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(Commodore G. van DEURS, U.S.N.)

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Under Commander Task Force 55, operating under Commander FIFTH Fleet, Commander Task Group 55.2 (Commodore G. van DEURS, U.S.N., in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), flagship) was operating in the KYUSHU Area (corresponding to land area controlled by the FIFTH Amphibious Corps) in accordance with Commander Cruiser Division FOUR (Commander Task Force 55) Operation Plan 4-45.

The task organization set up in Commander Task Group 55.2 Operation Plan 1-45, dated 3 December, was placed into effect on 6 December, 1945:

55.2	Commodore G. van DEURS	
55.2.1	Flagship Unit	- Captain D. L. MADEIRA, USN
55.2.2	Courier and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit	- Captain BROWN, USN
55.2.3	Garrison Shipping	- Senior Attached Commander
55.2.4	Port Director Units	
55.2.41	SASEBO	- Commander DUFFY, USNR
55.2.42	NAGASAKI	- Commander BLAIN, USN
55.2.43	FUKUOKA	- Lieut. Comdr. MONROE, USN
55.2.44	KAGOSHIMA	- Lt. (jg) PAPE, USNR
55.2.5	Hospital and Medical Unit	- Commander McCREERY, USNR

3 - 8 December 1945

At 1000 (I) on 3 December, Commodore G. van DEURS, USN, relieved Rear Admiral F. G. FAHRION, USN (CTF 55) as Commander Task Group 55.2, and hoisted his flag in U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91); Captain D. L. MADEIRA, USN, assuming command of Task Unit 55.2.1. Present at SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN were Commander Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral FAHRION, Commander Cruiser Division FOUR), Commander Task Force 52 (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CominPac), Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps (Major General SCHMITT, USMC), Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore HARTLEY, USN, SOPA Administrative), and various ships and units of the United States Pacific Fleet.

At 2353 (Z), 3 December, Commander FIFTH Fleet assigned to Commander Task Group 55.2 the following administration call and mail address: Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

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On 3 December, CASSWELL (AKA-72) commenced loading the first echelon of the FIFTH Marine Division for transportation to San Diego.

At 1500 (Z), 6 December, Commander Task Group 55.2 placed his Operation Plan 1-45 into effect (copy of this plan attached). This plan was derived from Commander Cruiser Division FOUR Operation Plan 4-45. It divided the KYUSHU Area, JAPAN, into various administrative groups in order to provide for efficient and decentralized conduct of the missions assigned this task group.

On 6 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU conferred with Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore HARTLEY), Commanding Officer CUB 18 (Captain WILSON), and Chief of Staff, CominPac (Captain WHITEMARSH) concerning recreation facilities, uniform regulations, and shore and water patrols.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft, disposal of Japanese ammunition in accordance with current directives, and repatriation of Japanese, Korean and Chinese nationals, all of which commenced early during the occupation, were continued in routine operations.

9 - 13 December 1945

On 9 December the Fleet Recreation Center, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN was opened. Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU inspected port facilities at FUKUOKA and conferred with Port Director and Chief of Staff to the Commanding General 32nd Infantry Division at FUKUOKA on the subject of future shipping requirements at FUKUOKA.

On 10 December, U.S.S. GREENLET (ARS-10) with ex-Japanese submarines I-14, I-400, and I-401 operated by U.S. Naval personnel, departed SASEBO for GUAM.

On 11 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU promulgated a revision of his Operation Plan 1-45. (Copy of this revision attached.)

On 11 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU (CTG 55.2) and Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore HARTLEY) conferred on board the U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13) with Commander Minecraft, Pacific Fleet, (Rear Admiral STRUBLE, Commander Task Force 52) on the subject of security in the SASEBO Area.

On 11 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU placed into effect a list of security precautions to be used against reported possibilities of violence against occupation forces, both afloat and ashore, by certain dissatisfied minorities in the Japanese population (copy attached). Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU directed all Port Directors in the KYUSHU Area to prepare weekly lists of Japanese ships to be submitted 2400 (I) each Saturday stating:

- (a) Ships present.
- (b) Current employment.
- (c) Arrivals for the past week.
- (d) Expected departures for the coming week.

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On 11 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU (CTG 55.2) promulgated a training program for Task Group 55.2 in the SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area, for the period 17-29 December. The program included aircraft tracking, general shipboard drills, general quarters drills, and drills in damage control, engineering casualty, battery, and communications. Facilities for gunnery firing were limited. However, use was made of the Mobile AATC No. 2 in U.S.S. LST 834 with a TDD unit embarked, for training of automatic weapons gun crews and anti-aircraft control personnel.

On 11 December, a new Commissioned Officer's Club was opened in area BAKER, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

On 13 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU (CTG 55.2) conferred with Captain BARD (charged with administration of all Port Director Units in FIFTH Fleet Area), and General OGDEN (Commanding General, KYUSHU Base) concerning future needs for shipping and regarding methods and quantity of cargo handling and the duration of use in the KYUSHU Area. Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU also conferred with Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore HARTLEY) on the subjects of security, the establishment of a Fleet Post Office at FUKUOKA, and the sailing of merchant and cargo ships out of SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft, disposal of Japanese ammunition and repatriation of Japanese, Korean, and Chinese nationals continued.

14 - 18 December 1945

At 0827 (I), 14 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), flagship, with ENGLISH (DD696)(ComDesDiv 124), LIND (DD702), and ROWAN (DD782) departed SASEBO for KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN. Enroute, scheduled training exercises were held as follows: On 14 December, anti-aircraft firing practice, surface tracking, and night destroyer attacks on U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91). 15 December surface and aircraft tracking. Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU arrived KAGOSHIMA 1314 (I), 15 December.

On 14 December, repatriation of Japanese from China commenced at KAGOSHIMA with the arrival of three SEVENTH Fleet LST's carrying Japanese repatriates. Unloading was completed on 15 December.

In the early morning of 15 December, a Japanese small boat was fired upon in SASEBO Harbor by deck sentries on U.S.S. EAGER (AM-224), U.S.S. GRAYLAG (AM-364), and U.S.S. SHOVELER (AM-382), injuring slightly one woman and one boy. An investigation of the incident revealed that the Japanese craft was operating in violation of regulations forbidding harbor movements during darkness. Furthermore, the boat was unlighted and passed close to the vessels which fired. The injured personnel were treated by the Medical Officer, U.S.S. YOSEMITE. A man on board LCS(L) 38 was killed by accidental gunfire, and a board of investigation was convened by Commander Service Division 103 (SOPA Administrative) to determine the facts.

On 16 December, the Fleet Post Office was fully established ashore at SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN, thus relieving LST 48 for further duty as assigned.

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On 17 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU was directed by Commander Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral FAHRION, Commander Cruiser Division FOUR) to sail to SASEBO to arrive the morning of 18 December to be present for the arrival of Commander FIFTH Fleet (Admiral J. H. TOWERS). At 2125 (I), 17 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), flagship, with AULT (DD697) departed KAGOSHIMA for SASEBO. Stormy weather was encountered with high winds and heavy seas. U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) was steaming at moderate speeds, 10-12 knots being determined as the speed at which the ship rode best, heading into the wind and sea on prescribed routing enroute KAGOSHIMA to SASEBO. Average wind was 40 knots with gusts up to 50 knots. The sea was running heavily with 20 foot waves. The barometer averaged 29.75 inches, rising. U.S.S. AULT (DD697) left the disposition and proceeded to SASEBO at the most compatible speed (about 8 knots). Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU arrived SASEBO 1815 (I), 18 December.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft, and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The repatriation of Japanese, Chinese and Korean nationals also continued.

19 - 25 December 1945

On 19 December, Commander FIFTH Fleet arrived on an inspection tour of SASEBO Area.

On 19 December, FIFTH Marine Division lift was completed, and FIFTH Amphibious Corps lift started on 25 December.

Holiday routine was followed on Christmas Day. However, provisions were included to insure effectiveness of all security precautions both ashore and afloat. There was no increase in recreation or liberty parties.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese and Korean nationals also continued.

26 - 31 December 1945

At 1845, 26 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU received the report that a twin engine land airplane had crashed in the sea 10 miles southwest of NAGASAKI at 1205. A Japanese minesweeper picked up one body, identified as 2nd Lieutenant R. W. CHAPMAN (14183472), U.S. Army Air Corps, and delivered it to the 2nd Marine Division. The plane was later identified as an Army B-25 from ASHYA Airfield, Lat. 30-54 N. and Long. 130-40 E., and was carrying two officers and three enlisted personnel. A seaplane and an LCT searched the area throughout the morning of the 27th finding an empty life raft and some debris, but no other personnel.

On 28 December, U.S.S. ROWAN (DD782) departed SASEBO for OKINAWA, having been detached from Task Group 55.2

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On 29 December, the U.S.S. MINIVET (AM-371) was sunk by a mine off the Southeast coast of TSUSHIMA. Air and sea searches were started immediately, and rescue operations were directed by Commander Task Force 52 (Rear Admiral STRUBLE).

On 29 December, Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT (Captain BELL) embarked in U.S.S. E. F. LARSON (DD830) with U.S.S. GOODRICH (DD831), U.S.S. HANSON (DD832), and U.S.S. H.J. THOMAS (DD833) arrived SASEBO for duty in Task Group 55.2.

On 30 December, Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT (Captain BELL) relieved Commander Destroyer Division 124 (Captain TACKNEY) of all duties assigned Task Unit 55.2.21 and assumed duty as Commander Task Unit 55.2.2.

On 31 December, a conference was held on board the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) on the subject of Gunnery and other shipboard training, both underway and in port, for the period 2 - 12 January, 1946.

On 31 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU ordered all naval personnel ashore or on board ships in KYUSHU Area to be revaccinated as a precaution against the spread of virulent smallpox which had broken out among the natives and United States troops in KOREA.

On 31 December, Commander Destroyer Division 124 (Captain TACKNEY) embarked in U.S.S. ENGLISH (DD696), with U.S.S. SPERRY (DD697), U.S.S. WEEKS (DD701), U.S.S. AULT (DD698), and U.S.S. LIND (DD703) departed SASEBO for ENIWETOK.

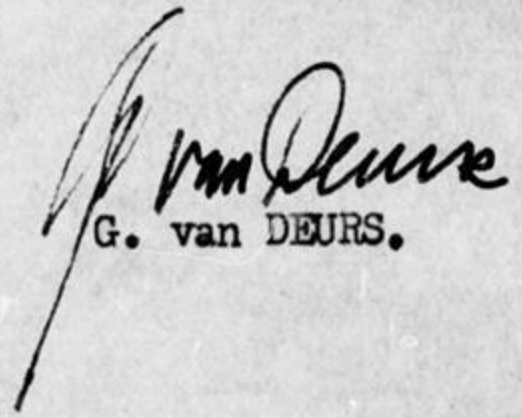
Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese and Korean nationals also continued.

POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP

Positions:	3 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	4 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	5 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	6 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	7 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	8 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	9 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	10 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	11 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	12 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	13 December	Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	14 December	0800 Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
		1200 32-33.5 N 129-29.5 E
		2000 32-12.8 N 128-48.5 E
	15 December	0800 31-00.5 N 130-03 E
		1314 Anchored in Berth #7, KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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Positions: 16 December Anchored in Berth #7, KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN
(Cont'd.) 17 December Anchored in Berth #7, KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN
18 December 0800 31-18 N 129-15 E
1200 31-58.9 N 129-09.8 E
2000 Anchored in SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
19 December 0800 Anchored in SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
1200 Anchored in SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
2000 Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
20 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
21 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
22 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
23 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
24 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
25 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
26 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
27 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
28 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
29 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
30 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
31 December Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN


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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE POINT TWO.
U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91), Flagship.

SASEBO, JAPAN,
3 December 1945.

TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2	Commodore G. van DEURS	
(a) 55.2.1	<u>Flagship Unit</u> - Captain MADERIA	
	OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)	1 CL
(b) 55.2.2	<u>Courier and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit</u> - Captain BROWN	
55.2.21	ENGLISH (DD696) (ComDesRon 62) - Captain BROWN C.S. SPERRY (DD697) AULT (DD698) J. W. WEEKS (DD701) ComDesDiv 124) ROWAN (DD782) J. R. PIERCE (DD753)	6 DD
55.2.22	EURYALE (AS22) (ComSubRon 13) - Capt. NOSELY GREENLET (ASR10)	1 AS 1 ASR
(c) 55.2.3	<u>Amphibious Unit</u> - Senior Attached Commander	
	LST 524, 868, 943, 968, 1019, 1024	6 LST
	LSM 76, 80, 292, 343, 386, 387	6 LSM
	<u>LCI Division 110</u>	
	LCI 1093, (ComLCIDiv 110) 1097, 881, 882, 883	5 LCI
	<u>LCT Flot 21</u>	
	LC(FF) 998 (ComLCTFlot 21)	1 LC(FF)
	<u>LCT Group 45</u>	
	LCT 675, (ComLCTGrp 45), 594, 668, 672, 673, 674, 676, 677, 678, 679, 716, 717, 718, 853, 893, 894, 895, 954, 955.	

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LCT Group 43

LCT 956 (ComLCTGrp 43), 957, 958, 959, 960,
972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980,
981, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066.

LCT Group 103

LCT 1211 (ComLCTGrp 103), 1214, 1219,
1220, 1221, 1230, 1247, 1249, 1250,
1283, 1285, 1287, 1380.

51 LCT

(d) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.41 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 888

1 LST

55.2.42 Port Director NAGASAKI - Commander BLAINE

KINGMAN (APB47)

1 APB

LCI 813

1 LCI

55.2.43 Port Director FUKUOKA - Lt. Comdr. PARR

55.2.44 Port Director KAGOSHIMA - Lt.(jg) PAPE

(e) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Commander W. A. McCREERY

SAMARITAN (AH10)

1 AH

(f) 50.2.3 SASEBO Seaplane Unit - Captain VOIT

ST GEORGE (AV16)

1 AV

BERING STRAIT (AVP34)

1 AVP

VPB 22, 27

2 VPBRons

VH 4 (2 planes)

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1. General Situation - This plan is derived from Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. It is drawn in order to provide for efficient and decentralized conduct of the missions assigned this Task Group. In addition to units of this Task Group the following military and naval organizations are present or have responsibilities in the area:
 - (a) Commander Mine Force, Pacific Fleet (CTF 52) is at present in SASEBO, where a Base Group (TG 52.3) is also located. Cominpac is responsible for, and conducting, minesweeping operations in the Japanese Empire. Control of Japanese, as well as U.S. minecraft is vested in him.
 - (b) The Commanding General, FIFTH Amphibious Corps has established Headquarters in the SASEBO Area. The responsibilities of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps include the military occupation of the land areas within the Task Group area of responsibility, the demobilization and demilitarization of Japanese armed forces, including naval, ashore, and the disposition of captured or surrendered enemy equipment, including naval, seized ashore. This Corps is also accomplishing the processing of Japanese, Korean and Chinese repatriates being handled through ports within the assigned area.
 - (c) Commander Service Division 103 in SASEBO, and his Representative in the MARKAB (AD21) at KAGOSHIMA provide logistic support for naval units in the area. Upon request ComServDiv 103 will provide limited logistic support such as fuel, supplies, and salvage operations at other ports. ComServDiv 103 is under operational control of Commander Service Squadron TEN.
 - (d) The Administrator Shipping Control Authority and Commander Japanese Repatriation Group (CTG 50.3) is the ultimate authority on movements and operations of Japanese merchant and naval shipping. The procedure employed in effecting this control is stated in Appendix II to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
 - (e) Commander LST Flotilla 37, assisted by ComLSTFlot 21, is the Representative in SASEBO of Commander Task Force 54. He has been directed to facilitate and coordinate loading, unloading and movements of Task Force 54 shipping in SASEBO, NAGASAKI and FUKUOKA area. He further has been directed to coordinate logistics and insure prompt turn around of SEVENTH Fleet LST's engaged in Japanese-Korean repatriation service.
 - (f) CUB 18 is located in the SASEBO area and is under the control of the Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps. CUB 18 provides the following:
 - (1) Boat pool facilities for FIFTHPhibCorps.
 - (2) Communications assistance for Port Director.

