

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

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*Historical  
Information*



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



Date	Location	Remarks	Notes
6/8/44	-	Milne Bay	-
6/12/44	-	Brisbane; Darwin; Thursday Island.	Budocks CB report 1 May.
7/19	-	Brisbane LEFT.	C.B. report 1 July
9/5	-	NA 843	Comdesop 7th flt sec disp. 220614 Aug. Temporarily detach 19th regt. assigned Semdeu under NA 843
10/25	-	ENED (Morotai, Nech. E. Indies)	Comdesop 7th flt sec act disp oct 13 03H 9
11/25	-	"	" 150133Z Nov.
1/5	-	Ab. Bunker Date (A 173)	
3/26	ACOM 476 (Comille 250756 mar)	Palawan P.D. naB Puerto Princesa	Comdesop 7th flt sec 260558 mar. present location and assignment

84th C.B.

NOTC - Davisville  
 AED - Hueneme  
 Ready Date - 9 May'43  
 Left AED - 1 Jun'43  
 Location - ComSoWesPac Milne-Bay Brisbane Morotai, N.H.I.  
 Palawan

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- 5-12-43 - 84th CB to move to Hueneme 15 May'43. (TWX 121016-5-43 to Parks)
- 6- 5-43 - Departed from ABD to ComSoWesPac 1 Jun.
- 7-16-43 - Arrived Brisbane 19 Jun. (RHD)
- 7-23-43 - 1 Jun'43 report of 84th CB - departed Hueneme 31 May'43 for destination.
- 8-13-43 - From Sec. report dtd 12 Jul'43 Com 7th Fleet to Budocks:  
 Co. "A" enroute Milne Bay, New Guinea      Co. "B" - Brisbane  
 Co. "C" enroute Milne Bay, New Guinea      Co. "D" - Brisbane  
 84th CB arrived at Brisbane 19 Jun'43.
- 9- 1-43 - 1 Jul'43 report of 84th CB - Co's A & C at Milne Bay 30 Jun'43; Co's B & D at Brisbane.
- 9- 7-43 - 1 Aug'43 report of 84th CB - 9 off. and 498 men at Brisbane; 19 off. and 580 men at Milne. A detachment of 1 off. and 11 men from Milne Bay group on P.B.Y. base Samarai Is.
- 10- 5-43 - 1 Sep'43 report of 84th CB - Distribution of 84th: 437 men at Brisbane, 44 men at Darwin, 558 men at Milne Bay.
- 12- 6-43 - 1 Oct'43 report of 84th CB - 197 men at Brisbane, 44 at Darwin, 797 at Milne Bay.

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- 12-29-43 - Distribution of 84th CB from Secret NB166/A1-1-5455 (Com7flt to Budocks dtd Nov'43) Hdqtrs at Brisbane; Co. A at Milne Bay; Co. B at Brisbane, 40 men at Port Darwin; Co. C & D at Milne Bay.
- 2-22-44 - 1 Jan'44 report of 84th CB - 22 off. and 789 men at Milne Bay, 4 off. and 182 men at Brisbane, 1 off. and 49 men at Darwin. D Co., which was assisting the 91st CB in Milne Bay area, ordered back to 84th CB.
- 3-13-44 - 1 Feb'44 report of 84th CB - 23 off. and 782 men at Milne Bay, 4 off. and 130 men at Brisbane, 1 off. and 102 men at Darwin.
- 6- 2-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 84th CB - On 24 Mar'44 715 men and 20 off.embarked from Milne Bay for Brisbane for leave and rehabilitation. 116 men and 5 off. remained at Gamadod to ship equipment.
- 6-19-44 - 1 May'44 report of 84th CB - Located at Brisbane having completed 2 weeks leave. Co. B is operating at Thursday Is. and is expected to complete work 15 Jun'44 and return to Brisbane. On 22 Apr'44, 1 off. and 90 men moved to Sidney to undertake repairs to a Navy ship.
- 6-28-44 - 84th CB is located at Brisbane; part of Co. B is at Darwin; remainder at Thursday Is. as of 31 May'44. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A-9 over Sdr. BP-001407 to Dirpaddock dtd 8 Jun'44)
- 7- 6-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 84th CB - Located at Brisbane. Co. B detachment at Darwin completed the work there and joined 84th CB at Brisbane on 15 May'44. Part of Co. B still at Thursday Is.
- 8-11-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 84th CB - Co. B, consisting of 1 off. and 126 men, are at Thursday Is. - ship is requested to move them to Brisbane 25 Jun'44. The main part of the batt is operating at Brisbane and Sidney.

