

8th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



8th C.B.

~~NOTO~~ - Norfolk
~~ABD~~ - ~~Hueneme 6/19/42~~
 Ready Date - 29 Jun'42
 Left ABD - ~~29 Jun'42~~ 9 Jul'42 - Left Seattle ✓
 Destination - Dutch Harbor

2ND EMBARKATION

ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 18 May'44
 Left ABD - 4 - 9 Jun'44 ✓
 Location - Hien-6 - Iroquois Pt.
 Iwo Jima

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- 6-19-42 - Detached from Norfolk 19 Jun'42 and ordered to Bremerton, Wash. FFA Dutch Harbor.
- 6- 6-42 - 8th CB, comprising approximately 1071 men, to arrive Dutch Harbor on or shortly before 27 Jun'42.
- 3- 8-43 - 134 Seamen arrived to fill complement.
- 4-30-43 - 1st Brig. Report - 3 1/2 Co's are at Dutch Harbor, NOB and 1/2 Co. at Otter Point.
- 7- 1-43 - 8th CB at Dutch Harbor. (Com 13 to ComAlSec dtd 6-21-43 - Secret Disp.)
- 8-10-43 - 8th CB return to U.S. approved for 1 Aug. (VONO Secret Disp. 041254 Aug. to Comalsec)
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- 6-13-44 - Left ABD Hueneme 9 Jun'44 for second embarkation. (WRK)
- 8- 2-44 - 8th CB was received by the 2nd Brig. during Jun'44. (2nd Brig. monthly report for Jun'44)
- 8-10-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 8th CB - 737 men and 12 officers departed Hueneme 4 Jun'44. On 9 Jun'44 320 men and 18 officers embarked Hueneme. The 1st Contingent arrived Pearl Harbor 11 Jun and the 2nd 16 Jun'44. Operating at Iroquois Pt.
- 8-29-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 8th CB - operating at Iroquois and Waipio Pts. on Oahu.

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- 10-17-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 8th CB - operating at Iroquois Pt., Waipio Pt., West Loch on Oahu. Estimated date of completion of present assignment 31 Dec'44. Report endorsed by 8th Reg.
- 10-31-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 8th CB -operating on Oahu. Secured work projects of the 94th CB on 9 Sep'44. Estimated date of completion of present assignment is 1 Dec'44. Report endorsed by 8th Regiment.
- 11-5-44 -- The 8th CB is assigned to the 8th Reg.(CNO conf. ltr Op39-2CK15-UOT over (SC)P16-5 over Ser. 01348230 to Bupers and Cincpac dtd 27 Oct'44).
- 11-15-44 -- The 8th CB assigned to the 8th Reg. under the 7th Brg. (The above entry assigned the 8th Brg. to the 9th Brg) (Comserforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/apk over Ser. 001008 to CNO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-16-44 -- The 8th CB is located at Pearl Hbr.(Com 14 Sec. disc to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
- 11-28-44 - 8th CB will not be alerted until 15 Dec'44. (Dirpacdocks 128 Sec Ser 00465 to Comserforpacflt dtd 16 Nov'44)
- 12-13-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 8th CB - Report endorsed by 8th Reg. and H.A.B.
- 1-17-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 8th CB - Location not stated. Report endorsed by 8th Regiment, 7th Brigade, and H.A.B.
- 2- 6-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 8th CB - located at Oahu. Report endorsed by 8th Reg.
- 3-16-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 8th CB - located on Oahu. On 9 Jan'45, this unit was trf'd from the jurisdiction of the 7th Brg. to that of the 9th Brg. Report endorsed by the 8th Reg.
- 5- 8-45 - Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows the 8th CB located at Iwo Jima.
- 5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 8th Reg.states that the 8th CB embarked from P.H. on 5 Feb'45 headed for Iwo Jima.

