

# 25<sup>th</sup> Naval Construction Battalion

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*Historical  
Information*



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



ITINERARY OF 25TH C.B.

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Following itinerary submitted by Cinc 25th CB Conf ltr Ser 054 over GJW:jp dtd 10 Mar'45 to BuPers -

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- 20 Sep 1944 - 1st Sec. of rear echelon disembarked at Guam, this completing movement of entire batt to Guam.
- 17 Aug 1944 - Released administratively from 3rd Amph Corps, FMF, and operationally from the 3rd MarDiv, FMF. Attached to 5th Brg. for duty.
- 10 Mar 1945 - 25th CB still operating at Guam.

## 25TH BATTALION

Activation on Sept. 13, 1942 at Norfolk launched the 25th Battalion on a long history spotlighted by nearly three years' overseas duty. The outfit went to Hue-neme, then to Camp Elliott at San Diego on Oct. 31. After 250 men were transferred to NCB Replacement Group, FMF-TC, the remainder of the 25th was attached to the Third Marine Division, FMF, and the unit designated as Third Battalion, 19th Marines, Third Marine Division. Remaining companies were renamed as Headquarters, G, H, and I. On Jan. 1, 1943, Co. G and 1/5th of Headquarters transferred to Ninth Marines (Reinforced), Third Marine Division. Co. H and 1/5th of Headquarters transferred to 21st Marines (Reinforced), Third Marine Division, on Jan. 25. Co. I and 1/5th of Headquarters were attached to Headquarters, Amphibious Corps FMF, for administrative purposes on Feb. 15. The G and H detachments reached Auckland, New Zealand in Feb., 1943, and the Co. I

detachment reached Auckland May 28 after a two months' stay at Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa. In June, G, H and I were detached from the Marines and returned to Battalion administration. The 25th, now composed of a headquarters and three construction companies, moved to Guadalcanal in three echelons, the last group arriving at the 'Canal on Aug. 1. It sent 386 men and 15 officers into the early Bougainville invasion, the group landing under enemy fire Nov. 1. From Nov. 6 to Nov. 28, an additional 317 men and six officers landed at Bougainville. The forward echelons returned to Guadalcanal by Jan. 7, 1944. The Battalion was redesignated as the 25th NCB on April 11 and released from administrative control of Third Marine Division; then it was attached to Third Amphibious Corps, FMF, for administrative purposes and to the Third Marine Division for operational purposes. The forward echelon of 621 men and 23 officers landed on Guam under enemy fire on July 21, and by Sept. 20, all personnel had moved to Guam. The 25th was released from the Marines and attached to the Fifth NC Brigade Aug. 17. At war's close, the 25th was still operating on that island.



25th NCB

September 1942, Camp Bradford, Virginia. Inactivated November 1945.

Tours included Auckland, Pago Pago, Tutuila, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and Guam.

The 25th NCB was attached to Marine Corps and the name of the Battalion was 3rd Battalion, Nineteenth Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. From 1942 to August 1945 the Battalion was part of the Marine Corps which had both operational and administrative control. In August 1945 the Battalion was detached from the Marines and again became the 25th NCB operating under the control of the 27th NCB Regiment of the 5th NCBrigade.

The Bougainville operation was under the operational control of General Douglas MacArthur of the U.S. Army, so the Battalion has the unique distinction of having served under the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

One group of the Battalion went to Vella and established a sawmill for the 77th NCB despite combat conditions and frequent air raids.

On Bougainville they landed with the 3rd Marine Division in the first assault. They built and dedicated a bridge for one of the men killed while working on a road to the front lines, 6 men were wounded and Chief Eddie Carruthers was killed. After 45 days the road was completed and the Battalion went to Guadalcanal.

July 21, 1944 landed on Guam with the Marines. Japs only fifty feet away, the mortar fire from Jap guns was constant, snipers a constant threat. After many days and after a 12 hour backbreaking day, the men of the Battalion were shifted into the hills to man a second line of defense as the Japs threatened to break through.

As the Marines moved forward the Battalion worked on the roads to move the equipment. Cat operators accompanied the Marines inland and cleared paths for tanks and other weapons. The ship bringing the Battalions gear was 60 days behind schedule and the men had to sleep in foxholes during the heavy rainy season. They boasted of having the most elaborate foxhole shelters of the Pacific War.

19 officers and men were awarded the Bronze Star for their achievements during this operation. Some received the Purple Heart.

They moved 63,000,000 shovels of dirt and coral, enough to fill a ditch 2 feet wide, 2 feet deep and over 500 miles long.

Got any rivers they say is n't crossable  
Got any mountains that can't be cut through  
We specialize in the wholly impossible  
Doing things "nobody ever could do".