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- (3) A shore based hospital unit (SAH No. 5).
 - (4) Recreation facilities ashore.
 - (5) Custody of Japanese naval stores and supplies, and control of necessary issues to Japanese.
 - (6) Communication personnel for operation Radio SASEBO.
- (g) The airfield at OMURA is at present occupied by a Provisional Marine Air Base Squadron in order to provide for transient aircraft. Aircraft operations out of OMURA are controlled by FEAF.
2. This Task Group will conduct naval operations in its assigned area, in order to further Allied military, political, and economic control of the Japanese Empire.
3. (a) Flagship Group.
- (1) Operate as directed by CTG 55.2.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist Japanese Ship Inspection Unit (TU 55.2.2).
 - (3) Prepare a training program for combatant units of the Task Group and submit to the Task Group Commander for approval. Arrange necessary services to carry out approved training program.
- (b) Courier and Japanese Ship Inspection Unit.
- (1) Operate mail courier service between SASEBO, NAGASAKI, KAGOSHIMA, and WAKAYAMA.
 - (2) Conduct surprise inspections of Japanese shipping previously inspected including transients, in order to insure that the Japanese are maintaining ships in a demilitarized condition. Seize materials which violate terms of demilitarization and dispose of such materials in accordance Appendix I to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. Make full reports of such violations, including itemized lists of materials seized and disposed of. (Note that Japanese mine-craft engaged in minesweeping duties and fishing vessels engaged in whaling and sealing are allowed to carry limited amounts of machine guns, rifles and ammunition).
 - (3) Conduct inspections of all Japanese ships encountered which have not been previously inspected. Submit a report on each covering material condition, personnel, state of demilitarization, and recommendations for disposition. Employ inspection form A-3 of Annex "A" to this OpPlan.
 - (4) Request personnel assistance as needed from CTU 55.2.1 for conducting inspections of Japanese shipping.
 - (5) Be prepared to assist Port Directors (TU 55.2.4) in controlling movements of Japanese shipping.
 - (6) Perform escort duties as may be separately directed.
 - (7) Be prepared to assist Task Unit 50.2.3 in Air-Sea rescue operations.

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- (8) Maintain one destroyer at SASEBO ready to put to sea on one hours notice for emergency missions on orders of Task Group Commander or in his absence the Senior Officer Present Afloat.

(c) Amphibious Unit.

- (1) Provide local lighterage for FIFTH Amphibious Corps.
- (2) Provide one LSM for NAGASAKI-KAGOSHIMA shuttle.
- (3) Assist the FIFTH Amphibious Corps in disposal of Japanese ammunition. Provide craft for hauling inert ammunition, and provide supervision of Japanese loading and dumping of live ammunition as requested by Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps.
- (4) Provide lifts for FIFTH Amphibious Corps troops to outlying islands and other land areas as may be requested by Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps. Prepare and submit to CTG 55.2 for approval, plans for such lifts. Insure that plans include all pertinent and applicable mine data as obtained from Commander Mine Force (CTF 52) or his cognizant representative.

(d) Port Director Units.

- (1) Conduct operations as currently directed with regards routing, berthing and unloading of Allied naval and merchant vessels, and make prescribed departure and arrival reports for such vessels.
- (2) Control the movements of Japanese shipping within the area of the port to which assigned, preventing all movements not authorized by SCAJAP (CTG 50.2) or higher authority.
- (3) Request assistance as necessary of Task Unit 55.2.2 in order to control the movements of Japanese shipping, submitting such requests through CTG 55.2.
- (4) Make daily summaries of Allied and Japanese ship movements as required by CTF 55 despatch 250119 of November and Com5thFleet 280415 of November. (See Annex "B" to this OpPlan).
- (5) Insure that vessels performing Magic Carpet duties are promptly and efficiently loaded and despatched. Report to Task Group 55.2 any prospective delays in loading and departure, or improper use of space of these vessels with reasons therefore.
- (6) Allocate space and control air and surface transportation for personnel.

(e) Hospital and Medical Unit.

Provide hospital and medical facilities as may be required.

(f) SASEBO Seaplane Unit.

- (1) Provide courier service as directed by CFAW-17 (CTG 50.2).
- (2) Provide search and surveillance flights as may be directed.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct any required air-sea rescue operations,

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coordinating the operations of own units with such surface vessels as may be made available.

- (x) (1) Task Group area boundary as prescribed in Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
 - (2) The duties of SOPA (Admin.) until otherwise directed will be performed by ComServDiv 103 at SASEBO; Port Director at NAGASAKI; ComServDiv 103 Representative in U.S.S. MARKAB (AD-21) at KAGOSHIMA; Port Director at FUKUOKA. Each SOPA (Admin.) will:
 - (a) Submit weekly reports of demilitarization and demobilization of Japanese Naval Forces afloat as required by SCAP Instructions No. 1 and No. 2. Submit reports as of 2400 each Saturday on the forms shown in Annex "A" to this OpPlan. Matter listed on form A-1 shall indicate only designation and strength of Japanese Naval Personnel actually demobilized by units of TG 55.2. Units demobilized by the Army will not be reported. Matter to be listed on form A-2 similarly includes only items seized by units of TG 55.2. If either weekly report is negative a despatch so stating is adequate for that report.
 - (b) Submit daily despatch summaries to reach CTG 55.2 prior to 2000(I) covering progress of operations and occurrences of interest. No items of duplication, i.e. events previously made known to CTG 55.2, will be included in these summary reports.
 - (c) Carry out the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Annex BAKER to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
 - (3) This plan will be made effective by despatch.
 - (4) Carry out existing orders until otherwise directed by CTG 55.2 or higher authority.
4. Logistics in accordance with Annex I Com5thFleet OpPlan 6-45 and ComCruDiv-FOUR OpPlan 4-45. ComServDiv 103 through his representative in Empire ports is providing logistic support. ComServDiv 103 shall arrange for procurement, through the Army Procurement Agencies, of Japanese services and materials that are needed for naval purposes. Arrangements for such services shall not be attempted through other channels.
5. (a) Communications in accordance with Com5thFleet Communication Plan 10-45 as modified by Com5thFleet 311515 (See Annex "B" of this OpPlan).

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(b) Use Zone Zebra (GCT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zone Item (-9) time for local time within the Task Group Area of Responsibility.

(c) CTG 55.2 in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91).

G. van DEURS,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO.

ANNEXES:

- (A) Desired Forms for Submitting Reports.
- (B) Pertinent Despatches.

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DISTRIBUTION:

CNO	13	ComCruDiv TEN (CTG 55.3)	4
ComdtMarCorp	2	ComTaskFlot ONE (CTG 55.4)	4
CinCPac	15	NavLiaisonOff 6thArmy, HQ	1
Com5thFlt	5	ComDesRon 62	2
SCAP	5	ComDesDiv 124	2
FltLoSCAP	5	ComSubRon 13	2
SCAJap	5	ComLSTFlot 37	2
ComGen 6thArmy	5	ComLSTFlot 21	2
ComGenFIFTHPhibCorps (SASEBO)	5	ComLCIDiv 110	2
ComMarianas	5	ComLCTFlot 21	2
ComPhilSeaFron	2	ComLCTGrp 45	2
ComSEVENTHFlt	2	ComLCTGrp 43	2
ComServPac	2	ComLCTGrp 103	2
ComServRon TEN	2	ComMinRon 8	1
ComServDiv 103	5	ComMinRon 15	1
CominPac	5	ComMinRon 21	1
ComGen2ndMarDiv	5	ComMinDiv 7	1
ComGen5thMarDiv	5	ComMinDiv 13,	1
ComCruDiv FOUR (CTF 55)	5	ComMinDiv 36	1
ComCruDiv SEVENTEEN	5	ComMinDiv 60	1
ComFairWing 17	2	OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)	2
ComPhibGrp 11 (CTF 54)	2	ENGLISH (DD696)	1
CUB 18	1	C.S. SPERRY (DD697)	1
Port Director, FUKUOKA	2	JOHN W. WEEKS (DD701)	1
" " KAGOSHIMA	2	AULT (DD698)	1
" " YOKOSUKA	1	ROWAN (DD782)	1
" " WAKAYAMA	1	J. R. PIERCE (DD753)	1
" " NAGOYA	1	EURAYLE (AS22)	1
" " KURE	1	SAMARITAN (AH10)	1
" " MATSUYAMA	1	BERING STRAIT (AVP34)	1
" " SASEBO	2	ST GEORGE (AV16)	1
" " NAGASAKI	2	KINGMAN (APB 47)	1
" " OKINAWA	1	GREENLET (ASR10)	1
FPO, YOKOSUKA	1	YOSEMITE (AD19)	1
FPO, SASEBO	1	MARKAB (AD21)	1
FPO, NAGASAKI	1	VPB 22	1
FPO, OKINAWA	1	VPB 27	1
ComFleetAct, YOKOSUKA	2	VH 4	1
Shipping Control Admin- istrator, Navy #3923	1	LST's 524, 868, 943, 968, 1019, 1024, 888	(1 each)

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DESIRED FORMS FOR SUBMITTING REPORTS

- Form A-1 Weekly report of demobilization of personnel.
- Form A-2 Weekly report of captured or surrendered supplies and equipment.
- Form A-3 Initial Japanese shipping inspection report.

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REPORT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF
JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS

WEEK ENDING _____

UNIT DEMOBILIZED	PERS. ABOARD AUGUST 15		PERS. ABOARD THIS DATE		PERS. DEMOBIL- IZED THIS WEEK		PERSONNEL DEMOBILIZED SINCE AUG 15	
	OFF	MEN	OFF	MEN	OFF	MEN	OFF	MEN
JUNYO (CV)	80	1500	5	60	10	80	75	1440
HA 201 (SS)	?	?	3	18	2	12	?	?
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	12	92	-	-

S-A-M-P-L-E F-O-R-M

(Report need not be submitted unless personnel actually were demobilized during period of this report by units of Task Group 55.2).

REPORT OF CAPTURED OR SURRENDERED
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

SOPA SASEBO
(Unit Reporting)

From 3 Nov. 1945 to 10 Nov. 1945

Class Navy - Signal (QM, Ord, Sig, etc)

ITEMS (1)		Received during Period this report (2)	Accumulative Total (to include period of this Report)			Balance on Hand
			Received (3)	Disposed of (4)	Method of Dis- posi- tion *(5)	
Photo Equip.	lbs		25	25	RJ	
Batteries Wet	lbs	50	50	50	D	
Parts, Communica- tion apparatus	lbs	450	450	450	D	
Audiphone		1	1	1	D	
<u>"S-A-M-P-L-E--F-O-R-M"</u>						

Note - 1 - Remarks required by any special situation or condition will be referred to on additional sheets attached to this report.

*Note - 2 - C - Used for civilian relief; D - Destroyed; O - Used for operations; RJ - Returned to Japanese; S - Scrapped; TIT - Trophies issued to troops; ST - Shipped to US for training purposes; SWT - Shipped to US as War Trophies.

(Form A-2)

DATE INSPECTED _____

NAME _____

TYPE _____

LOCATION _____

TONNAGE _____

STATUS _____
(Docked, Beached, Anchored)

A. MATERIAL CONDITIONS

(a) ENGINEERING _____

_____RFS _____
(Yes or No)(b) HULL _____

_____RFS _____
(Yes or No)B. STATUS OF DEMILITARIZATION _____

C. PERSONNEL - ABOARD _____ REQUIRED TO OPERATE _____ IN EXCESS _____

D. MISCELLANEOUS - CRUISING RANGE _____ TYPE FUEL _____ PASS CAP _____

CARGO CAPACITY _____

E. RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION _____

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ANNEX "B" to Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO OpPlan 1-45.

PERTINENT DESPATCHES

FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : 5THFLT/RDO OKINAWA/RDO GUAM/RDO TOKYO/COMSERVRON 10
INFO: COM3RDFLT/CINCPAC POA PEARL/RDO HONOLULU

COM5THFLT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 10-45 EFFECTIVE ZERO HOURS GCT 5 NOVEMBER INCLUDE PROVISION THIS DISPATCH AS CHANGE 1. CHANGES: HOLD ARTICLE 501 IN ABEYANCE FOR COMBATANT SHIPPING UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. ARTICLE 1861A. SUBPARA 2. CHANGE FIRST LINE TO READ CW DISTRESS TRAFFIC, CONTROL AND COORDINATION. DELETE MARILANAS, RYUKU JAPAN. DELETE SUBPARA 3 AND CHANGE NUMBER SUBPARA 4. ADD NEW SUBPARA 4 READING GENERAL SURFACE AND AIRCRAFT DISTRESS FREQUENCY 8280 KILOCYCLES. ANNEX ABLE. CIRCUIT CHARLIE 2. ADD 405. CHANGE 9040 TO 10900. ADD SENTENCE AT END READING TRANSMISSION PERIODS FOR ONE AND TWO OPERATOR SHIPS SAME AS THOSE JUMP AND GEORGE BRO. DCASTS. INTERCEPT PERIOD GUARDED MUST BE INCLUDED IN MOVEMENT ORDERS OR REPORTS. PAGE ABLE 3. CIRCUIT ONE ABLE CHANGE TO 4865. ONE BAKER TO 5140.

311515 October 1945

FROM: CTF 55
TO : PD NAGOYA/WAKAYAMA/MATSUYAMA/HIRO/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/NAGASAKI/SASEBO/FUKUOKA
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 55.3/55.4/55.2/50.3

SUBJECT JAPANESE SHIPPING. MAKE ONE CONSOLIDATED REPORT DAILY OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS TO TASK GROUP COMMANDERS INFO CTF 55, CTG 50.3, COM5THFLT. USE SHIP CODE DESIGNATION ACCORD CTG 50.3's SERIAL 526 OF 26 OCTOBER OR TONNAGE TO AID IN IDENTIFICATION.

