Naval Pontoon Assembly Detachment 4

Historical Information

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"We Build, We Fight"

NAVAL HISTORY & HERITAGE COMMAND

PAD #4

NCTC - Davisville
ABD - Hueneme
Ready Date - 1 Oct'44
Left ABD - 21 Oct'44
Location - ~~Hollandia~~ Samar

LOG

9-13-44 - Ordered to leave Davisville for Parks on 7 Sep'44. (CO NCTC Davisville ltr NM24-4/P16-4(7) over Ser 4455 over HWW:jb dtd 5 Sep'44 to OinC PAD#4)

9-25-44 - Ordered transferred to Hueneme FFT. (Conf. disp. 211735 NCR 6243 dtd 21 Sep from CNO to Parks)

10-27-44 - PAD #4 gear loaded aboard KINGSPORT for TRIM. (Com 12 conf. disp. to Com7flt 200122 NCR 8900 dtd 20 Oct'44)

10-30-44 -- PAD #4 departed Hueneme for Hollandia 21 Oct'44.(Hueneme conf. disp to CNO 232323 NCR 1155 dtd 24 Oct'44).(To report to the OinC of the 3rd Brg. FFT'Hueneme 262349')

12-29-44 - PAD #4 arrived Hollandia in early Nov'44. Awaiting call to Leyte.(Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).

1-13-45 - PAD #4 arrived Woendi 13 Nov'44 - staging and awaiting call to Leyte. (Comserfor-7flt Sec report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)

2-13-45 - PAD #4 shipping designator is ULOD 85.(Comser7flt Conf. disp to Dirpacdocks 040509 Feb'45).

3-14-45 - Comserfor7flt conf. spdltr to CNOB Leyte Gulf Ser. 0374 dtd 2 Mar'45 - PAD #4 is hereby detached from its presently assigned duties. Shall report to CNOB Leyte Gulf for duty with Commander Construction Forces Leyte-Samar.

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3-22-45 - Comdt NOB, Tacloban, Leyte orders the PAD #4 to further report to the CO, NavSta, Guiuan, Samar for duty with Const Forces headed by the Comdr Const Forces and Sr Brg Comdr. (Comdt ltr P16-3(1) over Ser 991 dtd 11 Mar'45 to OinC PAD #4)

4- 7-45 - PAD #4 reported to the CO NavSta, Guiuan, Samar on 14 Mar'45 and ordered to report to Comdr Const. Forces for duty. (1st end. on NNOB Leyte orders NS/P16-3(1) over Ser 1344 dtd 14 Mar'45)

4-10-45 - PAD #4 is operating at Samar with CBD 1067.(Com7flt Sec. disp to Cominch 250756Mar '45)

4-21-45 - Comserfor7flt Sec Rep for Feb'45 shows PAD #4 located at Calicoan.

4-23-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Calicoan. PAD#4 personnel & gear arrived off Calicoan Island on 27 Jan'45. Temp. camp was set up by 31 Jan'45.

5- 1-45 - PAD #4 is located at Calicoan, Samar. (Comserfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)

5-14-45 - 1 May'45 report of PAD #1 - 35 men were transferred from PAD #1 on 23 Mar'45 & reported to PAD #4 approx 7 Apr'45 for duty.

5-21-45 - 1 May'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Calicoan, Samar. On 22 Apr'45 1 offcr & 87 men From PAD #3 on TAD with PAD #4 were detached and returned to PAD #3. on 9 Apr 35 men from PAD #1 reported to PAD #4 for TAD.

6-1-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Calicoan, Samar. 91 men from PAD #3 are temp. attached to PAD#4. 3rd Brigs. 1st end. dated 5 Apr'45 to this report states that PAD #4 is no longer under the administrative control of the 3rd Brig.

6-19-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Calicoan. The 35 men from PAD #1 on TAD with PAD #4 completed assignment on 21 May'45 and are working on factory constrctn awaiting transportation.

