20th Naval Construction Battalion

Historical Information



"Construimus, Batuimus" "We Build, We Fight"



20th C.B. 1st Section 1st Embarkation 20th C.B. NGTC Norfolk and Embarkation Hueneme, 14 Sep142 ABD NCTC 28 Sep142 Reedy Date -ABD -Parks - 11- 15-00+142 6 Oct 42 Left ABD Ready Date -1 Teb!45 2nd Wave .. 26 Nov 42 Left ABD 1 Feb'45 ----Destinction - Epie Woodlark Anstralie (Brisbane) Russells Location Sainan Okinawa 7- 3-44 - Early history of 20th CB 1st Sect. from enc. "H" of OinC 1tr L16-H over Ser. 0203 conf. ltr to Budocks dtd 31 May 44: Departed U.S. 10/6/42 Arrived Noumea10/20/42 Departed Noumea 5/13/43 Arrived Townsville, Australia 5/20/43 Departed " " 6/26/43 Arrived Woodlark Is. 6/30/43 100 9-12-42 - 20th CB left Norfolk 14 Sep'42 for Hueneme. (CO Norfolk letter of 12 Sep'42 P16-4/P16-3/MM/00 Ser 4294 jgd to Lt. Dudley) 10/15/42 -(Date approx.) - 1st Wave of this Batt. left Hueneme on rush call for temporary stevedoring assignment. 11/26/42 -2nd Wave departed and Batt. will resume operation as a unit; presumably will be assigned new duty. Roster for 2nd Wave shows 9 officers and 401 men. 1/ 1/43 - Sections 1 and 3 united 13 Dec'42. 1. 20th C.B. 1st Sect. 1-20-43 -20th C.B. at White Poppy engaged in stevedore work and upon relief by 2nd CB Special will engage construction projects in White Poppy area. 5-11-43 -At Noumea. One-half of this batt to be detached at early date. (ComNavBasesSoPac area to ComSoPac Sec. 1tr. dtd 5-11-43) 7-13-43 -1 Jun'42 report of 20th CB - 18 officers and approx. } batt transferred to ALDER. known as Forward Echelon, balance of batt remaining at Epic. 7-22-43 -2 Companies with a Navel Base Unit. (Secret report 6-13-43 - FWO 7th flt to Budocks. 8-28-43 -1 Aug'43 report of 20th CB - Forward Echelon of 20th CB at Woodlark - 526 men. 9-20-43 -Mey & June report 20th CB Rear Echelon - arrived Guadalcanal 14 Jun'43, Russell Is. 16 Jun'43. Echelon split into 2 groups; 14 companies under Lt. Riordan going to Ohene Bay, Vengunu Is.; 1 Company under Lt. Sanders going to Viru Harbor, New Georgia Is. 9-31-43 -1 Aug'43 report - Detachment of 2 officers, 1 warrant and 142 men are at Viru Harbor under Lt. W. L. Sanders. 12 officers and 402 men at Oleana Bay. 9-30-43 -20th CB, 1st Sect. is attached to the 7th fleet. The 2nd Section is serving with the 3rd Fleet. (VCNO conf. diep. to Com7thflt 272043 NCR 3341 Sep.) 10- 5-43 -Aug 43 report (Secret) Forward Echelon still at Woodlark. 10- 9-43 -1st Sect. of 30th CB to be designated as "Forward Echelon". (Conf 1tr from 20th CB, Ser 118, 24 Sep'43) 11-20-43 -1 Sep'43 report of 20th CB - Expects to return to Brisbane soon for a restin Brisbane, then to build ABOD at Brisbane, later to move to Milne Bay. 12 officers and 306 men now at Kiriurna, balance at Woodlark.

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20th C.B. - 2nd Sect.