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- 8-29-44 - 84th CB report dtd 1 Aug'44 - The Cinc of the Det. at Thursday Is. reported to the 84th CB at Brisbane 7 Jul'44.
- 9-30-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 19th Reg. - 84th CB departed on forward movement on 16 Aug'44 according to the 2nd end. by Comservfor7flt. 19th Reg. assisted 84th CB in connection with projects at Brisbane, Sydney, and Thursday Is.
- 10-24-44 -- The 84th CB during the early part of Aug'44 the majority of this batt was staging in Brisbane with a detachment at Townsville. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. The 84th CB departed from Brisbane on 16 Aug'44 for the Schouten Is. to stage for a forward movement. The batt was temporarily detached from the 19th Reg. and assigned temporary duty with NABU 3 for this forward movement on 22 Aug'44. (Comservfor7flt monthly report for Aug'44 to Budocks Ser. BP001815 Secret dtd 12 Sep'44).
- 10-30-44 -- 84th CB is located at ENED. (Comservfor7flt Sec. disp. 130349 NCR 12037 to CNO dtd 25 Oct'44).
- 11-8-44 - 84th CB staging on Auki Is., Scheuten Is. during the early part of Sep'44. The batt arrived at Morotai Is. on 27 Sep'44. Has been assigned temporary duty with CNB Morotai, N.E.I. (Comservfor7flt Sec. ltr A9-4 over Ser BP-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-29-44 - 84th CB is located at Morotai. (Comserv7flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
- 12-18-44 1 Sep'44 report of 84th CB - Left Brisbane for forward movement on 16 Aug'44.
- 12-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 84th CB - Batt arrived at Biak 30 Aug'44 - Personnel were transferred from troop transport to shore on 6 Sep'44. Boarded LST's on 19 and 20 Sep'44 and sailed from Biak with convoy on 23 Sep'44. Landed at INTERLUDE on 27 Sep'44.

## 84th CB

- 12-28-44 - The 84th CB assigned to CMB Morotai and attached to the 3rd Brigade. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).
- 1-13-45 - 84th CB located at Morotai - not attached to a Regiment but in the 3rd Brigade. (Comserfor7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-17-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of the 84th CB - located at Morotai. Batt was enroute to its advanced base from 15 Aug to 27 Sep'44. Enemy air attacks throughout the month.
- 1-30-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 84th CB - Batt has been alerted for ~~xxxx~~ movement to the Philippine Is. Report endorsed by CNAB #3.
- 2-13-45 - The 84th CB is available for assignment to Samar. (CNO Sec. ltr to distribution list Ser. 0039230 dtd 3 Feb'45).
- 2-14-45 - The 84th CB is located at Morotai. The batt will leave for Leyte in Jan'45. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Dec'44 dtd 15 Jan'45).
- 3-8-45 - According to Dirpadocks San Fran 15 Feb'45 report the 84th CB is located at Leyte.
- 3-20-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 84th CB - located at Morotai as of 1 Jan.
- 4-6-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 84th CB - Rept endorsed by Sec. Base Morotai.
- 4-10-45 - The 84th CB is located at Puerto Princesa with Acorn 47 and 52. (Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756 Mar'45).
- 4-21-45 - The 84th CB began loading approx 25 Feb. for movement to NABU 9 (V-3 operation). (Comserfor7flt Sec Report for Feb'45)
- 4-23-45 - The 84th CB reported to NABU #9 on 14 Mar'45 for duty. (NAB Unit #9 - 3rd end of CONSB 936 orders P16 Ser 0012 dtd 28 Feb'45 to OinC 84th CB)
- 4-30-45 - The 84th CB arrived Palawan on 13 Mar'45. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-4-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 84th CB - Was relieved by CBMU 565 on 24 Feb'45 & embarked from Morotai for forward area on 28 Feb'45.
- 5-8-45 - The 84th CB is located at Palawan. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)

## Location - Palawan

84th C.B.

