

129th Naval Construction Battalion

*Historical
Information*



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



Date	Organization	Location	Reference
6/3/44	-	Pearl Harbor	Left U.S. Feb. 1944
11/15	-	Oahu FRAY	Com 14 sec act diag. 060609 July.
1/19	-	FRAY (2nd Brig)	Com 14 sec act 2nd Brig diag. 062243 Nov.
2/7	-	-	Com 14 sec act diag. 061001 Feb. - <i>delivered by lifted from Pearl Harbor</i> Com 14 sec act Ready Fray 15 Feb. diag. 061947 Feb.
5/22	-	(Com 14)	Com 14 sec act deleted Fray - 2nd diag. 140159 May. Brig.
8/31	-	-	Samar sec present plans to 300727 Aug leave intact.

129th C.B.

- NOTC - Peary
- ABD - Davisville
- Ready Date - 25 Feb'44
- Left ABD - 23 Feb'44
- Location - ~~Pearl Harbor~~
Leyte-Samar

LOG

- 10-14-43 - CMO orders transfer of the 129th CB about 21 Oct'43 to ABD Davisville. (Conf. Disp. 141505 NCR 6232 from CMO to Peary dtd 14 Oct'43)
- 2-25-44 - 129th CB left ABD 23 Feb'44. (AWS)
- 4-14-44 - 129th CB reported to 3rd Regiment 16 Mar'44. (5th end. by 3rd Reg. dtd 16 Mar'44 on Camp Thomas ltr NT4-55/(60) epw, Ser #328 dtd 19 Feb'44 to Cinc 129th CB)
- 5-12-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of 129th CB - operating at Waiawa Gulch, Honolulu Keehi Lagoon (NAS), and Moanalua Ridge, all on Oahu.
- 6-27-44 - 1 May'44 report of 129th CB - operating at NAS Honolulu, (Keehi Lagoon), Moanalua, and Kewalo Basin, Honolulu.
- 7- 6-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of 129th CB - operating at Keehi Lagoon and Moanalua Ridge.
- 8-11-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of 129th CB - no indication of exact location - in P.H. area.
- 8-30-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of 129th CB - operating at NAS Honolulu at Keehi Lagoon, Oahu.
- 10- 7-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of 129th CB - operating at NAS Honolulu at Keehi Lagoon, Oahu.
- 11-15-44 - The 129th CB is assigned to the 3rd Reg. (Comserforpacflt Sec. ltr 55-CKW/abk over Ser. 001008 to CMO dtd 4 Nov'44).
- 11-16-44 - The 129th CB is located at Pearl Har. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CM 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).

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- 11-20-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of 129th CB - operating at Keehi Lagoon, Oahu.
- 12-28-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 129th CB - located at Oahu. Report endorsed by 3rd Regiment.
- 1-11-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of 129th CB - Copy of letter of commendation from the OinC Pacific Fleet Radar Center states that the construction project at the Fighter Direction and Radar Training Annex at NAS, Honolulu, which was assigned to the 129th CB, was completed on 14 Oct'44.
- 2- 7-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 129th CB - located at Oahu. Report endorsed by the 3rd Regiment.
- 2-13-45 - 2nd Brg. Sec. ltr Ser. 091 dtd 27 Jan'45 to the OinC 129th CB - ordered to proceed on ships to a verbally designated place in the Pacific Area. Upon arrival to report to the 2nd Brg. for duty.
- 2-13-45 -- The 129th CB is available from Pearl for assignment to Samar. (CNO Sec. ltr to distribution list Ser. 0039230 dtd 3 Feb'45).
- 2-13-45 -- Comserv7flt desires to lift the 129th CB from Pearl in Feb'45. (Comserv7flt Sec. disp 061001 to Com7flt dtd 8 Feb'45).
- 2-17-45 -- The 129th CB is located at Pearl Hbr. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 081016 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 129th CB - located with HANCB and 3rd Reg.
- 3-5-45 -- Dirpadocks San Fran ordered to outfit the 129th CB (Cincpoa) with a waterfront allowance. (Comservpac Sec. disp to Dirpadocks San Fran 020059 Mar'45).
- 3-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 3rd Reg. - A detachment of 13 men were tr'd to tempdu with the 42nd CB for service with advance party of a forward movement of that batt.
- 4- 9-45 - Personnel and equip. of the 129th CB ETD 29 Mar'45. (Cincpoa Pearl Sec Disp to CNO 310153 Mar'45)