- 9-30-43 20th CB, 2nd Sect. serving with the 3rd Fleet. (VCNO conf. disp. to Com7flt 272043 NCR 3341 Sep.) (Our officer roster selected by process of elimination from the 31 Aug'43 roster from the 2nd 3ect. of the 20th CB)
- 10-21-43 August report of Viru Harbor detachment, part of 2nd Section, now consists of 3 officers and 128 men. GRANNEXXEE
- 11-10-43 1 Oct 43 report A detachment of 3 officers and 114 men departed for Base Is. for duty.
- 12-10-43 1 Nov'43 report 20th CB, 2nd Sect., operating at Wickham, Ondonga, Bau Is., Roviena, Doke-Koke Is.
- 2-14-44 1 Jan'44 report of 20th CB, 2nd Sect. This section detached from the 15th Reg. 20 Dec'43 and ordered to Russell Is. to operate the AHCD Annex. Work completed at Ondonga. Work continued at Beu Is. awaiting transportation at which time the work will be taken over by the 37th CB. 31 Dec'43, first echelon of 3 officers and 54 men departed from Ondonga for the Russells. Unit at Beu consists of 4 officers and 195 men. Unit at Doke-Koke consists of 1 officer and 15 men. This batt. reported at Russell Is. on 1 Jan and 13 Jan'44.
- 4-20-44 1 Mar'44 report 20th CB, 2nd Sect. operating at ABCD Annex, Russell Is.
- 5-10-44 1 Apr'44 report 20th CB, 2nd Sect. operating at ABCD Anneg, Bousell Is.
- 5-31-44 1 May'44 report operating at ABCD Anneg, Russells. This section received 100 men from BCDD end 100 from CD 2275.
- 7-1-44 1st and 2nd Sections of 20th CB reunited 6 Jun'44 at Russells (20th CB 2nd Sect.
- spdltr to Comsopac ser. A16-3/NM over 012 dtd 10 Jun'44). 7-4-44 - 20 CB 2nd Sec Rep of 1 Jun'44 -- operating at ABCD Annex Russells. It is expected that the operation of the Annex will be turned over to the 24th CB.

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20th C.B. 1st Sect.

- 12-29-43 20th CB. Sect. 1 located at Kiriwina, to move to Woodlark in December. (Secret BN166/Al-1-5455/Com7thflt to BuDocks dtd Nov'43)
- 2- 3-44 1 Jan¹44 report of 20th CB After this batt removes installations at Woodlark, the unit will be withdrawn to Brisbane for rest.
- 2-25-44 20th CB is no longer with the 15th Reg. (AES) (Probably the 2nd Section)
- 3-15-44 1 Feb'44 report Construction work ceased 7 Jan'44 to prepare to evacucate the Woodlark Is.
- 5-27-44 1 Apr'44 report location not indicated except that 1st and 2nd endorsement by the 12th Reg. and 3rd Brig. 3rd end, by Gilli Gilli Naval Base.
- 6-32-44 1 May'44 report Work was completed at Woodlark 16 Apr'44. Embarked 16 Apr'44 and arrived Milne Bay 17 Apr'44. Departed Milne Bay 24 Apr'44 and arrived at Brisbane 30 Apr'44. At present time quartered at Camp SeaBee near Brisbane pending further movement. Not attached to a regiment during period of this report (endorsed by 12th Reg.)
- 6-29-44 Sup. Report for Apr'44 According to 3rd end. by ComserFor7thflt dtd 10 Jun'44 the 20th CB 1st Sect. left Batt. Staging and Receiving Barracks Facilities L Jun'44 for the South Pacific area.
- 7-1-44 1st and 2nd Section of 20th CB reunited 6 Jun'44 at Russells. (20th CB 2nd Sect. spdltr to ComSoPac ser A16-3/NM over 012 dtd 10 Jun'44)
- 7-7-44 20th CB 1st Sect. is located at Brisbane preparing to move to Sopac Area. (Comserfor7flt Sec. 1tr A-9-4 over Ser 00673 to Budocks dtd 14 Jun'44)
- 7-13-44 1 Jun'44 report of 1st Sect. In accordance with Comserfor7flt orders, this Section embarked and departed from Brisbane on 2 Jun and arrived at Russell Is. 6 Jun'44 where it joined with 2nd Sect.

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20th CB 1st Section

8-10-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 20th CB - operating at ABCD Annex Russells.