- 5-17-45 - 1 May'45 report of 8th CB - location not given. Report routed via 8th Reg & 9th Brg.
- 6- 1-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 8th Reg - The 8th CB (entire unit) embarked on 5 Feb'45 and arrived off Iwo Jima on 2 Mar'45. Personnel debarked on 3 Mar'45.
- 6- 1-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 8th Reg-- The 8th CB arrived off shore at Iwo Jima on 2 Mar'45. Personnel began coming ashore on 3 Mar'45.
- 6- 6-45 - The 8th CB is located at Iwo Jima. (IsCom Iwo Jima sec disp 031027Z Jun to CNO)
- 6-12-45 - The 8th CB available at Iwo Jima 1 Nov'45. (OinC 9th Brg sec ltr 00137 dtd 28 May'45 to Comservpac)
- 6-18-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 8th CB - located at Iwo Jima. Arrived present location on 3 Mar'45. Report routed via 8th Reg & 9th Brig.
- 8-20-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 8th CB - located at Iwo Jima. Report via 8th Reg and 9th Brg.
- 9-13-45 - 8th CB scheduled forward move. (Direastpaddock sec location report dtd 20 Aug'45)
- 9-25-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 8th CB. Located at Iwo Jima. Report via 8th Reg & 9th Brig.
- 10-19-45-- IsCom, Iwo Jima authorizes 9th Brig. to transfer 8th CB to Hiroshima. (Iscom, AAGF, APO 86 sec ltr dtd 9 Oct'45 to OinC, 9th Brig.).
- 10-23-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 8th CB - location not stated. 327 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system.
- 10-24-45 - Effective upon departure of 41st Reg. from Iwo Jima on or about 29 Sept'45 the 8, 31 & 133 CBs are detached from 41st Reg. & will act as independent units pending attachment to higher construction battalion units. (9th Brig sec ltr ser 0303 dtd 28 Sept'45 to 8, 31 & 133 CBs).
- 1-3-46 - Comservpac reqs Guam to inactivate 8th CB. (Comservpac disp 170131 Nov'45 to RDO, Guam).

Location - Iwo Jima

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- 1-30-46 - 8th CB is inactivated as of 30 Jan'46. (OinC, 5th Brig./ltr ser 016449 dtd 11 Jan'46 to OinC, 8th CB).

INACTIVATED

8th C.B.

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/3/44	Lion 6	Hueneame En Route	Burlocks memo 22 May.	Ready to depart May 18.
6/8/44	Lion 6	FRAY	Hueneame comb disp. 061531 June.	1st section for FRAY - June 4.
6/22/44	Lion 6	FRAY (P. Xarbow)	Hueneame comb. disp. 102147 June.	Departed Boit Hueneame 9 June for FRAY.
11/13	-	FRAY	Com 14 sec act disp. 062243 Nov.	7th Brig.
1/10	-	(URIK)		Code Bourde note (asid Urik)
June 11/45	-	Urik (Suw jima)	20 Com Suw jima sec. 0310272 June.	Added.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun '44	30	1049	Recap.
20 Jul '44	30		R
1 Aug '44	30	1044	MoR
1 Sep '44	31	1056	MoR
1 Oct '44	30	1022	MoR
1 Nov '44	29	975	MoR
1 Dec '44	31	956	MoR
1 Jan '45	27	1037	MoR
1 Feb '45	27	1023	MoR
1 Mar '45	27	1018	MoR
1 Apr '45	27	1017	MoR
1 May '45	27	1009	MoR
1 Jun '45	29	1001	BNP625 & R
1 Jul '45	29	963	BNP625 & R
1 Aug '45		934	BNP625
1 Sept '45	28	925	BNP625 & R
1 Oct '45	33	763	BNP625 & R
1 Nov '45	31	881	BNP625 & R
1 Dec '45	19	771	BNP625 & R
1 Jan '46	27	720	BNP625 & R

12-14-44

From the Chronological History of the 1st Brigade:

- 14 Jul'42 - 8th CB arrived Dutch Harbor from U.S.
- 1 May'43 - Det. of 79 men to Otter Point from D.H.
- 6 Jun'43 - Det. of 39 men left D.H. for U.S.
- 9 Jun'43 - Det. of 4 off. & 163 men arrived D.H. from Cold Bay.
- 7 Aug'43 - 8th CB left Dutch Harbor for U.S.

