

# Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1044

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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 Jun'44	2	33	MoR
1 Jul'44	2	31	MoR
1 Aug'44	2	31	MoR
1 Sep'44	2	31	MoR
1 Oct'44	2	31	MoR
1 Dec'44	2	36	MoR
1 Apr'45	2	34	MoR
1 May'45	2	36	MoR
1 Jun'45	2	36	MoR
1 Jul'45	2	33	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	2	32	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	2		R

C.B. Detachment #1044 (Pont.Caus.) (INACTIVATED)

Det. 1044 (Causeway Platoon)

AED - Hueneme  
 Left AED - 20 Jan'44  
 Location - Mobile Base 14 USS Vega

- 1-14-44 - Lt. Bracey assigned as OinC from Det. 1038 (Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 8 Jan'44)
- 1-14-44 - Ens. McGee assigned from 101st CB (Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 8 Jan'44)
- 2-5-44 - Det. 1044 left AED 30 Jan'44. (WRK)
- 9-2-44 - Det. 1044 report for 1 Feb to 1 Aug:  
 Jan. - Entire detachment in transit.  
 Feb. - " " " " to Majuro Atoll, Marshall Is. Assembling of barges completed on 27 Feb'44.  
 Mar. - Left on 6 Mar'44 for Kwajalein Atoll.  
 Apr. - 15 men were temporarily assigned to 14th Sp. to continue assembly of pontoon structures at Kwajalein, the remaining 18 men proceeded to P.H. 5 Apr'44.  
 May - Arrived San Fran 1 May'44. Left for Eniwetok Atoll 18 May'44.  
 Jun - Arrived at Eniwetok Atoll on 16 Jun'44; the 15 men<sup>who</sup> were detached at Kwajalein rejoined the unit on 18 Jun'44. On 17 Jun'44 ordered by the Island Commander to assemble all remaining pontoon structures left on the beach at Perry Is., Eniwetok Atoll.  
 Jul - Assembly of pontoon structures at Perry Is., Eniwetok, continued until 20 Jul'44 when the USS VEGA with pontoon detach. was ordered to proceed to Saipan Is., Mariannas Group. On 25 Jul'44 the pontoon det. was ordered ashore to set up for pontoon assembly. On 31 Jul'44 ordered to proceed to Guam.

Location - U.S.S. VEGA

Det. 1044

- 1-12-45 - 1 Sep'44 report of Det. 1044 - operating on U.S.S. VEGA (AK-17).
- 1-17-45 - 1 Oct'44 report of Det. 1044 - operating on USS VEGA (AK-17). On 1 Sep'44 was underway for South Pacific; arrived Russells 5 Sep'44. On 17 Sep, was underway for Manus where they arrived 20 Sep. Was anchored at Manus 30 Sep'44.
- 1-29-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of Det. 1044 - operating on USS VEGA (AK-17).
- 1-31-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of Det. 1044 - operating on USS VEGA (AK-17).
- 4-28-45 - 1 Feb, 1 Mar & 1 Apr'45 report of Det. 1044 - operating on USS VEGA (AK-17).  
1 Jan'45 Underway for U.S. 18 Jan'45 arrived San Francisco, 9 Mar'45 Left San Francisco for Eniwetok. 27 Mar'45 Arrived Eniwetok. 1 Apr'45 Anchored at Eniwetok.
- 6-16-45 - 1 May'45 report of Det 1044 - on board USS VEGA. Anchored at Eniwetok 1 Apr, underway for Ulithi 11 Apr, arrived Ulithi 16 Apr, anchored at Ulithi 1 May.
- 6-16-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of Det 1044 - anchored at Ulithi 1 May, anchored at Ulithi 1 June. Unit on board USS VEGA.
- 7-25-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of Det 1044 - on board USS VEGA. 1 Jun'45 anchored at Ulithi, 13 Jun'45 arrived at Nakagusuku & 15 Jun'45 anchored at Hugeshi. All personnel were assigned to damage control and repair sections.
- 8-21-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of Det 1044 - located on U.S.S. VEGA. Movements as follows:  
1 Jul'45 - Anchored at Hageshi Anchorage, Okinawa  
6 Jul'45 - Underway for Ulithi  
12 Jul'45 - Arrived Ulithi  
25 Jul'45 - Underway for Pearl Harbor.  
1 Aug'45 - At sea.
- 9-24-45 - CBD 1044 arrived Pt. Hueneme, Calif 19 Sept'45 from San Pedro, Calif. with 19 men & 2 officers. (OinC, ABRB, Pt. Hueneme, Calif. disp 212112 to <sup>Det</sup> SuPers).

Location-

CBD 1044

- 10-3-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBD 1044. 20 Aug'45 USS VEGA arrived San Pedro, Calif.
- 10-3-45 - Final report on CBD 1044 from 1 Sept to 20 Sept'45. Pers transferred to general detail, ABRB, Port Hueneme, Calif. (CBD 1044 is to be inactivated upon arrival at Pt. Hueneme, Calif. as of ComWesSeaFron's spdltr ser 91616 dtd 12 Sept'45 to CNO requesting inactivations of CBDs 1044, 1060, 1061 & 1062).

INACTIVATED

Det. 1044 (Pont. Caus.)

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/24	-	Mobile Base # 14 MOB 14, U.S.S. Wega.	C.B. report 1 June	Left U.S. Jan 1944
9/18/45	-	-	op 30 spalt 635230 Sept.	Inactivation approved.

## **CBD 1044**

This unit was formed as a pontoon causeway detachment at Port Hueneme in January 1944, and assigned to duty aboard the USS Vega. After completing barge assembly at Majuro, the unit departed for Kwajalein Feb. 27. Next stop for the unit was Eniwetok to assemble pontoon structures on Parry Island. In rapid succession, CBD 1044 went to Guam, the Russell islands, and Manus before returning to San Francisco Jan. 18, 1945. It sailed out again March 19, 1945, working at Eniwetok, Ulithi, and Nakagusuku on Okinawa.

