

Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1053

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Information*



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ON BOARD			
DATE	OFFICERS	MEN	AUTHORITY
1 Jul'44		244	BNP625
1 Sep'44	4	221	Comserfor 7 Flt MonRep.
1 Oct'44	4	239	BNP625 & MoR
1 Dec'44	4	229	BNP625
1 Jan'45	5	234	BNP625
1 Feb'45	5	228	MoR
1 Mar'45	7	359	MoR
1 Apr'45	8	355	MoR
1 May'45 Sect. 1	4	236	MoR
1 May'45 Sec 2	4	234	MoR
1 Jun'45, Sec 1	3	209	MoR
1 Jun'45, Sec 2	7	209	BNP625
1 Jul'45, Total	8	438	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45, Total	9	522	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45, Total	7	433	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45, Total	6	358	BNP625 & R
1 Nov'45, Total	5	119	BNP625 & R

C.B. Detachment #1053 (Pontoon Drydock Assembly) (INACTIVATED)

Det. 1053

(CED-1055 filed underneath)

NCTC - (Formed at Hueneme)
 ABD - Hueneme
 Ready Date - 5 May 44
 Left ABD - 4 Jun 44
 Location - Manus

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- 4-15-44 - Lt. Mitchell assigned as OinC from C.B. Det. 1047 (Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 7 Apr'44).
- 4-15-44 - Lt.(jg) Rau assigned from San Pedro (Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 6 Apr'44).
- 4-15-44 - Lt.(jg) Jennings and Carp. Allen assigned from Peary (Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 6 Apr'44).
- 6-10-44 - Officer roster checked with 6 May'44 roster - Lt.(jg) Rau has not reported as yet.
- 8-4-44 - Officer roster checked with 1 Jul'44 roster and OK.
- 10-25-44 - Det. 1053 is located in the Admiralty Is. assisting in assembly of ABSD #2. (Comserfor 7 Flt monthly report for Aug'44 Secret Ser. 001815 dtd 12 Sep'44).
- 11-3-44 - 1 Aug'44 report of Det. 1053 - located at Manus.
- 11-3-44 - 1 Sep'44 report of Det. 1053 - located at Manus.
- 11-8-44 - Det. 1053 is located at Admiralties. (Comserfor 7 Flt Sec. ltr AB-4 over Ser Bu-001882 to Budocks dtd 12 Oct'44 monthly report for Sep'44)
- 11-29-44 - Det. 1053 located at Manus. (Comserv 7 Flt Sec. Disp. to CNO 150133 NCR 18921 dtd 24 Nov'44)
- 12-6-44 - CED 1053 and 1055 may be moved by fagtrans. from Manus to Guam, leaving as soon as possible after the completion of ABSD 4 job mid Dec'44. (Cincoas Sec. Disp. to CNO 010351 dtd 1 Dec'44)

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- 12-8-44 - Budocks recommends the inactivation of Det. 1055 and combine with Det. 1053 prior to transfer to POA for drydock assembly work, and increase the new Det. 1053 to 470 officers and men. CNO requests comments and recommendations. (CNO Conf. Disp. to Cincpoa 061945 dtd 6 Dec'44)
- 12-12-44 - Cincpoa concurs in Budocks recommendation to consolidate Det. 1053 and 1055 but cannot delay transferring to POA awaiting such consolidation. Recommend deferring proposed additional increase to 470 personnel for this new combined unit pending experience ABSD 3 assembly. (Cincpoa Sec. Disp. 100646 dtd 10 Dec'44)
- 12-12-44 - Det. 1053 and 1055 being transferred to Guam immediately as assembly crew. (Cincpoa Sec. Disp. 100646 dtd 10 Dec'44) (to Com FwdArea CenPac)
- 12-12-44 - Transfer Det. 1053 and 1055 to Guam. Assembly of ABSD 3 to commence early Jan'45 and upon completion, both detachments will be available to Sowspec for assembly ABSD 5. (Cincpoa Sec. Disp. to CincSwpa 100708 dtd 10 Dec'44)
- 12-18-44 - 1 Oct'44 report of Det. 1053 - located at Manus. Report endorsed by 4th Brig.
- 12-29-44 - CBD 1053 is located in the Admiralties - assembling ABSD #4. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Oct'44 dtd 20 Nov'44).
- 12-30-44 - CBD 1055 desires a self-sustaining unit. This is not approved by Cincpac in view of combining this detachment with CBD 1053. (Cincpacflt and Poa Sec. ltr P16-5 over Ser. 004358 dtd 15 Dec'44 5th End. on CinC Det. 1055 Sec. ltr Ser. 192 dtd 23 Oct'44).
- 1-2-45 - 1 Nov'44 report of Det. 1053 - located at Manus. Report endorsed by 4th Brigade.
- 1-3-45 - CBD 1053 and 1055 combined to form CBD 1053 thereby inactivating CBD 1055 and new complement will be deferred pending advice from Cincpoa. These two Dets. to be combined when Cincpoa may designate. (CNO Sec. ltr Op30-2CK14-UOT/rc over (3C)A4-1/ABSD over Doc. No. 145109 over Ser. 01436330 to Cincpoa dtd 21 Dec'44).

