

# Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1040

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## *Historical Information*



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



- 8-15-44 - Platoon 5 of Det. 1040 with Lt. Hardison in charge ordered to report to CO of USS LST 32 for tempdu (OinC Det 1040 conf ltr 1040 CBD/P16-4(11) over 0832-2/844 over Ser 261 over HCW/me dtd 2 Aug'44 to Lt. Hardison.
- 8-21-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of Det. 1040 - 6 platoons are on temp du in Salerno-Naples area. 7 platoons are on temp duty at an unknown location.
- 9-21-44 - Detachment of 1 off. and 28 men ordered back to Det. 1040 at Bizerte. (Conf ltr 1040CBDet/P16-4(11) over Ser 0815-12/944 over Ser 304/HCH/ms)
- 10-11-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of Det. 1040 - 6 platoons working in the combat area relieving the 120th CB detachment from 30 Apr'44 to date; also preparing LSTs in the Naples-Salerno area for Causeways. Anticipate the detachment of the platoons the 2nd week (Cont. on following card)

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- 10-11-44 - in Aug. 7 Platoons are temporarily detached aboard LSTs as Causeway Platoons. Hdqtrs Co. - 1 off. and 50 men at Bizerte; 26 men at Naples-Salerno area.
- 10-25-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of Det. 1040 - Comprised of 18 Platoons which were detached from LST's on 15 Aug'44, D-Day, in assault area of Southern France. Platoons 2,3,5, & 7 ordered to Marseille on 26 Aug'44; Exec and Platoons 4,9,11,14,17, ordered to Toulon on 31 Aug'44. OinC returned to Naples, Italy 10 Sep'44 from the assault area after having been on temporary duty with CTF 87 since 9 Aug'44. OinC states that it is understood that 5 men are under the command of the CO AATB Bizerte, but that this will be checked. Hdqtrs Co. is at Naples-Salerno area.
- 11-13-44 -- The personnel of CBMU 579 and Det. 1005 have been overseas 19 months. It is recommended that these units return to the U.S. and be replaced by a CBMU and a 10 pontoon causeway and assembly detachment made up from Det. 1040. All the above units are now at Bizerte. (Com8flt conf. disp to CNO 091530 NCR 7399 dtd 10 Nov'44).
- 11-15-44 - CNO orders CBMU 579 and Det. 1005 returned to Davisville. CBD 1040 will serve as replacements. Designate part as CBD 1040 and the remainder as CBMU 626. (CNO conf. disp to Com8flt 111933 NCR 3370 dtd 12 Nov'44).
- 11-23-44 -- CBD 1040 is located at Bizerte. (Comphibs 8th Flt Sec. disp to CNO 301720 dtd 28 Nov'44).
- 12-8-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of Det. 1040 - Personnel ret'd to AATB Bizerte from Southern France and Italy.
- 12-16-44 - Det. 1040 with 15 off. and 226 men, are available now for release from this theater. Unless otherwise directed will return them to Davisville. Remaining detachment will consist of 5 Causeway Platoons plus hdqtrs. (Com8flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 131034A dtd 14 Dec'44)

- 12-16-44 - Authority granted to transfer available officers and men of Det. 1040 as a unit to NCTC Davisville. (Com8flt Sec. Disp. to ComPhib8flt (Ops) 131322A dtd 14 Dec)
- 12-23-44 - Platoon 9 of Det. 1040<sup>(3 companies)</sup> ordered to proceed to NOB Oran, Algeria for temporary duty. (Conf. ltr. from Act. OinC 1450-11/1244 over Ser 461 over WEB/ja dtd 11 Dec)
- 12-27-44 - <sup>part of</sup> Det. 1040 ordered to proceed to NCTC Davisville upon receipt of orders and when directed by proper authority. (OinC ltr 1040 CBD/P16-3(59) over 2030-13/1244 over Ser 468 over HDD/ja dtd 13 Dec'44 to J.W.Pollock)
- 12-30-44 - 1 Dec'44 report of Det. 1040 - 6 officers and 97 men on temp. detached duty aboard LSTs from 9 Nov'44 to date of report. 10 men transferred to CBMU 566 on 5 Nov'44. 7 officers and 250 men were transferred and made into CBMU 626 on 17 Nov'44. Took over duties of Det. 1005.
- 12-30-44 - Com8flt Sec. disp to ComPhib8flt 221434 dtd 23 Dec'44 - transfer the officers and men of CBMU 626 on or about 1 Jan'45 to NOB Oran as replacements for CBMU 513 and 578. Retain men for special requirements and incorporate these men into CBD 1040.
- 1-15-45 - <sup>MAILED</sup> CBD 1040 reported to NCTC Davisville with 188 men 28 Dec'44. (No authority).
- 1-17-45 - Det. 1005 has been returned to the U.S and replaced by Det. 1040, now assigned to AATB Bizerte. (1 Oct'44 report of Det. 1005)
- 2- 3-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of Det. 1040 - 14 officers and 218 men transferred to NCTC Davisville on 14 Dec'44. 2 off. and 33 men reported aboard from det. duty aboard LST's on 1 Dec., having been detached on 9 Nov'44. 1 officer and 15 men reported aboard from det. duty aboard LST's on 2 Dec, having been detached on 9 Nov'44. 1 off. and 16 men reported aboard from det. duty aboard LST's on 5 Dec'44, having been detached on 9 Nov'44. 2 off. and 33 men reported aboard from detached duty aboard LST's on 15 Dec'44, having been detached on 9 Nov. One Platoon, consisting of 1 off. and 23 men on temp. detached duty aboard LST from 16 Dec to 30 Dec'44.

