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DECEMBER 1945 - WAR DIARY FOR TASK GROUP 55.2
(Commodore G. van DEURS, U.S.N.)

ZONE MINUS NINE TIME

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
55.2.4.1 SASEBO - Commander DUFFY, USNR
55.2.4.2 NAGASAKI - Commander BLAIN, USN
55.2.4.3 FUKUOKA - Lieut. Comdr. MONROE, USN
55.2.4.4 KAGOSHIMA - Lt. (jg) PAPER, USNR
55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Commander McCREEERY, 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, SOTA Administrative), and various ships and units of the United States Pacific Fleet.

At 2353 (2), 3 December, Commander FIFTH Fleet assigned to Commander Task Group 55.2 the following administration call and mail address: Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.
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 (CG-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 STAUBLE, 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 (1) 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 HAMILTON) 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.


14-16 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 (SOFPA 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.
On 17 December, Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU was directed by Commander Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral FARRINGTON, 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 (CI-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.


26 - 31 December 1945

At 1645, 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 (IU183472), U.S. Army Air Corps, and delivered it to the 2nd Marine Division. The plane was later identified as an Army B-25 from ASHIA 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 26 December, U.S.S. ROWAN (DD782) departed SASEBO for OKINAWA, having been detached from Task Group 55.2
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.


**Positions of Group Flagship**

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TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain MADERIA

OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) 1 CL

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

55.2.21 ENGLISH (DD696) (ComDesRon 62) - Captain BROWN

C. S. SPERRY (DD697)

AULT (DD698)

J. W. WEEKS (DD701) ComDesDiv 124

ROWAN (DD752)

J. R. PIERCE (DD753) 6 DD

55.2.22 EURYALE (AS22) (ComSubRon 13) - Capt. MOSELY

GREENLEET (ASR10) 1 ASR

(c) 55.2.3 Amphibious Unit - Senior Attached Commander

LST 524, 868, 943, 968, 1029, 1024 6 LST

LSM 76, 80, 292, 343, 386, 387 6 LSM

LCI Division 110

LCI 1093, (ComLCIDiv 110) 1097, 831, 882, 883 5 LCI

LCT Flot 21

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

LCT Group 45

LCT 675, (ComLCTGrp 45), 594, 668, 674, 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, 1084, 1065, 1066.

LCT Group 103

LCT 1211 (ComLCTGrp 103), 1214, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1230, 1247, 1249, 1250, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1360. 51 LCT

(d) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.4.1 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 888 1 LST

55.2.4.2 Port Director NAGASAKI - Commander BLAINE

KINGIAN (APB,7) 1 APB

LCI 813 1 LCI

55.2.4.3 Port Director FUKUOKA - Lt. Comdr. PARR

55.2.4.4 Port Director KAGOSHIMA - Lt.(jg) PAPE

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

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

VH 4 (2 planes) 2 VPERons

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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. mines 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 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 PEA.

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 30.2.3 in Air-Sea rescue operations.
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(8) Maintain one destroyer at SASEBO ready to put to sea on one hour's 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 SCNAV (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 dispatch 250119 of November and Con5thFleet 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.
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 SOFA (Admin.) until otherwise directed will be performed by ComServDiv 103 at SASEBO; Port Director at NAGASAKI; ComServDiv 103 Representative in U.S.S. MANKAB (AD-21) at KAGOSHIMA; Port Director at FUKUOKA. Each SOFA (Admin.) will:

(a) Submit weekly reports of demilitarization and demobilization of Japanese Naval Forces afloat as required by SCAF 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(h) 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 Zono Zebra (COT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zono 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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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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Commodore, U.S. Navy,
Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE POINT TWO.

J. W. WILLIAMS,
Flag Secretary.

ANNEX "A" to
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REPORT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF
JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS

WEEK ENDING________________

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(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
(Station Reporting)

From 3 Nov. 1945 to 10 Nov. 1945

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

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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; S/M - Shipped to US as war trophies.

(Form A-2)
NAME

LOCATION

DATE INSPECTED

TYPE

TONNAGE

STATUS

(Docked, Beached, Anchored)

A. MATERIAL CONDITIONS

(a) ENGINEERING

(b) HULL

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

Signed

(Form A-3)
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ANNEX "B" to Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Print TWO OpPlan 1-45.