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- 1-13-45 - Det. 1053 located in Admiralties. (Comserfor7flt Sec. report for Nov'44 dtd 15 Dec'44)
- 1-20-45 -- Comser7flt Sec. disp to Com7flt 281211 dtd 13 Jan'45 - Requests that orders be issued CBD 1053 and 1055 to move from Manus to Guam for assembly of ABSD 3. Further recommends that CBD 1053 be ordered to ABSD 5 at Leyte to arrive 1 Feb'45.
- 1-20-45 -- The inactivation of CBD 1055 to be effective about 15 Jan'45. (Cincpoa conf. disp to Comservpac 141842 dtd 16 Jan'45)
- 1-29-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of Det. 1053 - located at Manus. CinC states that there is a probability that in approx 3 weeks the Detachment will leave for the assembly of another drydock.
- 2-8-45 -- CNO recommended that CBD 1053 be established as a part of Comservpac. A plan is now being considered to designate Comservpac Type Commander for CB's in the POA. Less this is accomplished operational directives must be issued by Cincpoa. (Cincpoaflt & Poas Sec. ltr Ser. 00148 to CNO dtd 10 Jan'45).
- 2-8-45 -- Upon inactivation of CBD 1055 into 1053, CBD 1053 to report to IsCom Guam for further assignment to CinC 5th Brg. (Cincpoa Conf. disp to Comfwd area 270053 dtd 30 Jan'45).
- 2-14-45 -- CBD 1053 is located at Guam. (IsComGuam Sec. disp to CNO 030621 dtd 8 Feb'45).
- 2-27-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of Det. 1053 - located with 5th Brg.
- 3-5-45 - Cincpoa P.H. Sec. disp to Comservpac 280110 Feb'45 - accordance my 130203 Jan'45 - desire advance Ech. of CBD 1053 be transferred to Leyte for temp duty under Com7flt in connection with the assembly of ABSD-5.
- 3-7-45 - In accordance Cincpoa 280110, prepare transfer of approx 170 personnel (Det. 1053) to Leyte, reporting for tempdu to the 19th Reg. on arrival. (Sec Disp 030231 from Comservpac to IsCom Guam)

CBD 1053

- 3-8-45 - In view of necessity of CBD 1053 working on 2 or more ABSD's concurrently, Cincpac recommends approval of increase in complement of this detachment to 11 officers and 459. CBD 1053 or portions thereof will be made available to Comservpac as soon as personnel can be released from work on ABSD's 5 & 6.
- 3-10-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 5th Brg. - Det. 1055 has been inactivated and combined with Det. 1053 which is now under the 5th Brg. but also reports to the CO, Adv. Base Section Dock #3.
- 3-10-45 - Revised complement of CBD 1053 approved by WNO on the basis that the increase will be met from the resources and overall area of Cincpac. (CNO Sec. disp to Cincpac and Comservpac 071802 Mar'45).
- 3-28-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of Det. 1053 - Complement of this unit increased by 50% as of 2 Feb'45. Report end. by 5th Brg.
- 4-10-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of Det. 1053 - No information regarding location.
- 4-10-45 - CBD 1053 is located at Guam (Sumay) (5th Brg. War Diary 1 Feb to 28 Feb'45).
- 4-16-45 - Det. 1053 is located at Sumay, Guam. (5th Brg. War Diary dtd 1 Apr'45)
- 4-23-45 - If Det. 1053 is to function in 2 locations for some time you are authorized within your discretion to designate this unit as Det. 1053, Sec. 1 and 2. CNO should be advised promptly if such action is taken and should be furnished info as to location of each section. (CNO ltr Ser 197030 to Comservpac dtd 13 Apr'45 (2nd end on Det 1053 ltr Ser 537 of 19 Mar)
- 5-1-45 - Comservfor7flt Sec Rep of 1 Apr'45 shows Det 1053 located in Leyte-Samar area with 170 men enroute from Guam for Leyte Gulf area.
- 5-9-45 - Dirpaddock S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45 shows Det 1053 located at Guam with adv ech at Leyte on temp duty.
- 5-15-45 - 1 May'45 report of Det. 1053, Sect. 1 / Headquarters & Sect. 2 of Det. 1053 has been moved forward to Samar. Section 1 consisting of 250 men & 4 officers remaining at Guam. Report routed via 5th Brig.

