67th Naval Construction Battalion

Historical Information

“Construimus, Batuimus”
“We Build, We Fight”
This batt designated as a replacement batt and was commissioned with a personnel of 27 officers and 652 men on 18 May '43. Stationed at NCTC Williamsburg, Va. to function as a replacement batt. (Conf. report of 67th CB for May '43)

Request that the designation of the 67th CB (Replacement) be changed to 67th CB and that it be assigned overseas duty. (Budocks ltr WM24(67 & 65) AL-1 over A-8 A-4; 141 to VG0N)

67th CB ordered transferred about 7 Oct '43 from Davisville to Parks. (Conf. disp. 031617 NCR 4120 from VG0N to Davisville)

67th CB ordered transferred about 21 Dec. to Hueneme. (Conf. disp. 131437 NCR 6171 dtd 13 Dec '43 from VG0N to Parks)

67th CB left ABD Hueneme 24 Feb '44. (WRK)

1 Apr '44 report of 67th CB - Reported to 3rd Reg. 2 Mar '44. On 18 Mar '44 relieved the 5th CB at NAS Honolulu.

67th CB detached from the 3rd Reg. and 2nd Brig. and assigned to Comairpac for duty with Acorn 35. Will operate at Iroquois Point for the time being. (2nd Brig ltr ZMGBr-06-HOB/tr over P16-3 over Ser. 923 to OinC of 67th CB dtd 17 May '44)

67th CB assigned to 39th Reg. (See Kardex card under 30th Reg. - same date)

1 May '44 report of 67th CB - operating at Keshi Lagoon, Oahu.

1 Jun '44 report of 67th CB - was secured by 129th CB on 37 May to go into military training. Location not indicated.

1 Jul '44 report of 67th CB - prepared to embark on forward operating 18 Jun '44.

1 Aug '44 report - moving to forward area.

1 Sep '44 report of 67th CB - location not indicated. Report endorsed by 30th Reg.

1 Oct '44 report of 67th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 30th Reg.

1 Nov '44 report of 67th CB - no info on location. Report endorsed by 30th Reg.

1 Dec '44 report of 67th CB - located on Tinian. Report endorsed by 30th Reg.

1 Jan '45 report of the 67th CB - located on Tinian. Report endorsed by 30th Reg.

1 Feb '45 report of the 67th CB - location not given. Report endorsed by the 30th Reg.

1 Mar '45 report of the 67th CB - located on Tinian. Report end. by 30th Reg.

1 Apr '45 report of the 67th CB - located on Tinian. End. by 30th Reg. & 6th Brig.

1 Apr '45 report of the 30th Reg. The 67th CB came ashore on Tinian on 3 Aug '44.

6 off. on full time det duty with 6th Brig.

The 67th CB is located at Tinian. (Dirpacocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr '45)

1 May '45 report of the 67th CB - located at Tinian. 5 officers & 7 men on detached duty with 6th Brig. Report routed via the 30th Reg and 6th Brig.

The 67th CB has been assigned to advanced base AMF by CNO for airfield const. (Casserypac sec ltr ser 002038 dtd 8 May '45 to CNO)

1 Jun '45 report of the 67th CB - location not given. Report via 30th Reg and 6th Brig.

Dirpacocks P. Sec Report of 10 July shows the 67th CB enroute to Eniwetok.
7-29-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 30th Reg - The 67th CB was detached from the 30th Reg on 31 June. Batt suddenly alerted.

8- 1-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 67th CB - Batt secured from work on Tinian on 18 June. Departed Tinian beginning 21 June thru 29 June and arrived Eniwetok Atoll beginning 29 June and ending 7 July.

8-32-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 67th CB - No info as to location.

9-19-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of the 67th CB - no info as to location.

10-10-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 67th CB - no info as to location.

11-15-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 67th CB - location not stated.

12-19-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 67th CB - location not stated.

1-2-46 - Comservpac reeq ComMarshall Gilberts Area to inactivate 67th CB. (Comservpac disp 022280 Dec'45 to ComMarshall Gilberts Area).

