

11th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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“We Build, We Fight”*



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- 10-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 11th CB - operating at Manus. Report endorsed by 2nd Reg. Endorsement by Comserv7flt states that the 11th CB is to return to U.S. for rehabilitation leave in the near future.
- 10-24-44 - The 11th CB is located at Los Negros under the 2nd Reg. Estimated to return to the U.S. about 1 Oct'44 (Comserv7flt monthly report for Aug'44 to Budocks Ser. BP001815 Secret dtd 12 Sep'44).
- 11-8-44 - 11th CB is in the 2nd Reg. and is located at Los Negros. Estimated to be released on 1 Oct for return to U.S. (Comserv7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-061882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-29-44 - 11th CB is located at Manus. (Comserv7flt Sec. disp to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44.)
- 11-29-44 - 11th CB left Manus 4 Nov'44 to return to U.S. (CNE Manus Conf. spdltr to Bupers Pl6-3 over Ser 00928 dtd 12 Nov'44) (Note previous entry)
- 12-6-44 - 11th CB with 28 officers and 569 men arrived from overseas 22 Nov'44. (Parks TWX 0613 24 Nov'44)
- 12-15-44 - 1 Dec'44 report of 11th CB - then at Parks. Batt was secured 1 Nov'44. Sailed for U.S. on 4 Nov'44 and arrived at Parks 22 Nov'44.
- 12-29-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 11th CB - Batt left Manus for states on 4 Nov'44.
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- 1-29-45 --- The 11th CB will be available from U.S. for Samar 1 Mar'45 from Parks. (CNO Sec. disp to Com7flt 181805 dtd 19 Jan'45).
- 1-29-45 --- Cincpoa Sec. disp to CNO 250121 dtd 25 Jan'45 - requests that the 11th, 35th, 68th and 80th CB's which are scheduled for Sowsapac be assigned to the 7th Brg.

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- 2-7-45 - The 11th CB will be assigned to the 7th Brigade. (CNO conf. disp to Comservpac, Cincpoa and Com7flt 291535 dtd 29 Jan'45).
- 3-13-45 - No ships allocated in Mar'45 for the lifting of the 11th, 35th, 68th or 80th CB's. (ComWesSeaFron Sec. disp to Comservpac 110038 Mar'45).
- 3-16-45 - Comservpac requests earliest possible April Shipping CincPoa SeaBees 11, 35, 68, 80 Mainland to Samar. (Comservpac Sec Disp 132333 dtd 14 Mar'45 to Comserv7flt)
- 4-9-45 - 11th CB approx sailing date is 20 Apr'45. (Parks Sec report of draft movements dtd 29 Mar'45 to Bupers)
- 4-30-45 - The 11th CB ordered from U.S. to Leyte-Samar area. (Comserv7flt Sec Rep 1 Apr)
- 5- 2-45 - 11th CB ETD SanFren 15 May'45. (ComWesSeaFron Sec Disp 260120 dtd 26 Apr to Cincpoa P)
- 5- 8-45 - The 11th CB has been assigned 7th Brg at Leyte-Samar. (Dirpacodcks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-15-45 - Subic is confirmed as destination of the 11th, 35th, and 80th CBs. (GHQ SWPA Sec Disp 031808Z dtd 10 May to Cincpoa P)
- 5-19-45 - Lift CBs 11, 35, and 80 to Subic Bay. My 302115 and CNO ser 0039230 of 2 Feb modified. (Cominch sec disp 122102 dtd 13 May to Comwesseafron)
- 5-22-45 - The 11th CB, consisting of 26 off. and 1082 men, departed Parks for overseas dest on 15 May'45. (CBRD Parks Sec disp 172309 dtd 18 May'45 to Bupers)
- 7-24-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 24th Reg states that the 11th CB has arrived at Subic Bay and is setting up temp camp. The 11th CB is to assume the work being done by the 115th CB.
- 7-27-45 - The 11th CB is located at Subic Bay, constructing NSD, ABCD, ACEPD, AND CNB facilities. Attached to the 24th Reg and 3rd Brg. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)