250119 November 1945

FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : ALL PD'S OF JAPAN/RDO TOKYO/RDO HONOLULU/RDO GUAM/5THFLT/SCAP/SCAJAP/8TH ARMY HQS/6TH ARMY HQS/COM7THFLT/CINCPAC POA PEARL

IN ORDER STANDARDIZE PROCEDURE AND SUPPLY SHIP MOVEMENT INFORMATION TO ALL CONCERNED WITH MINIMUM BURDEN FOLLOWING PROCEDURE REPORTING SHIP MOVEMENTS WITHIN EMPIRE AREA PRESCRIBED. 1. PORT DIRECTORS OR NAVAL COMMANDERS ISSUE AND ADDRESS MOVEMENT ORDERS ACCORDANCE CHAPTER 5 PAC 70 B. FOR COMBATANT SHIPS INCLUDE ACTIVITIES INDICATED PARA'S 512 (A) (1). (2). (4). (5) ACTION OR INFO ADEES AND INFORM ADEES UNDER PARA'S 512 (A) (3). (6). (7) AND ALL OTHERS WHO DESIRE THIS INFORMATION BY SUMMARIES INCLUDING CINCPAC AND WESSEAFRON DAILY SUMMARIES PREPARED AND FORWARDED ACCORDANCE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

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ANNEX "B" to Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO OpPlan 1-45.

2. PORT DIRECTORS PREPARE AND FORWARD TO REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA DAILY SUMMARY ALL SHIP MOVEMENTS INCLUDING JAPANESE AS OF 0900 ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WITH DESTINATION AND ETA.
3. REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA PREPARED DAILY SUMMARY EMPIRE SHIP MOVEMENTS AS OF 1500 GCT AND FORWARD TO EMPIRE ACTIVITIES ASHORE WHO ARE INFO ADEES THIS DISPATCH AS WELL AS TO NPM AND NPN.
4. NPN DISTRIBUTE EMPIRE SUMMARY TO MARGILS. MARIANAS, AND WESTWARD INCLUDING BROADCAST GEORGE FOX IF DESIRABLE. NPM DISTRIBUTE OAHU AND EASTWARD AND BROADCAST ON HOW FOX. PARAGRAPH. FOREGOING SUMMARIES IN NO WISE REPLACE ESSENTIAL ETA REPORTS REQUIRED BY ASCOM OBOE AND ASCOM CHARLIE CONNECTION ARMY MAGIC CARPET.

280415 November 1945

G. van DEURS,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO.

J. W. Williams
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From: Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (CTG 55.2).
To : Distribution List.

Subject: Revision to Commander Task Group 55.2 Operation Plan No. 1-45.

Enclosure: (a) Copies of revised pages.

1. Make the following changes to Commander Task Group 55.2 OpPlan No. 1-45:

- (a) Destroy pages 1 through 7 and insert new pages 1 through 7.
- (b) Destroy page 2 to Annex BAKER and insert new page 2.

2. Make the following changes to Commander Task Group 55.2 OpPlan No. 1-45 Distribution List:

(a) Delete:

- (1) GREENLET (ASR-10)
- (2) VH 4
- (3) VPB 22

(b) Add:

- (1) W. L. LIND (DD-703)
- (2) ComLSTFlot 33
- (3) LST 118

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Joint TWO.
U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91), FLAGSHIP

SASEBO, JAPAN,
3 December 1945.

TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain MADEIRA

OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)

1 CL

(b) 55.2.2 Courier and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit -
Captain BROWN

55.2.21 ENGLISH (DD-696) (CorDesRon 62) - Captain BROWN
C. S. SIERRY (DD-697)
AULT (DD-698)
J. W. WEEKS (DD-701) (CorDesDiv 124)
ROWAN (DD-782)
W. L. LIND (DD-703)

6 DD

55.2.22 EURYALE (LS-22) (CorSubRon 13) - Captain MOSELY

(c) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.41 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 888, 118#
KINGMAN (AFB-47)

2 LST
1 AFB

55.2.42 Port Director FUKUSAKI - Commander BLAIN

LSM 80
LCT 956, 973, 974, 975

1 LSM
4 LCT

55.2.43 Port Director FUKUOKA - Lt. Condr. MUNROE

55.2.44 Port Director KAGOSHIMA - Lieut. TALE

(d) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Lieut. MYERS

SAFARIAN (AH-10)

1 AH

(e) 50.2.3 SASEBO Seaplane Unit - Captain VOIT

ST GEORGE (AV-16)
BENJING STRAIT (AVI-34)
VIB 27

1 AV
1 AVI
1 VPBron

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(f) 54.9 SASEBO Group, Amphibious Force - Captain RILEY

ComLSTFlot 21
ComLSTFlot 33
ComLSTGrp 103
Assigned Task Force 54 shipping

55.2.3 Garrison Shipping

LST 524, 868, 943, 1019, 1024 6 LST
LSM 76, 292, 343, 386, 387 5 LSM

LCI Division 110

LCI 1097 (ComLCIDiv 110), 1093, 881, 882,
883, 813# 6 LCI

LCT Flot 21

LC(FF) 998 (ComLCTFlot 21) 1 LC(FF)

LCT Group 43

LCT 955 (ComLCTGrp 43), 954, 957, 958, 959,
960, 972, 976

LCT Group 44

LCT 1065 (ComLCTGrp 44), 668, 893, 894, 977,
978, 979, 980, 981, 1063, 1065, 1066

LCT Group 45

LCT 674 (ComLCTGrp 45) 672, 673, 678, 679,
716, 717, 895

LCT Group 103

LCT 1211 (ComLCTGrp 103), 594, 853, 1214, 1247,
1249, 1250, 1283, 1285, 1380, 1219, 1220,
1221, 1230 42 LCT

(g) 55.2.6 KAGOSHIMA UNIT

LCT 675, 676, 677, 718, 1287 5 LCT

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1. General Situation - This plan is derived from Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. It is drawn in order to provide for efficient and decentralized conduct of the missions assigned this Task Group. In addition to units of this Task Group the following military and naval organizations are present or have responsibilities in the area:

- (a) Commander Mine Force, Pacific Fleet (CTF 52) is at present in SASEBO, where a Base Group (TG 52.3) is also located. Cominpac is responsible for, and conducting, minesweeping operations in the Japanese Empire. Control of Japanese, as well as U.S. minecraft is vested in him.
- (b) The Commanding General, FIFTH Amphibious Corps has established Headquarters in the SASEBO Area. The responsibilities of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps include the military occupation of the land areas within the Task Group area of responsibility, the demobilization and demilitarization of Japanese armed forces, including naval, ashore, and the disposition of captured or surrendered enemy equipment, including naval, seized ashore. This Corps is also accomplishing the processing of Japanese, Korean and Chinese repatriates being handled through ports within the assigned area.
- (c) Commander Service Division 103 in SASEBO, and his Representative in the MARKAB (AD21) at KAGOSHIMA provide logistic support for naval units in the area. Upon request ComServDiv 103 will provide limited logistic support such as fuel, supplies, and salvage operations at other ports. ComServDiv 103 is under operational control of Commander Service Squadron TEN.
- (d) The Administrator Shipping Control Authority and Commander Japanese Repatriation Group (CTG 50.3) is the ultimate authority on movements and operations of Japanese merchant and naval shipping. The procedure employed in effecting this control is stated in Appendix II to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
- (e) Commander LST Flotilla 27, assisted by ConLSTFlot 21, is the Representative in SASEBO of Commander Task Force 54. He has been directed to facilitate the reception, loading, unloading and movements of Task Force 54 shipping in SASEBO, and SAI and FUKUOKA area.
- (f) CUB 18 is located in the SASEBO area and is under the control of the Commanding General, FIFTH Amphibious Corps. CUB 18 provides the following:
 - (1) Boat pool facilities for FIFTH Amphibious Corps.
 - (2) Recreation facilities ashore.
 - (3) Custody of Japanese naval stores and supplies, and control of necessary issues to Japanese.

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- (g) The airfield at OMURA is at present occupied by a Provisional Marine Air Base Squadron in order to provide for transient aircraft. Aircraft operations out of OMURA are controlled by FEMF.
 - (h) A NavTechJapTeam is present in the SASEBO area. This team inspects, marks and will ship Japanese scientific and technical documents and material to the U.S. for Naval study and experiment. The Senior Officer of the NavTechJapTeam, Commander FLYNN, is the local Navy Liaison Officer at FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters.
2. This Task Group will conduct naval operations in its assigned area, in order to further Allied military, political, and economic control of the Japanese Empire.
3. (a) Flagship Group.
- (1) Operate as directed by CTG 55.2.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist Japanese Ship Inspection Unit (TU 55.2.2).
 - (3) Prepare a training program for combatant units of the Task Group and submit to the Task Group Commander for approval. Arrange necessary services to carry out approved training program.
- (b) Courier and Japanese Ship Inspection Unit.
- (1) Operate mail courier service between SASEBO, NAGASAKI, KAGOSHIMA, and WAKAYAMA.
 - (2) Conduct surprise inspections of Japanese shipping previously inspected including transients, in order to insure that the Japanese are maintaining ships in a demilitarized condition. Seize materials which violate terms of demilitarization and dispose of such materials in accordance Appendix I to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. Make full reports of such violations, including itemized lists of materials seized and disposed of. (Note that Japanese minecraft engaged in minesweeping duties and fishing vessels engaged in whaling and sealing are allowed to carry limited amounts of machine guns, rifles and ammunition).
 - (3) Conduct inspections of all Japanese ships encountered which have not been previously inspected. Submit a report on each covering material condition, personnel, state of demilitarization, and recommendations for disposition. Employ inspection form A-3 of Annex "A" to this OpPlan.
 - (4) Request personnel assistance as needed from CTU 55.2.1 for conducting inspections of Japanese shipping.
 - (5) Be prepared to assist Port Directors (TU 55.2.2) in controlling movements of Japanese shipping.
 - (6) Perform escort duties as may be separately directed.

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- (7) Be prepared to assist Task Unit 50.2.3 in Air-Sea rescue operations.
- (8) Maintain one destroyer at SASEBO ready to put to sea on one hours notice for emergency missions on orders of Task Group Commander or in his absence the Senior Officer Present Afloat.

(c) Port Director Units.

- (1) Conduct operations as currently directed with regards routing, berthing and unloading of Allied naval and merchant vessels, and make prescribed departure and arrival reports for such vessels.
- (2) Control the movements of Japanese shipping within the area of the port to which assigned, preventing all movements not authorized by SCJ.P (CTG 50.3) or higher authority.
- (3) Request assistance as necessary of Task Unit 55.2.2 in order to control the movements of Japanese shipping, submitting such requests through CTG 55.2.
- (4) Make daily summaries of Allied and Japanese ship movements as required by CTF 55 despatch 250119 of November, CTF 55 despatch 082359 December and Com5thFlt 280415 of November. (See Annex "B" to this OpPlan).
- (5) Insure that vessels performing Magic Carpet duties are promptly and efficiently loaded and despatched. Report to Commander Task Group 55.2 any prospective delays in loading and departure, or improper use of space of those vessels with reason therefore.
- (6) Allocate space and control air and surface transportation for personnel.
- (7) Port Director SASEBO provide personnel for operation of and utilize facilities of Radio SASEBO.

(d) Hospital and Medical Unit

- (1) Provide hospital and medical facilities as may be required.

(e) SASEBO Seaplane Unit.

- (1) Provide courier service as directed by CFW-17 (CTG 50.2).
- (2) Provide search and surveillance flights as may be directed.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct any required air-sea rescue operations, coordinating the operations of own units with such surface vessels as may be made available.

(f) SASEBO Group, Amphibious Force

- (1) Carry out duties assigned by CTF 54.
- (2) Control operation (TU 55.2.3) SASEBO garrison shipping.
- (3) Coordinate logistics and insure prompt turn around at SASEBO of SEVENTH Fleet LST's engaged in Japanese-Korean-Chinese repatriation service.
- (4) Provide local lighterage for FIFTH Amphibious Corps.

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- (5) Assist FIFTH Amphibious Corps in disposal of Japanese ammunition. Provide craft for hauling inert ammunition, and provide transportation for V.C supervision of Japanese loading and dumping of live ammunition, as requested by ComGenFIFTHPhibCorps.
- (6) Provide lifts for FIFTH Amphibious Corps troops to outlying islands and other land areas as may be requested by Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps. Prepare and submit to CTG 55.2 for approval, plans for such lifts. Insure that plans include all pertinent and applicable mine data as obtained from Commander Mine Force (CTF 52) or his cognizant representative.

(g) KAGOSHIMA Unit

- (1) Operate under Commander Service Division 103 Representative, KAGOSHIMA (SOPA Admin), to provide for needs of port and garrison forces.
- (x) (1) Task Group area boundary as prescribed in Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
- (2) The duties of SOPA (Admin.) until otherwise directed will be performed by ComServDiv 103 at SASEBO; Port Director at NAGASAKI; ComServDiv 103 Representative in U.S.S. MARKAB (AD-21) at KAGOSHIMA; Port Director at FUKUOKA. Each SOPA (Admin.) will:
 - (a) Submit weekly reports of demilitarization and demobilization of Japanese Naval Forces afloat as required by SCAP Instructions No. 1 and No. 2. Submit reports as of 2400 each Saturday on the forms shown in Annex "A" to this OpPlan. Matter listed on form A-1 shall indicate only designation and strength of Japanese Naval Personnel actually demobilized by units of TG 55.2. Units demobilized by the Army will not be reported. Matter to be listed on form A-2 similarly includes only items seized by units of TG 55.2. If either weekly report is negative a despatch so stating is adequate for that report.
 - (b) Submit daily despatch summaries to reach CTG 55.2 prior to 2000(I) covering progress of operations and occurrences of interest. No items of duplication, i.e., events previously made known to CTG 55.2, will be included in these summary reports.
 - (c) Carry out the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Annex BAKER to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45.
- (3) This revised plan effective upon receipt.
 - (4) Carry out existing orders until otherwise directed by CTG 55.2 or higher authority.

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4. Logistics in accordance with Annex I Com5thFleet OpPlan 6-45 and ComCruDiv-FOUR OpPlan 4-45. ComServDiv 103 through his representative in Empire ports is providing logistic support. ComServDiv 103 shall arrange for procurement, through the Army Procurement Agencies, of Japanese services and materials that are needed for naval purposes. Arrangements for such services shall not be attempted through other channels.
5. (a) Communications in accordance with Com5thFleet Communication Plan 10-45 as modified by Com5thFleet 311515 (See Annex "B" of this OpPlan).
(b) Use Zone Zebra (GCT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zone Item (-9) time for local time within the Task Group Area of Responsibility.
(c) CTG 55.2 in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91).

G. van DEURS,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO and
Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

ANNEXES:

- (A) Desired Forms for Submitting Reports.
- (B) Pertinent Despatches.