(Com 17 Sec. 1tr ND17/A12-1/L7 over 50/3b over Ser 0096 to Budocks dtd 6 Nov'44)

History

of

United States Naval Construction Battalion 8

Office of the Historian
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 January 1968

History of United States Naval Construction Battalion 8

United States Naval Construction Battalion 8 was commissioned on May 23, 1942 at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia with Lieutenant Commander Arthur W. Hefling, CEC, USNR, as officer in charge. The men had undergone boot training at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Consequently, after a short period of training and outfitting at Camp Allen, the battalion, consisting of 32 officers and 1,079 enlisted men was ready for overseas assignment.

In June the battalion was divided into three sections, boarded trains at Norfolk, and set out for a trip across the United States. On June 24, the battalion arrived at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington.

On July 9, the Seabees boarded the transport USS Chaumont, at Bremerton, sailed northward toward Alaska, and arrived at Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands on July 14.

Naval Construction Battalion 8 spent the next thirteen months in the Aleutians working on various projects. Chief among the projects was a submarine base at Dutch Harbor. The Seabees also worked on about 80 other projects, including Naval Air Facilities at Cold Bay, Otter Point, Adak and Atka. They installed a torpedo net in Adak's Kuluk Bay, and constructed Range Stations at Unalga and Hog Islands. Moreover, the 8th Battalion worked on Amaknak Island. They built a submarine base, PT-boat Base facilities, a Joint Command Post, and a dam and pipeline.

During the battalion's stay in the Aleutians, Lieutenant Commander Hefling was replaced as officer in charge by Commander Earl M. Kelly, CEC, USNR.

who reported for duty on October 4, 1942. Naval Construction Battalion 8 remained in the Aleutian chain until August 7, 1943 and then returned to Seattle, Washington on the SS Hoornachawk.

The battalion arrived at Seattle on August 13 and disembarked the next day, boarded trains, and headed for Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California. From Camp Parks the Seabees dispersed throughout the United States for thirty days leave. When the men of the battalion returned to Camp Parks, training, reoutfitting, and personnel transferring became the order of the day. While at Camp Parks, Commander William T. Powers, CEC, USNR, relieved Commander Kelly as Naval Construction Battalion 8's officer in charge. During a four-week hiatus between the departure and arrival of the two officers in charge, the executive officer, Commander William T. Aultman, CEC, USNR, acted as officer in charge.

On April 28, 1944 the battalion once again boarded trains and arrived the same day at the Advance Base Receiving Barracks, Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, California.

At Port Hueneme, the Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion 8 underwent further training, reoutfitted for a second tour of duty in the Pacific. On June 4, 1944 the first echelon, consisting of 12 officers and 737 men, boarded the SS Victory. Five days later the remainder of the battalion embarked on the USATMS Pennant. The first echelon arrived at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii on June 11, 1944 and was joined by the second echelon on June 16.

At Pearl Harbor the battalion began working on nine major construction projects in the vicinity of Iroquois Point. This included the building of housing, shop buildings, administration buildings, sewers, and water lines.

At Red Hill, Naval Construction Battalion 8 constructed a fleet post office, a record vault, and an X-ray laboratory. In addition, the 8th Seabees paved streets, laid down water and oil lines, installed power cables, and laid tracks for a narrow-gauge railway.

On February 4 and 5, 1945, Naval Construction Battalion 8 boarded four ships at Pearl Harbor and sailed for Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands. The ships arrived at Eniwetok ten days later and joined an immense convoy. The convoy left Eniwetok for the Mariana Islands and arrived there on February 18. Two days later the convoy set sail again for a rendezvous point near Iwo Jima. On March 2 the convoy with the 8th Seabees arrived before the beaches of Iwo Jima.