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- 8-14-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 11th CB - located at Subic Bay. The 11th CB departed from CBRD Camp Parks Shoemaker, Calif on 15 May'45 with 26 officers and 1082 men and arrived at Subic Bay on 27 Jun'45 with 26 officers and 1078 men.
- 8-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 3rd Brig states that the 11th C^B has recently arrived in the 7th Flt area and has been assigned to work with AATC & ASW Training Center in Subic Bay Area. The 11th CB is attached to the 24th Reg and 3rd Brig.
- 8-22-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 24th Reg states that the 11th CB departed from Camp Parks on 15 May'45 with 26 officers and 1082 men and arrived at Subic Bay on 27 Jun'45 with 26 officers and 1078 men. The 11th CB is attached to the 24th Reg.
- 9-27-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 11th CB - location not stated. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig.
- 11-16-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 11th CB - location not stated. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig. CEC officers & pers. were transferred to 11th CB from the 118th CB on 22 Sept'45.
- 12-7-45 - Comservpac reqs Comphlseafron to inactivate 11th CB. (Comservpac restr disp 060115 Dec'45 to Comphlseafron).
- 12-17-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 3rd Brig. states that the 11th CB will have been inactivated by 7 Dec'45.
- 1-5-46 - 11th CB reported inactivated since 20 Dec'45. (Comservpac, Pearl disp 022103 Jan '46 to BuPers).
- 1-28-46 - 1 Nov'45 report of 11th CB - location not stated. Report via 24th Reg. & 3rd Brig.
- 3-6-46 - DirWestPacDocks conf. monthly CB report of 10 Feb 46 states that 11th CB was inactivated on 1 Dec 45 at Subic Bay.

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	30	988	MoR
1 Aug'44	30	979	R & MoR
1 Sep'44	31	962	R & MoR
1 Dec'44	28	204	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jan'45		204	BNP625
1 Feb'45		510	BNP625
1 Mar'45		1092	BNP625
1 Apr'45		1058	BNP625
1 May'45		1090	BNP625
1 Jun'45		1081	BNP625 &
1 Jul'45	26	1078	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	28	1060	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		1077	BNP625
1 Oct'45	28	1114	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	16		R
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1 Jan'46	24		R

11th Construction Battalion (INACTIVATED)

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
5/30/44	-	Russell Is.	-	Left U.S. Aug. 1942.
6/12/44	-	Manus	BuDoche CB reports 1 May.	
7/25	-	Manus	Com 7ch Jelt sec disp July 200215.	Date release Manus Oct 1.
9/14	-	Manus	Com 7ch Jelt sec disp Aug 210103.	Date release Manus revised - Nov. 15
11/25	-	Manus	Com 7ch Jelt sec act disp Nov 150133.	(Cincpou con). 102034 - West Coast ready date 11/15.
11/30	-	U.S. (Danks)	BuDoche memo Nov. 25.	returned US Nov 22 - ready 3/1/45 - Examined Cincpou.
1/9	-	-	Com 7ch Jelt sec act disp Dec 231053	(delete DOTF)
1/22	-	"	CNO sec 181805 Jan	will be made avail US for Udod - 1 Mar - Danks.

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
1/22	-	Ud.	Com 7ch Jelt sec 210841 Jan.	Request be added to march schedule.
1/26	-	"	Cincpou sec disp. 250121 Jan.	Request be added 7th Brigade
1/30	-	"	CNO con) 291525 Jan	will be added 7th Brig. (250121)
1/3	-	(Udod)	BuDoche memo 27 Jan. also op 30 sec act 00392308386	Ready 31/1/45 - probable march skip. Add Udod.
2/18	-	"	Call) sec disp 051720 Feb	Scheduled for overseas end of Feb. (men being safed from 15th of 1906 to bring this full strength).
3/21	-	"	Comdesopac sec 132333 Mar.	Request earliest possible April ship 9. to Udod.
4/23	-	(Rines)	Cincpou Pearl sec. 210229 April	Request action be taken Transfer Rines.
4/30	-	(Yesi)	Cincpou Pearl sec. 281913 April	Request change dest. from Samar to Yesi.

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Date	Organization	Locations	Reference	Notes
5/2	-	Yesi	Cominch sec. 302115 April	destin changed from Urd to Yesi -
5/12	-	Subic Bay	Cincooa Beal sec. 010209 May. 8	re 281913 destination changed to Subic Bay.
5/14	-	" (XESO)	Cominch Sec. 122102 May.	Left to XESO.

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1. Name, rank, and home address of Officer in Charge: Edward K. BRYANT, Lt. Comdr. CEC, USNR., 211 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.
2. Date battalion was commissioned: 26 July 1942 ?
3. Date battalion departed from United States: 12 August 1942.
4. Details of first construction job:

a. Location: Tutuila, American Samoa

b. Description of Projects:

(1) A Destroyer Repair Base located at Poyer School was the battalion's major project in Tutuila, Samoa. 800,000 cubic yards of earth and coral fill required as the site of the proposed location was rugged, impenetrable mountainous country and presented inadequate space for the size of the job proposed. Fill was obtained from two rock quarries installed on opposite sides of the island and heavy 10 ton Euclids were used in hauling.