Location - Guam Samar

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- 5-24-45 - 1 May'45 report of Det. 1053, Sec 2 (hdqtrs) - located at Samar where it arrived on 7 Apr'45. Report end by 31st Reg and 2nd Brg., also 5th Brg.
- 5-25-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 5th Brg. - Approx 1/2 Det 1053 (Sec 2) was trfd to Samar during April where they are now engaged in assembling the ABSD #5. The remaining portion of CBD 1053 (Sec 1) remained at Guam where it is engaged in the assembly of ABSD #6.
- 5-28-45 - In view of the contemplated functioning of CBD 1053 as two sections in the forward area for some time to come, it is considered advisable to designate the subject unit as Sec 1 and Sec 2. (3rd end by Cincpac and Poa on OinC CBD 1053 ltr ser 537 dtd 19 Mar'45 to Comservpac)
- 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of Det 1053, Sec 2 - location not stated. Report via 31st Reg, 2nd Brg and 5th Brg.
- 6-14-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of Det 1053, Sec 1 - location not stated. Report via 5th Brg.
- 7-11-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of Det 1053, Sec 2 (Hdqtrs) - location not stated. Report via 5th Brg.
- 7-17-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of Det 1053, Sec 1 - location not given. Report via 5th Brig.
- 7-26-45 - Upon departure from Guam CBD 1053 Sec 1 will be considered detached from duty with the 5th Brg and will report to CCT Okinawa for duty in connection with disassembly, movement and reassembly of drydocks. CBD 1053, Sec II is considered detached from duty with the 5th Brg. Sec II will report to CCT 7thFlt for duty in connection with disassembly, movement, and reassembly of drydocks. (Comservpac sec disp 003050 dtd 14 Jul'45 to OinC CBD 1053).
- 7-26-45 - ABSD - 7 to arrive Okinawa in sections beginning early Sep'45. This confirms your information. You are authorized to request transportation for Sec. I of Det. 1053 in order to meet this schedule. In accordance with outlined procedure my Spdltr Ser 02023 of 3 Apr'45. (Comservpac Sec Spdltr ser 003019 dtd 13 Jul'45 to Det. 1053).

Location - Guam Samar

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- 7-27-45 - CCT 7th Flt Sec Rep for June shows Det 1053 (Sp) at Guiuan, Samar. This is a drydock assembly unit assembling ABSD #5.
- 8-13-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of Det 1053 - location not given. Report routed via 5th Brig.
- 8-25-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of Det 1053, Sec. 2 - location not given. Report via 5th Brig.
- 9-19-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBD 1053, Sec. 1 - location not given. Report via 5th Brig.
- 9-19-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of CBD 1053, Sec. 2 - located in Samar area. Report via 31st Reg. & 2nd Brig.
- 10-24-45 - CBD 1053, Sec. 2 authorized to transfer to Manus. (Comservron 7 conf disp 080141 Oct'45 to Comservpac).
- 10-26-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBD 1053 - location not stated. Report via 40th Reg. & 5th Brig.
- 10-26-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of CBD 1053, Sec. 2 - location not stated.
- 11-21-45 - Comservpac directs Comphilseafon to inactivate CBD 1053, both sections. (Comservpac 192201 Nov'45 TWX to Comphilseafon).
- 11-28-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBD 1053, Sec. 2 - location not stated. Report via 2nd Brig.
- 12-4-45 - Comservpac reqs Commarianas to inactivate CBD 1053, Secs. 1 & 2. Advise Comservpac when inactivation is completed. (Comservpac spdltr ser 5798 dtd 13 Nov'45 to Commarianas).
- 12-4-45 - CBD 1053, Secs. 1 & 2 was inactivated as of 30 Nov'45. (5th Brig conf ltr ser 13777 dtd 19 Nov'45 to CinC, CBD1053, Secs. 1 & 2).
- 12-7-45 - 1 Nov'45 report of CBD 1053, Sec. 1 - location not stated. Report via 40th Reg. & 5th Brig.