8-21-44 - 20th CB is to be detached from Russells 15 Sep'44 to return to U.S. when transportation is evailable. Men rec'd after 15 Sep'43 to be assigned to Receiving Station Russells. (Conseronsoper (S) Disp. 180840 NOR 9084 dtd 18 Aug'44 to CNB Russells)

520-44 -	20th CE	located a	t Russells	-		Arrived	Noumea	Oct-Nov'42
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				2nd	Sect.	H	New Georgia	Jan'43
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(Data of SoPac as of 1 Jul'44)

- 5-31-44 30th CB, located at Russells, ready to sail to U.S. 15 Sep'44 with 21 officers and 900 men. (Comseronsopac Sec. Disp. 272110 NCR 6134 28 Aug'44 to CNO) 9-8-44
- 1 Aug 44 report of 20th OB operating at Russells.
- 10-7-44 L Sep'44 report of 20th CB operating at Russells. This unit will be relieved of all duties on 15 Sep'44. The operating of ABCD will be assumed by the 145th CB on that date.
 10-9-44 20th CB arrived Parks from evences at S F 70 Seriet 11 by Series and S F 70 Seriet 11 by Series 11 by Series
- 10-9-44 20th CB arrived Parks from overseas via S.F. 30 Sep 44 with 27 off. and 997 men. (30TWX2129 Sep 44 from Parks)
- 1-12-45 The 20th CB is assigned to Cincpoa given Jan'45 priority for Salpan shipment, Parks requested to make 20th CB ready for shipment by 1 Feb'45 - must depart from Parks Before 2 Feb'45)(CNO Sec. disp to Parks and ComwesSeafron 081945 dtd 9 Jan'45

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Location - Saipan

20th CB

- 1-17-45 The 20th CB assigned to Cincpos to go to Saipan for duty pending further transfer to final destination.(CNO Sec. ltr Op30-2CK14-UOT/rc over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 0013930 to Budocks, Busenda and Parkssidid11 Jan'45).
- 1-17-45 20th CB scheduled to ship ETD 30 Jan'45. (Com 12 Sec. disp to Cincpos 130056 dtd 13 Jan'45).
- 1-30-45 The 20th CB is assigned to BIVE. (CNO Sec. ltr 0p30-2CK12-UOT over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 0019030 to distribution list dtd 15 Jan¹45).
- 1-30-45 The 20th CB is to leave from the West Coast for Saipan. (Comservpac Sec. disp to CNO 212311 dtd 22 Jan'45).
- 2-8-45 The 20th CB laft U.S. 1 Feb'45 with 27 officers and 1047 men. (Parks Seë Disp to Bupers 020015 dtd 2 Feb'45)
- 2-8-45 According to Dirpacdocks San Fran 15 Feb 45 report the 20th CB is located at Saipan.
- 4-12-45 1 Mar'45 report of 20th CB In transit from Camp Parks to Okinawa via Saipan. Report end, by 42nd Reg.
- 5-8-45 The 30th CB is located at Saipan. Assigned Okinawa. (Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr¹45)
- 6-6-45 1 May'45 report of the 20th CB 2nd echelon located at Saipan. 1st echelon of the 20th CB consisting of 23 offers & 749 men sailed from Saipan 12 Apr'45 & arrived new location on 17 Apr'45. The 2nd echelon consisting of 4 offers & 276 men is still located on Saipan & will mome forward during May'45. Report routed via 42nd Reg & 10th Brig.
- 6-8-45 1 Apr'45 report of the 20th CB located on Salpan as of 1 Apr'45. From the 1st to the 4th of Nar'45 the 20th CB was in transit & from the 5th to the 31st of Nar'45 staging in Salpan. Seport routed via 42nd Reg & 10th Brig.

