesonopoc Conf. 260455	detached present duty - report Noumea.
2/14	-	"	Noumea sec act disp. Feb. 030700.	added
4/17	-	"	Combesonopoc sec 160540 April	can offer you transfer Hode vice 501: (or 505)
4/21/45	-	-	Combesonopoc sec. 192251 April.	505 being sent Saipan via 501.
5/20	-	-	Noumea sec act 160635 May	delete Epic
6/1	-	Duwa	20 Com Suam sec. 300124 June	added.

CBMU 504

Commissioned at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va. in March 1943, CBMU 504 arrived at Port Hueneme April 7. On April 30 the outfit departed for Wallis Island, reporting there May 23. A detachment of 98 men and two officers were assigned salvage work on Upolu Island, British Samoa, on Jan. 29, 1944. On June 18, the remainder of the men joined the outfit at Upolu Island. The unit reported at Tutuila, American Samoa, on Nov. 25, 1944. On Jan. 3, 1945, the force left for Noumea, New Caledonia, and arrived on Jan. 17. A detachment of 34 men left in April 1945 for Camp Parks for leave and reassignment. On May 15, the outfit proceeded to Guam.

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7 Apr 43 Arrived ABD, Port Hueneme from Norfolk, Va.
30 Apr 43 Departed for overseas destination.
23 May 43 Arrived Wallis Island.
29 Jan 44 98 men and 2 officers assigned salvage work on Upolu Island.
18 June 44 Remainder of men at Wallis, joined detachment at Upolu, British Samoa.
25 Nov 44 Arrived Tutuila, American Samoa.
3 Jan 45 Departed Tutuila for Noumea, FFT.
17 Jan 45 Arrived Noumea.
Apr 45 34 men transferred to Camp Parks for leave and reassignment.
15 May 45 On or about this date CBMU 504 detached from NAB, Noumea and proceeded to Guam.

NOTE: This info based on records available in the C. B. Operations and Personnel Section of BuPers.

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