

29th Naval Construction Regiment

Historical Information



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



ON BOARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>AUTHORITY</u>
1 Nov'44	3	0	MoR
1 Jan'45			MoR
1 Feb'45	4		MoR
1 Mar'45	4	7 - T.D.	MoR
1 Apr'45	4	0	MoR
1 Jul'45	4	1	BNP625 & R
1 Aug'45	4	1	BNP625 & R
1 Sept'45	5	0	BNP625 & R
1 Oct'45	3	3	BNP625 & R

29th Construction Regiment (INACTIVATED)

Location - Tinian

29th Reg. 18th, 92nd, 107th, Det. 1036

- no Oinc*
- 5-19-44 - Capt. Halloran assigned from Cincpac (Budocks ltr to Bupers dated 26 Apr'44).
 - 5-19-44 - 29th Regiment consists of 92nd, 98th, 18th and Det. 1036. (AES - 5-15-44).
 - 6-20-44 - Lt. Comdr. Barnwell assigned from Endicott (Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 11 Jun'44).
 - 6-20-44 - Lt. Comdr. Grable assigned from Quantico (Budocks ltr to Bupers dtd 11 Jun'44).
 - 6-22-44 - 6th C. Brigade established to consist of the 29th and 30th Regs. The 29th Reg. is to consist of 18th, 92nd, 107th and Det. 1036. (CominCh U.S. PacFlt & Poa to Command Task Group 10.12 secret ltr Pac-484-Wn over P16-4 Ser. 001730 dtd 18 Jun'44).
 - 11-29-44 - 1 Nov'44 report of 29th Reg. - No info on location. Report endorsed by 6th Brigade
 - 1-5-45 - The 9th CB reported to the Oinc 6th Brg. 1 Dec'44 and ordered to report to the Oinc of the 29th Reg. for duty. (6th Brg. Conf. 4th End. dtd 1 Dec'44 on HAB ltr HAB-06-HCB-~~06~~xfnf P16-3/00/MM Ser 6569 dtd 19 Oct'44 to Oinc 9th CB)
 - 1-16-45 - 1 Dec'44 report of the 29th Regiment - Regiment operates as a functional part of the 6th Brigade in an administrative and supervisory capacity for the detailing and construction of projects assigned to the Brigade. Covered activities of the 18th, 50th, 92nd, 107th CBs, Det. 1036, and 27th (Sp).
 - 2- 6-45 - 1 Jan'45 report of the 29th Reg. - Report endorsed by 6th Brg. Covered reports on the 9th, 18th, 27th, 50th, 92nd, and 107th CB's, also Det. 1036.
 - 2-22-45 - The 29th Reg. reorganized to consist of the 18th, 92nd, 50th, 107th and 27th (Sp). (CNO conf. ltr Ser. 055130 to Cincpac and Bupers dtd 10 Feb'45).
 - 3- 3-45 - 1 Feb'45 report of the 29th Reg. - Report endorsed by 6th Brg. Comments on the 18th, 27th, 50th, 92nd, and 107th CBs.
 - 3- 6-45 - Oinc of 6th Brg. directed to reorganize 29th and 30th Regiments in accordance CNO Ser 055130 of 10 Feb. (Conf Disp 020050 from Cincpac Pearl to Comservpac)

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- 3-8-45 - According to Dirpadocks San Fran 15 Feb'45 report EBD 1065 is not listed under the 29th Reg.
- 3-31-45 - 1 Mar'45 report of the 29th Reg. - location not stated. End. by 6th Brg.
- 4-11-45 - No enlisted personnel assigned 29th Reg. Personnel utilized are on temp duty from battalions of the Reg. (Auth. 29th Reg. BNP625 dated 1 Apr'45)
- 4-25-45 - 1 Apr'45 report of the 29th Reg. - located at Tinian. Composed of the 18th, 50th, 92nd, and 107th CBs and the 27th CB (Sp). Report end by 6th Brg.
- 5-7-45 - The 29th Reg. is located at Tinian. (Dirpadocks S.F. Sec Rep of 15 Apr'45)
- 5-29-45 - 1 May'45 report of the 29th Reg - The 29th Reg is located at Tinian & is attached to the 6th Brig. Comments re 18th CB which is attached to the 29th Reg. Report end. by 6th Brig.
- 6-26-45 - 1 Jun'45 report of the 29th Reg - location not stated. Comments on 18th, 50th, and 92nd CBs and 27th (Sp). Report via 6th Brg. The 18th CB is scheduled for early inactivation but no definite date has been established.
- 7-2-45 - 27th (Sp) detached from the 29th Reg & 6th Brig. Ordered to proceed to Okinawa for duty. (OinC 6th Brig. conf orders ser (0147) dtd 7 Jun'45 to OinC 27th (Sp)).
- 7-31-45 - 1 Jul'45 report of the 29th Reg - located at Tinian. The 27th (Sp) was detached from duty 6 June. Comments on the 50th, 92nd, 107th, and 135th CBs. Report via 6th Brg.
- 8-28-45 - Remove from alerted status my 091943 July-of higher classification Staff of NCRs 29, 30, 40 & 49. (Comservpac Sec disp 242313 to Commarianas).
- 8-29-45 - 1 Aug'45 report of 29th Reg. Report came via 6th Brig. On 6 July '45, the 38th CB & 110th CB were transferred to 29th Reg. No info as to location. 123 replacements have been rec'd on orders from Comservpac, 72 replacements have been transferred to the 50th CB from other batts of the Brig.