- 5-22-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 84th CB - located at Palawan. Report routed via 3rd Brig.
- 6-13-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 84th CB - located at Palawan. Arrived at Palawan on 12 Mar'45 & completed disembarkation on 15 Mar'45.
- 6-28-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 84th CB - located at Palawan. Report routed via 3rd Brig.
- 7-27-45 - The 84th CB is located at Puerto Princessa, Palawan, constructing Naval Base fac, Acorn fac, ramp, hardstands, and taxiways. Attached to 3rd Brg. (COT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
- 8-14-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 84th CB - location not stated. 51 men have been ret'd to States for overage discharge to date. 10 men completed temp duty at Manila and resumed their regularly assigned duties on 7 July. Report via 51st Reg and 3rd Brg.
- 8-18-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 3rd Brig states that the 84th CB has been assigned the construction facilities on Puerto Princesa, Palawan and is attached to the 51st Reg & 3rd Brig.
- 8-30-45 - 84th CB at Palawan - propose to inactivate. (Dirpadocks, P. sec report of 10 Aug'45).
- 9-18-45 - 51st Reg established 6 July'45. Includes following CB units: -54, 84, 113, 118 CBs, CBMUs 546, 565, 609. Under 3rd Brig. (COT, PhilSeaFron conf spdltr ser 0224 dtd 5 Sept'45 to Cominch & others).
- 9-25-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 84th CB. Located at Palawan. Report via 51st Reg. & 3rd Brig. 22 men transferred to U.S. from excess ratings. 20 men returned to U.S. for over-age discharges.
- 9-27-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 84th CB to & including 10 Sept'45. No info as to location. Report via 51st Reg. & 3rd Brig.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	24	994	MoR
1 Aug'44	24	989	MoR
30 Sep'44		996	Recap
1 Sep'44	27	985	MoR
1 Oct'44	34	996	MoR
1 Nov'44	32	985	MoR
1 Dec'44	30	1063	MoR
31 Dec'44		1038	Recap.
1 Jan'45	32	1038	MoR
1 Feb'45	32	1035	MoR
1 Mar'45	27	1024	MoR
1 Apr'45		1031	BNP625
1 May'45	26	1023	MoR
1 Jun'45		1016	BNP625
1 Jul'45	23	997	Roster & BNP625
1 Aug'45	25	900	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		850	BNP625

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jul'44	11	176	Roster and Recap.

7th Construction Regiment

Location - Palawan

84th CB

10-24-45 - 84th CB was inactivated on 10 Sept '45. (ComPhilSeaFron restr spdltr ser 1962 dtd 7 Oct '45 to Comservpac).

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## 84th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

The 84th Naval Construction Battalion was formed at the Naval Construction Training Center, Davisville, Rhode Island on January 11, 1943. The new Seabees were under the charge of the Senior Medical Officer until their commissioning on February 10, when Lt. Cdr. Chester M. Schrepferman, CEC USNR, assumed command. Their seniority at Camp Endicott was given official recognition when they were selected to lead the review for Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox on April 4, when Camp Endicott was formally dedicated.

Departing Davisville April 21, 1943 they proceeded via Camp Parks, California, then Camp Rousseau at Hueneme, California, to their overseas missions. The battalion, numbering 28 officers, 33 chiefs and 1023 enlisted men, embarked May 31 on the S. S. Young America without escort or convoy for Australia. The ship reached Brisbane June 18, and the newly arrived battalion moved into Camp Seabee.

Within days, however, ~~the~~ separation was ordered that kept the battalion divided for nearly a year. Companies B and D, under Lt. Lee Wilson, CEC V(S), as officer in charge, remained at Brisbane (with a further diversion to Darwin for an officer and 44 men). Companies A and C and the main part of Headquarters Company embarked June 30 for Milne Bay, New Guinea. Company "D" rejoined the Battalion at Milne Bay on September 12, but Company B remained in Australia for the duration of the main body's stay in New Guinea. The group in Australia completed the construction of Camp Seabee and commenced work on a U. S. Naval Mine Depot at Mt. Coot-Tha; a Merchant Marine Anti-Aircraft Station at Wellington Point; a Naval Supply Warehouse, barracks and Mess hall at the Perry Park Project, and Mobile Hospital No. 9 in Brisbane.

Meanwhile, the main body of 20 officers and 559 men under Lt. Cdr. Schrepferman, arrived at Milne Bay July 7, 1943 and established themselves a temporary camp at Gamadodo. They were occupied with un-



loading and building a permanent camp until July 24, and the crew came ashore July 25. It was not until September 1 that their permanent camp was fully completed.

