

# Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 588

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## *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	3	135	BNP625 & R
1 Sep'44	3	134	MoR
1 Oct'44	3	133	BNP625 & MoR
1 Nov'44		129	BNP625
1 Dec'44	3	123	BNP625
1 Jan'45	2	104	BNP625 & MoR
1 Feb'45	2	94	MoR
1 Apr'45	2	65	BNP625 & MoR
1 May'45	2	34	BNP625 & R
1 Jun'45	2	30	BNP625 & R

C.B.M.U. #588 (INACTIVATED)

SECRET

CBM: #588

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Notes</u>
2/13/44	-	Oahu (Canton)	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. May 1944
7/22/44	-	MID. (Canton)	Com 11 sec. act disp 060609 July	
11/13	-	"	Com 11/ sec act disp. 062243 Nov.	
	<sup>115</sup> and report -	Inactivated		

Location: Canton Island

CBMU 588

- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 588 - located on Canton Island. "Roll-up" program in progress
- 6-5-45 - CBMU 588 has been assigned advanced base ARTU by CNO. (Comservpac sec ltr ser 002038 dtd 8 May'45 to CNO)
- 6-7-45 - CBMU 588 is located at NAS Com14, Canton Is. To move forward. (Comservpac conf spdltr 02787 dtd 29 May'45 to CNO)
- 6-19-45 - Request your approval to inactivate CBMUs 531 and 588 in order to effect partial adjustment between aggregate complement of CB units Poa and Cominch CB personnel ceiling established by Cominch 071945 March of higher classification. (Comservpac conf spdltr 03027 dtd 8 Jun'45 to Cincpoa)
- 6-21-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 588 - located at Canton Is. Roll-up program in progress. Personnel to be reduced at the discretion of the CO, NAF Canton Is. Complement is expected to be reduced to 1 CWO and 25 enl men including 2 CPCs.
- 7- 3-45 - Inactivation CBMU 588 approved. (Cincpoa conf spdltr ser 06363 dtd 22 Jun'45 to Comservpac)
- 7-13-45 - 1 Jul 45 report of CBMU 527 - 29 men recd on 21 June from CBMU 588.
- 7-23-45 - Inactivation CBMU 588 completed 9 July. (Com14 conf spdltr dtd 10 July to Comservpac)
- 7-23-45 - Inactivate CBMU 588. Inform Comservpac and all info addressees when inactivation completed. (Comservpac conf spdltr ser 03749 dtd 7 July to Com14)

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*CBMU 588*

CBMU #588

NCTC - Peary (Commissioned 5 Feb'44)  
ABD - Hueneme  
Ready Date - 6 Apr'44  
Left ABD - 1 May'44  
Location - Canton

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- 5-23-44 - CBMU 588 left ABD 1 May'44. (WRK)
- 6-30-44 - Ens. Schmidt and ChCarp. Davis reported to CBMU 564 15 May'44 and assigned with 1/2 CBMU to NAF Barking Sands. --CBMU 564 report for May'44.
- 8-12-44 - 1 Jul'44 report of CBMU 588 - Arrived at Canton Island 8 Jun'44.
- 9-19-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 588 - operating at Canton Island.
- 10-13-44 - According to the 1 Sep'44 report of CBMU 564, one-half unit from CBMU 588 reported and was merged with CBMU 564.
- 11-3-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of CBMU 588 - operating on Canton Island.
- 11-16-44 - CBMU 588 is operating at Canton Is. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 062243 NCR 15886 dtd 11 Nov'44).
- 12-4-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 588 - operating at Canton Island.
- 13-30-44 - 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 588 - operating on Canton Island.
- 1-29-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 588 - operating at U.S. Naval Air Facility, Canton Is.
- 2-17-45 - CBMU 588 is located at Canton Is. (Com 14 Sec. disp to CNO 081016 dtd 13 Feb'45).
- 2-26-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 588 - located at Naval Air Facility, Canton Is.
- 4-18-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 588 - located at Canton Island.
- 5-1-45 - CBMU 588 located at Canton Is. 1/2 unit merged with 564. (Dirpacdocka P Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45)

### **CBMU 588**

Commissioned at Peary in February 1944, CBMU 588 was transferred to Hue-neme whence it shipped out May 1. The unit arrived at Canton Island June 8, and on Sept. 1, half of the outfit merged with CBMU 564. The outfit was inactivated July 9, 1945, at Canton.

**DECLASSIFIED**

ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 588

- 5 Feb 1944 Commissioned at Camp Peary, Va. Transferred from Camp Peary, Va. to ASD, Port Hueneme, Calif.
- 1 May 1944 Departed ASD, Port Hueneme, Calif. for overseas.
- 8 June 1944 Arrived Canton Island.
- 1 Sept 1944  $\frac{1}{2}$  of CEMU 588 merged with CEMU 564.
- 9 July 1945 Inactivated at Canton Island.

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

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