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- 1 Jun 1945—25th Naval Construction Bn. still operating on Guam, M.I.

Certified copy of correct itinerary:

GEORGE J. WHELAN,  
Lt. Comdr, CEC(S), USNR,  
Officer-in-Charge,  
25th Naval Const. Bn.

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- 26 May 1945 Entire Battalion still serving at Milne Bay, New Guinea.

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This itinerary has been checked and authenticated by the Officer-in-Charge of the 25th Special Naval Construction Battalion.

7 June 1945

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Irvin S. Rostron  
Comdr. CEC-VS, USNR

Signature

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6 March 1964

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

In reply to your letter of 18 February 1964, Mrs. Katherine Zimmerman, Bureau Historian, has developed the following chronological history of 25th Special Naval Construction Battalion during World War II.

The 25th SNCB was commissioned 25 February 1944 at the Naval Construction Training Center, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., and departed Peary on 4 March that year. The outfit arrived at Port Hueneme, Calif., on 9 March and departed there for overseas duty on 26 April 1944.

The 25th SNCB arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea on 19 May 1944, after a brief stop at Noumea, New Caledonia. By the time the war ended, the 25th SNCB had served 15 consecutive months at Gamadodo, Milne Bay.

Following is a table showing dates that Officers in Charge and Executive Officers served the 25th SNCB:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer in Charge</u>	<u>EXOC</u>
March 1944	J. J. Mason, LCDR, CEG, USNR	.....
June 1944	" " " "	V. S. Cooper, LT, CEG
Feb 1945	" " " "	K. A. Mundy, LT
Apr 1-June 1 '45	LT K.A. Mundy, Acting OIC	.....
June 15 1945	LT J.L. Brady (LCDR 15 July)	K. A. Mundy, LT
Mid-Sept 1945	.....	E. H. Cowley

Notice came 10 November 1945 that the outfit was to be inactivated and inactivation was completed by 1 December 1945.

I hope this information will suit your needs, and if we can be of further assistance, don't hesitate to ask again.

Sincerely,

C. Steed Evans  
Written Media Branch  
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25th NCB, Special

Commanding Officers

<u>Date</u>	<u>OinC</u>
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June " "	" and V.S. Cooper, Lt. CEC, Exec. Officer

~~Same through January 1945~~

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	Exec.	K. A. Mundy, Lt.

April 15 through 1 June 1945 Lt. Mundy was acting OinC

15 June 1945	OinC	J. L. Brady, Lt.
	Exec	K. A. Mundy Lt.

By mid July J. L. Brady was LCDR.

By mid September E. H. Cowley was Ecec.  
10 November 1945 - to be inactivated.

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From 19 May 1944, when they arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea, <sup>until</sup> untimed of inactivation, they served at Milne Bay.

Alice for you info it seems as if Mundy was not CEC, but USN.

Inactivated November 1945



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To: Chief of Naval Personnel.  
Subject: Itinerary of 25th Naval Construction Battalion.  
Reference: (a) BuPers ltr Pers-2122B-CEC/rc dtd 26 Feb 1945.

1. As requested by reference (a), enclosure (1) herewith is a certified correct itinerary of this battalion from the date of commissioning to present time.

*George J. Whelan*  
GEORGE J. WHELAN,  
Lt. Comdr. CEC(S), USNR.

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Comdr. CEC-400-115  
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- 7 Jun 1943 - Companies "G" and "I" were detached from the 9th and 3rd Marines, respectively, and ordered back under battalion administration.
- 20 Jun 1943 - Company "H" was detached from the 21st Marines and ordered back under battalion administration. This brought the battalion up to full strength authorized, which was a headquarters company and three construction companies. While the companies were detached, they functioned as separate construction companies.
- 28 Jun 1943 - Company "G" and about one-fifth of "HDQ" company (4 officers and 250 enlisted men) embarked at Auckland, New Zealand destined for Guadalcanal, B.S.I.
- 6 Jul 1943 - Company "G" detachment disembarked Guadalcanal, B.S.I.
- 22 Jul 1943 - Headquarters company and about one-third of Company "H" (8 officers and 125 enlisted men) embarked at Auckland, New Zealand, destined to Guadalcanal, B.S.I.
- 25 Jul 1943 - Company "I" and remainder of Company "H" (7 officers and 425 enlisted men) embarked at Auckland, New Zealand destined to Guadalcanal, B.S.I. (This was last section of battalion to leave from New Zealand).
- 31 Jul 1943 - Headquarters company and that portion of Company "H" accompanying them, disembarked at Guadalcanal, B.S.I. <sup>Facilitate</sup>
- 1 Aug 1943 - Company "I" and remainder of Company "H", disembarked at Guadalcanal, B.S.I., this bringing entire <sup>Administrative Handling</sup> battalion <sup>Organization changed</sup> together again at Guadalcanal. <sup>from</sup>
- 15 Aug 1943 - Three (3) enlisted men ordered to temporary duty with Provisional Motor Transport Company of 3rd Marine Div. They embarked at Guadalcanal on 21 Aug 1943, disembarked at Vella la Vella on 23 Aug 1943; embarked there same date and disembarked Guadalcanal 26 Aug 1943; embarked Guadalcanal 28 Aug 1943 and disembarked Vella la Vella 31 Aug 1943; embarked there same date and disembarked Guadalcanal 1 Sep 1943, and returned to duties with the battalion.