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Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
1/30	-	(Guam)	Cincpoa Cong disp. 270053 Jan.	Report to Com Guam for further assignment 5th Brigade.
2/12	-	Du UA (Guam)	Guam rec act. disp 03062/ Feb.	added.
3/3	-	-	Cincpoa Beach sec. disp. 280110 Feb.	desire add. echelon be kept to Keyte tender under Com 7th JLT in connection assembly ABSD-5.
3/5	-	-	Com Sec 7th JLT Cong. 070547 Mar.	280110. Satisfactory.
10/8/40	-	-	Com Sec 7th JLT Cong. 08014/ Oct.	Transfer Sect 3 to Manus to reasonable ABSD-4.

Det. 1053 (Pont. Dry.)

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7/28	-	(Manus)	C.B. report	
9/18	-	Manus	1 June. C.B. report 1 September.	Reported June 1944
1/25	-	Manus	Com Sec 7th JLT sec act disp. Nov 150133	
10/11	-	-	Com Sec 7th JLT	
2/13	-	-	Cincpoa sec 100777	
1/15	-	-	Com Sec 7th JLT sec disp. 281211 Dec.	request move Manus to Guam for assembly ABSD-3. also recommend Cincpoa send for assembly ABSD-5 at Keyte by 2/1/45
1/17	-	-	Cincpoa Cong disp. 141842 Jan.	effect inactivation about 15 Jan. of C.B. 1055. Considerable work 1053.

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/28	-	Espiritu Santo	C.B. report 1 June 1944	
10/12	-	" (Manus)	Cinipoa sec desire tender 112352 Oct. at Manus.	
10/14	-	" "	also 120608 Oct	
12/9	-	" "	Comdr Pac Soc available early 132154 Oct. remember.	
12/13	-	" "	also 132154 Oct. remember.	
1/9	-	DOTI (Manus)	Condenser jet. added. Sec det disp dec. 931053.	
1/15	-	"	Condenser jet sec request now disp. 281211 dec. Manus to Guam for assembly added.	

CBD 1053

CBD 1053 shipped overseas from Port Hueneme June 6, 1944, and arrived at Los Negros July 6. Leaving Los Negros Jan. 10, 1945, the unit arrived at Guam Jan. 15. On Feb. 2, 1945, CBD 1055 was inactivated and the personnel attached to CBD 1053. On April 1, 1945, the Detachment was split into Section One and Section Two. Section Two left Guam April 3 and arrived at Samar April 7. On July 1, 1945, Section Two moved to Manicani Island, in the Philippines and set up headquarters. War's end found Section One still operating at Guam and Section Two at Manicani.

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- 6 June 1944 - - - Detachment left Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California for overseas destination.
- 6 July 1944 - - - Arrived at Los Negros (Manus), Admiralty Islands, New Guinea.
- 10 January 1945 - Left Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, New Guinea.
- 15 January 1945 - Arrived at Guam, Marianas Islands, attached to the 5th Naval Construction Brigade.
- 2 February 1945 - CBD-1055 inactivated and personnel of 126 enlisted men and 3 officers combined with CBD-1053.
- 1 April 1945 - - CBD-1053 designated as SECTION I and SECTION II (Headquarters) for purpose of separate functional operations in separate locations.
- 3 April 1945 - - SECTION II (Headquarters) of Unit, as first echelon, left Guam for forward area with 186 enlisted personnel and 3 officers. SECTION I with 174 enlisted personnel and 4 officers remained at Guam.
- 7 April 1945 - - SECTION II (Headquarters) arrived at Samar, Philippine Islands.
- 1 July 1945 - - SECTION II (Headquarters) relocated at camp area on Manicani Island, Philippine Islands, and SECTION I continued operating at Guam, Marianas Islands.

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E. G. RAU, Lt. CEC, USNR
OinC, Hdqtrs. (SECTION II).



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