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Location - Okinawa

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- 6-28-45 1 Jun'45 report of 20th CB located at Okinawa. The 2nd echelon comprised of 4 offc & 276 men sailed from Saipan on 7 May'45 and joined the 1st echelon on Okinawa on 14 May'45. Report routed via 42nd Reg & 10th Brig.
- 7-14-45 20th CB detached 1 July from the 42nd Reg of the 10th Brg. Ordered to proceed immediately and report to OinC 11th Brg. for duty. (10th Brg sec orders ser 11027 dtd 1 July to OinC 20th CB)
- 7-16-45 1 Jul'45 report of the 20th CB located at Okinawa. On 29 June, the batt moved from its bivouac area near Gusikawa into a permanent area about a mile from the Awashi Airstrip. Report via the 42nd Reg and 10th Brg.
- 7-35-45 The 20th CB is assigned to the 11th Erg and 45th Reg effective 10 July. (CCT APO 331 sec report on assignment of CB units ser 897 dtd 10 July)
- 5-40-45 1 Aug 45 report of the 20th CB located at Okinawa. Report via 45th Reg and 11th Brg. vation
- 9-11-45 Inaction of following CB units approved Comservpac disps 291935, 290051 & 290007 all Aug: - 4,6,7,17,20,66,74, 78 & 87 CBs - Okinawa. (Cincpos conf spdltr ser 032559 dtd 4 Sept'45 to Comservpac).
- 9-28-45 1 Sept'45 report of 20th CB located at Okinewa. Report via 45th Reg. & 11th Brig. Apt states that the 20th CB was inactivated on 26 Aug'45 & pers. assigned to other units. 829 men transferred to other batta. 132 men transferred to RecSta for discharge under the point system.
- 9-29-45 Comservpac directs to inactivate the following CBs 4, 6, 7, 17, 20, 66, 74, 78 & 87. Inform Conservpac when inactivations are completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser05174 dtd 11 Sept 45 to Comdt., NOB, Okinawa).

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11-26-45 - 20th CB was inactivated on 8 Nov'45. (20th CB air mail ltr ser 996 dtd 8 Nov'45 to Comservpac).

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20th Construction Battalion (INACTIVATED)

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History of the 20th Naval Construction Battalion

The 20th Naval Construction Battalion was commissioned on August 20, 1942, at Camp Allen, Virginia, with Commander Allen F. Jones designated Officer in Charge. On September 14 the battalion left Camp Allen by rail and arrived at Port Hueneme on September 20th.

At Port Hueneme the battalion was divided into two sections. On October 6th the first section, with Lieutenant Dudley in charge, sailed from San Francisco and arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia, on October 14th.

The second section, with Commander Jones in charge, left San Pedro, California, on November 29th and joined the first section on Noumea on December 13th.

The entire battalion performed stevedoring from October 1942 to April 1943 in support of the Guadalcanal campaign. In addition, the 20th Seabees constructed roads and concrete foundations for warehouses and made repairs on a number of ships, including the aircraft carrier USS <u>Enterprise</u>.

The battalion was again divided when the 1st section left Noumea on May 14, 1943, for Australia. They arrived at Townsville, Australia on May 20th, and there the Seabees waited for future deployment to Woodlark Island. The section left Townsville in echelons between June 20th and July 23rd. On Suly 23rd part of the section left Woodlark for Kiriwina Island with Lt. Ahearn in charge.

On Woodlark the Seabees worked on gun emplacements for the U. S. Army, constructed roads and camps, a water supply system and surfaced an airstrip. On Kiriwina the men constructed housing and a water supply system for aviation personnel. On April 16, 1943, the first section left Woodlark Island for Milne Bay, New Guinea.

The second section left Noumea in echelons in late May and June 1943 with Lieutenant Commander Riordan in charge. The Seabees arrived on Guadalcanal in the Solomonson June 2nd and eleventh. On June 12th they left Guadalcanal for Banika, Russell Islands. They arrived on Banika the next day, where the Seabees began breaking into 3 groups which separated, one group going to Vanaguna, New Georgia; one to Viru, New Georgia and a third group returned to Guadalcanal, where they kept the battalions records at Koli Point.

The Seabees on Vangunu and Viro constructed gun emplacements for the U.S. Army, roads and dock facilities, an underground communications center and operated a sawmill. At Viru the Seabees manned the front lines in defensive actions against Japanese attacks.

