

Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1056

Historical Information



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



NCTC - (Former from 5th (Sp))
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 15 Feb '45
 Left ABD - 6 Mar '45
 Location - Russells

LOG

- 6-10-44 - Lt.(jg) Buckwalter, Ens. Willis, Carp. Knight, Gorecki and Beneduce assigned from 5th (sp).(Budocks ltrs to Bupers dtd 22 May '44).
 6-23-44 - Lt.(jg) Buckwalter orders cancelled as CinC of Det. 1056 - ordered to report to CinC Det. 1056(Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 7 Jun '44).
 6-23-44 - Detach. 1056 arrived at Hueneme from Parks 6 Jun '44(Hueneme restr. disp. to inf's 062016 NCR 38730 7 Jun '44).
 7-18-44 - Officers roster checked OK with 1 Jul 44 roster.
 2-8-45 - CNO Sec. disp to Cinpoa 262005 dtd 27 Jan '45 - if stevedores wanted at DIRK propose assignment of CBD 1056 which is ready for Gropac 12 since 1 Dec '44 can be replaced if necessary.
 2-8-45 -- Cinpoa Sec. disp to CNO 280239 dtd 29 Jan '45 - concurs substitution CNO 262005 (substitution of CBD 1056 for CBMU 625).
 2-8-45 -- CBD 1056 assigned to DIRK and ready at Hueneme 15 Feb '45.(CNO conf. disp to Cinpoa and others 301555 dtd 31 Jan '45).
 3-14-45 -- CBD 1056 departed Hueneme 6 Mar '45 for overseas with 4 officers and 266 men.(Hueneme conf. disp to Bupers 081919 Mar '45).
 3-26-45 - Det. 1056, 4 off. and 266 men, embarked West Coast bound Guadalcanal ETA 28 March. To report to CNB Guadalcanal. This modifies existing orders directing this unit

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- 3-26-45 - (Cont.) - to report to Russells. (Comseronsopac Sec Disp 140601 Mar '45 to CNB So Solomons)
 4-16-45 - Det. 1056 located at Guadalcanal according to Comseronsopac Sec Rep dtd 1 Apr '45.
 5- 9-45 - Det. 1056 located at Guadalcanal. (Dirpacdocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr '45)
 5-15-45 - 1 May '45 report of Det. 1056 - located at Guadalcanal.
 6-14-45 - 1 Jun '45 report of Det 1056 - located at Guadalcanal. This unit has been assigned to the Army Port Supt, APO 709 for operations and to NAB Guadalcanal for adm since arrival at this base 2 Apr '45. Operations were started on 8 Apr '45, being attached temp to an Army Port Batt. One week later the unit was assigned the Point Cruz Dock for complete operation.
 7-12-45 - 1 Jul '45 report of Det 1056 - located at Guadalcanal.
 7-31-45 - Desire to use CBMU 572 and CBD 1056 for early lifting to Manila. Request your concurrence or nomination of equivalent units. (Comservpac sec disp 270243 July to Comsopac)
 8- 2-45 - Your 270243 refers. Concur provided following or equivalent plan is approved: Assured retention in SoPac area and augmentation of CBMU 573 with stevedoring personnel from CB (Sp)s now in the area to approx strength of 450. This plan to furnish experienced nucleus crew at each port to supervise cargo loading by general service personnel. (Comsopac sec disp 310036 July to Comservpac)
 8-11-45 - Reur 310036 and my 270243. Defer nominations pending further info. Plans for using CBMU 572 and CBD 1056 not yet definite. You will be advised further. (Comservpac sec disp 022159 Aug to Comsopac)
 3-5-46 - Comservpac orders inactivation of CBDet 1056. GS enlisted personnel to be transferred to CNB Noumea, USN & CB to Comservpac FFA. (Comservpac disp 022111 March to ComSoPac)

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CBD 1056

- 8-21-45 - CNB Guadalcanal directed to divide CBD 1056 into two equal sections and detach from present duty about 15 Aug when transportation is provided by this Command. Sec. 1, 3 off and $\frac{1}{2}$ enl pers report to CNB Santa via fagtrans for duty. Sec 2 with 2 off and remaining pers report to CNB, Noumea via fagtrans for temdu. Sec 1 and 2 shall rejoin and resume regular duties upon completion temdu section 2. Sec 1 to move with all gear and equipment both sections including all housekeeping gear and tents which shall be packed for subsequent forward move. Equipment being provided Sec 2, living accommodations both sections. Administrative control both sections including forwarding of routine reports under present OinC. (Comservronsopac Sec Spdltr ser 00958 dtd 11 Aug '45 to CNO).
- 8-22-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of Det 1056 - located at Guadalcanal.
- 8-31-45 - CBD 1056 with 2 officers & 132 men debarked Noumea on 27 Aug'45. (Congensopac, bacom, conf disp to War Dept (date jumbled)).
- 9-11-45 - 1 Sep'45 report of Det 1056 - Report via CNB Espiritu Santo. OinC recommends that this unit be brought together as one instead of two sections.
- 10-19-45 - CBD 1056 divided & moved from Guadalcanal to Santo & Noumea but will be combined again when desired for forward movement. (ComSerSqdPac sec ltr ser 001076 dtd 1 Oct'45 to Comservpac).
- 10-26-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBD 1056 - located at Espiritu Santo.
- 11-21-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBD 1056 - located at Espiritu Santo.
- 1-31-46 - 1 Dec'45 report of CBD 1056(Sp), Sec. 2 - located at Noumea.
- 4-1-46 - 1 Mar 46 report of CBD 1056(Sp) - Sec. 1 located at Esp. Santo, Sec. 2 located at Noumea.
- 4-10-46 - CEDet 1056(Sp) inactivated on 20 March 1946. (BNP 625 of 20 Mar 46).