Framed quarters for officers and Chief Petty Officers with sanitary facilities; one 100 x 100 one-story enlisted men's barracks and three 100 x 100 two-story enlisted men's barracks; one 75 x 100 frame mess hall, and one 24 x 72 frame refrigerated storehouse were constructed as housing facilities.

Water facilities consisting of a 70,000 gallon concrete dam with 7,000 feet of water main and a 73,000 gallon reinforced concrete tank were installed.

Base facilities of fourteen 50 x 200 frame warehouses, used as shops and offices, were built, six of these had 12" reinforced concrete decks and walls, 8' high, three 20 x 40' timber docks and one 600' timber bulk-head using 60' piles were constructed. A 600' timber inclined railway was installed.

Job was begun about September 1, 1942 and was completed in June 1943.

(2) Marine Airfield and Facilities and the island industrial area were constructed at Tafuna with one 6,000' x 500', and one 3,000' x 500' coral surfaced runway installed, 2½ miles of perimeter air strip road, forty 50' x 60' rock and cinder plane parking revetments, and 5 miles of 75' cinder surfaced taxiways with fingers installed. Two frame nose hangars, splinter proof operations office and control tower, a 6,000 KW reinforced concrete power house and a 40' x 100' spare parts warehouse and four smaller warehouses, a 100' x 200' carpenter shop, 50 bed dispensary, four 250 man galleys and one 75' x 150' frame officers mess hall and galley,

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three 30 x 70 frame reefer buildings and one 20 ton ice plant, a PX building, heads and showers, a garage, 20 x 20 reinforced concrete bridge, sixteen bomb trailer shelters, a 60,000 gallon concrete dam 23' high, 1 mile of 3" steel water line, and a 3,000 cubic foot septic tank installed. Fuel tanks and pumping systems for 200,000 gallons were built.

(3) Leone Airfield, Marine Camp and island water supply consisting of clearing the jungle, grading and draining of 6,000' x 400' cinder-surfaced fighter strip, building forty frame tent quarters, one hundred ten frame quarters, heads and showers, four 250 men mess halls, and four 40 x 100 warehouses, a 20 x 20 reinforced concrete bridge was built. A 75,000 gallon 5' high concrete dam and reservoir and 12,000' of 6" and 4" steel water line and 4,000' of 6" concrete sanitary sewer constructed.

(4) A Fleet Marine Force Headquarters consisting of a Command Post, a 45' x 95' reinforced concrete subterranean communications center, six bombproof concrete personnel shelters, mess hall, and officer's and enlisted men's quarters were constructed.

(5) Mobile Hospital No. 3 at Mapasaga was expanded with the erection of forty 20 x 48 Quonset quarters, six frame and prefabricated steel warehouses, a 40 x 100 frame mess hall and galley, three 13,000 gallon wood stave elevated tanks, a 10' x 20' reinforced concrete septic tank, and a 100,000 gallon a day portable filtration and chlorination system plus 4,000 lineal feet of 3" steel water line.

(6) At Pago Pago an 85' subterranean well with 500' of subterranean galleries and 6,000' of 8" steel pipe line, two 50 x 220 frame warehouses and a 75 x 150 frame mess hall were built. In Pago Valley, a camp for 750 Marine communications personnel, two radio sending and receiving buildings, twenty quarters with sanitary facilities, mess hall and warehouse and two timber bridges - 18 x 40 and 18 x 20 - were constructed.

(7) In Utulei, an oil pumping station and filter system, a V-mail building, a large PX building, a warehouse, a frame powerhouse and one 6,000 KW concrete power house, 1,000 lineal feet of concrete sanitary sewer, coral surfaced barrage balloon sites, a reinforced concrete 50' x 400' reinforced ramp and building for net repair, and a gas storage tank farm consisting of two 27,000 barrel welded steel tanks, two 25,000 gallon pre-stressed steel and concrete tanks and one 13,500 barrel tank.

(8) At Faagalu, a 30' x 40' reinforced concrete subterranean communication center and a 400' timber inclined railway were built.

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At Fatamafuti, frame quarters, 10,000 gallon steel water tank and one mile of 3" steel water line were installed.

(9) At Illilli and Futiga, two radar stations and one non-magnetic radio direction finder building were constructed.

The island road system was improved with 15 miles of road constructed, 25 miles of improved culverts and bridges built.

Electrical work over a 10 mile radius was installed and an underground high voltage lighting system at Tafuna airport was designed and installed. U.S. Naval Station was converted from direct to alternating current. A telephone system for 500 line automatic switchboard was designed and 15 miles of lead cable was used with this system.