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ANNEX "B" to Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO OpPlan 1-45. (Revised)

2. PORT DIRECTORS PREPARE AND FORWARD TO REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA DAILY SUMMARY ALL SHIP MOVEMENTS INCLUDING JAPANESE AS OF 0900 ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WITH DESTINATION AND ETA. 3. REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA PREPARE DAILY SUMMARY ENTIRE SHIP MOVEMENTS AS OF 1500 GCT AND FORWARD TO ENTIRE ACTIVITIES ASHORE WHO ARE INFO ADEES THIS DISPATCH AS WELL AS TO NFM AND NIM. 4. NIM DISTRIBUTE ENTIRE SUMMARY TO MARGILS, MARIANAS, AND WESTWARD INCLUDING BROADCAST GEORGE FOX IF DESIRABLE. NIM DISTRIBUTE OAHU AND EASTWARD AND BROADCAST ON HOW FOX. PARAGRAPH. FOREGOING SUMMARIES IN NO WISE REPLACE ESSENTIAL ETA REPORTS REQUIRED BY ASCOM OBOE AND ASCOM CHARLIE CONNECTION ARMY MAGIC CARIET.

280415 November 1945

FROM: CTF 55
 TO : TF 55/ID NAGOYA/WAKAYAMA/MATSUYAMA/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/NAGASAKI/
 SASEBO/FUKUOKA/
 INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 50.3/REP CEN YOKOSUKA/AID-85 RUNELS

AT PRESENT DUPLICATIONS OF SUMMARY REPORTS AND CARELESS ADDRESSING ARE UNNECESSARILY OVERLOADING CIRCUITS. TO PREVENT THIS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. A. AREA COMMANDERS SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO REACH CTF 55 PRIOR 0700 ITEM WITH NO INFO ADEES. SUBJECT MATTER TO INCLUDE ONLY INCIDENTS OF INTEREST WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY COME TO ATTENTION OF CTF 55. B. PORT DIRECTORS SUBMIT 1 CONSOLIDATED DAILY SHIPPING SUMMARY AS OF 1800 ITEM ACTION TO COMFLT ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA AND AREA COMMANDER INFO TO CTF 55. SCAJAI AND COM5THFLT. SUMMARY TO INCLUDE ALLIED AND JAI ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND DESTINATIONS. JAI SHIPS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY SCAJAI CODE NUMBER OR TONNAGE. C. CTF 55 WILL SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO COM5THFLT COVERING INCIDENTS OF INTEREST WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY COME TO HIS ATTENTION. ROUTING SUMMARIES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY AREA COMMANDERS NEED NOT INCLUDE CTF 55 AS INFO ADEE UNLESS NECESSARY. FOREGOING SUMMARIES IN NO WAY REPLACE SPECIAL MOVEMENT AND ETA REPORTS OR OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. COM5THFLT 280415 NOVEMBER AND HIS SERIAL 1765 REFER. THIS MODIFIES MY 250119 NOT TO ALL.

082359 December 1945

J. W. Williams
 J. W. WILLIAMS,
 Flag Secretary.

G. van DEURS,
 Commodore, U. S. Navy,
 Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO,
 Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

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11 December 1945

From: Senior Officer Present SASEBO (CTG 55.2).
To: All Ships SASEBO Area.
Subject: Security Precautions.

1. There is reliable evidence that certain dissatisfied minorities in the population may attempt violence against occupation forces. It is quite probable that this may take the form of "Kamikaze" action against naval installations or against ships in port. In order to counter any such attempt the precautionary measures listed below will be complied with until further orders:

- (a) All ships will maintain armed sentries on deck day and night who shall remain constantly alert to prevent the close approach of suspicious craft or swimmers.
- (b) Beached landing craft or ships secured alongside a dock will maintain armed sentries ashore adjacent to the ship who shall prevent unauthorized persons from approaching the ship.
- (c) At night, all ships shall burn flood lights rigged overside in such manner that the deck remains dark and the surrounding water is illuminated as far out as practicable, entirely around the ship.
- (d) The Port Director shall prevent all movement of Japanese craft within the harbor from sunset to sunrise.
- (e) U.S. boat traffic during the dark hours shall be held to a minimum. Commanding Officers will authorize only essential trips.
- (f) Commanding Officers of major ships are authorized to establish an armed boat patrol in the vicinity of their own anchorage at discretion.
- (g) The SOPA (Administrative) shall maintain a day and night patrol of the harbor by designated water police. The duties of this patrol shall include the enforcement of the provisions of this letter.

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- (h) The Port Director and Commanding Officer of CUB 18 shall insure that boats secured within their command, especially at night, are adequately guarded; not only to prevent damage to the boats, but also to prevent their use by unauthorized persons.
- (i) Officers ashore who for any reason proceed outside the immediate limits of SASEBO shall be in groups of two or more and at least one officer of each group shall be armed.

2. Port Director SASEBO shall see that a copy of this letter is delivered personally to the Commanding Officer or Master of each allied or U.S. vessel arriving in this port who is not on the original distribution.

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JANUARY 1946 - WAR DIARY FOR TASK GROUP 55.2
(Commodore G. van DEURS, USN)
(Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU)

ZONE MINUS NINE TIME

Under Commander Task Force 55, operating under Commander FIFTH Fleet, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (Commodore G. van DEURS, U.S.N. in OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), flagship) was operating in the KYUSHU Area (corresponding to the land area controlled by the FIFTH Amphibious Corps) under Commander Cruiser Division FOUR (Commander Task Force 55) Operation Plan No. 4-45, as a task group commander.

The task organization (Revised 1 January 1946) set up in Commander Task Group 55.2 Operation Plan No. 1-45, dated 3 December, 1945, was in effect:

- 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS
- 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain MADEIRA, USN
- 55.2.2 Courier and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit -
 Captain BELL, USN
- 55.2.3 SASEBO Garrison Shipping - Lieut. Comdr. MOODY
 (Under operational control of CTG 54.9)
- 55.2.4 Port Director Units
 - 55.2.41 SASEBO - Commander DUFFY
 - 55.2.42 NAGASAKI - Commander BLAIN
 - 55.2.43 FUKUOKA - Lieut. Comdr. MONROE
 - 55.2.44 KAGOSHIMA - Lieut. Comdr. TRAVERS
- 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

1 - 6 January

On 1 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU promulgated a revision to his Operation Plan No. 1-45 (copy of this revision attached). Holiday routine was followed New Year's Day. However, provisions were included to insure effectiveness of all security precautions both ashore and afloat. There was no increase in recreation or liberty parties.

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On 1 January, the FIFTH Amphibious Corps (Major General SCHMIDT) was relieved of its occupation responsibilities by the FIRST Army Corps (Major General WOODRUFF), and at the same time CUB 18 deactivated. In order to provide for certain remnant components of CUB 18, Naval Facilities SASEBO (Lieut. Comdr. N. F. MacINTIRE, USNR, OinC) was formed and attached to the 8th Service Regiment, USMC, of the KYUSHU Base by order of Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. This activity comprised excess material, Garrison Boat Pool, Landing Craft Repair Unit, and an augmented supply and disbursing component. Also assigned to the 8th Service Regiment were the 31st Construction Battalion, the 1st Special Construction Battalion and Logistic Support Companies 70 and 71. Assigned to the Port Director SASEBO were Fleet Recreation Center personnel and a partially completed housing project. Other CUB 18 units were deactivated completely, and personnel returned to the United States or reassigned by Commander Service Division 103 depending on obligated service and length of time overseas.

On 1 January, Lieut. Comdr. TRAVERS relieved Lieut. RAYBURN as Port Director, KAGOSHIMA.

On 1 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU directed the Director, SASEBO District Demobilization Office (Japanese) to remove and demobilize all excess personnel over and above those needed to operate these Japanese ships: CD 52 and 192, ETOROFU, KAKI, SHIOKAZE, and YUKAZE. Also Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU directed the SASEBO Japanese to remove all radar equipment from the following ex-Japanese naval vessels; CD 52, 154, 156, 207, and the ETOROFU.

On 3 January, ammunition in excess of allowed amounts was discovered on board Japanese Escort Vessels No. 22 and No. 40 (engaged in minesweeping), and was confiscated and destroyed. The Japanese personnel responsible were taken into custody, and the ammunition supply source for Japanese mincraft was placed under more rigid control by United States forces.

On 4 January, a SECOND Marine Division DUKW capsized at latitude 32-35 N, and 130-10 E. One body was recovered at OSHIMAKO on KAMISHIMA, and four men were missing. One LCT and LCM from this command commenced searching the area for missing personnel.

On 4 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU conferred with Commander Task Force 52 (Rear Admiral STRUBLE, CominPac) on the subject of excess ammunition on board Japanese minesweepers. Commander Task Group 52.3 was directed to investigate the situation in detail, pending which investigation, final action against the Japanese was delayed. The SECOND Marine Division was requested to further investigate the source of the ammunition supply at URANOSAKI (Lat. 33-20 N, Long. 129-47 E.).

Under direction of Commander FIFTH Fleet, news photographer, W. M. McCARTHY, arrived on 4 January, and on 5 January sailed for KOREA in order to obtain news photographs of repatriation of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals in SEVENTH Fleet LST's.

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On 5 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, again conferred with Commander Task Force 52 (Rear Admiral STRUBLE, CominPac) concerning the amount of excess ammunition found on Japanese minesweepers. The investigation directed on the 4th revealed that information as to the amount of ammunition allowed Japanese sweepers had not been properly disseminated, and thus indicated that the Japanese were not wilfully violating demilitarization instructions. Proper action was directed to prevent future such incidents. Resupply of Japanese minecraft at sea for extended periods was made the duties of accompanying U. S. craft.

The search for Marine personnel missing from the DUKW which capsized 4 January, continued throughout the day with negative results.

On 5 January, at the request of the Commanding General, SECOND Marine Division an air search was conducted for a Japanese boat containing thirty-five persons last seen drifting off NOBEOKA, KYUSHU on 28 December, 1945. The results of the search were negative.

On 5 January, Lieut. SMART relieved Commander BLAIN as Port Director, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

7 - 12 January

On 7 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU conferred with the Chief of Staff to Commanding General, KYUSHU Base, on the subject of United States Army shipping requirements at FUKUOKA.

On 7 January, Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE (Captain BELL) hauled down his pennant and departed overland to inspect Japanese shipping at KARATSU, FUKUOKA, SHIMONOSEKI, and MOJI; administration remained in U.S.S. E. F. LARSON (DD830).

On 7 January, Commanding General, FIFTH Amphibious Corps (Major General SCHMIDT) moved his C.P. aboard U.S.S. BAXTER (APA94), and Commanding General, SECOND Marine Division (Major General HUNT) moved his C.P. to SASEBO.

On 8 January, the FIFTH Amphibious Corps lift, which commenced on 25 December, 1945, was completed.

On 10 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU directed the SASEBO District Demobilization Office (Japanese) to take the following action concerning radar installations aboard Japanese ships which were in or may enter ports of KYUSHU: make inoperative, remove, and turn in to U.S. occupation forces all fire control and air search radars. The Japanese were permitted to retain and operate surface search radars for navigational purposes.

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On 10 January, the sailing of all vessels from KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, was held up due to high winds and heavy seas.

On 11 January, Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE (Captain BELL) returned from his inspection trip and resumed his normal duties.

On 11 January, Commodore SIMARD, prospective Commander Fleet Air Wing ONE arrived at SASEBO by air and departed for OKINAWA on 12 January.

On 12 January, Captain FOLIMER, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. NEREUS (AS-17), relieved Commander Submarine Squadron THIRTEEN (Captain MOSELEY) as Commander Task Unit 55.2.22.

On 12 January, Task Unit 55.5.3, Captain MOSELEY, Commander Submarine Squadron THIRTEEN, in U.S.S. EURYALE (AS-22) with CURRENT (ARS-22), and ex-Japanese submarines I-201 and I-203, operated by United States Naval personnel sortied from SASEBO enroute to GUAM for onward routing to Pearl Harbor.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

13 - 15 January

On 13 January, Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE (Captain BELL) embarked in U.S.S. LARSON (DD830), with GOODRICH (DD831), departed from SASEBO; U.S.S. LARSON (DD830) enroute to NAGASAKI and U.S.S. GOODRICH (DD831) to KAGOSHIMA for Japanese ship inspections. Training exercises were held enroute.

In the early evening of 13 January a warehouse in the custody of Naval Facilities, SASEBO, which contained captured Japanese equipment, caught fire and burned. The fire, of unknown origin, was extinguished by 2100(I). One man was injured.

On 14 January, a body was recovered in SASEBO harbor and was identified as George Thomas, Slc, who had been reported lost by U.S.S. EARLE (DMS-42) on 7 December, 1945.

On 14 January, Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE (Captain BELL) embarked in U.S.S. E. F. LARSON (DD830) made arrangements with the Port Director, NAGASAKI and the Commanding Officer, 10th Marine Regiment to receive a Congressional party, included in which was the House Naval Affairs Sub-Committee, scheduled to arrive at NAGASAKI on 16 January. U.S.S. THOMAS (DD833) was ordered to NAGASAKI from SASEBO to perform seaplane tender duties for the plane in which the Congressional Committee was to be embarked.

On 15 January, all arrangements for receiving the Congressional party at NAGASAKI and SASEBO were completed.

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On 15 January, Admiral STETSENKO of the Russian Navy, and party, arrived by rail to inspect the SASEBO-NAGASAKI area. This party was received and entertained by the Marine occupation forces. Naval forces were represented by Captain GIBBS, USN, Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. YOSEMITE (AD-19).

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

16 - 22 January

The Congressional party arrived at SASEBO on the afternoon of 16 January in Commander FIFTH Fleet's Flag Coronado, having diverted enroute due engine trouble. The party transferred to a Mariner (PBM) attached to CTU 50.2.3 in which they flew to NAGASAKI, returning shortly thereafter to SASEBO due to unfavorable landing conditions at NAGASAKI. Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU escorted the party on a short tour of SASEBO which was followed by dinner on the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) at 1900. Present at dinner were: The Honorable L. M. RIVERS - SOUTH CAROLINA (Chairman), J. E. FOGARTY - RHODE ISLAND, and G. J. BATES - MASSACHUSETTS, of the Naval Affairs Sub-Committee; the Honorable H. P. COOLEY - NORTH CAROLINA, W. R. POAGE - TEXAS, A. J. JOHNSON - ILLINOIS, and R. RIZLEY - OKLAHOMA, of the Agriculture Committee; the Honorable G. CANFIELD - NEW JERSEY, of the Appropriation Committee; the Honorable H. BECKWORTH - TEXAS, of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; Captain T. C. RAGAN, USN, Captain C. A. SWANSON, USN(MC), Commander P. WHITEHOUSE, USNR, and Lt. Comdr. W. T. BOLT, USNR, Navy Department Liaison Officers; Lt. Col. R. THOMAS, USMC, CinCPac Liaison Officer, and Commander A. M. SHINN, USN, FIFTH Fleet Liaison Officer. Also present at dinner were: Commander Minecraft Pacific (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN), Assistant Division Commander of the SECOND Marine Division (Brigadier General WALKER, USMC), Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore HARTLEY, USN, SOPA Administrative), and Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (Commodore G. van DEURS).

On 16 January, U.S.S. LST 820 was decommissioned at KAGOSHIMA, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

On 17 January, at 0800, the Congressional party took off from SASEBO and flew to KURE, HONSHU, JAPAN.