However this did not deter them from their main mission of construction. A detachment of eleven men under Lt. C. D. Miller was sent to Samarai Island, 35 miles down-bay to build a small PBY base. The Seabees at Milne Bay were assigned to construction of a Naval Supply Depot with a 40 by 500 foot wharf, two cold storage warehouses, four frame warehouses, twenty five 40 by 100 foot huts and a 20 by 48 administration building, a camp for depot personnel and four 20 by 50 foot ammunition magazines. In addition the battalion was charged with constructing a 200 bed hospital with 3,000 man recuperation center at Hilimoi Mission.

Initially they were delayed by torrential rains and the necessity of completing their own camp. When possible, the men worked on a 6-day, nine-hour shift schedule. They were further hampered in their main job by being called on to supply personnel and equipment for stevedoring

operations. In spite of this, the commander reported reasonable progress in September on construction of the supply depot as well as completion of approximately 20 miles of two-way traffic roads, with 20 feet between shoulders. Three warehouses were completed, one barracks was near completion and 200 acres of dense jungle cleared and drained for storage of supply depot materials. Also the PBY Base at Samarai was completed.

Company D, having rejoined the main body on September 12, 1943, were sent to Ladava Mission to establish a campsite at Naval Base Headquarters, for which they constructed a 150 man barracks, improved some roads and altered some native huts. They departed to Hilimoi Mission on October 24 to work on the hospital project there.

After being relieved of all stevedoring operations in November, the main group at Milne Bay were able to complete a vital water pipeline and storage tanks totaling 15,000 gallon capacity as well as the Naval

Base projects. The base, expanded to include a staging area an extended row of the wharf to 864 feet, and an Advance Base Construction Depot, was started officially on December 1, 1943 and completed by daily average of 800 men on March 24, 1944. Also on December 1, Company D was relieved of the hospital construction assignment. These men were put into the main Base assignment, so that by January all elements of the Milne Bay group of the 84th Battalion were working on the Base project at Gamadodo. At Brisbane, a detachment of Company "B" dismantled the Mine Assembly Depot for shipment to Darwin to be reassembled, while the bulk of the company worked on a 1000-bed hospital in Brisbane.

With the completion of the Navy Base at Gamadodo, the Milne Bay elements of the battalion were ordered to return to Australia. On March 24, 1944, 715 men and 20 officers departed to Brisbane, arriving March 31. The rear echelon, after loading out the equipment, departed April 11 and arrived in Brisbane April 17. Cdr. Schrepferman was relieved as Officer in Charge by Lt. Cdr. Roger F. Neal, CEC V(S) on May 22.

After rest and rehabilitation, the battalion was variously employed on hospital construction and deployment of detachments to small scale

projects on Thursday Island, Townsville, Sydney and other points.

The next advance employment of the 84th Seabees commenced with their embarkation August 16 from Sydney, via Townsville where they picked up the detachment there, to Gamadodo, Milne Bay, New Guinea, where they staged for shipment to Morotai, Netherlands East Indies. With the men aboard the USAT Evangeline and the equipment on the U. S. S. S.K. Barlow and four LSTs battalion departed Gamadodo September 23 and arrived at Morotai September 27, 1944.

At Gamadodo, they had also assembled ten pontoon sections for a 431 foot long wharf to be constructed at Morotai. Six 3 by 12 sections were carried by three 6 by 18 pontoon barges with the fourth 6 by 18 pontoon barge carrying 125 piles of 55 to 70 foot length. The four loaded barges were towed approximately 1700 miles and installation was completed for the Liberty ship dock at Morotai on October 8, 1944.

The battalion, on its arrival at Morotai on September 27, D-day plus 12, landed without difficulty, with the cooperation of U.S. Army

personnel.

Their basic mission was the construction of a Navy Base with administration buildings, Port Director facilities, a visual station operating base, fourteen storage facilities including warehouses and refrigerated structures, a Landing Craft Unit Base, a dispensary, two camps with 154 tents and allied facilities, a Malaria Control unit, a fire protection unit, a pontoon jetty, a radio station operating base, an internal communication system and a Radio Direction Finder Station -- all for an advanced base for Commander, Service Forces, Seventh Fleet.

Additionally, the Island Commander designated the 84th Construction Battalion to be responsible for operating and maintaining the Gila Peninsula Water System, maintaining primary roads on the peninsula, rebuilding Route 4, erecting water storage tanks at the 174th Army Station Hospital, assisting Army engineers on hospital utilities operation and construction, and operating a sand coral pit.