When Naval Construction Battalion 8 arrived at the beaches, the battle was in its third day and still raging. Small arms and artillery fire rained down on the beaches and Kamikaze planes were diving on the ships of the assault force. The battalion was scheduled to land four days after D-day, but it was unable to land until twelve days after D-day. However, twenty-six men of Naval Construction Battalion 8 landed on the initial day of the invasion to help supply the United States Marines.

The main body of the battalion landed on March 3 and spent the first night bivouacked on the beach. The next day the 8th Seabees moved to a temporary bivouac area. On March 6, eight days after the scheduled starting date, the battalion began working on its first assignment, the construction of an aviation gasoline tank farm. In spite of the late start, the 8th Seabees finished the tank farm on time.

Once they had completed the tank farm, the Seabees started on the other jobs that had been assigned to them, such as paving roads, digging

water wells, erecting buildings, and building emergency landing strips for the B-29 aircraft, which were engaged in the bombing of Japan.

One group of men of the battalion volunteered for duty in demolition work, disposing of mines and duds, neutralizing Japanese soldiers hidden in caves that had been bypassed by the United States Marines.

While employed on Iwo Jima, the battalion was subjected to Japanese sniper fire and bombing attacks in which 18 men of the battalion were wounded and 2 were killed.

The 8th Battalion remained on Iwo Jima until after the Japanese forces formally surrendered at the beginning of September 1945. On October 19, the battalion embarked from Iwo Jima under orders for duty at Hiroshima, Japan. However, upon arrival at Matsuyama Bay on the shores of the Island of Shikoku, just across the Inland Sea from Hiroshima on the Southwest part of the Island of Honshu, the battalion was diverted in its movement and ordered to Guam in the Marianas.

The battalion arrived at Guam on November 3, 1945, and was assigned to the Fifth Naval Construction Brigade. On November 15, the 8th Battalion assumed responsibility for completing several construction projects already started by Naval Construction Battalion 94.

Among the projects worked on into January 1946 were the reconversion of Base Hospital 111 into a hospital and training school for the Guamanians, the construction and beautification of roads and parks, the construction of the Tumon Bay Recreation Area, and clearing and grubbing the site for a golf course. Most of these projects were completed in

January 1946, but a few were still incomplete when Naval Construction Battalion 8 was inactivated in Guam on January 30, 1946.

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EIGHTH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California.

ITINERARY OF THE 8th U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

23 May 1942 Commissioned, NCTC, NOB, Norfolk, (Lt. Comdr. A. W. Hefling received his orders as Officer in Charge of 8th N.C.B.)

FIRST TOUR

19 June 1942 Left Norfolk for Seattle

24 June 1942 Arrived Seattle

9 July 1942 Left Seattle for Dutch Harbor (U.S.S. Chaumont)

14 July 1942 Arrived Dutch Harbor

After arriving at Dutch Harbor the 8th N.C.B. worked on 78 separately listed projects in the Amakmak (Dutch Harbor) vicinity and on projects on 8 outposts extending from Cold Bay on the east to Adak on the west. On all the outpost projects, except one, 8th N.C.B. officers and men landed on undeveloped beach heads under extreme conditions where no shelter or housing existed. Major projects handled by 8th N.C.B. on Amakmak Island include: South Amakmak housing, Submarine Base construction, P.T. Base facilities and Joint Command Post.