On 17 January, Japanese manned Army Tanker, TY-46, went aground at FUKUOKA in heavy weather. It was refloated, undamaged on the 18th.

At 0838(I) on 18 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, piloting his own plane (SC-1), flew to KURE, HONSHU, JAPAN to confer with Commander Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral F. G. FAHRION). Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU returned on board U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) at 1430(I).

On 18 January, Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE (Captain BELL) embarked in U.S.S. LARSON (DD830) with U.S.S. THOMAS (DD833) returned to SASEBO from NAGASAKI. U.S.S. GOODRICH (DD831) returned to SASEBO from KAGOSHIMA.

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On 18 January, Rear Admiral FORRESTEL in U.S.S. BALTIMORE (CA-68) relieved Rear Admiral FAHRION as Commander Task Force 55, Captain OLSEN assuming command of Task Group 55.1.

On 19 January, the Port Director, KAGOSHIMA, Lieut. Comdr. TRAVERS relieved the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MARKAB, Captain PROSSER, of his duties as SOPA Administrative and assumed operational control of Task Unit 55.2.6.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

23 - 27 January

On 23 January, Commander FIFTH Fleet (Vice Admiral SHERMAN), Chief of Staff (Rear Admiral WELLBORN), and Flag Lieutenant (Lieut. Comdr. SAMPSON) arrived at the Marine Air Base at OMURA where they were met by Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU. Commander FIFTH Fleet inspected NAGASAKI the afternoon of 23 January, and flew to SASEBO arriving the latter part of the afternoon. Arrangements had been made by Commander Minecraft Pacific (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52) for Commander FIFTH Fleet and party to be received on board U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13) where dinner was held at 1900. The morning of 24 January, Commander FIFTH Fleet departed for KURE, HONSHU, JAPAN.

At 1300(I) 24 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)(Flagship) departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI, arriving at 1600(I).

On the morning of 25 January, a Japanese submarine chaser (No. 248) struck a mine and sank immediately at a point bearing 019 degrees (True) 5000 yards from FUTAGAMI. Casualties were one hundred percent as follows: 14 killed, 5 seriously wounded, 9 slightly wounded, and 10 missing. The injured were taken to GONOURA Hospital by the Japanese for treatment. Assistance was rendered by aircraft of TU 50.2.3 and by surface ships of Task Unit 52.3.1 at the scene of the sinking.

At 0800(I) on 27 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)(Flagship) departed NAGASAKI for SASEBO, arriving at 1320(I).

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

28 - 31 January

On 28 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (CTG 55.2) promulgated a revision to his Operation Plan No. 1-45 (copy of this revision attached).

On 28 January, Commander FIFTH Fleet directed that all the Port Directors of the KYUSHU area viz., FUKUOKA, KAGOSHIMA, NAGASAKI, and SASEBO, be transferred from the operational control of Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU to the operational control of Commander Naval Activities of Japan (Vice Admiral GRIFFIN).

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On 29 January, Commander FIFTH Fleet directed that all garrison shipping and amphibious craft (except the anti-aircraft training ship, U.S.S. LST 834) under the operational control of Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU be transferred to the operational control of Commander Task Force 54 (Rear Admiral ROGERS).

At 1100(I) on 29 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU transferred his flag and administration from U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) to U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104), Captain W. NYQUIST, USN, assuming command of Task Unit 55.2.1.

At 0700(I) on 30 January, U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), Captain D. L. MADEIRA, USN, Commanding Officer, was detached from Task Group 55.2, departed SASEBO, and sailed directly to San Francisco.

On the afternoon of 31 January, Commander Naval Activities Japan (Vice Admiral GRIFFIN) arrived at the Marine Air Base at OMURA, where he was met by Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU. Commander Naval Activities Japan and Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU then proceeded to NAGASAKI on an inspection tour, after which they flew to SASEBO where Commander Naval Activities Japan hoisted his flag in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104).

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals continued.

POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP

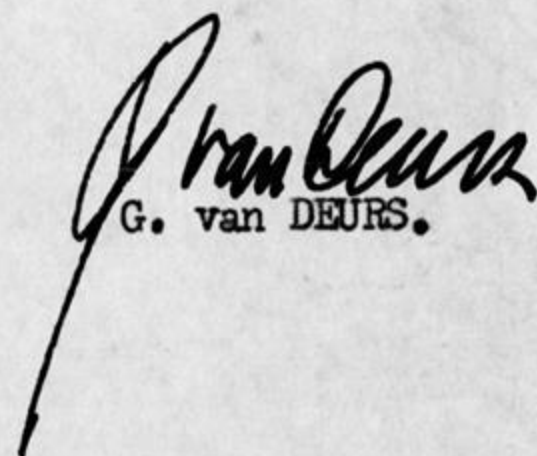
Positions:	1 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	2 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	3 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	4 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	5 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	6 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	7 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	8 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	9 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	10 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	11 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	12 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	13 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	14 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	15 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	16 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	17 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	18 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	19 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
	20 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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Positions of Group
Flagship (Cont'd)

21 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
22 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
23 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
24 January - 0800 - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 1200 - Moored to buoys #3 and 4, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 2000 - Moored to buoys #3 and 4, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN
25 January - Moored to buoys #3 and 4, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN
26 January - Moored to buoys #3 and 4, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN
27 January - 0800 - Moored to buoys #3 and 4, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 1200 - Moored Port side CHIKASKIA (AO-54) in Berth
 #29, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 2000 - Moored Port side CHIKASKIA (AO-54) in Berth
 #29, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
28 January - Anchored in Berth #16, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
29 January - 0800 - Anchored in Berth #16, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 1200 - Moored Port side to CHIKASKIA (AO-54), in
 Berth #29, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
 2000 - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
30 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
31 January - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN


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1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for substitution in place of pages 1 and 2 of reference (a).

2. Make the following changes to Commander Task Group 55.2 OpPlan 1-45 Distribution List:

Delete:

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BERING STRAIT (AVP-34)
LST 524, 1024
LCI 831, 813
ComGenVAC
ComGen5thMarDiv

Add:

ComDesRon 1
ComDesDiv 11
E. F. LARSON (DD-830)
GOODRICH (DD-831)
HANSON (DD-832)
H. J. THOMAS (DD-833)
NEREUS (AS-17)
COCK INLET (AVP-36)
CURRENT (AMS-22)
ComLSTGrp 101
LST 600, 822, 834, 968,
949,
ComLCIGrp 111
LC(FP)679
LCI 638, 673, 1012
ComGen1stCorps
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO.
U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91), FLAGSHIP

SASEBO, JAPAN,
3 December 1945

CTG 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain M. DEIRA

 OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) 1 CL

 LST 834 (Training Ship) 1 LST

(b) 55.2.2 Escort and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit -

 Captain BELL

 55.2.21 DesDiv 11

 E.F. LARSON (DD-830) (ComDesRon 1 and ComDesDiv 11) -

 Captain BELL

 GOODRICH (DD-831)

 HANSON (DD-832)

 H.J. THOMAS (DD-833) 4 DD

 55.2.22 EURYALE (AS-22) (D) (ComSubRon 13) - Captain MOSELY (D)

 NEREUS (AS-17) (R) 2 AS

(c) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

 55.2.41 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

 LST 888 1 LST

 KINGMAN (APB-47) 1 APB

 55.2.42 Port Director NAGASAKI - Commander BLAIN

 LSM 80 1 LSM

 LCT 956, 973, 974, 975 4 LCT

 55.2.43 Port Director FUKUOKA - Lt. Comdr. MUNROE

 55.2.44 Port Director KAGOSHIMA - Lieut. *Cdr. TRAVERS*

(d) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

 SAMRITAN (AH-10) 1 AH

(e) 50.2.3 SASEBO Seaplane Unit - Captain VOIT

 ST GEORGE (AV-16) 1 AV

 COOK INLET (VP-36) 1 AVP

 VPB 27 1 VB Ron

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(f) 54.9 SASEBO Group, Amphibious Force - Captain RILEY (D)
 Captain WILBURTON (R)

ComLSTFlot 37 (D)

ComLSTGrp 103

Assigned Task Force 54 shipping

55.2.3 SASEBO Garrison Shipping - Lt. Comdr. MOODY

LST 600 (D), 822, 868, 943, 968, 949 (R), 1019 7 LST
 LSM 76, 292, 343, 386, 387 5 LSM

LCI Group 111

LC(FP) 679 (ComLCIGrp 111) - Lt. Comdr. MOODY
 LCI 638, 673, 1012

LCI Division 110 (D)

LCI 1097 (ComLCIDiv 110), 1093, 882, 883 1 LC(FP)
 7 LCI

LCT Flot 21

LC(FP) 998 (ComLCTFlot 21) 1 LC(FP)

LCT Group 43

LCT 955 (ComLCTGrp 43), 954, 957, 958, 959,
 960, 972, 976

LCT Group 44

LCT 1065 (ComLCTGrp 45), 668, 893, 894, 977,
 978, 979, 980, 981, 1063, 1065, 1066

LCT Group 45

LCT 674 (ComLCTGrp 45), 672, 673, 678, 679,
 716, 717, 895

LCT Group 103

LCT 1211 (ComLCTGrp 103), 594, 853, 1214, 1219, 1380
 1220, 1221, 1230, 1247, 1249, 1250, 1283, 1285 42 LCT

(g) 55.2.6 KAGOSHIMA Unit

LCT 675, 676, 677, 718, 1287

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(h) MISCELLANEOUS

FIFTH Amphibious Corps Lift

TROUSDALE (AKA 79)	
*TYRELL (AKA 80) (R)	
*WAUKESHA (AKA 84) (R)	
*STARR (AKA 67) (Special Mission)	
*CEPHEUS (AKA 18) (R)	5 AKA
BAXTER (APA 94)	
HINSDALE (APA 120)	
*CALVERT (APA 32) (R)	
CLEBURNE (APA 73) (R)	4 APA
LST 1138 (ComLSTGrp 101), 743, 828, 874, 877, 1053, 1090, 1091, 1120, 1134	10 LST

55.5.3 Submarine Movement Unit - Captain MOSELY (F)

EURYALE (AS-22)	1 AS
CURRENT (ARS-22) (R)	1 ARS
I-201	
I-203	2 SS

D - Ordered detached
R - Ordered to report
F - To be formed about 10 January

* V.C recommends release of CALVERT, STARR, CEPHEUS and either TYRELL or WAUKESHA.

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FIFTH FLEET,

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U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91), FLAGSHIP.

SASEBO, JAPAN,

3 December 1945

TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain NYQUIST

ATLANTA (CL-104)

LST 834 (Training Ship)

1 CL

1 LST

(b) 55.2.2 Escort and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit -
Captain BELL

55.2.21 DesDiv 11

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GOODRICH (DD-831)

HANSON (DD-832)

H.J. THOMAS (DD-833)

4 DD

55.2.22 NEREUS (AS-17) - Captain FOLLMER

1 AS

(c) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.41 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 888

KINGMAN (APB-47)

1 LST

1 APB

55.2.42 Port Director NAGASAKI - Lieut. SMART

LCT 716, 1214, 1230, 1283

4 LCT

55.2.43 Port Director FUKUOKA - Lt. Comdr. MUNROE

LCT 1211, 594, 1221, 1249, 1350, 1380

6 LCT

55.2.44 Port Director KAGOSHIMA - Comdr. C.A. TRAVERS

(d) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

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1 AH

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Captain BELL

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H.J. THOMAS (DD-833) - 1 -

4 DD

NEREUS (AS-17) - Captain FOLLMER

1 AS

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(e) 54.9 SASEBO Group, Amphibious Force - Captain WARBURTON

55.2.3 SASEBO Garrison Shipping - Lt. Comdr. MOODY

LST 868, 943, 968, 949, 1009, 1019
LSM 76, 80, 292

6 LST
3 LSM

LCI Group 111

LC(FF) 679 (ComLCIGrp 111) - Lt. Comdr. MOODY
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1 LC(FF)
2 LCI

LCT Flot 21

LC(FF) 998 (ComLCTFlot 21)

1 LC(FF)

LCT Group 45

LCT 674 (ComLCTGrp 45), 663, 672, 893, 894,
1063, 1064, 1065, 1066

LCT Group 103

LCT 853, 955, 1219, 1220, 1247, 1285

15 LCT

(f) 55.2.6 KAGOSHIMA Unit

LCT 675, 676, 677, 718, 1287
LCI 1012

5 LCT
1 LCI

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1. General Situation - This plan is derived from Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46 and Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. It is drawn in order to provide for efficient and decentralized conduct of the missions assigned this Task Group. In addition to units of this Task Group the following military and naval organizations are present or have responsibilities in the area:
 - (a) Commander Mine Force, Pacific Fleet (CTF 52) is at present in SASEBO, where a Base Group (TG 52.3) is also located. ComMinPac is responsible for, and conducting, minesweeping operations in the Japanese Empire. Control of Japanese, as well as U.S. mincraft, is vested in him.
 - (b) The Commanding General, SECOND Marine Division has established Headquarters at SASEBO. The SECOND Marine Division is the occupation force for the majority of KYUSHU. The THIRTY-SECOND Infantry Division with headquarters at FUKUOKA is the occupation force for northern KYUSHU and that part of HONSHU which is included in this Task Group's area of responsibility. Both of these Divisions are under the FIRST Army Corps with Headquarters at KYOTO. It is expected that the THIRTY-SECOND Division will be inactivated in February at which time it is planned that the SECOND Marine Division will take over occupation duties in an area corresponding to that of Task Group 55.2.
 - (c) The Kyushu Base has its Headquarters at FUKUOKA with a sub-base at SASEBO, commanded by the Commanding Officer of the EIGHTH Marine Service Regiment. KYUSHU Base is at present responsible for the logistic support for all of the occupation forces ashore in Western Japan. It is expected that the KYUSHU Base will be inactivated shortly after the THIRTY-SECOND Division departs.
 - (d) Commander Service Division 103 in SASEBO, provides logistic support for all naval units in this area. Upon proper request he will provide limited supplies, repair and salvage facilities to Ports other than SASEBO when needed. Commander Service Division 103 is part of Service Squadron TEN.
 - (e) The Administrator Shipping Control Authority and Commander Japanese Repatriation Group (CTG 50.3) is the ultimate authority on movements and operations of Japanese merchant and naval shipping. The procedure employed in effecting this control is stated in Appendix II to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45 and Annex "H" of Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46. SCAJAP will be placed under ComNavJap in the near future.