Location -

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- 9-24-45 - Comservpac directs OinC, 6th Brig to inactivate 29th Regt. staff. (Comservpac conf spoltr ser 05230 dtd 18 Sept'45 to OinC, 6th Brig).
- 10-3-45 - 1 Sept'45 report of 29th Reg. - no info as to location. Report via 6th Brig. 327 men transferred to U.S. for discharge under the point system. 45 men rec'd on board & distributed as follows+-38th CB-1man, 50th CB-40 men & 110th CB 4 men & 2 off.
- 10-30-45 - 1 Oct'45 report of 29th Reg. - location not stated. Report via 6th Brg. All uni comprising the 6th Brg. are scheduled for early inactivation, except 38th CB. The first detachment of the 38th CB left Tinian for Japan on 23 Sept'45. The remaining three detachments are expected to move out shortly.
- 10-31-45 - 29th Reg. inactivation on 1 Oct'45. (OinC, 6th Brig. ltr dtd 19 Oct'45 to Comservpac).

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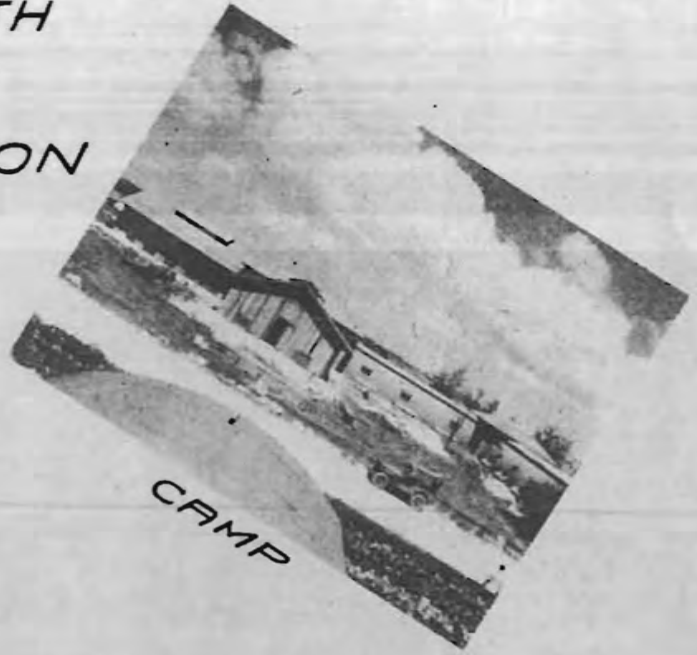
29th Regiment

Date	Organization	Location	Reference	Notes
6/19/44	-	Cincpoa 6th Brig.	C. B. report 1 June	18th, 92nd, 107th, Det. 1036
11/22	-	Linian 6th Brig.	C. B. report 1 November	
2/20	-	-	Op 30 Con/ser. 055130 of 10 Feb.	To be reorganized in Unit of 6th Brigade + 18, 92, 50, 107 & 37 sq

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'BROADWAY'



