

# Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1029

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*Historical  
Information*



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



Det. 1029

NOTC - Peary  
ABD - Hueneme  
Ready Date - 15 Dec'43  
Left ABD - 11 Dec'43  
Location - Espiritu Santo

LOG

- 12- 2-43 - Det. 1029 arrived Hueneme from Camp Peary. (Restr Disp 012345 dtd 2 Dec'43 from ABD Huen to Budocks et al)  
3- 3-44 - Det. 1029 arrived at Espiritu Santo 3 Jan'44. (1 Feb'44 no report)  
4-28-44 - 1 Apr'44 report of Det. 1029 - located at Espiritu Santo.  
6- 2-44 - 1 May'44 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu. 5 off. and 200 enl. men have been detached to 2nd Brg. as it is considered that remaining personnel adequate to continue operations. (Comseronsopacfor 2nd end on subj report dtd 17 May)  
6-22-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of Det. 1029 - located at Espiritu Santo.  
8- 3-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of Det. 1029 - located at Espiritu Santo.  
9- 7-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu Santo.  
10-13-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.  
11-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu Santo.  
12-12-44 - Det. 1029 located at Espiritu Santo. (CNB Santo Sec Disp to Comseronsopac 012231 dtd 9 Dec'44)  
12-18-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu Santo.  
2-13-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of Det. 1029 - operating at Espiritu Santo.  
2-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of Det. 1029 - located at Espiritu Santo.

CBD 1029

- 3-17-45 - CBD 1029 is scheduled for duty in the Sopac area or forward area for some time and it is proposed by Comseronsopac that this unit be held in the field and that rehabilitation be accomplished on the rotation program. (Comseronsopac Sec. ltr Ser. 00256 to Comserforpac dtd 6 Mar'45).  
4- 4-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of Det. 1029 - operating the ACEPD at Espiritu Santo. Arrived at this location 3 Jan'44.  
-24-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of Det. 1029 - operating the ACEPD at Espiritu Santo.  
5- 9-45 - Det. 1029 located at Espiritu Santo. To be assigned Samar 1 May'45. (Dirpacdock S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)  
5-22-45 - 1 May'45 report of Det. 1029 - operating ACEPD at Espiritu Santo.  
6-29-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of Det. 1029 - Operating ACEPD at Espiritu Santo. 6 offers reported for duty during May'45.  
7-25-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of Det. 1029 - operating ACEPD at Espiritu Santo. 8 men and 3 offcres were detached from this unit during Jun'45. 21 men were received from Rec. Ship, Espiritu Santo for duty on 26 Jun'45 and 13 more men will be received the first two weeks in Jul'45.  
8- 3-45 - Your approval is requested to inactivate CBD 1029 approx 1 Sep. (Comservpac conf disp ser 04052 dtd 20 July to Cincpac)  
8-9-45 - Cincpac approves inactivation of CBD 1029. (Cincpac conf spdltr ser 031450 dtd 27 July to Comservpac)  
8-11-45 - Inactivate CBD 1029 approx 15 August. Transfer all enl personnel who will have been overseas cont for 21 mos as of 1 Sep fagtrans to nearest W.C. RecSta for leave and reassignment. Transfer bal enl personnel to the 5th Brg Guam. Inform Comservpac and all info addressees when inactivation completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 04356 dtd 1 Aug to Comsopac)

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8-31-45 - CBD 1029 inactivated 19 Aug '45. (Conseronsopac conf disp 3005-41 Aug '45 to Comservpac).

9-03-45 - 1 Aug '45 report of CBD 1029. Located at Espiritu Santo.

9-17-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBD 1029. Located at Espiritu Santo. 223 men transferred to U.S. for leave & reassignment. 42 men transferred to other units.

INACTIVATED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>		<u>AUTHORITY</u>
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	
1 Jul'44	12	265	MoR
1 Aug'44	10	266	BNP625 & MoR
1 Sep'44	10	263	BNP625 & MoR
1 Oct'44	9	263	MoR
1 Nov'44	9	262	MoR
1 Jan'45	10	254	MoR
1 Feb'45	10	255	MoR
1 Mar'45	10	249	MoR
1 Apr'45	9	249	MoR
1 May'45	8		R
1 Jun'45	13		Roster
1 Jul'45	12		R
1 Aug'45	9		R

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/20/44	-	Espiritu Santo EBO-N	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. Dec. 1943
7/12	-	Es. Santo (Ebon)	Common Base Santo sec act dep. 012981 Dec.	
7/16	-	-	Depot act AC-052044 Feb.	
8/1/45	-	-	Santo sec 310514 Aug	Ordered to close operations & discontinue for forward move, delete Ebon
7/22	-	-	Es. Santo sec 240236 Aug	



U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1029 was established for the purpose of setting up and operating an advance base depot to store and issue parts for automotive and construction equipment. It was the first of several organized units to leave the United States for various Pacific bases with the special task of supplying spare parts for forward area operations.

The Detachment was formed at Camp Peary, Virginia, and was commissioned on November 22, 1943. With fifteen officers and four hundred and ninety men under the command of Lt.-Comdr. W. W. Davis, Ten Twenty-Nine sailed out of Port Hueneme, California, on December 12 bound for their overseas "Island X"



Experiencing an uneventful trip, the good ship NAOS crossed the equator on December 23 and arrived at its destination . . . the island of Espiritu Santo . . . on January 3, 1944.

As this chronicle of events is compiled, it is one year later . . . and 1029 is still on the isle of Santo. A little worn and scarred — and minus a goodly number of the original contingent but still carrying on. Out of the trials and tribulations of this pioneer group have evolved many improvements in overseas parts supply.

But the battle is not yet over . . . the history of 1029 has not yet been completed. We close these pages as of a year later . . . much has happened . . . but the final chapter is yet to be written. Today, on Santo -- and on the morrow — who can tell . . .

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- 26 Oct 1943 - Formed at NUTC, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.  
25 Nov 1943 - Departed NUTC, Camp Peary.  
1 Dec 1943 - Arrived ADRB, Port Hueneme, Calif.  
11 Dec 1943 - Departed ADRB, Port Hueneme, Calif., for overseas.  
3 Jan 1944 - Arrived Espiritu Santo.  
1 May 1945 - Still located at Espiritu Santo.

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

1 May 1945



**NO  
LOGO  
AVAILABLE**







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