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- (f) Commander LST Group 103, is the SASEBO representative of Commander Task Force 54. He has been directed to facilitate and coordinate loading, unloading and movements of Task Force 54 shipping in this area. In addition, he performs certain duties assigned by CTG 55.2.
- (g) The FIRST and THIRTY-FIRST Construction Battalions and Logistic Support Companies No. 70 and No. 71, are Naval units in this area attached to the EIGHTH Marine Service Regiment. They have no responsibility toward the Fleet, but are part of the Base Command supporting the occupation forces ashore.
- (h) Naval Facilities SASEBO, is the remnant of CUB 13 and is at present attached to the EIGHTH Marine Service Regiment. It consists primarily of a boat pool at SASEBO with detachments at FUKUOKA and NAGASAKI, boat repair facilities at SASEBO, and supplies and materials which remained when CUB 13 was deactivated.
- (i) Airfield at OMURA, is occupied by a provisional Marine Air Base Squadron, primarily to provide for transient aircraft. Aircraft operations are under the control of Commanding General, 5th U.S. Army Air Force. In addition OY observation planes belonging to the SECOND Marine Division are based here.
- (j) A NavTechJap Team is at present in the SASEBO area. This team inspects, marks and ships Japanese scientific and technical documents and materials to the U.S. for Naval study and experiment. The Senior Officer of this Unit, Commander FLINN, is also the Navy Liaison Officer at SECOND Marine Division Headquarters.
- (k) SASEBO Sea Plane Unit (TU 50.2.3), is the SASEBO detachment of Task Group 50.2, which is a part of Fleet Air Wing ONE (CTF 75), but under the operational control of Commander FIFTH Fleet. Task Unit 50.2.3 consists of a sea plane tender, VPB squadron and a rescue plane detachment. The ST. GEORGE (AV-16) is currently present, but will be relieved in February by the U.S.S. TANGIER (AV-6). This unit provides regular air courier services for mail and priority passengers to OKINAWA, KURE, NAGOYA, and YOKOSUKA. It conducts search and surveillance flights and is prepared to conduct air rescue operations, and to coordinate these with surface assistance.
- (l) Commander Naval Activities J.P.N (ComNavJap) has established headquarters in the TOKYO area. This Command will eventually take over the following activities in J.P.N:

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- (1) Naval shore bases and activities.
 - (2) Naval shore radio stations.
 - (3) Port Director establishments.
 - (4) Naval Technical Missions.
 - (5) Administrator, Naval Shipping Control Authority for Japanese Merchant Marine.
 - (6) Fleet Liaison Officer to Supreme Commander Allied Powers.
- Individual units will be separately assigned.

2. This Task Group will conduct naval operations in its assigned area, in order to further Allied military, political, and economic control of the Japanese Empire.

3. (a) Flagship Group.

- (1) Operate as directed by CTG 55.2.
- (2) Be prepared to assist Japanese Ship Inspection Unit (TU 55.2.2).
- (3) Prepare a training program for combatant units of the Task Group and submit to the Task Group Commander for approval. Arrange necessary services to carry out approved training program.
- (4) Control the operations and allocations of personnel to MMTC #2 so as to serve all task forces present in the area.
- (5) Submit brief weekly report of training conducted by Task Unit.
- (6) Maintain a continuous CIC watch and guard on air sea rescue frequencies when ready duty destroyer is not present in company. See paragraph 3 Annex "I" and paragraph 2230 Annex "N" Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46.

(b) Courier and Japanese Ship Inspection Unit.

- (1) Conduct surprise inspections of Japanese shipping previously inspected including transients, in order to insure that the Japanese are maintaining ships in a demilitarized condition. Seize materials which violate terms of demilitarization and dispose of such materials in accordance Appendix I to Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. Make full reports of such violations, including itemized lists of materials seized and disposed of. (Note that Japanese mincraft engaged in minesweeping duties are allowed two rifles or machine guns and 2000 rounds of ammunition for mine disposal. Japanese fishing vessels engaged in whaling and sealing are allowed to carry limited amounts of machine guns, rifles and ammunition).
- (2) Conduct inspections of all Japanese ships encountered which have not been previously inspected. Submit a report on each covering material condition, personnel, state of demilitarization, and recommendations for disposition. Employ inspection form A-3 of Annex "A" to this OpPlan.

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- (3) Submit daily despatch reports to CTG 55.2 of ships inspected giving following information: SCAJAP Code No. or tonnage, present employment, RFS status, nature and ECD repairs if any.
- (4) Provide each ship inspected a certificate of inspection showing name of vessel, SCAJAP No., place where inspection occurred, and date of inspection (See Annex "I").
- (5) Request personnel assistance as needed from CTU 55.2.1 for conducting inspections of Japanese shipping.
- (6) Be prepared to assist Port Directors (TU 55.2.4) in controlling movements of Japanese shipping.
- (7) Perform escort duties and take action to protect shipping as may be separately directed.
- (8) Be prepared to assist Task Unit 50.2.3 in Air-Sea rescue operations.
- (9) Maintain one destroyer at S. SEBO ready to put to sea on one hours notice for emergency missions on orders of Task Group Commander or in his absence the Senior Officer Present Afloat. The ready destroyer shall maintain a continuous CIC watch and guard Air-Sea rescue frequencies. See paragraph 3 Annex "I" and paragraph 2230, Annex "N" of Commander FIFTH Fleet OPLAN 1-46.
- (10) Conduct type training and submit brief weekly report of training conducted.

(c) Port Director Units.

- (1) Conduct operations in accordance Annex "G" Commander FIFTH Fleet OPLAN 1-46.
- (2) Insure that Naval ships and craft make departure and arrival reports in accordance PacFlt Letter 54L-45, CTF 55 despatch 231230 January and CTG 55.2 despatch 240537 January (See Annex "B" to this OPLAN).
- (3) Control the movements of Japanese shipping within the area of the port to which assigned, preventing all movements not authorized by SCAJAP (CTG 50.3) or higher authority. Make departure reports of sailings of Japanese ships to ports outside the Empire as required by RUNELS (AFD-35) despatch 091345 January (See Annex "B" to this OPLAN).
- (4) Request assistance as necessary of Task Unit 55.2.2 in order to control the movements of Japanese shipping, submitting such requests through CTG 55.2.
- (5) Make daily summaries of Allied and Japanese ship movements as required by CTF 55 despatch 250119 of November, CTF 55 despatch 062359 December, Com5thFlt despatch 300205 of December, Com5thFlt despatch 130527 of January, CTF 55 despatch 130521 of January and CTG 55.2 despatch 140000 of January (See Annex "B" to this OPLAN).
- (6) Insure that vessels performing Magic Carpet duties are promptly and efficiently loaded and despatched. Report to Commander Task Group 55.2 any prospective delays in loading and departure, or improper use of space of these vessels with reason therefore.

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- (7) Allocate space and control air and surface transportation of personnel.
- (8) Port Director SASEBO provide personnel for operation of and utilize facilities of Radio SASEBO.
- (9) Port Director KAGOSHIMA make surface weather observations at 0000, 0600, 1200 and 1800 GCT daily and forward same by OP despatch to Fleet Weather Central GUMI using international weather code forms Fox 232 or Fox 2 shown on pages 12-16 of the confidential supplement to HO 206, or form Fox 2 shown on page 48, Radio Weather Aids to Navigation, 1943.

(d) Hospital and Medical Unit.

- (1) Provide hospital and medical facilities as may be required.

(e) SASEBO Group, Amphibious Force.

- (1) Carry out duties assigned by CTF 54.
- (2) Exercise administrative control and supervise operations of (TU 55.2.3) SASEBO garrison shipping.
- (3) Coordinate logistics and insure prompt turn around at SASEBO of SEVENTH Fleet LST's engaged in Japanese-Korean-Chinese repatriation service.
- (4) Provide local lightering for occupation troops.
- (5) Assist occupation forces in disposal of Japanese ammunition. Provide craft for hauling inert components and provide supervision of Japanese vessels dumping live ammunition, as requested by local occupation forces.
- (6) Provide lifts for occupation troops to outlying islands and other land areas as may be requested by the occupation forces ashore. In each case prepare and submit for approval by the Commander Task Group 55.2 plans for such lifts. Insure that the pertinent and applicable mine data as obtained from Commander Mine Force (CTF 52) or his authorized representative is included.
- (7) Conduct type training and submit brief weekly report of training conducted.

(f) KAGOSHIMA Unit.

- (1) Operate under the SOPA (Administrative), KAGOSHIMA, to provide for the local needs of the port and garrison forces, including supervision of Japanese ammunition dumping.

- (x) (1) Task Group area of responsibility consists of KYUSHU and adjacent islands, and YAMAGUCHI Prefecture in HONSHU; and contiguous waters extending to the south to 30°-00 N., to the west to the FIFTH Fleet boundary, to the east to 132° E., except in IYO NADA where the boundary of YAMAGUCHI Prefecture is the area boundary, and to the North to 35° N.

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(2) The duties of SOPA (Administrative) will be performed by Commander Service Division 103 at SASEBO and by the Port Directors at NAGASAKI, FUKUOKA, and KAGOSHIMA. Each SOPA (Administrative) will:

- (a) Submit semi-monthly report of demilitarization of Japanese Naval Forces afloat as required by SCAP Instructions No. 2. Submit report as of 0000(I) the 1st and 16th of each month on the form (A-1) shown in Annex "A" to this OpPlan. Matter listed on form A-1 will include only items seized by units of Task Group 55.2. If the report is negative a dispatch so stating is adequate.
- (b) Submit daily dispatch summaries to reach CTG 55.2 prior to 2000(I) covering progress of operations and occurrences of interest. No items of duplication, i.e., events previously made known to CTG 55.2, will be included in these summary reports.
- (c) Carry out the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Annex "B" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45, and of paragraph 11 of Annex "L" to Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46.
- (d) Insure adequate steps are taken to prevent the spread of epidemic diseases. At present dysentery is endemic in Japan and mildly epidemic among personnel afloat in SASEBO. Small pox is epidemic in China and Korea and has appeared in Kyushu. Insure compliance CTF 51 despatches, 280130 October, 081047 November, ALPac 34, Com5thFlt 160453 January, and CTG 55.2 310306 December and 170006 January. Personnel vaccinated against small pox subsequent to 31 December 1946, are considered to be revaccinated.

(3) This revised plan effective upon receipt.

(4) Carry out existing orders until otherwise directed by CTG 55.2 or higher authority.

4. Logistics in accordance with Annex "J", Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46 and Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. ComServDiv 103 through his representative in Empire ports is providing logistic support. ComServDiv 103 shall arrange for procurement, through the Army Procurement Agencies, of Japanese services and materials that are needed for naval purposes. Arrangements for such services shall not be attempted through other channels.

5. (a) Communications in accordance with Annex "N" to Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-46 as modified by Com5thFlt 220821 January and Radio GUAM 221200 January (See Annex "B" of this OpPlan).

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- (b) Use Zone ZEBRA (GCT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zone ITEM (-9) time for local time within the Task Group Area of responsibility.
- (c) CTG 55.2 in ATLANTA (CL-104).

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Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO and
Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

ANNEXES:

- (A) Desired Forms.
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ComGen1stCorps	2	ComMinDiv 60	1
ComGen32InfDiv	2	Radio SASEBO	1
ComGenKYUSHUBase	2	OinCNavFacSASEBO	1
8th Service Regiment	2	OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)	2
ComCruDiv 5 (CTF 55)	5	ATLANTA (CL104)	2
ComCruDiv 17	2	E. F. LARSON (DD830)	1
ComFairWing 1	2	GOODRICH (DD831)	1
ComPhibsGrp 1 (CTF 78)	2	HANSON (DD832)	1
ComPhibGrp 3 (CTF 54)	2	H. J. THOMAS (DD833)	1
Port Director, FUKUOKA	2	SAMARITAN (AH-10)	1
" " , KAGOSHIMA	2	ST GEORGE (AV16)	1
" " , SASEBO	2	TANGLER (AV8)	1
" " , NAGASAKI	2	KINGMAN (AB47)	1
" " , YOKOSUKA	1	NEREUS (AS17)	1
" " , WAKAYAMA	1	YOSEHITE (AD19)	1
" " , NAGOYA	1	VIB 27	1
" " , KURE	1	LST 834 (MLATC No. 2)	1
" " , OKINAWA	1	LST's 868, 943, 949, 968,	
FTO, YOKOSUKA	1	1009, 1019, 888	(1 each)
FTO, SASEBO	1	LSM's 76, 80, 292	(1 each)
FTO, NAGASAKI	1	LCI's 638, 673, 1012	(1 each)
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SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

SOPA SASEBO
(Unit Reporting)

From 3 Nov. 1945 to 10 Nov. 1945

Class Navy - Signal (QM, Ord, Sig, etc)

ITEMS (1)		Received during Period this report	Accumulative Total (to include period of this Report)			Balance on Hand
			Received	Disposed of	Method of Dis- posi- tion *(5)	
		(2)	(3)	(4)		(6)
Photo Equip.	lbs		25	25	RJ	
Batteries Wet	lbs	50	50	50	D	
Parts, Communica- tion apparatus	lbs	450	450	450	D	
Audiphone		1	1	1	D	
"S-A-M-P-L-E - F-O-R-M"						

Note - 1 - Remarks required by any special situation or condition will be referred to on additional sheets attached to this report.

*Note - 2 - C - Used for civilian relief; D - Destroyed; O - Used for operations; RJ - Returned to Japanese; S - Scrapped; TIT - Trophies issued to troops; ST - Shipped to US for training purposes; SWT - Shipped to US as War Trophies

(Form A-1)

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

This is to certify that this Japanese vessel, _____,
SC..J..P No. _____, was inspected by a United States Naval Inspection
Party on _____ at _____.
No infractions of current directives relative to the operation of
Japanese vessels were found.

Senior Member's Ship's Seal

_____, USN
Senior Member, Inspection
Party.

Sample form, Certificate of Inspection

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Senior Member, Inspection
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Sample form, Certificate of Inspection
(Form A-2)

FORM FOR INITIAL INSPECTION OF JAPANESE SHIPPING

Date Inspected _____	Name _____
Location _____	SCAJAP No. _____
Status _____	Type _____ (Collier, Passenger, Etc.)
Ex-Naval Desig. _____	Displacement _____ G/Tons
Name of Master _____	Former IJN Rank _____
Last Voyage Between _____ and _____ (Port) (Port)	
Type Employment _____ (Repatriation, Minesweeping, Etc.)	
Passenger Capacity _____ (Extended Voyage) (Short Voyage)	
Cargo Capacity _____	Type Cargo _____
Personnel Aboard _____, (Officers) (Men)	
Estimated Number Required to Operate Ship _____, (Officers) (Men)	
SCAJAP No. Painted on Sides _____ (Name if Ex-Navy) (Yes or No)	INT. Call Flags Aboard _____ (Yes or No)
Radar Equipment Installed: Type Condition . _____ _____	
Communication Equipment Installed: Type Condition (Yes or No) _____ _____ _____	

HULL:

Type Construction _____

Condition _____

(List Repairs Required, if any)

ECD Repairs _____ RFS _____

(Now or Date)

ENGINEERING:

Type _____

Boilers: No. _____ Type _____

Propellers _____ Designed HP _____

Speed: Max. _____ Economical _____

Cruising Radius at _____ Kts: _____

Fuel _____ Capacity _____

Condition _____

(List Repairs Required, if any)

ECD Repairs _____ RFS _____

(Now or Date)

Ship being repaired at _____

Armament _____

Recommended Disposition
and General Comments _____

Articles Removed:

Certificate of Inspection _____ issued.

