

108th Naval Construction Battalion

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Information*



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



108th CB

- 10-20-44 - When directed by proper authority the 108th CB to be detached from the 13th Reg. (Comphibukay conf. disp to 13th Reg. and 108th CB 121605A WCR 19609 Oct'44).
- 10-30-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 108th CB - Departed from Tilbury in Sep. under orders to Teignmouth. Report endorsed by 13th Regiment.
- 10-31-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of the 13th Reg. - The 108th CB completed its assignment at Tilbury and about 25 Sep'44, the majority of the battalion personnel moved on orders to Teignmouth to await further orders.
- 11-16-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 108th CB - Batt was stationed at Teignmouth, Eng. during the first part of Oct'44, which time was spent in preparation for the return of the batt to U.S. Batt sailed from U.K. on 18 Oct'44 and debarked at Boston, Mass. on 25 Oct'44, arriving at Endicott on the same day. 27 off. 883 men.
- 12-1-44 -- Supers ltr Pers-10121A-CEC(108)/lm to Davisville dtd 1 Dec'44 requests that the 108th CB be inactivated and all officers and men thereof be made available for other assignment.

INACTIVATED

108th C.B.

Note: 97th CB - 2nd Sect. old card
will be found under this card.

Formed from the 97th CB, 2nd Sect. at Roseneath and Netley, Eng. approx 1 May'44.

- 5-19-44 - Officers reassigned from the 97th CB, 2nd Sect., forming the 108th CB by Eudocks ltr A-4 to Supers dtd 1 May'44.
- 6- 8-44 - 108th CB is distributed at Selsey (hdqtrs), Richborough, Isle of Wight, Netley, Plymouth, London, Southampton, Base 2. (25th Reg. Daily Report dtd 30 Apr'44)
- 8-15-44 - 108th CB rode over with PHOENIXES, pierheads and bridging to OMAHA on D-Day and installed those units. Are now engaged approximately equally between OMAHA and U.K. Those men on Far Shore will be assigned to other units in France including a group of about 140 men to operate the WHALES at WATSON, and those on the near shore will be assigned to the 13th Reg. for maintenance duties. (ComNavEu sec. memo to Adm. H. R. Stark dtd 25 Jul'44).
- 8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 108th CB - location not stated.
- 9- 2-44 - 25th Reg. 1 Jul'44 report - the 108th CB was assigned duties salvaging the pierheads and bridge trains on Omaha Beach. The unit completed duty with the 25th Reg. on 17 Jul'44. A detachment remained at Beach Omaha and was detached on 29 Jul'44, returning to the U.K. resuming regular duties.
- 10-10-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 108th CB - operating at Tilbury, Eng. On 3 Aug'44, the off. and men who were on duty in France returned to Heathfield and then proceeded to Tilbury where they arrived on 8 Aug'44; remainder of batt, including the hdqtrs., also moved from Selsey, Eng. to Tilbury. Entire batt now operating as a unit at Tilbury for the first time since its organization in April 1944. Project at Tilbury about 39% complete as of 31 Aug.
- 10-18-44 -- 108th CB scheduled to return to U.S. with 27 off. and 900 men about 20 Oct'44. (CNO-Sec.-disp.-071555-WCR-8819-dtd-7-Oct'44-to-Comservee,-Parks (ComnavEu Sec. disp. 071413 WCR 7672 to CNO dtd 7 Oct'44).

6/3/44	-	Plymouth, Bournemouth, Netley, England.	Auditors report July	Left U.S. O.S. 11/40.
8/4/44	-	13th Regt. N.Y.	Com base France conf disp. July 17/1908.	Det'd 25th Regt (France) report 13th Regt (N.Y.)
10/9	-	" (N.S.)	Com base Eu sec disp. Oct 07 1413. + CNO 091911 Oct	Return U.S. about 20 Oct. Report Davisville.
10/17	-	" (N.S.)	Com base 4 X09 Conf 111051 Oct.	proceed U.S. when directed by proper authority.
11/30	-	Davisville	Auditors memo Nov 25.	returned 25 10/25 ready 2/15 - led marked Lion 8.
12/20	-	Inactivated	C B report	1 December.

108th C.E.

The 108th CB was formed from the 97th CB, 2nd Sec. which left ABD Davisville 20 Oct '43 for Roseneath, Scotland.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun '44	32	804	Recap.
1 Aug '44	28	950	MoR
1 Sep '44	30	965	MoR
1 Oct '44	30	950	MoR
1 Nov '44	26	885	MoR

108th Construction Battalion (INACTIVATED)

108TH BATTALION

The original 108th Battalion was formed at Camp Peary in August 1943. On Aug. 30 it was moved to Gulfport for duty until Dec. 13. On that date the outfit moved back to Peary and was inactivated. In July 1943 the 97th Battalion was split into Section One and Section Two at Camp Endicott. On Oct. 20, 1943, both sections were shipped overseas from Davisville and landed at Rosneath, Scotland. From December 1943 to March 1944 the outfit operated at Rosneath, Plymouth and Netley. In April the 97th was redesignated as the 108th Battalion. On June 6 (D-Day) the outfit took part in the Normandy invasion. On Aug. 3, the outfit moved to Tilbury, England, and on Oct. 18, 1944, sailed from Teignmouth bound for home. The Battalion reported at Davisville, R. I., on Oct. 25. It was inactivated at Davisville Dec. 1, 1944.