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- 12 Oct 1943 - Nine (9) enlisted men, ordered to detached duty with Corps Troops Staging, IMAC, embarked at Guadalcanal destined to Vella la Vella.
- 14 Oct 1943 - Above nine (9) men disembarked at Vella la Vella.
- 13 Oct and  
19 Oct 1943 - 15 officers and 386 enlisted men embarked at Guadalcanal destined Bougainville, B.S.I.
- 1 Nov 1943 - Above 15 officers and 386 enlisted men disembarked at Bougainville, B.S.I., under enemy fire.
- 3 Nov to  
26 Nov 1943 - 6 officers and 317 enlisted men, in small groups and on various dates, embarked at Guadalcanal destined to Bougainville, B.S.I. After departure of this group a rear echelon of 3 officers and 77 enlisted men remained at Guadalcanal during the Bougainville operation, they having care of the battalion records and the remainder of the equipment.
- 6 Nov to  
28 Nov 1943 - Above 6 officers and 317 enlisted men, on various dates, disembarked at Bougainville, B.S.I.
- 5 Dec 1943 - 2 officers and 112 enlisted men embarked at Bougainville destined Guadalcanal.
- 7 Dec 1943 - Above men disembarked at Guadalcanal.
- 15 Dec 1943 - 16 officers and 454 enlisted men embarked at Bougainville destined Guadalcanal.
- 17 Dec 1943 - Above men disembarked at Guadalcanal.
- 21 Dec 1943 - The 9 men detached to Corps Troops, IMAC, embarked at Vella la Vella for return to battalion at Guadalcanal.
- 24 Dec 1943 - Above 9 men disembarked at Guadalcanal and the battalion.  
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- 5 Jan 1944 - 3 officers and 118 enlisted men embarked at Bougainville destined for Guadalcanal.
- 7 Jan 1944 - Above men disembarked at Guadalcanal, this completing the return movement of the forward echelon from Bougainville.  
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- 11 Apr 1944 - Battalion was redesignated as the 25th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion. Was released from administrative control of 3rd Marine Division and was attached to the Third Amphibious Corps, FMF, for administrative purposes and to the Third Marine Division for operational purposes.
- 3 Jun 1944 - Forward echelon (23 officers and 621 enlisted men) embarked at Guadalcanal destined for Guam.
- 21 Jul 1944 - Forward echelon landed on Guam, M.I., under enemy fire.
- 27 Jul 1944 - First section of rear echelon (1 officer and 6 men) embarked Guadalcanal destined Guam, M.I., to join the forward echelon.
- 16 Aug 1944 - Second section of rear echelon (4 officers and 168 enlisted men) embarked Guadalcanal destined Guam, M.I.
- 31 Aug 1944 - Second section of rear echelon disembarked at Guam, M.I.
- 20 Sep 1944 - First section of rear echelon disembarked at Guam, M.I., this completing movement of entire battalion to Guam.
- 17 Aug 1944 - Released administratively from Third Amphibious Corps, FMF, and operationally from the Third Marine Division, FMF. Attached to Fifth Naval Construction Brigade for duty.
- 10 Mar 1945 - 25th Naval Construction Bn. still operating on Guam, M.I.

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COMPHIBSPAG  
SEPTIC TANK, CAMP AREA

25<sup>th</sup> NCB GUAM, 10, JULY, '44  
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ADCOMPHIBSPAC CAMP AREA  
SEPTIC TANK

25<sup>TH</sup> NCB GUAM, 6, JULY, '45  
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BASAL WATER SUPPLY  
TUNNEL

25<sup>TH</sup> N.C.B. 9, OCT. '45  
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CONCRETE PIPE PLANT  
25<sup>TH</sup> N.C.B. SHOP AREA

25<sup>TH</sup> NCB GUAM 6, MAR. 45.  
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