1-7-46 - 67th CB was inactivated on 7 Jan'46. (AtollCom Eniwetok, N.I. disp 062209 Jan'46 to Comservpac).

1-29-46 - Final report of the 67th CB - located at Eniwetok.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE
SIXTY-SEVENTH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Plans for the formation of the Sixty-seventh U. S. Naval Construction Battalion were first made in February, 1943, at NCTC, Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia, at which time a full complement of officers and men was selected for training as a unit. A few days later plans for the immediate formation of the battalion were abandoned. On March 22nd, 1943, at NCTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, a full complement of officers and men were assigned to a training unit then designated as the 1st Supernumerary Battalion, which it was soon learned was to become the Sixty-seventh U. S. Naval Construction Battalion.

The Sixty-seventh U. S. Naval Construction Battalion was commissioned on May 18th, 1943, with Lieutenant Commander G. G. DeSwarte of Long Beach, California as Officer-in-Charge, and Lieutenant M. P. Berney of St. Louis, Missouri as Executive Officer. No formal ceremony or review was held. The battalion was assigned to Camp Peary as a "replacement" battalion where it was to become the ready and immediate source of drafts required to bring outgoing battalions to full strength. In the meantime the battalion was to be engaged in public works and local construction projects. On July 27th, 1943 the battalion entrained for NCTC, Davisville, Rhode Island, where it also functioned as a "replacement" battalion. In September the designation of "replacement" battalion was dropped and plans were made known for a transfer to Camp Parks, California and a subsequent overseas assignment. During its operation as a "replacement" battalion, thirty-two officers and 1557 men were transferred to outgoing battalions. Included in these figures were 558 men transferred to the Sixty-eighth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, 99 men to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit #13,
524 men to the Ninety-seventh U. S. Naval Construction Battalion and numerous small drafts. Lieutenant Berney was assigned as Officer-in-Charge of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit #513. Lieutenant (now Lieutenant Commander) T. J. Poggiani of Indianapolis, Indiana became Executive Officer on September 27th, 1943. The battalion departed from Camp Indioeott on October 10th, 1943 and arrived at Camp Parks on October 16th, 1943. A formal review was held in September, at Camp Parks the principal emphasis was laid on technical and military training. On December 1st, 1943 Commander J. G. DeSarte was relieved as Officer-in-Charge and Lieutenant Commander T. J. Poggiani became the Acting Officer-in-Charge. On December 21st the battalion entrained for ABD, Fort Benjamin, California. The battalion was given more military and technical training. Commander J. P. Falconer of Seneca Falls, New York, reported as Officer-in-Charge on January 8th, 1944. After the usual preparations for embarkation, the battalion departed from the continental United States on February 24th, 1944 for the island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands and arrived there on March 1st. Although the battalion worked on several minor camp projects the principal assignment was the John Rodgers Airport Project which occupied the battalion until its departure for the Marianas Islands on June 18th, 1944. Several weeks were spent at anchor in the Eniwetok lagoon while waiting for the occupation of the island of Tinian to which the battalion had been assigned. The battalion landed on Tinian on August 2nd and 3rd. Commander Falconer was relieved as Officer-in-Charge on October 8th and was succeeded by Lieutenant Commander T. J. Poggiani. Lieutenant J. D. Allman of Cadillac, Michigan, became the Executive Officer.
but was evacuated to the Mainland for treatment and detached on February 23rd.

Lieutenant R. H. Lindsay of Anderson, South Carolina, became Executive Officer.

While on the Island of Tinian the battalion has been engaged continuously in building camp sites for B-29 crews and construction of B-29 strips.

As a matter of interest it is pointed out that from the 22nd of March, 1945, until the 1st of April, 1945, 3318 men have been received into the battalion and 3273 men have been transferred from the battalion. During this same period 40 officers have been detached. Since the formation of the battalion, four men have been lost through death, two of whom died as a result of enemy action.
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#Battalion notified verbally by Commander A. J. PAY of Bureau of Yards and Docks. Exact date unknown.