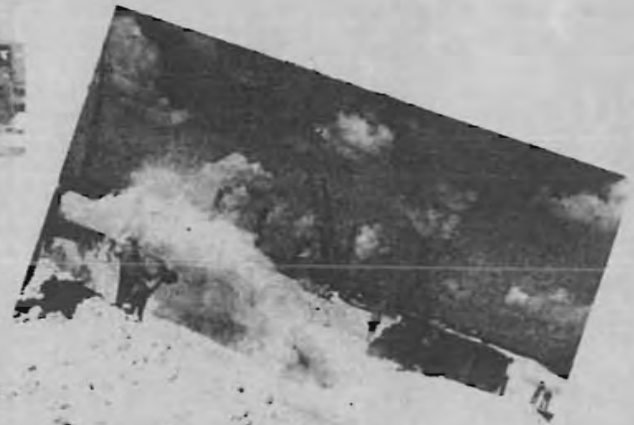
CAMP



TANK FARM



BOMB DUMP



TINIAN HARBOR

The 29th Naval Construction Regiment, as presently constituted, dates from 8 July, 1944, for the organization which was the original 29th Regiment is now the 6th Naval Construction Brigade. The reconstitution of the present Regiment became effective at a time when the newly formed 6th Brigade was enroute to Tinian. Commodore (then Captain) P. J. Halloran, CEC, USN, anticipated this change and, therefore, had selected Commander M. Y. Neely, CEC, USNR, to be Officer-in-Charge.

The original members of the Regimental Staff, and incidentally, who are still with us, are: Commander M. Y. Neely, our Skipper, Lieutenant Commander J. B. Barnwell, our Executive Officer, and Lieutenant J. J. Newman (of the Brigade) our Engineering Operations Officer. During the year we received Lieutenant J. Stubblebine, who was on our roster but was always on temporary duty with the Brigade as Supply Officer until he returned to the States for reassignment, Ensign A. Knutson, who served as Assistant Operations Officer until he was recalled to his Battalion, and Lieutenant (j.g.) W. Westin and Chief Carpenter D. Brackney who were assigned to the Operations Department for a few months, but since have been reassigned. Recently, Lieutenant P. O'Donnell, Construction Operations Officer (on temporary duty with us) and Lieutenant (j.g.) G. Prothero, Preventative Maintenance Officer, reported aboard. The enlisted personnel (all on temporary duty) include L. Eberhard, CI, K. C. Streibig, CI, L. Williams, Y3c, and E. Logan, Y2c, who handle the paper work; P. Levy, CSF, who does the procuring and J. Seward, CCM, who works in Operations. H. Unland, EMCc, and J. Sherman, CM2c, were assigned to us until recently.

Our first Regimental office was located on a spot which has since been transformed into the largest airfield in the world. We remained there but a short time and then piled our gear and records onto a truck and took off for our second location in the Old Island Command area. Here, Commander Neely, Lieutenant Commander Barnwell and Chief Streibig held down the fort during the days of field telephones, mosquitoes, flies, field rations, air raids, rains and terrific heat. Our third move was to the "little Jap house" where we both lived and worked; we rather enjoyed the privacy of the house, and the garden with the papaya and breadfruit trees, and were amused at the cows, goats, and pigs who always returned "home" to us after their day's activity. Commander Neely, who invariably would bump his head on the low partitions of the house, was the least reluctant to move to our present office in the Brigade area, where we have been situated for almost eight months.

The Regiment first assumed operational control in the field of its battalions on 3 August, 1944, at which time three battalions had landed, and during the following three months we added one full battalion and two special battalions (later merged into one). From the very first, our Regiment was assigned the lead in waterfront work, camp construction and public works, although we have also



been called upon to divert large portions of our heavy equipment and practically all of our dump trucks to the airfields. We constructed all temporary harbor facilities consisting of a cellular breakwater and marginal wharf and piers. Our battalions have constructed about 75 camps, 2 hospitals and are working on 5 more, have been responsible for all construction work to date for the Military Government Camp containing over 10,000 civilians, have dismantled five 200 foot radio towers for future use, and have provided skilled personnel for dismantling the old sugar mill. During the year we built storage for Avgas, Mogas, and Diesel fuel and laid over 25 miles of main pipe line. From the development of existing wells and drilling of new

ones, we have developed a water supply system of 1,500,000 gallons per day capacity. Our battalions also constructed the Naval Supply Depot, an oxygen plant, an acetylene plant, the Army Quartermaster Depot, a refrigerator plant, and Advance Base Construction Depot, the Spare Parts Depot, two bomb dumps, a mine assembly depot, a vulcanizing plant, a joint communications center, the VLR bombing tower and the Army Airway Communication System. We also constructed 85 miles of primary roads, all of which have been coral surfaced.

Our Regiment has served a very definite purpose in scheduling and coordinating the construction work accomplished by the Seabees of our Battalions on Tinian.











