

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 578

Historical Information



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



ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Aug'44	2	88	R & BNP625
1 Sep'44	2	88	R & MoR
1 Oct'44	2	83	BNP625 & MoR
1 Nov'44	2	81	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'44	2	81	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jan'45	2	79	BNP625 & MoR
1 Feb'45	2	79	BNP625 & MoR
1 Mar'45	2	79	BNP625 & MoR
1 Apr'45	2	80	BNP625 & R
1 May'45	3	126	BNP625 & MoR
1 Jun'45	5	247	BNP625 & R
1 Jul'45	5		Roster
1 Aug'45	5	279	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	5	260	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	4	235	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45	4	226	BNP625 & R
1 Dec'45	5		R
1 Jan'46	5	317	BNP625 & R
1 Feb 46	5	156	BNP 625 & R
1 Mar 46	6	156	BNP 625 & R

C.B.M.U. #578 (INACTIVATED)

CBMU 578

Location - Arzew

- 11-17-43 - CBMU 578 set up in Arzew with 100 enl. men from the 54th CB and the 70th CB.
- 1- 7-44 - 1 Dec'43 report of CBMU 578 - located at Arzew. This unit formed from 54th and 70th CBs.
- 3-30-44 - 1 Mar'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew.
- 3-30-44 - 61 men were detached to CBMU 580 on 26 Nov'43, 61 men and 1 off. on 29 Nov'43, and as of 1 Mar'44 35 men are awaiting detachment to CBMU 580. (1 Mar'44 report : CBMU 519)
- 5-31-44 - 1 May'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew.
- 6-30-44 - 1 Jun'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew.
- 8- 4-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew.
- 10-23-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew, Algeria.
- 11-16-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew, Algeria.
- 12- 1-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 578 - operating at Arzew, Algeria.
- 12-30-44 - Com8flt Sec Disp to ComPhib8flt 221434 dtd 23 Dec'44 - transfer the off. and men of CBMU 626 on or about 1 Jan'45 to NOB Oran as replacements for CBMU 513 and #78 Retain men for special requirements and incorporate these men into Det. 1040.
- 1- 2-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 578 - located at Arzew, Algeria.
- 1- 3-45 - Com8flt intends to return on or about 10 Jan'45 225 off. and men of CBMU 513 and 578 who have been overseas over 18 mos. (Com8flt Sec Disp to ComPhib 251028 dtd 26 Dec'44)
- 2- 1-45 - CBMU 578 on or about 10 Jan'45 to be detached from NOB Oran to proceed and report to NCTC Davisville for reassignment. (Comdt NOB Oran Sec ltr P16-4/00/MM over POOL to CinC CBMU 578 dtd 5 Jan'45.)

- 2-3-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 578 - operating at NAS Arzew during Dec'44.
- 2-7-45 - CBMU 536 conf. ltr Ser 85 dtd 7 Jan'45 to Lt. (Jg) T.R. Cooper - ordered to take charge of 1 off. and 85 men to report to NS Arzew to relieve CBMU 578.
- 2-9-45 - CBMU 578 reported to Camp Endicott 26 Jan'45 from overseas with 3 off. and 79 men (Davisville TWX 393104 to Bupers Jan'45)
- 4-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 578 - Boarded ship at Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria on 18 Jan'45

2nd Tour of Duty

- 4-10-45 - CBMU 578 assigned to BIVE and is to be ready at Hueneme 15 Jun'45. (CNO conf ltr Ser 0144730 to Bupers and others dtd 4 Apr'45)
- 7-4-45 - CBMU 578 departed NCTC Davisville 2 Jul for Hueneme with 5 off. and 270 men. (NCTC Davisville twx 022309 Jul'45 to Bupers)
- 7-14-45 - CBMU 578 arrived Hueneme 7 Jul'45 from Davisville with 5 off. and 269 men. (Hueneme TWX 110106 July to Bupers)
- 8-6-45 - Condt NOB Okinawa is requesting CB Reg Staff to act as P.W. Regiment for administration of CB units assigned NOB. Contemplate assigning CBMU 630, 631, 632, 613, 578, 579, and 633 to this Regiment at present and addtl CBMUs and CBs at a later date. Request your approval to activate a Regiment for this purpose. (Comservpac conf disp 010003 Aug to Cincpac P)
- 8-11-45 - CBMU 578 departed 8 Aug for overseas with 4 off. and 266 men. (Hueneme conf disp 090114 Aug to Bupers)