In September 1943 the contingents on Vangunu and Viru left those islands for Bau Island, New Georgia, E. Roulanne, Doke Doke and in October one group went to Ondonga, New Georgia.

On Rovianna the Seabees built roads and docks and also worked on camp and base facilities. Afterwards they went to Munda where they constructed camp facilities for a maval construction battalion and Marine Corps air facilities. On Doke Doke a camp and administration area, roads and docks were constructed and the Seabees erected warehouses. The group of Seabees that went to Ondonga built roads and camp facilities for a Submarine Detection Unit and repaired a number of concrete barges.

On New Years Day 1944 the various contingents of the second section of the 20th Naval Construction Battalion began returning to Banika. By the 10th of January the section was reunited on Banika and began working on a comber strip and operating the advanced base construction depot.

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On June 6, 1944, the day of the Normandy Landing in Europe Section One of the battalion arrived at Banika and Sections One and Two reunited as the 20th Naval Construction Battalion. They remained working on Banika until September 14, 1944, when the 20th Seabees boarded ships and headed for home.

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> After a stopover at Guadalcanal, the battalion arrived at San Francisco on September 29th and was stationed at Camp Parks in Pleasanton, California. At Camp Parks the battalion enjoyed leave, reorganized, and trained for their second deployment.

On February 1, 1945, the 20th Naval Construction Battalion left San Francisco and on March 4th arrived at Saipan in the Mariannas. On Saipan the battalion erected a building to house an Army Coca Cola plant while waiting for deployment to an advance base.

The battalion began leaving Saipan on 12 April; and by May 14, 1945, the 20th Seabees were on Okinawa, Ryukus.

On Okinawa the 20th NCB constructed and maintained roads, built a bridge, constructed waterfront facilities, maintained pontoon barges and worked on the Awashi Airfield as well as an advanced base construction Depot located on Ketchin Hento. The battalion participated in air and group defense and shot down one "Tojo" with 20 mm anti- aircraft fire. On May 28 while some of the battalions Seabees were repairing the USS <u>Snelling</u>, the ship was hit by a Kamikaze plane, and six Seabees were injured.

The 20th NCB was operating as a component of the 39th Naval Construction Regiment on Okinawa when the war ended. On November 8, 1945, the battalion was inactivated. The men who were eligible for deployment home were sent to the United States, while the others were transferred to other outfits to await their turn.

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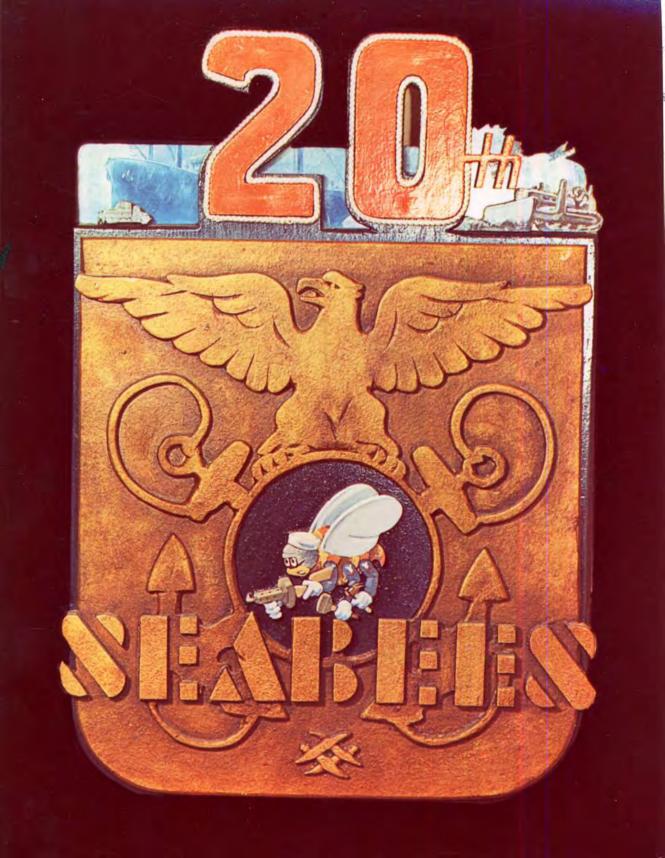
Chronology