Senior Inspecting Officer USN

FORM FOR SUSTAINING (SURPRISE) INSPECTION OF JAPANESE SHIPPING

Date Inspected _____ Name _____
Location _____ SCAJAP No. _____
(Check if painted - Name if Ex-Navy)
Status _____ Type _____
Ex-Naval Desig. _____ Tonnage _____ G/T _____
Last voyage between _____ and _____ Completed _____
(Port) (Date)
Type Employment _____
Personnel aboard _____, _____ RFS _____
(Officers) (Men) (Now or date)

HULL:

Condition: _____

ECD Repairs _____

ENGINEERING:

Condition: _____

ECD Repairs _____

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:

Condition: _____

Qualified Operators _____ International Call _____
(Yes or No)

Are International Call Flags aboard _____
(Yes or No)

State of Demilitarization _____

Articles removed _____

General Comments _____

Certificate of Inspection _____ issued.

Senior Inspecting Officer USN

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PERTINENT DESPATCHES

FROM: CTG 55.2
TO : TG 55.2
INFO: CTF 55

DESPATCH REPORTS ACCORD PARA 3 PACFLT LTR 54L-45 WILL BE FILED FOR ALL MOVEMENTS NAVY SHIPS AND CRAFT REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR TYPE WHICH DEPART PORT AND PROCEED OUT OF SIGHT OF HECF. PORT DIRECTORS KYUSHU INSURE DISSEMINATION ALL CRAFT MAKING SUCH MOVEMENTS.

240537 January 1946

FROM: CTF 55
TO : CTG 55.2/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4
INFO: ID W.K.YAMA/MATSUYAMA/FUKUOKA/KAGOSHIMA/KURE/N.GOYA/S.SEBO/
COM5THFLT

BY 120303 AND COM5THFLT 090217 BEING PASSED ROUTING LOCAL MOVEMENT NEED BE REPORTED EITHER BY DISPATCH (PARA 3) OR BY SPEED LETTER (PARA 4). ANY MOVEMENT OUT OF SIGHT OF HECF CONSIDERED TO BE OF OTHER THAN ROUTINE LOCAL NATURE AND MUST BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3. REFER ALPAC 38 (G878) IN MAKING THESE REPORTS. SPEED LETTER REPORTS (PARA 4) TO BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO ORIGINATOR WHO WILL FORWARD TO COM5THFLT IF THIS REPORT NEGATIVE SUBMIT BY DISPATCH.

231230 January 1946

FROM: RDO GUAM
TO : ALL U.S.N. SHIPS

WESTERN PACIFIC SECONDARY BROADCAST MIKE FOX INACTIVATED AT CONCLUSION OF THIS MESSAGE. LAST NUMBER TRANSMITTED M-1786.

221200 January 1946

FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : RDO OKINAWA/TOKYO/S.SEBO/CSD 102/103/CSR 10/ALL TFC AND TGC 5THFLT

FOLLOWING CHANGES FIFTH FLEET CIRCUITS EFFECTIVE 230400. 10017 FLEET COMMANDERS CIRCUIT 4205 SERIES COM5THFLT NCS CTF 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, CTG 55.2, 55.4 CSR 10, RADIOS TOKYO AND OKINAWA.

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10018 NORTHEAST JAPAN COMMAND CIRCUIT 2112, 4420, 8115 CTF 54,
NCS CTF 53, CTG 50.2 CSD 102 COM5THFLT RADIO TOKYO. 10019 SOUTH-
WEST JAPAN COMMAND CIRCUIT 4535 AND 6605 CTF 52 NCS CTF 55
CTG 55.2 CTG 55.4 CSD 103 COM5THFLT RADIO SASEBO, 10018 or
10019 OPTIONAL FOR CONSERVATION 10. ABOVE CONFORMS NEW COMPLAN
IN MAIL.

220821 January 1946

FROM: CTG 55.2
TO : 1D SASEBO/NAGASAKI/KAGOSHIMA/FUKUOKA
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTF 55/1DO SASEBO

TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY DAILY SHIP MOVEMENT SUMMARIES OMIT CTG 55.2
AND COM5THFLT FROM ADDRESS. THIS MODIFIES MY OPPLAN 1-45 AND
CTF 55 082359 DECEMBER. COM5THFLT 130527 AND CTF 55 130521
REFER. ACKNOWLEDGE.

140000 January 1946

FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : ALL PD'S JAPAN
INFO: 1DO SASEBO/1DO TOKYO

DAILY SUMMARIES ARE BEING FILED FROM 1 TO 2 HOURS LATE WITH
EXTRANEUS ADDRES CONTINUED TO MY 300205 OF DECEMBER. PD'S FILE
AND TRANSMIT SUMMARIES PROMPTLY. RADIO STATIONS TRANSMIT
EXPEDITIOUSLY HANDLING TO REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA IN ORDER
THAT PD DAILY SUMMARIES MAY BE INCLUDED IN AREA SUMMARIES OF SAME
DATE.

130527 January 1946

FROM: CTF 55
TO : 1D NAGOYA/WAKAYAMA/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/MATSUYAMA/NAGASAKI/SASEBO/
FUKUOKA
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 50.3/COMFLTACT YOKOSUKA/1D85 MONELS/CTG 55.2/
CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4

MODIFY MY 082359 OF DECEMBER. DELETE COM5THFLT AS INFO ADDRES
ON DAILY PORT DIRECTOR SHIPPING SUMMARY. SCJJA DESIRES CONTINUE
TO BE INFO ADDRES.

130521 January 1946

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FROM: JFD 85 RUNELS
TO : ALL JFD'S OF JAPAN
INFO: COM5THFLT/ALL TF AND TG COMDAS 5THFLT

1ST FLEET REF SENDS. CTG 50.3 DISPATCH 040545 ELIMINATES NECESSITY PROVIDING CLEARANCE OF JAP SAILINGS UNDER BLANKET AUTHORIZATION. ALL SUCH SAILING MUST THEN BE REPORTED IN DAILY SUMMARIES. CTG 50.3 DIS 140444, 170737 AND 260546 OF DECEMBER REQUIRE A DEPARTURE DISPATCH ON ALL JAP SAILING TO PORTS OUTSIDE THE JAPANESE EMPIRE INCLUDING KOREA. ON ALL SUCH SAILINGS TO TRANSMIT BY OPERATIONAL PRIORITY DISPATCH TO PORT DIRECTOR AT PORT OF ENTRY WITH FOLLOWING INFO ADDRESSES AS APPLICABLE HILSEMFON. COMHILSEMFON CG CHINA. ACNB AUSTRALIA. CG AFWESTPAC AND SCARJAP THE FOLLOWING. NAME AND SCARJAP NUMBER OF VESSEL. ETA. PORT OF ARRIVAL. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD. PASSENGERS CARRYING CURRENCY AND CARGO ON BOARD. JFD'S MUST COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE AND WILL INSTITUTE CHECKING SYSTEM TO INSURE THAT THIS DEPARTURE REPORT IS SENT TO ALL JAPANESE VESSELS ENROUTE FOR OTHER PORTS.

091345 January 1946

FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : ALL JFD'S OF JAPAN/TO OKINAWA/REACIN YOKOSUKA/5THFLT
INFO: CG6TH ARMY/PERCO PEARL/COMWESTSEAFON/COMHILSEMFON/COMHILSEMFON/SCAR/SCARJAP/TRANSDIV 97/ACC TOKYO/CINCPAC FOR PEARL/COMHILSEMFON

NAVAL SHIPS. CANCEL MY 280415 NOVEMBER AT 010000 JANUARY. AS OF THAT TIME CO'S OF SHIPS SAILING SINGLY AND SCPS OF SHIPS IN COMPANY WILL MAKE MOVEMENT REPORTS ACCORDANCE PACFLT LTR 54L-45 ADDING APPROPRIATE PORT DIRECTORS 5TH AND 7TH FLEET AREAS TO ADDRESSES LISTED PARA 3-C. MERCHANT SHIPS. ALFOR 802 CMC 271620 NOVEMBER CMC 191549 AND 192047 REFER. MERCHANT SHIPS ENTERING PORTS 5TH FLEET AREA SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH PORT DIRECTOR TIME OF ARRIVAL TIME OF DEPARTURE ROUTE ETA AND DESTINATION. TO SUMMARIES. PORT DIRECTORS PREPARE AND FORWARD TO REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA. DAILY SUMMARY ALL SHIP MOVEMENTS INCLUDING JAPANESE AS OF 0900 GCT LISTING ARRIVALS DEPARTURES WITH DESTINATIONS WITH ETA. COMBINED SUMMARIES. REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA PREPARE DAILY SUMMARIES ACCORDANCE COM5THFLT SERIAL 765 OF 30 NOVEMBER WHICH SHOULD SHOW THIS DISPATCH AS REFERENCE. ADDRESS SUMMARIES TO 5THFLT ALL JFD'S JAPAN AND OKINAWA INFO COM7THFLT COMHILSEMFON SCAR SCARJAP CG 8TH ARMY CG ASCOM CHARLIE CINCPAC PERCO PEARL.

300205 December 1945

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FROM: CTF 55
TO : TF 55/TF NAGOYA/NAKAYAMA/ITSUYAMA/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/NAGASAKI/
SASEBO/FUKUOKA
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 50.3/AREA CEN YOKOSUKA/AND 85 MUNELS

AT PRESENT DUPLICATIONS OF SUMMARY REPORTS AND CARELESS ADDRESS-
ING ARE UNNECESSARILY OVERLOADING CIRCUITS. TO PREVENT THIS THE
FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. A. AREA
COMMANDERS SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO REACH CTF 55 PRIOR 0700 ITEM
WITH NO INFO ADDES. SUBJECT MATTER TO INCLUDE ONLY INCIDENTS
OF INTEREST WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY COME TO ATTENTION OF CTF 55.
B. PORT DIRECTORS SUBMIT 1 CONSOLIDATED DAILY SHIPPING SUMMARY
AS OF 1800 ITEM ACTION TO COM5THFLT YOKOSUKA AND AREA COMMANDER
INFO TO CTF 55. SCJAF AND COM5THFLT. SUMMARY TO INCLUDE
ALLIED AND JAP ARRIVAL. DEPARTURE AND DESTINATIONS. JAP SHIPS
TO BE IDENTIFIED BY SCJAF CODE NUMBER OR TONNAGE. C. CTF 55
WILL SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO COM5THFLT COVERING INCIDENTS OF
INTEREST WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY COME TO HIS ATTENTION. ROUTING
SUMMARIES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY AREA COMMANDERS NEED NOT
INCLUDE CTF 55 AS INFO ADDE UNLESS NECESSARY. FOREGOING
SUMMARIES IN NO WAY REPLACE SPECIAL MOVEMENT AND ETA REPORTS OR
OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. COM5THFLT 280415
NOVEMBER AND HIS SERIAL 1765 REFER. THIS MODIFIES MY 250119
NOT TO ALL.

082359 December 1945

FROM: CTF 55
TO : TF NAGOYA/NAKAYAMA/ITSUYAMA/HIWA/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/NAGASAKI/
SASEBO/FUKUOKA
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4/CTG 55.2/CTG 50.3

SUBJECT JAPANESE SHIPPING. MAKE ONE CONSOLIDATED REPORT DAILY
OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS TO TASK GROUP COMMANDERS INFO CTF 55,
CTG 50.3, COM5THFLT. USE SHIP CODE DESIGNATION ACCORD CTG 50.3's
SERIAL 526 OF 26 OCTOBER OR TONNAGE TO AID IN IDENTIFICATION.

250119 November 1945

FROM: CTG 55.2
TO : 12 FUKUOKA/NAGASAKI/KAGOSHIMA/CSD 103
INFO: CTF 52/CG 2ND MARDIV/12 SASEBO

INSURE COMPLIANCE MY 310306 DEC WHICH REQUIRED SMALLPOX RE-
VACCINATION OF ALL NAVAL PERSONNEL ASHORE OR ABOARD IN KYUSHU

170006 January 1946

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FROM: COM5THFLT
TO : 5THFLT
INFO: BUMED/CONSERVAC/COM7THFLT

DUE TO PRESENCE SMALLPOX SHANGHAI ALL FIFTH FLEET PERSONNEL BOUND FOR THAT PORT WILL BE REVACCINATED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. ALL UNITS BE PREPARED TO REVACCINATE ALL PERSONNEL IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE OF SMALLPOX IN JAPAN HAS BEEN REPORTED.

160453 January 1946

FROM: CINCPAC FOR HEDPEARL
TO : ALIAC #34
INFO: CWSF/BUAED/CNO/BUFERS

ATTENTION ALL SHIPS AND PERSONNEL PROCEEDING TO CHINA AREA. AN EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX OF INCREASING INTENSITY REPORTED SHANGHAI AND KOREA. REVACCINATION OF ALL PERSONNEL TOUCHING CHINA AND KOREA PORTS DIRECTED.

160336/34 January 1946

FROM: CTG 55.2
TO : PD FUKUOKA/NAGASAKI/SOFA KAGOSHIMA/TG 55.2/ALL SHIPS SASEBO/
PD SASEBO
INFO: CTF 55/CTF 52/COM5THFLT/CG VAC

AS PRECAUTION AGAINST SPREAD OF VIRULENT SMALLPOX WHICH HAS BROKEN OUT IN KOREA REVACCINATE IMMEDIATELY ALL NAVAL PERSONNEL ASHORE OR ON SHIPS IN KYUSHU AREA.

310306 December 1945

FROM: CTF 51
TO : TF 51/TF 55
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 55.1/CTG 55.2/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4

MY 280130. EVAPORATORS MAY BE OPERATED IN JAPANESE PORTS ONLY IF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BUSHI'S MANUAL FULLY OBSERVED. IN JAP PORTS DISTILLED WATER IN TANKS SHALL BE CHLORINATED FOUR PARTS PER MILLION. CHLORINATED WATER SHALL STAND IN TANKS TWELVE HOURS BEFORE USE. SMALL SHIPS SHALL BOIL THEIR DRINKING WATER IN JAP PORTS. SOFA EACH PORT ARRANGE TO INSTRUCT INCOMING SHIPS AND ENFORCE PROVISIONS THIS DISPATCH.

081047 November 1945

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FROM: CTF 51
TO : TF 51/TF 55
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 55.1/CTG 55.2/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4

ASSUME ALL JAPANESE HARBORS TASK FORCE 55 AREA CONTAMINATED
UNLESS TESTS BY QUALIFIED MEDICAL UNIT INDICATE OTHERWISE.
TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT IMPROPER USAGE SEA WATER YOUR AREA ON
THIS BASIS.

G. van DEURS,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO and
Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

J. W. Williams
J. W. WILLIAMS,
Flag Secretary.

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FEBRUARY 1946 - WAR DIARY FOR TASK GROUP 55.2

(Commodore G. van DEURS, USN)
(Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU)

ZONE MINUS NINE TIME

Under Commander Task Force 55, operating under Commander FIFTH Fleet, Commander Task Group 55.2 (Commodore G. van DEURS, USN, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, in ATLANTA (CL-104), Flagship) was operating in the KYUSHU Area (corresponding to the land area controlled by the SECOND Marine Division) in accordance with Commander Cruiser Division FOUR (Commander Task Force 55) Operation Plan No. 4-45.