Location - Okinawa

CBMU 578

- 8-21-45 - Activate 48th Reg and order following CBMUs to report for administrative & operational control 630, 631, 632, 613, 578, 579 and 633. Advise Comservpac of activation date. (Comservpac conf spdltr dtd 14 Aug '45 ser 04708 to Comdt., NOB, Okinawa).
- 10-26-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBMU 578 - located at Okinawa. Report via 48th Reg.
- 11-21-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBMU 578 - located at Okinawa. Report via 48th Reg. 43 men transferred for discharge.
- 1-29-46 - 1 Jan'46 report of CBMU 578 - located at Okinawa. Report via 48th Reg.
- 3-1-46 - 1 Feb 46 report of CBMU 578 - located at Okinawa. Report via 48th Reg.
- 3-14-46 - 1 Mar 46 report of CBMU 578 - located at Okinawa. Report via 48th Reg.
- 4-3-46 - Comservpac orders NOB Okinawa to inactivate CBMU 578. (Comservpac disp 0321117 April to NOB Okinawa).
- 5-9-46 - CBMU 578 inactivated on 15 April 1946. (OinC ltr ser 135 to OinC 48th Reg. dtd 15 Apr 46).

INACTIVATED

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/14	-	(Bine) Epindan	Burdocks memo June 8 -	Ready 7/15 July 1945 - Asid Bine.

CBMU #578

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/13/44	-	Aspen	C. B. report 1 June	
12/19	-	(U.S.)	Com & ck pt sec 171345 Dec	request authority to release about 10 Jan for return US.
12/30	-	(Lancaster)	CNO sec disp. 211415 Dec.	approves above. Report Lancaster.
2/7	-	Lancaster	Burdocks memo 2/3.	returned US - 1/26/45 Ten ready date 6/15 - no assignment.
4/9	-	(Bine)	op 30 Con/ Serial 0144730 of 4 April	To be made ready by 15 July 1945 - Asid Bine.
5/5	-	-	CNO Con; 031403 May.	Ready dates (0144730) can be advanced 2 weeks.
6/13	-	-	op 30 reestr serial 357500 of 7 June.	Lancaster to transfer to Huron about 1 July.

CBMU 578

This CBMU was formed at Arzew, Algeria, Nov. 17, 1943, with 100 men from the 54th and 70th Battalions. On Jan. 10, 1945, it was ordered back to the States and arrived at Endicott Jan. 26. The second tour of duty for CBMU 578 began July 2, 1945 when the outfit left for Hue-neme. Shipping out of the west coast Aug. 8, CBMU 578 was on duty at Okinawa when the Japs surrendered.

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FIRST TOUR OF DUTY

- 17 Nov 1943 - Formed at Arzew, Algeria with 100 men from the 54th and 70th GBs.
- 10 Jan 1945 - Ordered detached from Arzew to be sent to NCTC, Davisville for reassignment.
- 18 Jan 1945 - CBMU 578 boarded ship at Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria.
- 26 Jan 1945 - Reported to Camp Indicott, Davisville with 2 officers and 79 men.

SECOND TOUR OF DUTY

- 4 Apr 1945 - Assigned to Okinawa.
- 2 Jul 1945 - Departed Davisville for Hueneme with 5 officers and 270 men.
- 7 Jul 1945 - Arrived Fort Hueneme.
- 8 Aug 1945 - Departed Hueneme for Okinawa with 4 officers and 266 men.

Administrative Handling
Communication changed
from:

CONFIDENTIAL

To: **RESTRICTED**

Irvin S. Rossmussen
Comdr. CBMU 578
Signature

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

Date: 5 September 1948.



**NO
LOGO
AVAILABLE**



DANGER
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