

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 506

Historical Information



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



CBMU 506

NCTC - Magruder
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date -
Left ABD - 30 Apr'43
Location - ~~HOST~~ Tutuila Fana-Futi, Tutuila, Tongatabu
Houmae, Guam

LOG

- 3-24-43 - Transferred from NCTC Peary to ABD Hueneme 29 March FFT to HOST.
- 4- 7-43 - Arrived ABD Hueneme from Norfolk.
- 4-30-43 - Entrained for San Fran for HOST.
- 5-23-43 - CBMU 506 arrived at Tutuila. (ComNavBases SoPac ltr to ComSoPac stated that 506 was enroute to Upolu Island. This sec. ltr dtd 5-11-43)
- 9- 1-43 - CBMU 506 arrived destination 17 May'43.
- 3-21-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of CBMU 506 - On 13 Oct., 5 Nov, and 5 Dec, 1943, the 7th, 8th, and 9th Garrison Replac. Dets., respectively, were rec'd on board on verbal authority of Force Hdqtrs. 7th Garr. 7th Garr. consisted of 34 men and 1 off.; 8th Garr., 33 men and 1 off.; 9th Garr; 33 men and 1 off.
- 4-12-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of CBMU 506 - operating at Tutuila.
- 5-11-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of CBMU 506 - operating at Tutuila.
- 7-14-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 506 - operating at Tutuila.
- 9- 5-44 - CBMU 517 to be assigned to Russells 15 Sep'44 from Fana Futi and to be replaced by CBMU 506. (Comsopac Sec. Disp. 010452 NCR 9390 to ComSamoanDefGroup dtd 1 Sep)

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- 9- 6-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 506 - Location not stated except that 1st endorsement was by Comdt. Samoan Def. Group. Resurfacing of Tafuna Airport completed 20 Jul.
- 9-29-44 - CBMU 506 is at Funafuti. (Sec. Disp. 162025 NCR 13972 dtd 26 Sep from CNB Funafuti to Comseronsopac)
- 10-10-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 506 - operating at Funafuti with a detachment temporarily assigned to Ofu Is. in the Manua Group.
- 11-16-44 - CBMU 506 is located at Tutuila, Funafuti and Tongatabu. (Comseronsopac Sec. report P16-1/A9 over Ser C01465 32/EAK/dtt to Budocks dtd 2 Nov'44.)
- 11-16-44 - CBMU 506 relieved CBMU 517 at Funafuti on 16 Sep'44.
- 11-27-44 - CBMU 506 Section 2 is located at Funafuti. (CNB Funafuti Sec Disp to Comseronsopac for 040330 NCR 18095 dtd 23 Nov'44)
- 12-11-44 - CBMU 511, Sec. 2, transferred for duty to CBMU 506, Sec. 3. (Comseronsopac Disp. 310003 dtd 31 Aug'44 - Info from Recap Sheet of 31 Aug'44)
- 12-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 506 - Divided into 3 sections--the first and second sections to be formed by sending 125 men and 3 officers to Funafuti to form Section 2 with the remainder of the unit to remain at Tutuila and to be designated as Section 1. Section 3 was formed by transfer of 26 men and 1 off. from CBMU 511, Section 2--this third section of CBMU 506 to remain at Tongatabu.
- 12-29-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 506 - located at Tutuila, Funafuti, and Tongatabu. This unit has been on its present duty station for 17 1/2 mos.
- 12-29-44 - CBMU 506 2nd Sec. is located at Funafuti. (CNB Funafuti Sec. disp to Comseronsopac 012000 dtd 19 Dec'44).
- 1-15-45 - CBMU 506, 1st Sec. is located at Tutuila. (Comdt Samoan Def Grp Sec Disp to Comseronsopac)
- 1-27-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 506 - located at Tutuila, Funafuti, and Tongatabu.

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- 2- 1-45 - CBMU 506, 2nd Sec. is located at Funafuti. (CNB Funafuti Sec Disp NCR 10540 31 Dec'44)
- 2- 9-45 - CBMU 506, 2nd Sec., is at Funafuti. (CNB Funafuti Sec disp to Comseronsopac 152003 dtd 1 Feb'45)
- 2-16-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Tutuila, Funafuti, and Tongatabu.
- 2-21-45 - CBMU 506 2nd Section is located at Funafuti. (CNB Funafuti Sec. disp. 012002 dtd 16 Feb'45 to Comseronsopac).
- 3- 1-45 - All three sections of CBMU 506 can be released of present duties in the Samoan area in the very near future using as replacements small addition of General Service rates attached to the respective bases. Wish to return CBMU 506 to the U.S. for rehabilitation and reassignment. Replacement unit not required. (Comsopac Sec Disp to Comservpac 200424 dtd 21 Feb'45)
- 3-20-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Tutuila, Funafuti, and Tongatabu.
- 3-21-45 - Detach all sections of CBMU 506 from present duty and direct them to proceed FAG-TRANS and report to CNB Noumea. (Comsopac Sec Disp to NB Tongatabu and Comdt Samoan Def Grp 150618 Mar'45)
- 3-23-45 - The distribution of CBMU 506 according to Comseronsopac Sec. report for Feb'45 dtd 5 Mar'45:
 - Unit I - Tutuila - 4 officers and 161 men
 - Unit II - Funafuti - 3 officers and 116 men.
 - " III - Tongatabu - 1 officer and 24 men.