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ITINERARY OF CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT 1044 (CONT. CASE.)

January, 1944	Formed at ABD, Port Moresby for pontoon assembly duty on USS Vega.
20 January 1944	Departed Moresby for overseas.
27 February 1944	Completed barge assembly at Majuro; departed for Kwajalein.
5 April 1944	13 men departed for San Francisco via Pearl Harbor; arrived San Francisco 1 May 1944, departed for Eniwetok 18 May 1944.
16 June 1944	Arrived Eniwetok to assemble pontoon structures on Perry Island.
18 June 1944	15 men from Kwajalein rejoined unit at Eniwetok.
31 July 1944	Proceeded to Guam.
5 September 1944	Arrived Russell Islands.
20 September 1944	Arrived at Manus.
18 January 1945	Arrived at San Francisco.
9 March 1945	Departed San Francisco for Eniwetok; arrived Eniwetok 1 April 1945.
11 April 1945	Departed Eniwetok; arrived Ulithi 16 April 1945.
13 June 1945	Arrived Makagasaki.
12 July 1945	Arrived Ulithi
25 July 1945	Underway for Pearl Harbor.

NOTE: The above itinerary is based on the records available in the Operations Section of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.



**NO  
LOGO  
AVAILABLE**





INSTALLING BOTTOM TIE RODS

CBD 1044





CRIBBING IN PLACE FOR ASSEMBLING A PONTOON STRING  
FROM THE DECK OF THE USS VEGA

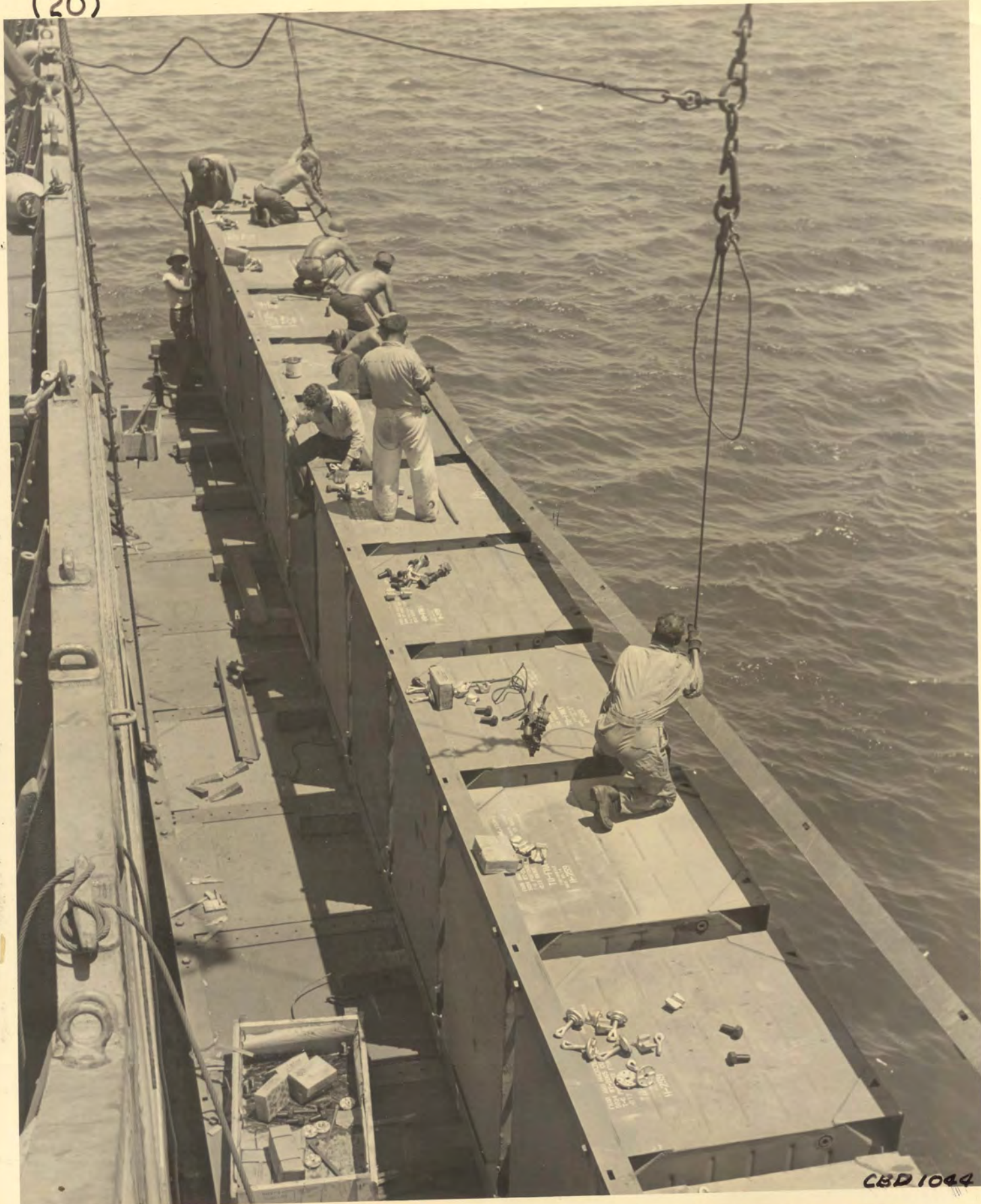
CBD 1044





6x60 Dock Apra Harbor, Guam - Assembled by CED 1044





CBD 1044

LOWERING BILGE ANGLE INTO POSITION ON A 12 CELL STRING