5. (A) OTHER CONSTRUCTION JOBS.

a. NEW CALEDONIA:

(1) Mobile Hospital No. 5 was the principal job assignment and our work consisted of constructing: sixteen 20 x 104 H-shaped Quonset wards, four 24 x 200 frame wards with heads, showers, pantries, treatment rooms, etc., one 24 x 100 frame two story quarters with sanitary facilities, twelve task force type mess halls and galleys, a two story officers and nurses mess hall, a 20 x 30 reinforced concrete pumping station, and 40,000 gallon sump, a 15,000 gallon wood stave storage tank and tower, a 30 x 30 x 6 concrete septic tank, 2,300' - 8" welded water main, 1,800' 4" welded sewer with 1,000' subaqueous in the ocean, two 75 KW AC generators and the electrical design and construction for a 1,000 bed hospital.

(2) At Magenta, 3,000' x 70' coral taxiway was graded, surfaced and maintained, four acres of plane assembly and parking areas surfaced, 2 miles of road constructed by blasting through a large hill, two acres of storage areas surfaced, six 50 KW generators at Transmitter Station, two 75 KW AC and two 75 KW DC generators installed and a main switchboard installed.

(3) At Ducos, tent and tarp quarters for 250 men, thirty-four 20 x 48 Quonset quarters, mess hall and galleys, a 108 x 512 N.Z. warehouse, with concrete deck and reinforced concrete loading platform, two 40 x 100 N.Z. warehouses for Net Depot Storage, a brick tower for Base Fire School, two 15,000 gallon wood stave tanks, twelve 10,000 barrel bolted steel tanks for oil and water storage, one hundred and ten 1½ ton concrete clumps and 2,000 lineal feet of 4" steel pipe for salt and fresh water supply, and 1,000 lineal feet of 6" concrete sanitary sewer were installations made. A rocket renovating plant was built for bazookas.

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(4) At Ile Nou were constructed: Forty-three 20 x 48 Quonset quarters, mess halls, bakery and storage, one 48 x 108 N.Z. warehouse, a boiler house, two power plants, two steel nose hangars, two 5,000 gallon wood stave-tanks, 4,625 lineal feet of 6" steel water line, twelve iron fire hydrants, 3,300 lineal feet concrete sewer, a concrete ramp, aprons and sidewalks, four sound proof control rooms, sixteen concrete clumps, 3,000' of 5' wire mesh fence and twenty-four concrete manholes.

(5) In the town of Noumea, maintenance work and the construction of gear lockers, fire station, vault, prefabricated plywood lighters, a PX and Ship's Service Building, heads and showers and a water supply system to the Finger Piers was done. Three 10,000 barrel steel tanks, 6,000' of 12" welded pipe, one 500 G.P.M. booster station, and six float control valves were installed to improve the water supply system.

b. BANIKA, RUSSELL GROUP OF THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

(1) The battalion was in a staging period during which continual rain made the going difficult and sometimes hazardous. An Acorn staging area was built, 180' of earth dock, an earth dam and pumping station, eighteen pontoon barges, 4,000' of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel water line, 3.2 miles of new road, 6.5 miles of road widening, ditching and surfacing, twenty-six SSAR warehouses with concrete decks, 790 lineal feet of 24" drum culverts, two 15,000 gallon wood stave tanks, eleven 8,800 cu. ft. reefers with loading platforms and shelters were constructed.

c. LOS NEGROS, ADMIRALTY ISLAND GROUP

(1) The Lonbrum Point development and construction was assigned to this battalion. This particular section of the island had a poor clay base and before any construction could be accomplished suitable roads had to be built from coral dredged from the bay. Installations on the Point were: A 100' diameter concrete compass rose, two concrete decked nose hangars, a 50 x 250 concrete seaplane ramp, 22,000 sq. yds. of concrete aprons, a 24' high observation tower, a 14' x 120' pontoon small boat pier, eight 1,000 barrel steel tanks for Aviation Gas Storage, four 5,000 gallon wood stave tanks, 1,200 lineal feet of barbed wire fence around tank area, one 10,000 gallon steel tank, pump house and well, two 4,200 gallon and one 3,000 gallon steel tank for water system, four 50,000 gallon earth dams and reservoirs, 3.1 miles of water main, 2.4 miles of roads and streets, an 8,000 gallon per hour pumping station and purification plant, a large telephone exchange, a 40 x 200 stran steel Radio Communication Storage building, 3,000 lineal feet of 24" steel drum culverts, 1,900 lineal feet timber seawall, two 50 x 50 bomb revetments, two 10 x 10 and one 20 x 20 steel magazine, a 40 x 100 stran steel

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powerhouse with three 450 HP Diesel and three 300 KW generators, one Quonset gear locker for power station, and a 100 bed dispensary consisting of sixteen 20 x 48 quonset huts, three framed officers' huts and a 24 x 24 frame head and shower.

