

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 555

Historical Information



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



CBMU 555

NCTC - Peary
ABD - Gulfport
Ready Date - 10 Dec'43
Left ABD - 21 Dec'43
Location - Panama

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- 11- 7-43 - CNO orders transfer of CBMU 555 about 10 Nov to ABD Gulfport. Assigned Panama. (CNO conf disp 061749 NCR 358 dtd 7 Nov'43 to Camp Peary)
- 12-29-43 - CBMU 555 left ABD 21 Dec'43. (WRK)
- 3-25-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating in the 15th ND area.
- 6-27-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating in Canal Zone.
- 6-30-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 555 - 16 enl. men were transferred 19 May'44 from this activity - CD 2367. A detachment of 20 men is contemplated to reduce complement to 250 men. Operating at 6 different bases.
- 8- 3-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 555 - This unit is continuing its maintenance work at six bases and on the two construction projects. During Jun'44 operated at Salinas, Ecuador, and Corinto, Nicaragua.
- 8-31-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating at Salinas, Balboa, Corinto, Taboga, and at Barranquilla, Columbia.
- 10-11-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating at 6 bases in Canal Zone.
- 11-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating at 6 bases in Canal Zone.
- 12-18-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating in Canal Zone. 22 men to be transferred to Endicott.

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- 12-30-44 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 555 - operating at Canal Zone. 22 men transferred to Davisville on 4 Nov'44.
- 1-27-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 555 - operating at Canal Zone. 13 men (CD 2576) were transferred during Dec to Camp Endicott. Com 15 recommends that this CBMU be transferred from this area and that it be replaced in the 15th ND by a smaller unit - 2 off. and 125 men.
- 2-7-45 -- Com 15 desires to decrease the complement of CBMU 555 to 2 officers and 125 men. Requests return of CBMU 555 intact and be replaced by a smaller unit. Conserv-forLantflt and CNO approves, (Com 15 Conf. ltr Ser. 0288660 dtd 27 Dec'44 to Supers).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 555 - Com15 directed a reduction of CBMU 555 complement from 250 to 239 enl. personnel.
- 2-27-45 -- Budocks requests that CNO withhold action on the requested complement reduction of CBMU 555. Budocks desires to use 192 men of CBMU 555 or other Com 15 activities for use on Floating Drydock YFD-6 project. Upon completion of subject project it is recommended that the complement of CBMU 555 be reduced and the excess CB personnel be returned to NCTC Davisville for further assignment. (Budocks conf. ltr Ser. 8064 dtd 21 Feb'45 to Com 15).
- 4- 3-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 555 - located in Canal Zone. Com15 is expected to transfer approx 50 men to CBMU 555 for work on the Floating Drydock project.
- 4-12-45 - 1 Apr'45 BNP625 Report of Personnel shows 148 Transients on bd from Com15 and Casual drafts rec'd from Davisville to CBMU 555 to work on Floating Drydock YFD-6.
- 4-26-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 555 - Operating in Canal Zone. 148 men recd for temp duty in Mar'45. Breakdown as follows: Com15 - 67 men, CD2672 - 32 men reported 15 Mar45 & CD 2680 - 49 men reported 21 Mar'45.

- 5-25-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 555 - located in Panama Canal Zone. The no. of personnel attached to CBMU 555 increased from 371 to 443 during Apr'45. All of these addtl. men were trfd to this activity from Com15 for temp duty. CD 2727, comprised of approx 20 men, is expected to report from Davisville early in May'45.
- 7-13-45 - BNP625 dated 1 Jul'45 states that 201 men detailed from Com15 and Casual Drafts received from Davisville, R. I. to CBMU 555 to work on Floating Drydock (YFD-6).
- 7-20-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of CBMU 555 - located at Panama Canal. 201 transients attached to unit.
- 8-23-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of CBMU 555 - located at Panama Canal. 202 transients attached for work on Floating Dry Dock YFD6.
- 9-24-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBMU 555 - located at Panama Canal.
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| Galapagos, Ecuador | 46 men |
| Casa Salito | 70 men |
| Mindt Cut, C. Z. | 195 men |
| Corinto, Nicaragua | 21 men |
| Chorrera, R. de P. | 10 men |
| Baranquilla, Colombia | 6 men |
| Taboga, R. de P. | 12 men |
| Salinas, Ecuador | 7 men |
| Balboa, C. Z. | 31 men |
- 10-22-45- 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 555 - located at Panama Canal.
- 11-20-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBMU 555.- Pers. are distributed as follows:-
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| Galapagos, Ecuador | 1 off. | 36 men |
| Corinto, Nicaragua | - | 27 " |
| 15th ND, Balboa, C.Z. | 2 " | 56 " |