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- 4-17-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 129th CB - located at NAS Honolulu, Keehi Lagoon, Oahu. A draft of 153 men has been temp attached to Batt to be taken to forward area for further distribution to Batts in the 2nd and 7th Brgs. A detachment of 4 off. and 217 men were sent to Samar on 28 Mar'45 and has been assigned temp duty with the 3rd Reg. pending arrival of their batt in the advanced base.
- 4-30-45 - Comservfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows the 129th CB ordered from P.H. to Leyte-Samar area.
- 5- 8-45 - The 129th CB is shown located on Samar. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 129th CB - location not given. Report routed via the 3rd Reg and 2nd Brg.
- 5-17-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of 3rd Reg. - as of 1 Mar'45 the 3rd Reg. was comprised of the 64th, 126th & 129th CBs.
- 5-21-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 129th CB - location not given. End. by 3rd Reg. & 2nd Brg.
- 5-23-45 - The 129th CB deleted from 14th ND activities. (Com14 sec disp 140159 May'45 to CNO)
- 6-6-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 3rd Reg. states that Co"D" with 4 officers & 217 men constitute the 1st sect. of the 129th CB departed Hawaiian Area 29 Mar'45 & arrived Leyte Gulf area on 17 Apr'45. The 2nd Echelon consisting of 24 officers & 921 men departed Hawaiian Area on 27 Apr'45 & are expected to arrive Leyte Gulf area about the middle of May'45.
- 6-13-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 3rd Reg. - Balance of the 129th CB, 921 men and 24 off., departed ~~departed~~ old station on 27 Apr and arrived Leyte-Samar on 17 May. Batt took up temp quarters on Tubabao Is. The 129th CB detached from the 3rd Reg. on 28 May'45.
- 6-15-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of 129th CB - Arrived Leyte-Samar area in May'45. Report routed via 12th Reg & 2nd Brig.

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- 6-27-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 12th Reg states that the 129th CB is in the process of moving to a new location & should be settled in a few days.
- 7-16-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 129th CB - located in Samar area. Report via 12th Reg and 2nd Brig.
- 7-27-45 - The 129th CB is attached to the 12th Reg and 2nd Brg. Located at Guiuan, Samar, constructing camp facilities and RecSta, Tubaboa. (CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June)
- 8-13-45 - The 129th CB is assigned to the Olympic Operation. (Com7flt conf report on CB organization in Leyte-Samar area ser 04296 dtd 26 July to CNO)
- 8-14-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of the 129th CB - located at Samar. Report via the 12th Reg and 2nd Brg.
- 8-23-45 - CBD 1066 reported this date (no date given). Further report to the OinC, 129th CB. (OinCC, Navy 3149 Sec end ser 002371 to OinC, CBD 1066).
- 8-31-45 - Remove from alerted status my 192321 July of higher classification following CB units:-CBs 91, 129 & 142. Desire to inactivate following units:-CBs 91, 129 & 142. (Comservpac sec spdltr ser 272049 Aug'45 to Com7thFlt).
- 9-24-45 - Present plans to leave CBs., 91, 129 & 142nd CBs intact, will nominate other units for inactivation in near future. (OinC, Comdr Samar sec disp 300727 Aug'45 to ComConstTroops, Philseafon).
- 9-28-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 129th CB - located in Samar area. Report via 34th Reg. & 7th Brig.
- 10-10-45 - CBD 1063 is to be inactivated. OinC & pers of CBD 1063 are to be transferred to 129th CB. Inform Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 05512 dtd 5 Oct'45 to CCT, Philseafon).

Location - Leyte-Samar129th CB

- 10-29-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 129th CB - located in Samar. Report via 34th Reg. & 7th Brg.
- 11-30-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of 129th CB - located in Samar. Report via 34th Reg. & 7th Brig.
- 12-7-45 - Comservpac reqs Comphilseafon to inactivate 129th CB. (Comservpac restr disp 060115 Dec'45 to Comphilseafon).
- 1-29-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of 129th CB - location not stated. Report via 34th Reg. & 7th Brg.
- 3-11-46 - 129th CB inactivated during period 31 January to 1 March 1946 - exact date not given. (Comservpac 022110 Disp March 1946).

INACTIVATED

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEM</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	31	1068	Recap.
1 Aug'44	31	1066	MoR
1 Sep'44	32	1073	MoR
30 Sep'44		1072	Recap
1 Oct'44	32	1072	MoR
1 Nov'44	31	1018	MoR
1 Dec'44	31	1008	MoR
1 Jan'45	31	1013	MoR
1 Feb'45	31 - 29	984 - 996	MoR <i>more.</i>
1 Mar'45	29	1145	MoR
1 May'45	29	1138	MoR
1 Jun'45	29	1135	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	31	1029	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	31	980	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45		1015	BNP625
1 Oct'45	24	878	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	36	726	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	21	324	BNP625 & R

129th Construction Battalion (INACTIVATED)

129TH BATTALION

After activation at Camp Peary and further training at Endicott, the 129th NCB moved to Oahu, arriving April 1, 1944. It supplied a detachment of men for temporary duty in a forward movement, and March 28, 1945, a detachment was surveying for an advance of the 129th itself to the Philippines. The Battalion reached the Leyte-Samar area in April and May, and at the war's end, it was operating in that area.

RESTRICTED

DECLASSIFIED

PLAIN

ITINERARY OF THE 129TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

- 20 Oct. 1943 Transferred from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia to Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I.
- 23 Feb. 1944 Left for Pearl Harbor. Date of arrival unknown.
- 1 Apr. 1944 Operating on Oahu.
- 1 Feb. 1945 On or about this date 13 men transferred to the 42nd Construction Battalion for temporary duty for service with advance party of a forward movement of that battalion.
- 28 Mar. 1945 A detachment of 4 officers and 217 men sent to Samar for temporary duty pending movement of battalion to that area.
- 17 Apr. 1945 Above detachment arrived Leyte Gulf.
- 27 Apr. 1945 Remainder of battalion left Pearl Harbor.
- 17 May 1945 Arrived Leyte Gulf.
- 1 Sept. 1945 Operation in Leyte-Samar area.

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NOTE: This itinerary based on records available in C.B. Operations and Personnel Section of Bureau of Naval Personnel.

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