Also constructed was a Seaplane Base consisting of twenty 20 x 48 Quonsets used as shops, administrative buildings, radio and ordnance material huts, small boat lockers, offices, parachute repair building, N.A.T.S. offices and Fleet Post Office, a 40 x 100 frame garage, a 6 x 18 pontoon landing ship fitted out completely and moored, two 14 x 25 frame showers and flush heads with concrete decks, and a 20 x 32 generator building and eleven 40 x 100 SSAR shops with concrete decks.

A camp for Seaplane Base personnel was built with the following installations: Two hundred forty-three 20 x 48 Quonset quarters, five 20 x 48 heads and showers for officers, seven 15 x 50 frame heads and showers for enlisted men, a Quonset bakery, one 15,000 square foot frame, concrete-decked enlisted men's mess hall and galley, one 8,000 square foot frame, concrete-decked officers' mess hall and galley, four 6,800 cubic foot prefabricated reefers, a 40 x 100 frame warehouse with concrete deck, two concrete-decked garbage shacks, a 40 x 100 laundry, three 40 x 100 SSAR aviation and GSK warehouses, and six elevated water cooling towers for air conditioning and water cooling units.

Landing Craft and Ship Repair personnel were furnished the following facilities for their housing: Two hundred fifty 16 x 16 frame and decked tent quarters, a 110 x 164 frame enlisted men's mess hall and galley, a 16 x 20 garbage hut, a Quonset bakery, six 14 x 32 frame, concrete-decked showers and wash rooms for enlisted men, two 14 x 21.5 frame, concrete-decked showers and wash room, a 27' x 93' - 2,000-man laundry, a Quonset visiting BOQ, three 20 x 48 GSK storehouses, and four pit type heads.

For the Landing Craft Base, the following was constructed: Two 20 x 48 Quonset ordnance buildings, seven 40 x 100 SSAR concrete deck buildings used as ship buildings and warehouses, two 40 x 125 frame shops, two concrete pit latrines, and 700 lineal feet timber pile and cable small craft moorings.

For Ship Repair Base, the following installations were made: Thirty-four 40 x 100 stran steel buildings with concrete decks used as offices, shops, warehouses, and generator buildings, four 20 x 48 concrete decked Quonsets used as shops, six pit latrines, three 20 x 96 Quonset RMO offices and Small arms repair buildings, a flush type head on main dock, and a 20 x 20 frame radar test platform.

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A camp for construction regiment headquarters consisted of twenty-one frame and wood-decked tents, a 60 x 60 frame galley and mess hall, one 70 x 140 frame office building, a 20 x 20 sick bay and two frame showers and heads.

Our own camp consisted of: Two hundred forty-six frame 16 x 16 wood-decked quarters, two 20 x 75 frame mess halls and galleys, one 90 x 100 mess hall and galley, five 20 x 25 showers, six 10 x 12 heads, four 20 x 70 frame shops, a 40 x 40 frame battalion headquarters, 30 x 276 tarp lean-tos for shops, one 40 x 40 frame dispensary, one 20 x 24 stage and screen a 20 x 80 recreation hall, a 20 x 60 armory, and one 15,000 gallon elevated wood stave water tank.

d. SUBIC BAY, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

(1) After rehabilitation in the United States this battalion was assigned work at Subic Bay, and upon landing began the work of completing the Amphibious Training Center by building 15 Quonset huts, a 40 x 100 SSAR recreation building, a 500 man head, a sheltered grease rack and sedan shed, and three pontoon septic tank systems. A 400' marine railway with landing winch and platforms was completed at a later date.

Assisted by personnel of the Seventh Fleet Training Center, our battalion made complete electrical, pipeline and plumbing installations together with 2 septic tank systems.

A 40 x 120' SSAR building was erected for the Fleet Recreation Center at Maliganan Beach. A galley, built originally for the battalion's temporary camp was converted for the recreation project. Showers and plumbing facilities also were installed. A 5,000 gallon water tank is being erected.

Three miles of roads over rice paddies were built for access to this battalion's camp, the 21st Special CB, AEORD, ACESPD, and ABCD. Approximately 12 acres of open storage areas and 2 miles of access roads for ABCD were likewise built. For access to ABCD, a 120' P-9 component highway bridge was built over the Matain River.