PERTINENT DESPATCHES

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

COM5THFLT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 10-45 EFFECTIVE ZERO HOURS GCT
5 NOVEMBER INCLUDE PROVISION THIS DISPATCH AS CHANGE 1.
CHANGES: HOLD ARTICLE 501 IN ABSENCE FOR COBALTANT SHIPPING
UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. ARTICLE 1861A. SUBPARA 2. CHANGE
FIRST LINE TO READ GW DISTRESS TRAFFIC, CONTROL AND COORDINATION.
SUBPARA 3 AND CHANGE NUMBER
SUBPARA 4. ADD NEW SUBPARA 1. READING GENERAL SURFACE AND AIRCRAFT
DISTRESS FREQUENCY 8260 KILOCYCLES. ANNEX ABE. CIRCUIT CHARLIE
2. ADD 415. CHANGE 9040 TO 10900.

311515 October 1945

FROM: CTF 55
TO : PD NAGOYA/WAKAYAMA/MATSUYAMA/HIC/KURE/K. GOSHIMA/K. GASIKI/S. SEBO/
PULUKA.
INFO: COM5THFLT/CTG 55.3/55.4/55.2/50.3

SUBJECT JAPANESE SHIPPING. MAKE ONE CONSOLIDATED REPORT DAILY
OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS TO THE 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 TD'S OF JAPAN/REO TOKYO/REO HONOLULU/REO GUAM/5THFLT/
SCAP/SCAPL/6TH ARMY HQS/6TH ARMY HQS/COM5THFLT/CINCPAC POA PEARL

IN ORDER TO STANDARDIZE PROCEDURE AND SUPPLY SHIP MOVEMENT INFORMATION
TO ALL CONCERNED WITH MINIMUM BURDEN FOLLOWING PROCEDURE REPORTING
SHIP MOVEMENTS WITHIN HOURS AS PRESCRIBED. 1. PORT DIRECTORS OR
NVAL COMMANDERS ISSUE AND ADDRESS MOVEMENT ORDERS ACCORDANCE
CHAPTER 5 PCO TO BT. FOR COBALTANT SHIPS INCLUDE ACTIVITIES
INDICATED PER. 512 (a) (1), (2), (4), (5) ACTION OR INFO
ADDRS AND INFORM ADDRESSES UNDER PER. 512 (a) (3), (6), (7) AND
ALL OTHERS WHO DESIRE THIS INFORMATION BY SUBARIES INCLUDING
CINCPAC AND WASSERFELT DAILY SUMMARIES PREPARED AND FORWARDED
ACCORDANCE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

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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 GMT AND FORWARD TO EMPIRE ACTIVITIES AShORE WHO ARE INFORMED OF THIS DISPATCH AS WELL AS TO NFM AND NPN.

4. NFM DISTRIBUTE EMPIRE SUMMARY TO MACTANS, MARIANAS, AND WESTWARD INCLUDING BROADCAST GEORGE FOX IF DESIRABLE. NFM DISTRIBUTE OAHU AND EASTWARD AND BROADCAST ON HOW FOX. PARAGRAPH FOREGOING RESERVED IN NO CASE REPLACE ESSENTIAL ETA REPORTS AS JUDGED BY ASOCM OBOS AND ASOCM CHULS CORRELATION ARMY MAGIC CICPAC.

280415 November 1945

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

\[\text{Signature}\]

J. W. WILLIAMS,
Flag Secretary.
CTG 55.2/16-3

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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: (1) 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 0.2KSR 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 (AGB-10)
      (2) VH 4
      (3) VPF 22

   (b) Add:

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

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J. W. WILLIAMS,
Flag Secretary.
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE
Point TWO,
U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91), FLAGSHIP
SASEBO, JAPAN,
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TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2
Coronado G. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain MALIMA
       OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91) 1 CL

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

   55.2.21 ENGLISHER (DD-696) (CorDeck 62) - Captain BROWN
       C. S. SPERRY (DD-697)
       AUT (DD-698)
       J. U. WELLS (DD-701) (CorDeckDiv 124)
       LEVAN (DD-782)
       W. L. LIND (DD-703) 6 DD

(c) 55.2.22 EURYALE (LS-22) (CorSubron 13) - Captain HOSELY

(d) 55.2.4 Port Director Units
       55.2.4.1 Port Director S. CIBO - Commander DUFFY