On top of these pressing assignments, the battalion had to build its own camp and was incorporated into the defense plans of the Gila Peninsula as a supporting unit in case of ground or water borne action. By December they had 125 men posted to permanent perimeter guard duty in order to enable the balance of the battalion No. # to complete their construction obligations. In addition, seven gun crews armed with 20 m.m. anti-aircraft weapons and 50 cal. machine guns were assigned to the anti-aircraft defense system. One of these crews, on October 31, 1944, achieved, the distinction of shooting down a Japanese plane, a feat confirmed by the nearby army gun command, which through a controlled - fire procedure was able to determine the source of the effective hits.

Another significant function of the Battalion was operation of a sawmill. This unit cut 600,000 board feet of lumber for use in completing the Navy Base and other projects.

The Navy Base was near completion and a significant proportion of the other projects were well along by November 20, except for a Navy Base Hospital which had been added to the original plans.

Construction progress was noteworthy in the conditions of almost constant combat and air alerts. They went on 173 red alerts between September 27 and February 20, 1945, a situation contributing to extreme fatigue and one fatality from falling flak.

Their efforts were recognized with letters of commendation from commanders of Army, Navy and transport units. Major General C. P. Hall, Commander, Headquarters 11th Corps, U. S. Army, commended the battalion for "exceptionally meritorious performance of duty in the operations against the enemy."

In a letter of appreciation, dated November 13, 1944, for the six-man anti-aircraft gun crew that downed the enemy airplane, Lt. Col. Alfred W. Kahl, Commanding Headquarters, 383 AAA Automatic Weapon Battalion, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. Army, cited their "active

assistance for successful defense of the landing beaches and dock installations of the Morotai area on the morning of October 31, 1944."

A letter dated December 17, 1944 from Capt. William J. Keegan, Commanding Officer "Pangeo", 167th Infantry, United States Army, commended the battalion for "superior work in constructing a two mile road in clearing vast areas for our perimeter."

A commendation, dated December 21, from Commander, Service Force, Seventh Fleet, cited the crew of the 20 m. m. anti-aircraft gun for its feat.

Assistance to the 33rd Infantry Division in its landing on Morotai was cited in a letter of appreciation from Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, Commanding.

By December, the men of the 84th were alerted to the fact that they were to continue in the onslaught against the reeling forces of Japan. As their construction projects were completed in January, they prepared themselves and their machines for movement. On February 24,



they were relieved of their remaining duties on Morotai by CEMU 565, and departed on February 28, 1945.

The next stop was Puerto Princesa, Palawan, P. I., where the 84th Construction Battalion landed March 12, 1945. After completing a permanent camp and a 2,000 man mess hall for the battalion and for incoming flight crews, the men turned to their principal assignments; construction of two Acorn Units (one for land planes and one for seaplanes) a Naval Headquarters Unit, and a Port Directors unit. In addition they cleared 63 acres, graded and finished the surface for taxiway and hardstands; of an aircorps base they operated a coral pit and hauled coral; built Naval Advanced Base Unit 9 to 80% completion in two weeks; blasted and moved 19,000 cubic yards of earth for the seaplane ramp and hardstand; and assembled two pontoon piers for unloading Acorn component units.

To these assignments was added the duty of operating a large brig. In April and June their underwater teams removed, repaired and replaced screws from LSMs.

By July, Lt. Gen. P. L. Kichelberger, Commanding General, 8th Army, had cited the Battalion for outstanding performance in completing 10,200 feet of taxiway and 1,889,500 square feet of parking area at the Puerto Princesa Airfield. The Acorn Seaplane unit was near completion and the Naval Headquarters entirely completed.

But the battalion commander was feeling the pinch of an acute manpower shortage due to rotation, rehabilitation leaves and hospitalization of the men. Notwithstanding, this he reported 100% completion of the Acorn Seaplane Base in August. Orders issued in that month authorized the battalion to prepare for disestablishment. Seventy-five men with less than 18 months service were transferred to CBMU 546, while the remainder of the men completed other work. On September 10, 1945 the battalion secured from all jobs and its members prepared for the trip home.

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

### Chronology

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07 Jul 1943 Co "A", "C", and Headquarters Co arrived Milne Bay.