Recently completed was a water supply system pumping from the Matain River at the rate of 800 gallons per minute, furnishing raw water through 3 miles of 8" and 6" line to the Receiving Station and NSD with intermediate connections to ABCD, AEORD, 11th CB, 21st Special CB, Fleet Training Center and Fleet Recreation Area. Two 1,000 barrel

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tanks were erected and two more are being constructed. Filter and treatment plants were constructed at 11th CB, ABCD, and FTC, and similar plants are now being constructed at NSD and FRC.

Considerable work has been done on the Alava Dock, helping the 115th NCB in the work connected with driving, capping and decking piles for the first 200' of the P-9 dock. At Rifle Range Beach, a 500' marginal dock consisting of steel sheet piling and 50,000 cubic feet of earth fill is nearing completion. A floating pile driving rig was assembled by this activity for this purpose. A 1,200' P-9 dock is also being built at Rifle Range Beach to serve NSD.

At NSD one 160 x 200' multiple SSAR warehouse for which the deck had already been poured and the frame columns erected by the 115th NCB, was completed and another one is about 30% complete. A block of twelve 1,800 cubic feet reefers with shelter, power, and water supply system was erected. Two 200 man, two-story frame barracks were completed and a large mess hall, additional barracks, heads, etc. are under construction. Four 20 x 56 Quonset office buildings have been built.

Two 6 x 18 and ten 4 x 12 freight barges, seven 3 x 7 barges with propulsion units, two 2 x 30 pontoon docks and two 3 x 5 camels were built.

Four miles of pole lines were erected and numerous electrical installations made. The Army fuel dock was repaired three times, straightening and relaying pipe lines, replacing broken caps, braces, walkways, and removing damaged or broken piles and dolphins. Additional pipe was laid for diesel fuel, a pump converted, and a 1,000 barrel tank is being erected.

A Quonset hut camp was built for this activity, and a framed tent camp was built by the 118th CBs adjacent to it. This is now in use by transient personnel from the Receiving Station. A framed tent camp was built to house and feed 250 native laborers. An average of 2,000 men were subsisted at this camp during September 1945.

6. List participation in enemy action, giving places, dates, number of casualties and type of action: None.

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7. Date of return to U.S: 22 November 1944.
8. Date of second departure from U.S: 15 May 1945
9. Details of construction jobs on second tour of duty: Listed under 5(d).
10. List of all previous OinC's of battalion, giving names, ranks and dates:
Ernest A. Heckler, Comdr., CEC, USNR, 26 June 1942 to 31 December 1943.
Benjamin Evans, Lt. Comdr., CEC, USNR, Acting Officer in Charge,
1 January 1944 to 15 February 1944.
Lionel C. Tschudy, Lt. Comdr., CEC, USNR, 16 February 1944 to 21 October 1944.

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26 Nov 43 Departed from Noumea, New Caledonia aboard the USS Fuller.
30 Nov 43 Arrived at Auckland, New Zealand aboard the USS Fuller.
2 Jan 44 Departed from Auckland, New Zealand aboard the USS Rixey.
8 Jan 44 Arrived at Banika Island, Russell Group, British Solomon
Islands aboard the USS Rixey.

Commander Ernest Heckler, CEC, USNR, was Officer-in-Charge through 31 December 1943. Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Evans, CEC, USNR, became Officer-in-Charge on 1 January 1944.

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- 31 Jul 1943 - Transferred from NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va. to Davisville, R.I.
- 12 Sep 1943 - Left ABD, Davisville, R. I.
- 30 Oct 1943 - Arrived Noumea.
- 1 Feb 1944 - Monthly Report of this date shows 11th (Sp) CB operating at Russell Islands.
- 8 Dec 1944 - Departed Russell Islands.
- 6 Dec 1944 - Arrived Noumea.
- 27 Jan 1945 - First section of battalion arrived Guadalcanal.
- 30 Jan 1945 - Second section returned to Russell Islands.
 - A rear echelon of 2 officers and 50 men left at Noumea to ship balance of cargo.
 - Base Companies 26 and 32, consisting of 250 and 239 men respectively, have been attached to the battalion for duty as per orders and undergoing military training.
- 1 Mar 1945 - The battalion was split into two sections for transportation to forward area.
 - 1st section with 758 men and 21 officers departed Guadalcanal.
 - 2nd section with 731 men and 15 officers departed Russell Islands.
- 1 Apr 1945 - Both sections arrived at Okinawa.
- 3 Apr 1945 - Rear echelon left at Guadalcanal departed for Okinawa.
- 2 May 1945 - Rear echelon of 72 men and 2 officers arrived Okinawa.
- 1 Jul 1945 - Base companies 26 and 32 relieved of duties with 11th (Sp) CB and Logistic Support Cos. 57 and 58 assigned duties with battalion.
- 1 Aug 1945 - Located at Okinawa.