20 Aug 1942	Commissioned at Camp Allen, Virginia.
	23 Officers, 1008 Enlisted Men.
	Commander Jones Officer in Charge.
14 Sep 1942	Departed Camp Allen, Virginia.
20 Sep 1942	Arrived Port Hueneme, California.
	Section One
06 Oct 1942	Left United States, San Francisco, California.
	12 Officers, 591 Enlisted Men.
	Lieutenant Dudley in Charge.
20 Oct 1942	Arrived Noumea, New Caledonia.
14 may 1943	Left Noumea, 18 Officers, 542 Enlisted men.
-	Commander Jones in Charge.
20 May 1943	Arrived Townsville, Australia.
	Left Townsville, Australia for Woodlark Island by echelons as
	follows:
20 June 1943	Advance Party. One Officer, Seven Enlisted men.
26 June 1943	First Echelon. Four Officers, 96 enlisted Men.
04 July 1943	Second Echelon. Two Officers, 41 Enlisted Men.
09 July 1943	Third Echelon. Six Officers, 155 Enlisted Men.
	Arrived Woodlark Island by echelons as follows:
	(All echelons united to form Section I)
29 June 1943	Advance Party.
30 June 1943	First Echelon.
08 July 1943	Second Echelon.
13 July 1943	Third Echelon.
23 July 1943	Fourth Echelon.
	Part of the Section left Woodlark Island for Kiriwina Island by
	echelons as follows: (Lieutenant Alva f. Ahearn in Charge)
13 Sept 1943	First echelon. Nine Officer, 206 enlisted Men. Arrived 14 Sept
	1943.
29 Nov 1943	Left Kiriwina island.
30 Nov 1943	Arrived Woodlark Island.
16 Apr 1944	Left Woodlark Island for Milne Bay, New Guinea. 15 Officers, 470
	Enlisted men.
17 Apr 1944	Arrived Milne Bay.
25 Apr 1944	Left Milne Bay. 15 Officers, 467 Enlisted Men.
30 Apr 1944	Arrived Brisbane, Australia.
02 June 1944	Left Brisbane, Australia. 13 Officers, 478 Enlisted Men.

06 June 1944	Arrived Banika, Russell Islands, and combined withSection Two.Section One13 Officers478 Enlisted MenSection Two14 Officers687 Enlisted menTotal27 Officers1165 Enlisted Men			
Section Two				
29 Nov 1942	Left united States, Port Hueneme, California. (San Pedro, California). 11 Officers, 403 Enlisted Men.			
13 Dec 1942	Arrived Noumea, New Caledonia - 11 Officers430 Enlisted MenCombined with Section One Total- 18 Officers579 Enlisted Men29 Officers982 Enlisted Men			
29 May 1943	Left Noumea, New Caledonia for Guadalcanal, Lieutenant Commander Riordan in Charge. By echelons as follows:			
29 May 1943	First Echelon. One Officer, 50 Enlisted Men.			
08 June 1943	Second Echelon. 14 officers, 500 enlisted Men.			
	Arrived Guadalcanal by echelons as follows:			
02 June 1943	First Echelon.			
11 June 1943	Second Echelon arrived and combined with First echelon.			
12 June 1943	Left Guadalcanal. 15 Officers, 550 Enlisted Men.			
13 June 1943	Arrived Banika, Russell Islands.			
	Left Russell Islands in Groups below:			
29 June 1943	Group One left Russell islands for Vanagunu, New Georgia.			
	12 Officers, 403 Enlisted Men.			
29 June 1943	Group Two left Russell Islands for viru, New Georgia.			
80 T 10/8	Three Officers, 142 Enlisted men.			
29 June 1943	Group Three left Russelll Islands for Guadalcanal.			
	One Officer, Five Enlisted Men.			
	This group consisted of One Disbursement Officer and Three			
	Storekeepers, One Chief Yeoman and One Pharmacist's Mate. This			
	group handled the records which were retained at Koli Point, Guadalcanal, until 27 August.			
30 June 1943	Group One arrived Vangunu, New Georgia.			
30 June 1943	Group Two arrived viru harbor, New Georgia.			
30 June 1943	Group Three arrived Guadalcanal.			
27 Aug 1943	Group Three left Guadalcanal.			
29 Aug 1943	Group Three arrived Vangunu.			
09 Sept 1943	Group One, First Echelon left Vangunu for Bau Island, New			
-	Georgia. Three officers, 114 Enlisted Men.			
10 Sept 1943	Group One, First Echelon arrived Bau Island.			
05 Sept 1943	Group Two, at Viru Harbor, New Georgia left as follows:			
05 Sept 1943	First Echelon arrived East Rovianna.			
06 Sept 1943	Second Echelon. One Chief Petty officer, 28 Enlisted men. Left			