01 Aug 1943 9 officers and 498 men located at Brisbane.  
20 officers and 559 men at Milne Bay.

01 Aug 1943 1 officer and 44 men of Co "B" (Comprising 1<sup>st</sup> Echelon Co. "B") departed Brisbane for Darwin.

28 Aug 1943 1<sup>st</sup> Echelon, Co "B" arrived at Darwin.

01 Sept 1943 8 officers and 437 men at Brisbane.  
20 officers and 558 men at Milne Bay.  
1 officer and 44 men at Darwin.

04 Sept 1943 Co "D", including 4 officers and 240 men, departed Brisbane for Milne Bay.

12 Sept 1943 Co "D" arrived Milne Bay.

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22 officers and 797 men at Milne Bay.  
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2 officers and 103 men at Darwin.

24 Mar 1944 Main body of battalion, including 20 officers and 715 men, departed Milne Bay for Brisbane.  
5 officers and 116 men remained at Milne Bay.

31 Mar 1944 Main body arrived Brisbane.

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ITINERARY OF THE 84th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

- 3 Feb 1943 - Formed at NCTC, Davisville, R. I.
- 21 Apr. 1943 - Departed NCTC, Davisville, for CBRD, Camp Parks, Shoenaker, California.
- 27 Apr. 1943 - Arrived Camp Parks
- 15 May 1943 - Transferred from Camp Parks to ABD, Port Hueneme, California.
- 31 May 1943 - Departed ABD, Port Hueneme, for overseas.
- 19 June 1943 - Arrived Brisbane, Australia.
- 30 June 1943 - Co. "A" and "C" and main part of Hdqs. Co., including 20 officers and 569 men departed Brisbane for Milne Bay.
- 7 July 1943 - Co. "A", "C", and Hdqs. Co. arrived Milne Bay.
- 1 August 1943 - 9 officers and 498 men located at Brisbane.  
20 officers and 559 men at Milne Bay.
- 1 August 1943 - 1 officer and 44 men of Co. "B" (Comprising 1st Echelon, Co. "B") departed Brisbane for Darwin.
- 28 August '43 - 1st Echelon, Co. "B" arrived at Darwin.
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4 officers and 132 men at Brisbane.  
1 officer and 49 men at Darwin.
- Jan. 1944 - Additional men of Co. "B" moved from Brisbane to 1st Echelon, Co. "B" at Darwin on various dates.
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- 12 Feb. 1944 - Balance of Co. "B" at Brisbane, including 2 officers and 127 men, departed for Thursday Island.
- 23 Feb. 1944 - Co. "B" arrived Thursday Island.
- 1 Mar. 1944 - 23 officers and 773 men at Milne Bay.  
2 officers and 127 men at Thursday Island.  
2 officers and 103 men at Darwin.
- 24 Mar. 1944 - Main body of battalion, including 20 officers and 715 men, departed Milne Bay for Brisbane.  
5 officers and 116 men remained at Milne Bay.
- 31 Mar. 1944 - Main body arrived Brisbane.
- 11 Apr. 1944 - Detachment remaining at Milne Bay departed for Brisbane.
- 17 Apr. 1944 - Detachment from Milne Bay arrived Brisbane.
- 22 Apr. 1944 - 1 officer and 90 men moved from Brisbane to Sydney.
- 27 Apr 1944 - 1st Echelon, Co. "B" moved from Darwin to Brisbane in small groups at various dates and joined main body of battalion.  
to 15 May '44
- 1 June 1944 - Main body of battalion located at Brisbane. 1 officer and 90 men at Sydney. Co. "B", including 2 officers and 127 men, at Thursday Island.
- 2 July 1944 - Co. "B" departed from Thursday Island for Brisbane.
- 7 July 1944 - Co. "B" arrived Brisbane and joined main body of battalion.
- 12 July 1944 - 2 officers and 97 men moved from Brisbane to Townsville.
- 3 Aug. 1944 - Detachment at Sydney moved to Brisbane.
- 16 Aug. 1944 - Battalion departed Brisbane.
- 18 Aug. 1944 - Picked up detachment at Townsville.
- 30 Aug. 1944 - Arrived Biak.
- 23 Sept. 1944 - Departed Biak.
- 27 Sept. 1944 - Arrived Morotai.
- 28 Feb. 1945 - Departed Morotai.
- 14 Mar. 1945 - Arrived Puerto Princesa, Palawan, P. I.
- 17 June 1945 - 10 men moved to Manila for TAD.
- 20 June 1945 - Still located at Puerto Princesa.  
10 men at Manila.

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Administrative Handling  
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