NOTE: The above itinerary is based on records available in G. B. Operations and Personnel Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

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- 1 Jul 42 United States Naval Construction Battalion 11 was established at Camp Bradford, Little Creek, Virginia.
- 26 Jul 42 NCB 11 left Camp Bradford for the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.
- 12 Aug 42 The battalion sailed from Port Hueneme for Tutuila, Samoa.
- 26 Aug 42 The battalion arrived at Tutuila. There, the battalion built a destroyer repair base, a U. S. Marine airfield and facilities, a fleet marine force headquarters with a command post, and a subterranean communications center. In addition, they worked on oil tanks and barrage balloon sites, runway additions, plane revetments and a mobile hospital.
- 18 Jun 43 NCB 11 sailed from Tutuila for Noumea, New Caledonia.
- 26 Jun 43 The battalion arrived at Noumea. Their major assignment was at Mobile Hospital Number 5. At the hospital, they built wards, quarters, and mess halls, and installed electrical, sewage and water systems. At Magenta, they worked on the construction and maintenance work at Ducos, Ile Nou, and in the town of Noumea.
- 26 Nov 43 NCB 11 departed Noumea for Auckland, New Zealand.
- 30 Nov 43 The battalion arrived at Auckland, New Zealand, for rest and rehabilitation.
- 2 Jan 44 The battalion departed from Auckland for Banika, Russell Islands.

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- 8 Jan 44 The battalion arrived at Banika for staging. In addition, to undergoing training, they worked on an Acorn staging area. In the Acorn staging area they built an earth dock, an earth dam and pumping station, roads, warehouses, loading platforms, and shelters.
- 3 Apr 44 The battalion departed from Banika for Los Negroes, Admiralty Islands.
- 20 Apr 44 NCB 11 arrived at Los Negros, Admiralty Islands. The battalion built the Second Naval Construction Regiment camp, a Seaplane Repair Base, including a camp for the base personnel; a Ship's Repair Base, and a Landing Craft Repair Base.
- 4 Nov 44 NCB 11 departed from Los Negros for Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.
- 22 Nov 44 The battalion arrived at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California. During its stay at Camp Parks, the battalion reformed and reorganized for its next tour of duty.
- 14 May 45 NCB 11 departed from Camp Parks for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.
- 24 Jun 45 The battalion arrived at Subic Bay. There they completed the Amphibious Training Center, built a marine railway, constructed and converted many buildings, built roads and bridges, and installed plumbing facilities, water systems, and electrical systems.
- 1 Dec 45 United States Construction Battalion 11 was disestablished at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

Naval Construction Battalion 11
World War II

Officers in Charge

Commander Ernest A. Heckler, CEC, USNR	1 Jul 42 - 31 Dec 43
Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Evans, CEC, USNR	1 Jan 44 - 15 Feb 44
Lieutenant Commander Lionel C. Tschudy, CEC, USNR	16 Feb 44 - 20 Oct 44
Lieutenant Commander Edward K. Bryant, CEC, USNR	21 Oct 44 - 1 Nov 45
Lieutenant Commander Roger G. Witherell, CEC, USNR	1 Nov 45 - 8 Nov 45
Lieutenant Robert F. Wambsgans, CEC, USNR	8 Nov 45 - 1 Dec 45

ELEVENTH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
C.B.R.D., Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California

Enclosure (1) Itinerary of the 11th USN Construction Battalion

1 July 1942 - 11th CB left NCTC, NOB, Norfolk, Va., for
Camp Bradford, Little Creek, Va.

25 Officers
955 Men

26 July 1942 - 11th CB left Camp Bradford, Little Creek, Va.,
for ABD, Port Hueneme, California.

25 Officers
988 Men

12 August 1942 - Sailed from Port Hueneme, Calif., for
Tutuila, American Samoa (Island K). Boarded
ship on 11 August 1942.

25 Officers
982 Men

26 August 1942 - Arrived at Tutuila, American Samoa with
982 Men and 25 Officers aboard.

9/27/42 - 75 Men detached and transferred to the
2nd USN Construction Battalion.

10/25/42 - 74 Men received from Receiving Ship, San
Francisco, California.

1/26/43 - 154 Men received from ABD, Pt. Hueneme, Calif.

18 June 1943 - Detached from Tutuila, American Samoa.
Sailed for Noumea, New Caledonia.

25 Officers
978 Men

26 June 1943 - Arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia.

From 1 July 1943 to 1 November 1943 one
company ("B") of about 200 men was stationed
at Ile Nou, a small island off the main-
land of New Caledonia at Noumea.