The task organization set up in Commander Task Group 55.2 Operation Plan No. 1-45, dated 3 December, 1945 (revised 28 January, 1946) was in effect.

55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS

55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain W. NYQUIST, USN

55.2.2 Escort and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit - Captain
F. J. BELL, USN

55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

MISCELLANEOUS - U.S.S. LITTLEHALES (AGS-7)

RECEIVED S-C FILES

Room 2100

16 MAR 1946

ROUTE TO:

No. (SC) 42-1

Copy No. 1 of 1

Req. No. 760

1 - 11 February

On 1 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU promulgated a revision to the task organization of his Operation Plan No. 1-45 (copy of this revision attached).

On the morning of 1 February, Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN (Vice Admiral GRIFFIN), who had arrived in SASEBO on 31 January, accompanied by Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU flew to FUKUOKA to inspect the port facilities and to confer with the Port Director (Lt. Comdr. P. A. MONROE) and Army authorities on the repatriation of Japanese. In the afternoon Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN, accompanied by Commanding General, SECOND Marine Division (Major General HUNT), Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (Commodore G. van DEURS), SASEBO Port Director (Commander DUFFY), and the officer in charge of Naval Facilities, SASEBO (Lt. Comdr. MacINTYRE) made an inspection tour of SASEBO Harbor.

At 0800(I) on 2 February, Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN (Vice Admiral GRIFFIN), departed SASEBO for HIRO WAN, HONSHU, JAPAN.

At 1300(I) on 2 February, a Chief Petty Officers Club was opened at the Fleet Recreation Center, SASEBO, JAPAN.

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On 5 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU received reports that certain Japanese vessels retained on board chemical recorders for sound apparatus and very high frequency search receivers, used for radar interceptions. Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU directed the Japanese of the SASEBO District Demobilization Bureau to remove this equipment and deliver to U.S. occupation forces for disposition.

On 8 February, U.S.S. PRESTIGE (AMc-97) and U.S.S. CUSSETA (YTB-405) went aground in SASEBO Harbor. At high tide the PRESTIGE and CUSSETA were refloated undamaged.

On 8 February, Commander Service Division 103 transferred the fleet boat pool and attached personnel to the Port Director, SASEBO.

On 8 February, Commander FIFTH Fleet directed that the operational control of U.S.S. LITTLEHALES (AGS-7) be transferred from Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU to Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN.

On the morning of 11 February, Commander Philippine Sea Frontier (Vice Admiral KAUFFMAN) arrived at the Marine Air Base at OMURA where he was met by Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU. Commander Philippine Sea Frontier then flew to SASEBO, arriving the latter part of the afternoon. Arrangements had been made by Commander Minecraft, Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52) for Commander Philippine Sea Frontier to be received on board U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13) where dinner was held at 1900. In the early morning of 12 February, Commander Philippine Sea Frontier (Vice Admiral KAUFFMAN) departed SASEBO for OKINAWA.

On 11 February, Captain KAUFFMAN, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. TANGIER (AV-8) relieved Captain VOIT, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ST. GEORGE (AV-16) of his duties as Commander Task Unit 50.2.3. U.S.S. ST. GEORGE (AV-16) departed SASEBO for OKINAWA on 12 February, 1946.

On 11 February, in accordance with directives from Commander FIFTH Fleet Commander Service Division 103 transferred to Fleet Activities SASEBO all FPO and OMMC personnel.

On 11 February, the Japanese SASEBO District Demobilization Bureau requested the procurement of certain Japanese books and publications for the education of their shipboard personnel. However, the request was disapproved by this command on the basis that too many of the requested publications covered subjects not necessary to the operation of ships in a merchant capacity.

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals also continued.

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13 - 20 February

On 13 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU promulgated an Employment Schedule for ships of Task Group 55.2 for the period 15 February, 1946 to 31 March, 1946. Included in the employment schedule were the following training exercises: Destroyer search and attack exercises against cruiser unit (ATLANTA) standing out of KAGOSHIMA 24 - 25 February, by Destroyer Division 11 operating out of SASEBO, and joint destroyer-cruiser exercises during the periods 25 February to 1 March, and 4 March to 8 March to include tactics, SRBP, and Anti-aircraft tracking and firing drills, and flag hoist and blinker drills.

On 17 February, Commander Minecraft Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52) embarked in U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13) departed SASEBO for KOBE, HONSHU, JAPAN.

On 17 February, Rear Admiral W. K. PHILLIPS, USN, relieved Rear Admiral E. P. FORRESTEL, USN, as Commander Task Force 55, and at 1800(I) assumed duties as Commander Japanese Empire Support Force.

On 20 February, Lt. General R. L. EICHELBERGER, Commanding General EIGHTH Army, arrived on an inspection tour of the SASEBO Area. Dinner was held at the quarters of the Assistant Division Commander of the SECOND Marine Division (Brigadier General WALKER, USMC). Also present for dinner were: Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU (Commodore G. van DEURS) and Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore H. HARTLEY).

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals also continued.

21 - 28 February

At 0700(I) on 21 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU embarked in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104) departed SASEBO for KAGOSHIMA. Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU arrived at KAGOSHIMA on the morning of 22 February.

On 23 February, Commander J. B. BLAIN relieved Commander A. W. DUFFY as Port Director at SASEBO with additional duties as Commander Fleet Activities, SASEBO, JAPAN.

On 23 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU embarked in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104) departed KAGOSHIMA for training exercises with Destroyer Division 11. The following exercises were held during the period 24 - 28 February: 24-25 February, destroyer search and attack exercise against cruiser unit (U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104)) standing out of KAGOSHIMA by Destroyer Division 11 operating out of SASEBO; joint destroyer-cruiser exercises during the period 25-28 February which included general tactics, SRBP, anti-aircraft tracking and firing drills, and communication drills.

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On 25 February, Commander BOYLE, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. GREENWICH BAY (AVP-41) relieved Captain KAUFFMAN, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. TANGIER (AV-8) of his duties as Commander Task Unit 50.2.3.

At 1430(I) on the afternoon of 28 February, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU embarked in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104) with U.S.S. LARSON (DD-830) (ComDesRon ONE) and U.S.S. GOODRICH (DD-831) arrived SASEBO, JAPAN.

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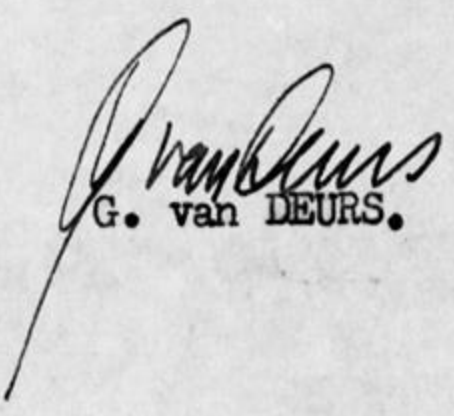
POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP

Positions: 1 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
2 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
3 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
4 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
5 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
6 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
7 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
8 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
9 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
10 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
11 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
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14 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
15 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
16 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
17 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
18 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
19 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
20 February - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
21 February - 0800 - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN
1200 - 32-23 N, 129-25.3 E
2000 - 31-53 N, 128-36 E
22 February - 0800 - 31-13.5 N, 130-43.8 E
1200 - Anchored in Berth #10, KAGOSHIMA KO, JAPAN
2000 - Anchored in Berth #10, KAGOSHIMA KO, JAPAN
23 February - Anchored in Berth #10, KAGOSHIMA KO, JAPAN
24 February - 0800 - Anchored in Berth #10, KAGOSHIMA KO, JAPAN
1200 - 31-00 N, 130-24 E
2000 - 31-20 N, 128-01 E

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1200 - 31-57.5 N, 129-08.5 E
2000 - 31-19.5 N, 128-06 E
26 February - 0800 - 31-58 N, 127-55 E
1200 - 31-50.07 N, 128-51 E
2000 - 31-22.5 N, 128-08 E
27 February - 0800 - 31-58.5 N, 128-49.5 E
1200 - 31-46 N, 128-36.3 E
2000 - 31-14.5 N, 128-39.5 E
28 February - 0800 - 31-58 N, 128-50.5 E
1200 - 32-27 N, 129-08 E
2000 - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU,
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1 CL

LST 834 (Training Ship)

1 LST

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4 DD

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1 AS

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SAMARITAN (AH-10)

1 AH

(g) MISCELLANEOUS

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ZONE MINUS NINE TIME

Under Commander Task Force 55, operating under Commander FIFTH Fleet, Commander Task Group 55.2 (Commodore G. van DEURS, USN, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU in ATLANTA (CL-104), Flagship) was operating in the KYUSHU area (corresponding to the land area controlled by the SECOND Marine Division) in accordance with Commander Cruiser Division 15 (Commander Task Force 55) Operation Plan No. 1-46 dated 26 February, 1946.

The task organization set up in Commander Task Group 55.2 Operation Plan No. 1-45, dated 3 December, 1945 (revised 1 March, 1946) was in effect.

- 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS.
- 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain W. NYQUIST, USN
- 55.2.2 Escort and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit - Captain F. J. BELL, USN
- 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN, USN

1 - 11 March

On 1 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU promulgated a revision to the task organization of his Operation Plan No. 1-45 (copy of this revision attached).

At 1300(I) on 1 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU conferred with Commander LST Group 103 (Captain A. L. WARBURTON) on the subject of releasing excess LCT's at KAGOSHIMA.

At 0800(I) on 4 March, Captain MILLARD, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ALCOR (AD-34) relieved Captain GIBBS, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. YOSEMITE (AD-19) of his duties as Commander Unit ABLE of Service Division 103.

At 0730(I) on 4 March, Commander Service Division 10 (Rear Admiral F. C. DENEBRINK), embarked in U.S.S. HOLLAND (ARG-18), arrived SASEBO Harbor.

In the early morning of 5 March, Commander Minecraft Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52), embarked in U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13), arrived SASEBO Harbor.

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On 5 March, Captain MILLARD, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ALCOR (AD-34) relieved Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore H. HARTLEY) of his duties as SOPA Administrative in SASEBO Harbor.

At 0700(I) on 7 March, Commander Service Division 103 (Commodore H. HARTLEY), embarked in U.S.S. YOSEMITE (AD-19), departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

On 7 March, Commander Service Squadron 10 (Rear Admiral F. C. DENEBRINK), embarked in U.S.S. HOLLAND (ARG-18), departed SASEBO for KOBE, HONSHU, JAPAN.

On 7 March, in accordance with directives from Commander FIFTH Fleet and Commander Task Force 55, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU turned over to Commander Fleet Activities, SASEBO, his responsibilities and duties concerning the surveillance and inspection of vessels of the former Japanese Navy. However, inspecting teams under his command continued to assist Commander Fleet Activities, SASEBO, in the inspection of Japanese vessels.

On 7 March, in accordance with directives from Commander FIFTH Fleet, the operational control of U.S.S. NEREUS (AS-17), Captain FOLLIMER, Commanding Officer, was transferred from Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU to Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN, and at the same time, the U.S.S. NEREUS (AS-17) assumed responsibility for the Japanese submarines in the KYUSHU and SHIMONOSEKI area.

At 0700(I) on 7 March, Commander Minecraft Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52), embarked in U.S.S. PANAMINT (AGC-13), departed SASEBO for PEARL HARBOR.

At 0630(I) on 8 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104), departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI, arriving at 0930(I).

Inspection of Japanese ships and craft and disposal of Japanese ammunition continued. The return of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean nationals also continued.

10 - 18 March

On 10 March, the U.S.S. SAMARITAN (AH-10) reported to SOPA SASEBO for operational control in accordance with directives from Commander Task Force 55.

At 0630(I) on 11 March, in accordance with directives from Commander Task Force 55, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104), departed NAGASAKI for YOKOSUKA, and at 0900(I) rendezvoused at sea with Destroyer Division 11, U.S.S. LARSON (DD-830)(ComDesRon ONE), U.S.S. GOODRICH (DD-831), U.S.S. HANSON (DD-832), and U.S.S. THOMAS (DD-833), which departed from SASEBO. Task Group 55.2 arrived YOKOSUKA at 1245(I) on 13 March. Training was conducted enroute.

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On 14 March, U.S.S. LST 834 departed SASEBO for YOKOSUKA, arriving on 18 March.

On 14 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU conferred with Commander FIFTH Fleet (Vice Admiral F. C. SHERMAN, USN) and Commander Cruiser Division 15 (Rear Admiral W. K. PHILLIPS, USN, CTF 55) on the subject of future employment.

On 15 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU conferred with Commander Naval Activities, JAPAN (Vice Admiral GRIFFIN) on the subject of occupation details in the KYUSHU Area.

On 17 March, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU received Annex A (revised Task Organization) to Commander Cruiser Division 15 Operation Plan No. 1-46 dated 15 March. This revised Task Organization reassigned the vessels of Task Group 55.2 as follows:

U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL-104) - Task Group 55.2 Cruiser Group (Rear Admiral W. K. PHILLIPS)

Destroyer Division ELEVEN - Task Group 55.3, Screen (Captain CAMPBELL)

U.S.S. LST 834 - Task Group 55.7, Training Group (Lieut. (jg) SIMMONS)

18 - 20 March

Task Force 55 under Commander Task Force (Rear Admiral W. K. PHILLIPS, Commander Cruiser Division 15) conducted underway training south of SURUGA WAN. Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU was embarked in ATLANTA (CL-104) in passenger capacity only.

Staff, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU decommissioned on 20 March, 1946. This is the last war diary.

POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP

Positions: 1 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
2 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
3 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
4 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
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6 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
7 March - Moored to buoys in Berth #14, SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.
8 March - 0800 - 33-07 N, 129-43.23 E
1200 - Moored Starboard side to DE JIMA Wharf, NAGASAKI, JAPAN
2000 - Moored Starboard side to DE JIMA Wharf, NAGASAKI, JAPAN
9 March - Moored Starboard side to DE JIMA Wharf, NAGASAKI, JAPAN

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Positions: 10 March - Moored Starboard side to DE JIMA Wharf, NAGASAKI, JAPAN
(Cont'd.) 11 March - 0800 - 32-43 N, 129-47.5 E
1200 - 32-40 N, 129-28.7 E
2000 - 31-07 N, 131-24.5 E
12 March - 0800 - 32-30 N, 134-32 E
1200 - 32-27.5 N, 134-28 E
2000 - 33-19.0 N, 136-10.0 E
13 March - 0800 - 34-29 N, 138-57 E
1200 - 35-03.7 N, 139-44.8 E
2000 - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN
14 March - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN
15 March - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN
16 March - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN
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18 March - 0800 - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN
1200 - 34-34.5 N, 139-05 E
2000 - 33-05.1 N, 138-15.7 E
19 March - 0800 - 33-26.8 N, 138-07.4 E
1200 - 33-38.2 N, 138-13 E
2000 - Anchored 500 yds. So. Berth 137, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
20 March - 0800 - 34-54 N, 139-23 E
1200 - 34-40.8 N, 139-10.7 E
2000 - Moored to buoy in Berth #32, YOKOSUKA, HONSHU, JAPAN


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