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- 4- 4-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Tutuila, Funafuti, and Tongatabu.
- 4- 7-45 - Approval has been granted for the return of CBMU 506 to the U.S. as a unit upon completion of its present mission. Orders for this movement will be issued in the near future. (Comseronsopac 1st End. (to Bupers 1tr Pers21220 dtd 22 Jan'45) to OinC CBMU 506 dtd 9 Mar'45.
- 4- 9-45 - Comservpac orders CBMU 506 personnel who have been overseas 23 mos cont. duty to Parks for rehab. Transfer CBMU 506 remaining personnel to Guam. 231946 cancelled. (Comservpac sec disp to Comsopac 250129 Mar'45)
- 4-13-45 - On or about 27 Mar'45, CBMU 506, Sec. 2 detached from all duties at this command. You and the section in your charge will proceed fagtrans and report to NB Noumea. (IsCom Ellice Is Grop Sec 1tr P16-3 over Ser 0026 dtd 26 Mar to OinC 506, Sec. 2)
- 4-16-45 - CBMU 506 enroute to Noumea ETA 15 Apr'45. (Comseronsopac Sec Rep dtd 1 Apr'45)
- 4-17-45 - Upon arrival CBMU 506 take necessary action to (a) Transfer enl personnel cont. overseas not less than 23 mos on 1 May fagtrans U.S. (b) Outfit this unit in accordance instructions to follow by ltr (c) Transfer unit fagtrans to Guam to report to IsCom for duty. (Comseronsopac Sec Disp 042308 to CNB Noumea dtd 13 Apr'45)
- 4-24-45 - CBMU 506, Sec. 1 hereby detached from all duty with Samoan Def Grp. Proceed by fagtrans to Noumea reporting to CNB Noumea FFA. (Samoan Def Grp orders P16-4/00/MM over HQ:AB:jca dtd 31 Mar to Lt. Cain)
- 4-28-45 - CBMU 506 Sec 3 (19 men) hereby det from all duty at this command. To report to OinC CBMU 506 for duty pending further assignment. (CO NAB Tongatabu Sec 1tr Ser 00545 dtd 3 Apr to OinC Sec 3 CBMU 506) End to above ltr dtd 3 Apr states that Sec 3 reported on 3 Apr'45.
- 5- 1-45 - CBMU 506 located at Noumea. To go to Guam about 1 May. (Dirpacdocks P Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)

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- 5-2-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 506 - Sect 2 of CBMU 506 consisting of 1 offcr & 110 men was detachd from IsCom, Ellice Island Group on 27 Mar'45 & embarked from Funafuti for Tutuila. Sect 1 consisting of 4 offcrs & 162 men was detachd from Cdt Samoan Defense Grp on 31 Mar'45. Sect. 1 & 2 embarked from Tutuila on 31 Mar'45 & stopped at Tongatabu to pick up the 19 men in sect. 3 & to complete reassembly of CBMU 506. Unit will than proceed & report to CNB Noumea for shipment to U.S.
- 5-5-45 - 2 off. and 96 men awaiting transp to a forwd area base. (End by Comseronsopacfor on CBMU 506 1 Apr'45 report)
- 5-8-45 - CBMU 506 is shown located at Noumea. ToGuam 1 May'45. (Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-9-45 - CBMU 506 being ordered to report to IsCom Guam. It is assumed this unit will report to Island PWO. (Comservpac Sec 1tr ser 001903 dtd 28 Apr to IsCom Guam)
- 5-11-45 - 190 men from CBMU 506 reported to Parks from overseas on 5 May'45. (Parks TWX 072105 May'45 to Bupers)
- 5-24-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 506 - preparing for further overseas duty at Noumea. Sec 3 left Funafuti on 27 March and joined Sec 1 at Samoa. Both of these sections left Samoa on 31 March and joined Sec 3 at Tongatabu, leaving there on 16 April. On 19 April, 192 men were detached for further transfer to U.S. On 22 April, 3 off. were detached. Complete reoutfitting and disposal of a large quantity of the Unit equip began on 17 April and will be completed for forwd movement on or about 4 May with 2 off. and approx 90 men composing the unit.
- 5-26-45 - CBMU 506 hereby detached from NAB Noumea. Directed to report to IsCom Guam for duty. (CNAB Noumea sec orders ser 121-0 dtd 9 May'45 to OinC CBMU 506)
- 5- 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, 515, 533, 593, 594, 597, 602, 619, and 4 to

