

26th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



26th C.B. Sec 1

- 6-18-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of 26th CB, Sec 1 - located at Kodiak. 3 off. and 142 men on temp add duty at HULA 2.
- 6-19-45 - In accordance with CNO conf ltr ser 0307930 dtd 17 May, inactivate 26th CB and redesignate 26th CB, Sec 1 as CBMU 634 and 26th CB, Sec 2 as CBMU 635. Inform Comservpac when this action effected. Request you consider submitting recommendations for revised complements for each of these units of approx 7 off. and 270 men as a standard CBMU. Presently authorized complements will continue in effect until revised complements are approved by Comservpac. (Comservpac conf spdltr 02987 dtd 6 June to Coml7)
- 7-14-45 - Re ur spdltr 100469 dtd 1 July just recd. Request 1 July date given be changed to 15 July to conform with my ser 01508 dtd 10 July. Will then conform with Kodiak redesignation 26th CB Sec 1 as CBMU 634. (Coml7 conf disp 130120Z July to Commalsec)
- 7-14-45 - Request reduction consideration be delayed until 1 Nov'45 pending compl Hula requirement. The Hula activity maint requirement was filled from the 26th CB Secs land 2 without any outside of district assistance. At that time can make suggested reduction in complement. Redesignation 26th CB, Secs 1 and 2 to CBMUs 634 and 635 will be effected on 15 Jul'45. (Coml7 conf disp 082334 July to Comservpac)
- 7-18-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 26th C.B., Sec.1 - located at Kodiak. 3 officers and 138 men are on TAD at Navy Dept HULA Unit #2, and 8 men were returned to Kodiak from TD at Navy Dept. HULA Unit #2.
- 7-27-45 - It is directed that the 26th CB Sec.1 be redesignated as CBMU 634 as of 15 Jul'45 (Coml7 conf. ltr Ser 01507 dated 10 Jul'45 to CinC 26th CB, sec.1.)

INACTIVATED

26th CB - 2nd Sect.

NCTE - (Parks)
ABD - Parks
Ready Date - 10 Sep'44
Left ABD - 10 Sep'44
Location - Dutch Harbor

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- 9-15-44 - 26th CB 2nd Section consisting of 16 off. and 508 men departed Parks for overseas via San Fran (Parks conf. disp. 121545 NCR 7035 to Bupers dtd 12 Sep'44).
- 10-30-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 85th CB - 2nd Sect. of the 26th CB arrived at Dutch Harbor on 26 Sep'44 to relieve the 85th.
- 10-31-44 - 2nd Sect. of the 26th CB was commissioned 1 Aug'44. (Recap Sheet 30 Sep'44)
- 11- 1-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 26th CB, 2nd Sect. - operating at Dutch Harbor.
- 12-8-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - operating at Dutch Harbor. 15 men are on detached duty at Akutan, Alaska; project began 5 Oct'44 and is expected to be completed by 15 Nov'44.
- 1-1-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - located at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.
- 1-24-45 - 26th CB, Sec. 2 located at NOB D.H. with 17 off. and 504 men. Departed Seattle Sep'44. (Nav. Const. Forces Alaskan Sector 9 Jan'45 conf report)
- 1-26-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - located at Dutch Harbor.
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - located at Dutch Harbor.
- 3-27-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - located at Dutch Harbor. Rec'd draft of 37 seamen from States; 34 rated men ordered out on temp. duty.
- 4-20-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 26th CB, 2nd Sec. - located at Dutch Harbor with a det. of 127 men and 1 off. on temp det duty at Cold Bay.

Location - Dutch Harbor

26th C.B. - Sect. 2

- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of 26th CB-Sect.2 - located at Dutch Harbor. 11 men returned from detached temp. duty during Apr'45. 2 officers & 118 men on temp. detd duty
- 6-18-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 26th CB, Sec 2 - located at Dutch Harbor. 2 off. and 113 men on temp detached duty elsewhere in sector.
- 6-19-45 - In accordance with CNO conf ltr ser 0207930 dtd 17 May, inactivate 26th CB and redesignate 26th CB, Sec 1 as CBMU 634 and 26th CB, Sec 2 as CBMU 635. Inform Comservpac when this action effected. Request you consider submitting recommendations for revised complements for each of these units of approx 7 off. and 270 men as a standard CRMU. Presently authorized complements will continue in effect until revised complements are approved by Comservpac. (Comservpac conf spdltr 02987 dtd 6 June to Coml7)
- 7-14-45 - Request reduction consideration be delayed until 1 Nov'45 pending compl Hula requirement. The Hula activity maint requirement was filled from the 26th CB Secs 1 and 2 without any outside of district assistance. At that time can make suggested reduction in complement. Redesignation of 26th CB, Secs 1 and 2 to CBMUs 634 and 635 will be effected on 15 Jul'45. (Coml7 conf disp 082334 July to Comservpac)
- 7-18-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 26th CB, Sec 2 - located at Dutch Harbor. 2 off. and 99 men on temp detached duty elsewhere in the sector. Redesignation of this unit as CBMU 635 will be effected 1 Jul'45.
- 7-27-45 - It is directed that the 26th CB Sec. II be redesignated as CBMU 635 as of 15 Ju 1945. (Coml7 Conf. ltr Ser 01508 dtd 10 Jul'45 to CinC 26th CB, Sec.II.)