Location - Calicoan, Samar PAD #4

7-20-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Calicoan, Samar. 121 men rec'd during June. The draft of 35 men from PAD #1 who completed their addtl duty on 21 May are still on board waiting transp which is being arranged for 3 July.

7-27-45 - PAD #4 is located at Calicoan, Samar constructing pontoon assembly plant and facilities for causeway assembly. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)

8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Samar. 10 men transfd for overage discharge. 67 replacements recd. The draft of 35 men from PAD #1 who completed their addtl duty on 21 May was detached on 3 July 1945.

8-23-45 - Cincpoa approves inactivation of PAD#3. Pers to be transferred to PAD#4. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac conf disp 120221 to Comserv7thflt).

9-26-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Samar. 56 men detached for discharge under AlNav 196-45.

10-23-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of PAD #4 - located at Samar & Manila. 93 men rec'd from PAD #3. 11 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system.

10-31-45 - PAD #4 to be inactivated. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05559 dtd 9 Oct'45 to Comphilseafron).

11-26-45 - PAD #4 was inactivated on 13 Nov'45. (OinCC, Samar ltr ser 01691 dtd 13 Nov'45 to OinC, PAD #4).

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Date	Organization & Location		Reference	Notes
9/12	-	(Com 7th Flt) (Hollandia)	Bu Docks CB report September. Cno conf disp. 251921 Aug.	about 1 Sept transfer to Camp Parks.
9/26	-	Hueneme	Cno Conf disp. 211755 Sept	transfer Hueneme
9/27	-	Hueneme (Hollandia)	Hueneme Conf disp 290140 Sep 27	assigned Hueneme 27 Sept
10/11	-	"	Bu Docks mem 10/9.	Reads Hueneme 1 Oct - assd Hollandia act Shpg. priority.
10/24	-	TRIM	Hueneme conf disp. 232323 Oct	departed 10/21 for Trim.
11/28	-	OSSO	Comlew 7th Flt Conf 270519 Nov	to be established OSSO instead of Trim.
2/8	-	-	Comlew 7th Flt Conf. 040509 Feb.	Shpg. designator - Klod - 95
1/29	-	Leyte Gulf	Comlew 7th Flt sec 260057 Mar.	present location.

DATE	ON BOARD OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Oct'44		425	BNP625
31 Dec'44		412	Recap.
1 Mar'45	15	405	MoR
1 Apr'45	15	402 + 91 TAD	BNP625 & R
1 May'45	15	399 + 35 TAD	MoR
1 Jun'45	15	396 & 35 TAD	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	14	510 & 35 TAD	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	14	562	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		493	BNP625
1 Oct'45	9	312	BNP625 & R

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OinC -
Exec - Lt. Fred E. Pate
Lt. (jg) Edward Mican CEC USNR
Lt. (jg) Russell L. Coe CEC USNR

PONTOON ASSEMBLY DET. FOUR

Leaving Port Hueneme Oct. 21, 1944, PAD Four reached Hollandia, New Guinea, early in November, and Jan. 27, 1945, it again moved, this time to Leyte-Samar area in the Philippines. A camp was established at Calicoan, Samar, and Sept. 12 inactivation of the unit was concluded.

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ITINERARY OF PONTOON ASSEMBLY DETACHMENT #4

21 Oct 1944 - Departed Huenneme for Hollandia.

Nov 1944 - Arrived Hollandia early this month.

27 Jan 1945 - Arrived Leyte-Samar Area.

31 Jan 1945 - Located Calicoan, Samar.

12 Sep 1945 - Scheduled for inactivation.

NOTE: The above information is based on records available in the C. B. Operations Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

15 September 1945

NO LOGO AVAILABLE

P.A.D. Y-85

P.A.D. 4-34

PAD #4 8/8/45

Philippine Islands
Photo # 130
75 ton crane mounted on 6 x18
pontoon barge.