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- 3- 5-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of Det. 1040 - located at Bizerte. Prime function of this unit is Pontoon Causeway assembly and repair.
- 3-14-45 -- The approved officer complement of CBD 1040 is 11 officers - approved by Com8flt 26 Feb'45. Enlisted complement is 248 men. (No ltr to transmittal with complement)
- 4-2-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of Det. 1040 - location not given. Report end. by Amph Force 8th Fleet.
- 4-14-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of Det. 1040 - location not given.
- 5-9-45 - 1 May'45 report of Det. 1040 - location not given. 4 officers & 56 men transferred to NCTC, Davisville on 12 Apr'45. One platoon consisting of 2 officers & 34 men detached 22 Apr'45 and are on temp. detached duty with CBMU 611.
- 5-10-45 - 56 men of Det. 1040 arrived Davisville on 29 Apr'45. (NCTC Davisville TWX 032130 May'45 to Bupers)
- 5-12-45 - Cancel my 111432B Apr'45. Order Det. 1040 to NCTC Davisville furas when services no longer required at Bizerte. (ComNavNaw TWX 101246 May'45 to ComPhib)
- 5-12-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of Det. 1040 - location not given. 2 off. and 34 men reported from temp duty with CBMU 611. 4 off. and 75 men were transferred to Davisville during the month.
- 6-25-45 - CBD 1040 reported this station 19 June via NOB Norfolk, Va. consisting of 75 men and 4 off. Latest date men will report this station from overseas leave 1 Aug. Latest date to CPks 1 Aug'45. (Davisville TWX 202347 to Bupers)
- 6-25-45 - It is requested that you inactivate CBD 1040 and make enl personnel of this unit available FFA to the CBs. (Bupers ltr dtd 21 June to CO NCTC Davisville)
- 7- 9-45 - CBD 1040 reported Davisville 3 Jul'45 from overseas with 3 off. and 62 men. (NCTC Davisville TWX 042343 Jul to Bupers)

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7-11-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of Det 1040 - located at Davisville. Approx 60 men were engaged in off loading AATB Bizerte, Tunisia from 1 June thru 9 June. In transit to U.S. 10 June thru 30 June 1945.

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Det. 1040 (Pont. Gaus.)

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
7/29/44	-	Bizerte	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. Jan. 1944
1/11	-	"	Eno Com) disc 111983 Nov.	To be used as a replacement for 579 b 1005 - ret'd US.
2/13	-	"	Com 8th Flt sec 131034A Dec.	(part will be called <sup>com 12</sup> 626 15 offers 226 men available for release. unless otherwise directed will return US.

## CBD 1040

Formed at Camp Endicott in Jan. 1944, CBD 1040 sailed from Newport News, Va., on Jan. 29, 1944 and arrived at Bizerte in Feb. On March 6 one platoon began operations at Salerno. In May, six platoons were moved to the Naples-Salerno area. On July 31 two officers and 34 men were assigned to LST 525. On Aug. 1 two officers and 34 men were assigned to LST 997. On Aug. 2 two officers and 34 men were assigned to LST 32. Four platoons were ordered to Marseille, Aug. 26 and five more were sent to Toulon, Aug. 31. The personnel returned to headquarters at Bizerte in October 1944. On Nov. 9, another group of six officers and 97 men were assigned to duty aboard several LSTs. On Nov. 17, 1944, seven officers and 250 men were detached to form CBMU 626. On Dec. 1, 2 and 5, 1944 the three LST units returned to the outfit. On Dec. 11, a unit of 30 men was sent on temporary duty to Oran. Between Dec. 16 and 30 another unit was on temporary duty aboard an LST. The detachment returned to the States in three echelons arriving at Davisville on April 29, June 19 and July 3, 1945. The outfit was then inactivated at Davisville.

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JAN 1944 Formed at ABDRB, Davisville, R.I.

29 Jan 1944 Departed ABDRB, Davisville for Hampton Roads, Newport News  
FFT overseas.

Feb 1944 Arrived Bizerte - exact date is unknown.

6 Mar 1944 One Platoon began operations at Anzio

May 1944 Six Platoons moved to Naples-Salerno area.

31 Jul 1944 2 officers and 34 men assigned temp duty aboard LST 525.

1 Aug 1944 1 officer and 50 men located at Bizerte; 26 men at Naples-  
Salerno and balance of detachment aboard LST's and in combat  
areas - locations unknown.

1 Aug 1944 2 officers and 34 men assigned temp duty aboard LST 997.

2 Aug 1944 2 officers and 34 men assigned temp duty aboard LST 32.

26 Aug 1944 4 platoons ordered to Marseille.

31 Aug 1944 5 platoons ordered to Toulon.  
Hdqtrs located at Naples-Salerno as of this date.

Oct 1944 Personnel returned to AATB, Bizerte from Southern France and Italy.

9 Nov 1944 6 officers and 97 men assigned temp duty aboard LST's.

17 Nov 1944 7 officers and 250 men transferred from CBD 1040 to form CBMU 626.

1 Dec 1944 1st group aboard a LST reported back to CBD 1040.

2 Dec 1944 2nd group aboard a LST reported back to CBD 1040.

5 Dec 1944 3rd group aboard a LST reported back to CBD 1040.

11 Dec 1944 30 men ordered to Oran for temp duty.

16 Dec 1944 1 officer and 23 men assigned temp duty aboard a LST.

30 Dec 1944 1 officer and 23 men reported back to CBD 1040 from temp duty  
aboard a LST.

26 Apr 1945 Still located at Bizerte

29 Apr 1945 4 officers and 56 men returned to Davisville, R. I.

19 Jun 1945 4 officers and 75 men returned to Davisville, R. I.

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3 Jul 1945            3 Officers and 62 men returned to Davisville, R. I.  
21 Jun 1945            Requested inactivation of Det. 1040 and personnel made  
                         available for further assignment.

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

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AVAILABLE**