INACTIVATED

26TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Camp Allen on Sept. 18, 1942, the 26th Battalion was immediately transferred to Camp Bradford. The outfit was then moved to Gulfport, Miss., and thence to Port Hueneme, arriving Nov. 2, 1942. Sailing from San Pedro, Calif., Nov. 28, 1942, their ship dropped anchor in Noumea harbor Dec. 10. At Noumea the outfit set up a temporary advanced base camp, and ten days later sailed for Gaudalcanal. Arriving Dec. 26, the Battalion set up camp between Henderson Field and Lunga Point, as a relief for the Sixth Battalion. On Jan. 1, Company D was detached and assigned to work on Tulagi, returning to the Battalion Sept. 12, 1943. Starting home on Dec. 11, the outfit sailed into San Francisco Dec. 31, 1943, and was moved to

Camp Parks. From May 24 to July 29, 1944, the O-in-C, nine officers and 330 men were detached to work at the Elk Hill Oil Development, Tupman, Calif. On Aug. 8, 1944, the Battalion was redesignated as 26th Battalion, First and Second Section. Section One embarked at San Francisco to begin their second tour on Sept. 15, 1944, and arrived at Kodiak on Sept. 23, as relief for the 79th Battalion. It was later inactivated and reformed as CBMU 634. Section Two shipped out to Dutch Harbor. It was also inactivated and reformed as CBMU 635.

26th NCB

Commissioned Camp Allen August 1942, inactivated July 1945.

Battalion was formed in September 1942.

Disembarked Noumea, New Caledonia for a short duration.

Proceeded to Guadalcanal, Tulagi, British Solomon, December 1942.

Returned U.S. December 31, 1942.

Battalion consisted of 27 officers, 968 men. Relieved the 6th Battalion.

A large stevedore detail was immediately formed and began the task of bringing ashore on Guadalcanal the vitally needed aviation gasoline.

Detachments were sent to Nugu, Malaita and Munda.

Number of Air Raid alerts 187

" " Actual bombings 68

Achievements: Roads 75 miles repaired and built
Bridges 19 repaired and built
Culverts 9,603 lineal feet
Docks and Marine Railway anchors - 100 concrete anchors poured.
6" gun emplacements.
Railroad Guadalcanal-Bougainville-Tokoya
6,433.5 feet of railroad constructed
Fuel system - 22 tanks
Pipe lines
Booster pumps
Racks
Bulk plant operations
Tunnels (3)
Ship unloading detail 107,550 tons.
Buildings 159
Sawmill and logging 902,759 Board feet of lumber
Ice Plant
Power generator, lines maintenance
Salvage work on ships
Airports.

26th Naval Construction Battalion

Chronology

08 Aug 1944 26th Naval Construction Battalion inactivated and redesignated 26th Naval Construction Battalion – First and Second Sections.

10 Sep 1944 26th Naval Construction Battalion – First Section, consisting of fifteen (15) officers and 521 men departed Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California, via bus, and reported to Commanding Officer, Prembarkation Barracks, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California, for transportation to overseas destination.

15 Sep 1944 1400 reported for transportation aboard S.S. CARL SCHURZ for overseas destination, sailed 1800.

15-23 Sep 1944 At sea, North Pacific Area, aboard S.S. CARL SCHURZ.

23 Sep 1944 Disembarked 1000, Temporary Pier, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Kodiak, Alaska, as relief of 79th Battalion.

30 Sep 1944 All 79th Battalion personnel filling Public Works assignments were secured as of the end of the normal work day (30 September 1944) by personnel of the 26th Battalion, with the exceptions of the Power Plant and Refrigeration details, which assignments were secured as of the normal work day 3 October 1944.

19 Feb 1945 As directed Com17 Conf. Despatch #182210 – One (1) officer and 35 men departed NOB, Kodiak, aboard S.S. HENRY FAILING for temporary additional duty, Cold Bay.

10 Mar 1945 As per Com17 Conf. Despatches #012056 and #100828 – One (1) officer and 60 men departed NOB, Kodiak, aboard S.S. DEGALI for temporary additional duty, Cold Bay.

20 Mar 1945 One (1) officer, departed NOB, Kodiak, via air Transportation for temporary additional duty, Cold Bay.

25 Mar 1945 As per Com17 Conf. Despatch 242150, detachment of 37 men departed NOB, Kodiak, aboard U.S.S. BESBOBO (AG-66), for temporary additional duty, Cold Bay.

12 Apr 1945 As per Com17 Secret Despatch 112310, one (1) man departed Kodiak, via government air transportation, for temporary additional duty, Cold Bay.

24 Apr 1945 As per Com17 Secret ltr. Serial 0226, of 19 April 1945, detachment of 11 men departed NOB, Kodiak, Alaska, via government air transportation for additional temporary duty, Cold Bay.

Total assigned temporary additional duty, Cold Bay – 3 officers, 141 men.

23 Sep 1944 Battalion assigned quarters on Aviation Hill.

15 Jul 1945

Unit operated at this base, with exception of approximately 140 men on TAD at navy Dept. Hula #2, until inactivated on this date. Redesignated CBMU 634.

26th Battalion

New Caledonia
Guadalcanal
Tulaqi



Malaita
Munda
Nuqu

TARTARA ET AQUA
ALTA VENIAT



RAILROAD

1. Announcing the opening of the GUADALCANAL-BOUGAINVILLE-TOKYO Railroad.

2. The pioneer railroad of the Solomon Islands; built and placed in operation by the Twenty-Sixth Seabees.





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ROAD SANDER
WATCH FOR
• FLYING ROCKS •