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- 12-19-45 - 1 Dec'45 report of CBMU 555 - Pers. are distributed as follows:--
Galapagos, Ecuador 19 men
Corinto, Nicaragua 16 men
15th ND, Balboa, C.Z. 2 off. 35 men
- 1-29-46 - 1 Jan'46 report of CBMU 555 - Pers. are distributed as follows:--
Galapagos, Ecuador -- 31 men
Corinto, Nicaragua -- 18 men
Mexico 15 men
15th ND, Balboa, C.Z. 2 off. 19 men
- 2-13-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of CBMU 555 - Pers. are distributed as follows:
Galapagos, Ecuador 1 off. 31 men
Corinto, Nicaragua 22 men
15th ND, Balboa, CZ (HQ) 1 off. 19 men
- 3-22-46 - 1 Mar 46 report of CBMU 555 - Pers. are distributed as follows:
Galapagos, Ecuador 1 off. 22 men
Corinto, Nicaragua 17 men
US NavSta Taboga 13 men
15th ND, Balboa, CZ (HQ) 1 off. 16 men
- 4-19-46 - 1 Apr report of CBMU 555 - location not stated.
- 6-28-46 - Comdt. 15ND recommends immediate disestablishment. Within a short time all but 20 men will be demobilized. (Spdltr. 88201 Comdt. 15 ND to CNO)
- 7-15-46 - 1 July report of CBMU 555 - Summary of disposition:
Galapagos, Ecuador - Decommissioned 16 May 46
Corinto, Nicaragua - Decommissioned 8 June 46
15th ND, Balboa, C.Z. - Expected to be decommissioned by 1 July 1946.
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CBMU #555

INACTIVATED BY CNO End. of 18 July on Comdt. 15th ND spdltr 882(01) dtd. 20 June 1946.

ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
30 Jun'44	7	268	Recap.
1 Aug'44	6	272	MoR
1 Sep'44	6	271	MoR
1 Oct'44	6	266	R & BNP625
1 Nov'44	6	260	MoR
1 Dec'44	6	239	MoR
1 Jan'45	5	224	MoR
1 Feb'45	5	221	MoR
1 Mar'45	5	220	BNP625 & MoR
1 Apr'45		223	BNP625
		+ 148 T.D.*	
1 May'45	5		Roster
1 Jun'45	5	220	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45		209 + 200 Trans.	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	4	205 + 202 Trans.	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	4	198 + 200 Trans.	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	4	140	
		54 Trans.	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	3	97	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	2	55	BNP625 & R
1 Jan'45	2	47	BNP625 & R

* Men detailed from Com15 and Casual Drafts rec'd from Davisville to CBMU 555 to work on Floating Drydock YFD-6

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Feb 46	2	72	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	2	56	BNP 625 & R
1 Dec. 46	2	8	BNP 625 & R
1 Jan. 47	2	8	BNP 625 & R

C.B.M.U. #555 (INACTIVATED)

CEMU #555

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/13/44	-	Panama	C.B. report 1 June.	Left U.S. Dec. 1943
↓	↓	CD - 2672	Y.M. in	
		2680		
		2727		

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Formed at Camp Peary, CBMU 555 was transferred to Gulfport, Miss., on Nov. 10, 1943. Sailing overseas from Gulfport on Dec. 21, the unit arrived at Panama a week later, and was still located in the Canal Zone at war's end. During its tour of duty the outfit was engaged in maintenance work at Salinas, Balboa, Corinto, Taboga and Barranquilla, C. Z.

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ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 888

Formed at Camp Peary, Virginia.

- 10 Nov 1943 - Ordered transferred to ABD Gulfport, Miss.**
- 21 Dec 1943 - Departed ABD Gulfport for overseas.**
- 1 Mar 1944 - Operating in 15th Naval District area.**
- 1 Jul 1944 - Engaged in maintenance work at Salinas, Malboa, Corinto, Saboga and Barranquilla, Canal Zone.**
- 1 Aug 1945 - Still located in Canal Zone.**

To Facilitate
Administrative Handling
Classification Changed
From:

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To: **RESTRICTED**

S. Rosette
dr. CEC-V 3 Us.
Signature

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

Date: 1 September 1948.



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