

56th Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



Location - Guam

56th C.B.

- 11- 1-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 56th CB - operating on north end of Guam. Report endorsed by the 26th Reg.
- 11-11-44 -- The 56th CB is located at Guam. (Is. Com. Sec. airmailgram to CMO 011201 NCR 14731 dtd 6 Nov'44).
- 11-30-44 -- The 56th CB is operating at Guam. (1 Nov'44 monthly report of 56th CB).
- 1-1-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 56th CB - located on north end of Guam; camp site is east of Tuman Bay. Report endorsed by 26th Regiment.
- 1-25-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 56th CB - operating on northern end of Guam. Report endorsed by 26th Regiment.
- 1-30-45 - The 56th CB is located North of Agana on Guam. (5th Brg. War Diary 1 Dec thru 31 Dec'44).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 56th CB - located on Guam. Report endorsed by 26th Reg.
- 3-29-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 56th CB - location not given.
- 4-10-45 - The 56th CB is located N of Agana (Guam) (5th Brg. War Diary 1 Feb to 28 Feb'45).
- 4-12-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 56th CB - located on north end of Guam. Camp is located along Road #1 south of Tuman Bay.
- 4-16-45 - The 56th CB is located N. of Agana and is attached to the 26th Reg. (5th Brg War Diary of 1 Apr'45)
- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 56th CB - located at Guam. Report routed via 26th Reg and 5th Brg.
- 5-22-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 26th Reg - the 56th CB is attached to the 26th Reg. 200 men from 56th CB left on rotation leave & 100 replacements were received aboard during Apr'45.
- 6-18-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 26th Reg and 5th Brg.

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- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 26th Reg & 5th Brig.
- 8-20-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 26th Reg states that the 56th CB received 64 men as replacements during Jun'45 and 73 men were returned to the U.S. for rotation leave. 10 men were discharged for overage.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 26th Reg and 5th Brg. Projects dispersed over the north end of Guam.
- 9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 56th CB. Located at Guam. Report via 26th Reg & 5th Brig.
- 9-20-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 26th Reg. 51 replacements rec'd during Aug. 59 men rotated during Aug. 27 men discharged for over-age.
- 10-8-45 - The following units are to report to 40th Reg. - 25th, 48th, 56th, 72nd & 94th CBs on 20 Sept'45. (OinC, 5th Brig. ltr ser 10606 dtd 19 Sept'45 to above units via 26th Reg.).
- 10-17-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 56th CB - location not stated. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brg.
- 11-20-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 12-19-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 1-28-46 - 1 Jan'46 report of 56th CB - located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 3-5-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of 56th CB - Located at Guam. Report via 35th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 4-11-46 - Comservpac orders 5th Brig. to inactivate 56th CB. (Comservpac disp 102352 April to RDO Guam).
- 4-29-46 - 56th CB inactivated as of 30 April 1946. (5th Brig. conf ltr ser 1049 to OinC dtd 11 Apr 1946).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Jun '44	33		MoR
1 Jul '44		1044	BNP625
1 Aug '44	32	1042	R & BNP 625
1 Sep '44	33	1070	MoR
1 Oct '44	32	1064	MoR
1 Nov '44	32	1060	MoR
1 Jan '45	32	1058	MoR
1 Feb '45	31	1035	MoR
1 Mar '45	26	1042	MoR
1 Apr '45	25	1045	MoR
1 May '45			
1 Jun '45	23	942	BNP625 & R
1 Jul '45	22	907	BNP625
1 Aug '45	24		Roster
1 Sept '45		860	BNP625
1 Oct '45	28		R
1 Nov '45	40	878	BNP625 & R
1 Dec '45	35	1000	BNP625 & R
1 Jan '46	34	975	BNP625 & R
1 Feb '46	35	1334	BNP625 & R
1 Mar '46	28		R

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Notes</u>
5/31/44	-	Oahu, Ewee	-	Left U.S. March 1943
9/18	-	Huam	C.B. report 1 September	
1/10	-	PuVA (Huam)	as Com Huam sec act disp. O 11801 Nov.	

CHRONOLOGY 56TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

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6—before returning to Camp Endicott at Davisville, R. I., Dec. 9. The Battalion sailed for England June 16, 1944, arriving at Plymouth July 1. From Aug. 11 to Sept. 10, a detachment of four officers and 33 men were on duty with COMUS-BASFRANCE. From Aug. 12 to Oct. 5, one officer and 31 men were on duty at COUSNAAB at Falmouth. From Aug. 26 to Sept. 15, one officer and 71 men were on duty at USNAF at Dunkeswell. First echelon of five officers and 56 men reported at USNAB 11, Omaha Beach, France, for duty on Oct. 9, the main body of 69th following on Oct. 14. The unit returned to Plymouth, England Nov. 13 and sent detachments to Vicarage, Southampton, Falmouth, Exeter and Dunkeswell, England, and Rosneath, Scotland, for temporary duty during the Nov. 1944-April 1945 period. In April, 1945, the first echelon of the 69th, preceded by four small detachments, logged out for CTF 126, and last reported activity of the 69th.

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NOTE: Certified to be correct
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- 30 Nov 1945 ----- Still on Guam.

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