

Naval Construction Maintenance Unit 626

Historical Information



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



ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Dec'44		268	MoR
31 Dec'44		269	Recap.
1 Jan'45	7	243	MoR
1 Feb'45	8	343	MoR
1 Mar'45	8	339	MoR
1 Apr'45		335	BNP625
1 May'45	8	332	MoR
1 Jun'45	8	332	MoR

C.B.M.U. 626 (INACTIVATED)

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7 officers and 250 men from Det. 1040 were transferred and made into CBMU 626 on 17 Nov'44 - at Bizerte.

Det. 1040 left ABD Davisville 31 Jan'44 for Bizerte.

Location - Bizerte	CBMU 626	Formed in field
11-15-44	- 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	- CBMU 579 and Det. 1005 ordered 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 4470 dtd 12 Nov'44).	
11-17-44	- CTG 80.8 ordered to transfer 21 men to CBMU 626 at Bizerte. (Com8flt conf. disp to CTG 80.8 151350 NCR 3755 dtd 16 Nov'44).	
11-29-44	- CBMU 626 is located at Bizerte. (ComPhib8 8th Flt Sec. disp to CNO 201720 dtd 28 Nov'44).	
12-15-44	- 1 Nov'44 report of CBMU 579 - CBMU 579 ret'd to the States having been relieved by the newly formed unit CBMU 626 at Bizerte.	
12-18-44	- 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU 626 - no info on location. Rec'd personnel from Det. 1040.	
12-30-44	- 1 Dec'44 report of CBMU Det. 1040 - 7 officers and 250 men were transferred and made into CBMU 626 on 17 Nov'44.	
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.	
2-8-45	-- CBMU 626 conf. ltr Ser. 65 dtd 7 Jan'45 to Lt.(jg) T. R. Cooper - to take charge of one officer and 85 men to report to NS Arzew to relieve CBMU 578. Upon completion of temp duty to report back to the OinC CBMU 626.	

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- 2-14-45 - CBMU 626 is located at Oran(part)(NOB Oran Sec. sign to CMO 511201 Jan'45).
- 2-5-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of CBMU 626 - This unit has been transferred to NOB Oran relieving CBMU 513 and CBMU 578.
- 3-5-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of CBMU 626 - located at Oran. 80 men on temp det duty at Arzew.
- 3-14-45 - The approved officer complement of CBMU 626 is 8 officers - approved by Com8flt 26 Feb'45. Enlisted complement is 370 men.(No ltr of transmittal with complements)
- 3-30-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of CBMU 626 - located at Oran. Det. at Arzew--this base closing up in near future. Detachment of 10 men on temp. duty with CBMU 566.
- 4-12-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 566 - 10 men on temp. duty with CBMU 566 from CBMU 626 were returned to CBMU 626 on 3 Mar'45.
- 4-13-45 - 76 men on temp. detached duty at Arzew, Algeria. (Auth. CBMU 626 BNP625 dtd 1 Apr'45)
- 4-20-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of CBMU 626 - located at Oran, Algeria with a detachment at NAS Arzew. This CBMU is comprised of men who left the U.S. in the following units: Det. 1040, CBMU 611, CBMU 513, and CDs 2304 and 2219. The men from Det. 1040 and CD 2304 make up the nucleus of this unit (approx 55% of pers) and served in a pontoon causeway outfit that participated in the invasion of southern coast of France. They later served in rehab. of the ports of Toulon, Marseilles, and DuBouc. After combat service sufficient personnel were trfd to form CBMU 626 which relieved the 579th CBMU serving at Bizerte, Tunisia. Subsequently the 626th CBMU was trfd to NOB Oran and addtl men were added to augment personnel to 350 men. They then relieved CBMU 513 and 578.
- 5-10-45 - 1 May'45 report of CBMU 626 - located at Oran. On 2 May'45 the 76 men at NavSta Arzew will return to CBMU 626.

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- 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of CBMU 626 - located at Oran, Algeria. On 4 May'45 CBMU 626 detachment on temp duty at NavSta Arzew retd to the NOB Oran. Soon after 3 May, CBMU 626 was ordered to curtail all constr work and maint and report to Davisville when relief had been made by CBMU 567. CBMU 567 reported. CBMU 626 secured and decommissioned its camp on 31 May'45, reporting to the Rec Sta, Oran ftt.
- 6-27-45 - Inactivate CBMU 626 upon arrival Endicott. Advise Bureau date inactivated. (Bupers TWX 251914 Jun'45 to Endicott)
- 6-28-45 - CBMU 626 reported Davisville 18 Jun'45 with 8 off. and 332 men. Inactivation completed 25 Jun'45. (Davisville TWX 261725 Jun'45 to Bupers)
- 7-16-45 - Received decommissioning report of CBMU 626 dated 25 Jun'45.

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
11/13	-	Qijerte	ENO Com/disp 111933 Nov.	part of #1040 to be used as replacement for 579 & 1005 ret'd to U.S. to be called 626.
12/19	.	"	Com & ch jet sec disp. 171345 Dec.	intend release 813 and 578
1/15	-	-	Com & ch jet sec disp. 171345 Dec.	intend release 813 and 578
2/7	-	Oran - (GLEW)	Oran sec act disp. 311201 Jan.	Added
6/30	-	-	NOB Oran sec act. disp. 281117 June.	deleted. Hlev.

Comp report in contact

CBMU 626

CBMU 626 was organized at Bizerte on Nov. 17, 1944, made up of seven officers and 250 men from CBD 1040. The unit was transferred to NOB, Oran, on Jan. 1, 1945 as a replacement for CBMUs 513 and 578. Between Feb. 1 and May 4, 1945 a detachment of 80 men served at Arzew on temporary duty. The unit secured and decommissioned its camp at Oran on May 31 and sailed for home, reporting at Davisville, R. I., on June 18. On June 25, 1945 the unit was decommissioned.

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- 17 Nov 1944 - 7 officers and 250 men from CBM-1040 were transferred and made into CBMU 626 at Bizerte.
- 1 Jan 1945 - Transferred to MOB Oran as replacements for CBMU 513 and 578.
- 1 Feb 1945 - Located at Oran with 80 men on temp duty at Arzew.
- Apr 1945 - 1 Apr '45 Monthly Report for CBMU 626 states unit was located at Oran, Algeria with a detachment at NAS Arzew. This CBMU comprised of men who left U.S. in the following units: CBM 1040, CBMU 611, CBMU 513, and Casual Drafts 2304 and 2319. The men from Det 1040 and CD 2304 make up the nucleus of this unit and served in a pontoon causeway outfit that participated in the invasion of the southern coast of France. They later served in rehabilitation of the ports of Toulon, Marseilles, and Dubouc. After combat service, sufficient personnel were transferred to form CBMU 626 which relieved CBMU 579, serving at Bizerte, Tunisia. Subsequently, CBMU 626 was transferred to MOB Oran and additional men were added to augment personnel to 350 men. They then relieved CBMU 513 and 578.
- 4 May 1945 - The detachment on temp duty at Navsta, Arzew returned to MOB Oran.
- 31 May 1945 - Unit secured and decommissioned its camp on this date.
- 18 Jun 1945 - CBMU 626 reported to Davisville, R.I.
- 25 Jun 1945 - Unit decommissioned this date.

NOTE: This information based on records available in the G.S. Operations and Personnel Section, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

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