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- 6-1-45 - be later designated. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 02628 dtd 23 May to Comfwdarea-centpac)
- 7-5-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Guam. 2 offcrs & 91 men sailed from Noumea for Guam on 12 May'45. In transit from 11 May'45 to 1 Jun'45.
- 7-23-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Guam. 2 offcrs and 91 men of CBMU 506 arrived at Guam on 10 Jun'45 and were assigned to CinCPac Adv. Hdqtrs Detachment. The 2nd sec. consisting of 4 men arrived on 29 Jun'45. Received 88 men during June resulting in a total of 174 men now in this unit.
- 8-13-45 - On 1 Aug'45, CBMU 506 will report to the OinC 35th Reg for adm control. The oper control will remain with the activity to which it is at present attached. (IsCom Guam Order #40-45 dtd 23 July)
- 8-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 506 - located at Guam.
- 8-21-45 - Req you issue necessary additional instructions to have all Guam CBMUs report to 35th Reg (Public Works). (Cincpac conf spdltr dtd 13 Aug '45 ser 032018 to Comservpac).
- 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBMU 506. Located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. 19 men transferred to U.S. for leave & reassignment. 15 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under Alnav 196-45. 13 replacements were rec'd.
- 10-12-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 506. Location not stated. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig. 37 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. 11 men received as replacements.
- 11-29-45 - Comservpac reqs Guam to inactivate CBMU 506. (Comservpac TWX 282323 Nov'45 to Guam).
- 12-17-45 - CBMU 506 was inactivated as of 1 Dec'45. (5th Brig conf ltr ser 14303 dtd 30 Nov'45 to OinC, CBMU 506).

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- 12-26-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of CBMU 506 - This report states that the enl. pers. were transferred, main body going to 103rd CB. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig.

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ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	7	329	MoR
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1 Sep'44	6	314 340	MoR
1 Oct'44	7	324	MoR
1 Nov'44	7	320	MoR
1 Dec'44	7	309	MoR
1 Jan'45	8	301	MoR
1 Feb'45	8	301	MoR
1 Mar'45	9	296	MoR
1 Apr'45	6	291	MoR
1 May'45	2	94	MoR
1 Jun'45	2	91	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	3	174	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	4	218	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	3	199	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45		166	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	2	115	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	2		R

C.B.M.U. #506 (INACTIVATED)

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/9/44	-	Tutuila Id.	-	Rec'd U.S. April 1943
9/14	-	Sec 1 - Tutuila (HOST) Sec 2 - Funafuti	Combnordepac divide into 2 sec clas. 010012 Sept	
2/21	-	-	Combnordepac sec disp. 200424 Feb.	Request authority to release res for reassignment. Replacements not required.
2/26	-	(U.S.)	Combnordepac Rest. disp. 231946 Feb.	Authority granted return res 200424.
3/17	-	-	Combnordepac sec disp. 150614 Mar.	Detach all sections present duty - proceed pagtrans report to Noumea.
4/2	-	Sec 2 Funafuti	Combnordepac sec act disp. 152014 Mar.	

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4/14	-	Sec 1 (Epic)	Comdt Sanson def group sec act disp. 630120 April	deletion Host (Tutuila) Sec 1 - departed 31 Mar for Epic.
5/12	-	Epic	Noumea sec act disp. 020540 May	Added
5/20	-	-	Noumea sec act 160635 May	delete Epic
7/1	-	Duwa	Iscom Duwa sec act disp 300128 June	added.

CBMU 506

Commissioned at Camp Peary in Feb. 1943, CBMU 506 reached Hueneme April 7 and shipped out April 30. Reaching Tutuila May 17, the unit subsequently was divided for duty at Tutuila, Funa Futi and Tongatabu. Section Two left Funa Futi March 27, 1945, and Joined Section One at Samoa. Both groups then joined Section Three at Tongatabu on March 31, with the entire unit leaving April 16 for Noumea, New Caledonia. The 506th left Noumea, May 12, reached Guam, June 10, and was stationed there at the war's end.

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ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT #508

Formed at NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

- 29 Mar 1943 - Transferred from NCTC Camp Peary to ABD Hueneme.
7 Apr 1943 - Arrived ABD Hueneme.
30 Apr 1943 - Left ABD Hueneme for overseas.
17 May 1943 - Arrived Tutuila.
2 Nov 1944 - Located at Tutuila, Funa Futi, and Tongatabu.
27 Mar 1945 - Sec 2 left Funa Futi on 27 March and joined Sec 1 at Samoa. Both of these sections left Samoa on 31 March and joined Sec 3 at Tongatabu, leaving there on 16 April for Hounsa.
13 May 1945 - Departed Hounsa.
10 Jun 1945 - Arrived Guam.
1 Aug 1945 - Located at Guam.

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

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