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ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Aug'44	5	248	R & BNP625
1 Sep'44		244	BNP625
1 Oct'44		243	BNP625
1 Nov'44		254	BNP625
1 Dec'44		257	BNP625
1 Jan'45		265	BNP625
1 Feb'45		261	BNP625
1 Mar'45		267	BNP625
1 Apr'45		266	BNP625
1 May'45	5	266	M&R
1 Jun'45	5	263	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	5	253	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	5	265	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	5	265	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	5	213	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	10	232	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	8	182	BNP625 & R
1 Jan'46	7	142	BNP625 & R
1 Feb 46 (Sec. 1)	4		R
1 Feb 46 (Sec. 2)	9	188	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	7	137	BNP 625 & R

C.B. Detachment #1056 (Special, (INACTIVATED))

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
3/26	-	(Bevy)	Comberon Lopez	Embarked 20c on Sea Bass bound Guadal Eta 28 March.
5/16	-	Bevy	Guadal sec Oct dip & April 172314.	added
9/16/45	-	ERon	Es Santo sec act. dip. 140346 Sept.	add 1 rect.

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/24	(Shopac 13)	-	C.B. report 1 June	-
6/29	Shopac 13	(Huenehue)	Budocko memo 20 June	Ready for Huenehue July 15.
7/18	"	"	" 4 Sept 6 12 Sept 8.	" asid Shopac 13.
6/9	(Shopac 12)	Huenehue	Budocko memo 4 November 7 1945.	Ready Huenehue Dec 1 - asid Shopac 12.
1/27	"	-	Cno sec. dip. 262005 Jan.	propac assign Stevedoring - fleet.
2/1	"	-	Cincpoa sec 280239 Jan.	Concut 262005.
2/3	"	(Fink)	Cno Cony 301555 Jan	Conjians assignment to fleet - ready Huenehue 2/15. Probable max ship.

CBD 1056

Formed at Camp Parks, CBD 1056 arrived at Port Hueneme on June 6, 1944. On March 6, 1945, the outfit sailed overseas and landed at Guadalcanal on April 2. On Aug. 15, the detachment was divided into two sections. Section One went to Espiritu Santo and Section Two moved to Noumea, New Caledonia. In September both groups were still at these locations.

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NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT 1056 (SPECIAL),
JUNE 1944 - MARCH 1946

- 4 June 1944 -- Naval Construction Battalion Detachment (CBD) 1056 (Special) was established at the Construction Battalion Replacement Depot (Camp Parks), Pleasanton, California. Lieutenant (jg.) George E. Buckwalter, D-M, USNR, was the officer in charge.
- 5 June 1944 -- CBD 1056, consisting of 4 officers and 243 enlisted men, entrained at Camp Parks for Port Hueneme, California.
- 6 June 1944 -- CBD 1056 arrived at the Advance Base Receiving Barracks, (Camp Rousseau), Port Hueneme, California.
- June 1944 - Feb. 1945 -- CBD 1056 remained at Port Hueneme, where the unit received training in stevedoring and military subjects.
- Ca. 10 December 1944 -- Lieutenant Robert P. Morris, CEC, USNR, replaced LTJG Buckwalter as officer in charge.
- 6 March 1945 -- CBD 1056 (Special), consisting of 4 officers and 266 enlisted men, set sail for the Pacific Theater of Operations aboard the S.S. Sea Bass.
- 2 April 1945 -- CBD 1056 arrived at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, and reported for duty to the commander, U.S. Naval Advanced Base.
- April - August 1945 -- CBD 1056 was located at Guadalcanal, where the unit performed stevedoring operations at the U.S. Army port.

- 14 August 1945 -- CBD 1056 was detached from duty at Guadalcanal and divided into two sections. Section One, with LT Morris as officer in charge, was ordered to duty at Espíritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. Section Two, with Ensign Jay F. Hyde, CEC (S), USNR, as officer in charge, was ordered to Nouméa, New Caledonia. LT Morris retained overall administrative control of CBD 1056.
- Ca. 20 August 1945 -- Section One, consisting of 3 officers and 133 enlisted men, arrived at Espíritu Santo. At Santo their primary duty was to perform stevedoring functions in connection with dismantling the naval base there.
- 27 August 1945 -- Section Two, consisting of 2 officers and 132 enlisted men, arrived at Nouméa, where they also loaded and unloaded ships at the U.S. naval base.
- Ca. 15 October 1945 -- LT Morris was detached from duty with CBD 1056. Lieutenant (jg.) Jonathan Finch, CEC (S), USNR, was assigned to replace him as officer in charge of the unit.
- Ca. 5 November 1945 -- LTJG Finch was detached from duty with CBD 1056.
- 8 November 1945 -- Ensign Jay Hyde of Section Two at Nouméa was designated officer in charge of CBD 1056. Ensign Adolph P. J. DiSalvo, CEC, USNR, became officer in charge of Section One at Espíritu Santo.
- 1 December 1945 -- Ensign Hyde was promoted to lieutenant (jg.).
- 20 March 1946 -- Construction Battalion Detachment 1056 (Special) was inactivated at Nouméa, New Caledonia. On 1 March 1946, 7 officers and 137 enlisted men remained on board.

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ITINERARY OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT 1066.

6 June 1944 Arrived Port Huenehe from Camp Parks, Calif.
6 Mar. 1945 Departed U. S.
2 Apr. 1945 Arrived Guadalcanal.
15 Aug. 1945 Divided into two sections. Section one
went to Espiritu Santo and Section two
to Noumea for temporary duty.
1 Sept. 1945 Section one located at Espiritu Santo and
section two at Noumea.

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

Date: 24 September 1945.



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