7 August 1942 Boarded ship at Dutch Harbor (U.S.S. Mornachawk)

8 August 1942 Left Dutch Harbor for Seattle

13 August 1942 Arrived Seattle

14 August 1942 Left Seattle for Camp Parks

15 August 1942 Arrived Camp Parks

SECOND TOUR

26 April 1944 Left Camp Parks for Port Huenehne

29 April 1944 Arrived ABRB Port Huenehne

4 June 1944 12 Officers, 757 Men left Port Huenehne for Pearl Harbor (S.S. Cape Victory)

9 June 1944 18 Officers, 300 Men left Port Huenehne for Pearl Harbor (U.S.A.T.M.S. Pennant)

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11 June 1944 1st echelon arrived Pearl Harbor

16 June 1944 2nd echelon arrived Pearl Harbor

While at Pearl Harbor the 8th N.C.B. worked on 15 projects in the vicinity of Iroquois Point, nine of them being major construction, and 21 projects in the Navy Yard vicinity, including the large Mail Concentration Center - Halawa Stream development and emergency sewer construction.

4 - 5 February 1945 Boarded ships at Pearl Harbor:

S.S. Dashing Wave	- 18 Officers, 669 Men
S.S. Sea Runner	- 4 " 214 "
S.S. Cape Georgia	- 3 " 73 "
S. S. Cape Stephens	- 2 " 31 "

6 February 1945 Left Pearl Harbor for Iwo Jima - all echelons

2 March 1945 Arrived anchorage at Iwo Jima - all echelons

3 March 1945 Landed at Iwo Jima

Bivouaced on beach first night, then moved to temporary bivouac area. Started construction initial fuel storage tanks for avgas on 6 March 1945.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

W. E. Powers

W. E. POWERS,
C-1st. USN, USNR
In Charge.

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ITINERARY OF THE 8TH U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (CONT)

11 Jun 1944 - 1st echelon arrived Pearl Harbor

16 Jun 1944 - 2nd echelon arrived Pearl Harbor

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NOTE: This itinerary has been checked and authenticated by the Officer in Charge of the 8th Naval Construction Battalion.

Date: 15 Oct 1945

Naval Construction Battalion 8

World War II

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- 28 Apr 44 The battalion departed Camp Parks by train for the Advance Base Receiving Barracks, Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, California.
- 29 Apr 44 The battalion arrived at Port Hueneme where they underwent further training and reoutfitting for a tour of duty in the Pacific Ocean area.

- 4-9 Jun 44 The battalion departed Port Hueneme for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
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- 6 Feb 45 The personnel of NCB 8 boarded four ships at Pearl Harbor and sailed for Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.
- 19 Feb 45 D-day at Iwo Jima.
- 3 Mar 45 The battalion landed at Iwo Jima. Their first project, after landing, was construction of a temporary fuel storage tank system. After that they paved roads, dug water wells, erected buildings and built emergency landing strips for B-29 aircraft.
- 19 Oct 45 NCB 8 departed Iwo Jima for Hiroshima, Japan. However, when the battalion arrived at Matsuyama Bay, they were ordered to Guam, Marianas, instead.
- 3 Nov 45 The 8th Battalion arrived at Guam. On Guam, the battalion converted Base Hospital III into a hospital and training school for the Guamanians, constructed roads and parks, built the Tumon Bay Recreation Area, and cleared a site for a golf course.
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Officers in Charge

Lieutenant Commander Arthur W. Hefling, CEC, USNR	19 Jun 1942 – 04 Oct 1942
Commander Earl M. Kelly, CEC, USNR	04 Oct 1942 – 08 Feb 1944
Lieutenant Commander W. W. Aultman, CEC, USNR	08 Feb 1944 – 07 Mar 1944
Commander William T. Powers, CEC, USNR	07 Mar 1944 – 06 Sep 1945
Lieutenant Commander W. W. Aultman, CEC, USNR	06 Sep 1945 - 15 Nov 1945
Lieutenant Commander C. W. Palmer, CEC, USNR	15 Nov 1945 – 05 Jan 1946
Lieutenant Commander Gerald B. Briggs, CEC, USNR	05 Jan 1946 – 15 Jan 1946
Lieutenant Commander John H. Hancock, CEC, USNR	15 Jan 1946 – 30 Jan 1946



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