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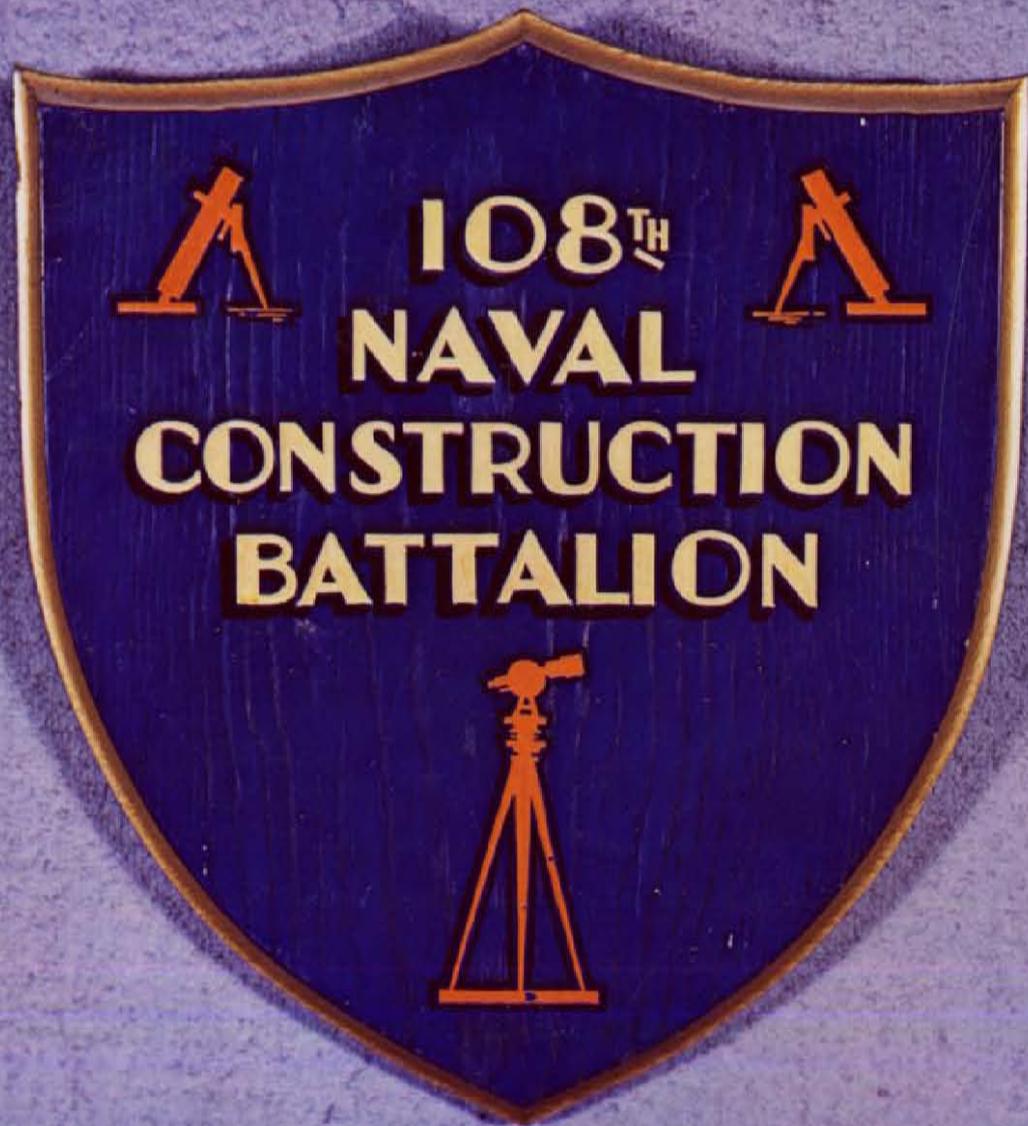
Aug 43 Formed at NCEC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.
30 Aug 43 Departed NCEC, Camp Peary.
31 Aug 43 Arrived ABD, Gulfport, Miss.
16 Dec 43 Departed ABD, Gulfport for NCEC, Camp Peary where subject unit was inactivated to form other units.

Itinerary of the 97th Construction Battalion 2nd Section (Later re-designated as the 108th Construction Battalion.)

Jul 43 97th CB split into the 97th CB 1st and 2nd Sections at NCEC, Davisville, R. I.
1 Aug 43 Moved to ABDRB, Davisville, R. I.
20 Oct 43 Departed ABDRB, Davisville.
Oct 43 Arrived Rosneath, Scotland - date of arrival is unknown.
Dec 43 Operated at Rosneath and Plymouth during this month.
Jan 44 Operated at Rosneath and Plymouth.
Feb 44 Operated at Rosneath, Plymouth and Netley.
Mar 44 Operated at Rosneath and Netley.
Apr 44 The 97th CB 2nd Section re-designated as the 108th C.B.
Apr 44 Operated at Selsey, Richborough, Isle of Wight, Netley, Plymouth, London, Southampton and Rosneath.
6 Jun 44 Participated in the invasion of France (part of batt remained at Selsey).
3 Aug 44 The officers and men that were on duty in France returned to Heathfield and proceeded to Tilbury arriving 8 Aug 1944; remainder of batt at Selsey also moved to Tilbury.
Sep 44 Moved to Teignmouth.
18 Oct 44 Departed Teignmouth for U. S.
25 Oct 44 Arrived U. S. and reported to NCEC, Davisville the same date.
1 Dec 44 Inactivated at NCEC, Davisville on or about this date.

NOTE: This information is based upon the records available in the C. B. Operations Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

16 Oct 1945,



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