During this period a large number of personnel
(360) were detached to the
United States because of illness and
disease.

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26 November 1943 - Departed from Noumea, New Caledonia for Auckland, New Zealand for rest and rehabilitation.

25 Officers
635 Men

30 November 1943 - Arrived at Auckland, New Zealand.

2 January 1944 - Departed Auckland, New Zealand enroute to Banika, Russell Islands, British Solomon Islands.

26 Officers
617 Men

8 January 1944 - Arrived at Banika, Russell Islands, B.S.I.

1/21/44 - 379 Men received from ABD, Pt. Hueneme, Calif.
2/27/44 - 292 Men received from CD #2179 from U.S.
2/15/44 - 360 Men transferred to the 33rd USN Construction Battalion. These were the men received on 1/21/44.

3 April 1944 - Departed from Banika, Russell Islands, B.S.I., for the Admiralty Islands via Milne Bay, New Guinea.

30 Officers
894 Men

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20 April 1944 - Arrived at Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, Bismark Archepelago.

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4/26/44 - 110 Men received from 2nd USN Construction Regiment.
Irvin S. Rasmussen
Commander

During the period 20 September to 12 October 1944 inclusive, the battalion transferred out 380 Men who had less than 12 months of ABD and were not qualified to return to the U.S. with the Battalion. Approximately 230 of these men were transferred to the 71st USN Construction Battalion. The remaining 150 were reassigned to the 2nd and 4th USN Construction Regiments; ABCD, Navy 3205; CBD #1050; and to the 44th, 27th and 58th USNCR's in varying numbers of personnel.

ELEVENTH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
C.B.R.D., Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California

Enclosure (1) Itinerary of the 11th USN Construction Battalion.

4 November 1944 - Departed from Los Negros, Admiralty Islands,
Bismark Archeipelago, for mainland and continental
limits of the United States.

28 Officers
570 Men

22 November 1944 - Arrived within the continental limits of
the United States after twenty-seven and one-
half months of overseas duty; and reported to
CBRD, Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.

28 Officers
570 Men

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11th Naval Construction Battalion

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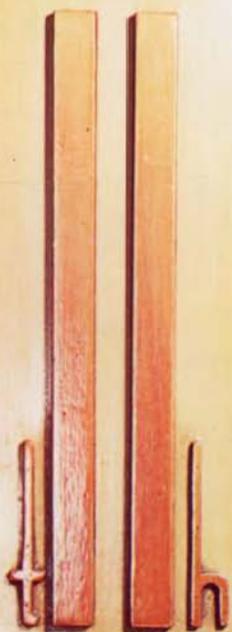
- 01 Jul 1942 Naval Construction Battalion 11 was established at Camp Bradford, Little Creek, Virginia.
- 26 Jul 1942 NCB 11 left Camp Bradford for the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.
- 12 Aug 1942 The battalion sailed from Port Hueneme for Tutuila, Samoa.
- 26 Aug 1942 The battalion arrived at Tutuila. There, the battalion built a destroyer repair base, a U. S. Marine airfield and facilities, a fleet marine force headquarters with a command post, and a subterranean communications center. In addition, they worked on oil tanks and barrage balloon sites, runway additions, plane revetments and a mobile hospital.
- 18 Jun 1943 NCB 11 sailed from Tutuila for Noumea, New Caledonia.
- 26 Jun 1943 The battalion arrived at Noumea. Their major assignment was at Mobile Hospital Number 5. At the hospital, they built wards, quarters, and mess halls, and installed electrical, sewage and water systems. At Magenta, they worked on the construction and maintenance work at Ducos, Ile Nou, and in the town of Noumea.
- 26 Nov 1943 NCB 11 departed Noumea for Auckland, New Zealand aboard the USS Fuller.
- 30 Nov 1943 The battalion arrived at Auckland, New Zealand, for rest and rehabilitation.
- 02 Jan 1943 The battalion departed from Auckland for Banika, Russel Islands aboard the USS Rixey.
- 08 Jan 1944 The battalion arrived at Banika for staging. In addition to undergoing training, they worked on an Acorn staging area. I the Acorn staging area thy built an earth dock, an earth dam and pumping station, roads, warehouses, loading platforms, and shelters.
- 03 Apr 1944 The battalion departed from Banika for Los Negroes, Admiralty Islands.
- 20 Apr 1944 NCB 11 arrived at Los Negroes, Admiralty Islands. The battalion built the Second Naval Construction Regiment camp, a seaplane repair base, including a camp for the base personnel, a ship's repair base, and a landing craft repair base.
- 04 Nov 1944 NCB 11 departed from Los Negroes for Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California.
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