	Viru for Doke Doke.			
09 Sept 1943	Third Echelon. Two officers, 94 Enlisted men. Left Viru for East			
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09 Sept 1943	Third Echelon arrived East Rovianna.			
09 Oct 1943	Group One, Second Echelon left Vangunu for Ondonga, New			
	Georgia. Ten Officers, 262 Enlisted Men.			
15 Oct 1943	Group One, Second Echelon left Vangunu for Ondonga, New			
	Georgia.			
25 Oct- 5 Nov 1943	Group Two, first and Second Echelons left East Rovianna and			
	arrived at Bau Island on 5 November 1943. This group at East			
	Rovianna had also worked at Munda, New Georgia during their stay			
	at East Rovianna.			
01 Jan 1944	One Officer and 54 Enlisted men left Ondonga for Russell Islands			
02 Jan 1944	Officers and men as above arrive Banika, Russell Islands.			
06 Jan 1944	Group Two, Second Echelon left Doke Doke and arrived Bau Island			
	same day.			
09 Jan 1944	Nine Officers and 202 Enlisted men left Ondanga for Russell			
	Islands.			
10 Jan 1944	Officers and men as above arrived Banika, Russell Islands.			
09 Jan 1944	All personnel, Four Officers and 211 Enlisted Men, left Bau Island			
	and sailed for Russell Islands.			
10 Jan 1944	Bau Island Group arrived Russell Islands and joined the group from			
	Ondonga.			
10 Jan 1944	All personnel of section Two Arrived at Banika, Russell Islands and			
06 T 1044	are united. Total 14 Officers, 467 Enlisted Men.			
06 June 1944	Section One arrived from Brisbane, Australia and Sections One and			
	Two are combined to form the 20 th Battalion.			
	Section One 13 Officers 478 Enlisted Men			
	Section Two <u>14 Officers</u> 687 Enlisted Men			
14 Comt 1044	Total 27 Officers 1165 Enlisted Men			
14 Sept 1944	Battalion left Banika, Russell Islands for United States; 26 Officers, 997 Enlisted Men. One stop enroute at Guadalcanal.			
29 Sept 1944	Arrived San Francisco, California, stationed at Camp Parks.			
29 Sept-1 Feb 1945	Battalion stationed at Camp parks, California for reforming,			
29 Sept-1 1 to 1945	reorganization and training.			
01 Feb 1945	Left San Francisco, California. 27 Officers, 1046 Enlisted Men.			
04 Mar 1945	Arrived Saipan, Marianna Islands. 27 Officers, 1040 Emisted Men.			
12 Apr 1945	First Echelon of 23 Officers and 749 Enlisted men sailed from			
12 Apr 1745	Saipan on four Land Ship Tanks to Okinawa.			
17 Apr 1945	First echelon arrived Okinawa.			
07 May 1945	Second Echelon of Four Officers and 277 Enlisted Men sailed from			
	Saipan for Okinawa.			
14 May 1945	Second Echelon arrived Okinawa. Battalion united.			
17 Aug 1945	Located on Okinawa.			
08 Nov 1945	The 20 th Naval construction Battalion was inactivated on Okinawa.			

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