       LST 888, 118#
       KINGIAN (AB-47) 2 LST
       1 LTB

       55.2.4.2 Port Director JAP.S.KI - Commander BLAIN

       LSM 80
       LCT 956, 973, 974, 975 1 LSH
       4 LCT

(e) 55.2.4.3 Port Director FUDUKU - Lt. Comdr. MURROKE

55.2.4.4 Port Director KAGOSHI - Lieut. PAE

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

       SHIKINAN (AH-16) 1 AH

(e) 55.2.3 SASEBO Seaplane Unit - Captain VOTT

       ST GEORGE (AV-16)
       EBERING STRAIT (AV-34)
       VTB 27 1 AV
       1 AV
       1 VB

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

ComLSTFlot 21
ComLSTFlot 33
ComLSKGrp 103
Assigned Task Force 54 shipping

55.2.3 Garrison Shipping

LST 524, 868, 943, 1019, 1024
LSTM 76, 292, 343, 386, 387

LCI Division 110

LCI 1097 (ComLCIDiv 110), 1073, 881, 882,
883, 813#

6 LCI

LCF Flot 21

LC(FF) 998 (ComLCTFlot 21)

1 LC(FF)

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LCF Group 44

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LCF Group 45

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1249, 1250, 1283, 1285, 1380, 1219, 1220,
1221, 1230

42 LCF

(g) 55.2.6 KAGOSHIMA UNIT

LCF 675, 676, 677, 718, 1287

5 LCF

# To be released
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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 Line Force, Pacific Fleet (CTF 52) is at present in SASEBO, where a task group (TG 52.3) is also located. Commander is responsible for, and conducting, minisweeping operations in the Japanese Empire. Control of Japanese, as well as U.S., mines 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 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, 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 102 in SASEBO, and his Representative in the South Pacific, will provide logistic support for naval units in the area. Upon request, Commander 102 will provide limited logistic support such as fuel, supplies, and salvage operations at other ports. Commander 102 is under operational control of Commander Service Squadron 12.

(d) The Administrator Shaping, Control Authority, and Commander Japanese Repatriation Group (CTH 52.2) 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 107, established by Commander 21, is the Representative in SASEBO of Commander Task Force 51. He has been directed to facilitate and accomplish loading, unloading, and movements of Task Force 51, shipping in SASEBO and FUKUSHIMA area.

(f) CTH 18 is located in the same area, and is under the control of the Commanding General, FIFTH Amphibious Corps. CTH 18 provides the following:

(1) Legal and Judicial Services for FIFTH Amphibious Corps.
(2) Recreation facilities aboard.
(3) Custody of Japanese naval stores and supplies, and control of necessary issues to Japanese.

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(g) The airfield at OMA is at present occupied by a Provisional Marine Air Base Squadron in order to provide for transient aircraft. Aircraft operations out of OMA are controlled by FNEP.

(h) A NavTechJapTeam is present in the 55.2/500 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 FLANN, 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 55.2/500, MACHU, KINOSHIKA, and OMA.
(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 "H" to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR OpPlan 4-45. Take full reports of such violations, including itemized lists of materials seized and disposed of. (Note that Japanese merchant vessels engaged in mine sweeping 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 .3 of Annex "H" to this OpPlan.
(4) Request personal 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 S.S.E.B.O. ready to put to sea on one hour's 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 regard to 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 S.O.M.P. (CTF 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 CTF 55.2.

(4) Issue daily summaries of allied and Japanese ship movements as required by CTF 55 despatch 250119 of November, CTF 55 despatch 052359 December and CTF 55 despatch 250425 of November. (See annex "B" to this O.Plan).

(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 these vessels with reasons therefore.

(6) Allocate space and control air and surface transportation for personnel.

(7) Port Director S.S.E.B.O. provide personnel for operation of and utilize facilities of Radio S.S.E.B.O.

(d) Hospital and Medical Unit.

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

(e) S.S.E.B.O. Seaplane Unit.

(1) Provide service as directed by CTF 55 (CTF 50.2).

(2) Provide search and survell acco 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) S.S.E.B.O. Group Amphibious Force

(1) Carry out duties assigned by CTF 54.

(2) Control operation (TU 55.2.3) S.S.E.B.O. garrison shipping.

(3) Coordinate logistics and insure prompt turn around at S.S.E.B.O. of SEVENTH FLEET LST's engaged in Japanese-Korean-Chinese repatriation service.

(4) Provide local lightering 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 Commodore FIFTH Amphibious Corps.

(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 data as obtained from Commander Mine Force (CTF 52) or his cognizant representative.

(c) KAGOSHIMA Unit

(1) Operate under Commander Service Division 103 Representative, KAGOSHIMA (SOPA Adm), 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 SOP. (Adm) until otherwise directed will be performed by ComServDiv 103 at S.S.E.B.C; Port Director at N.O.S.K.; ComServDiv 103 Representative in U.S.S. KAGOSHIMA (AD-21) at KAGOSHIMA; Port Director at FUKUJIMA. Each SOP. (Adm) will:

(a) Submit weekly reports of demilitarization and demobilization of Japanese Naval Forces as required by S.O.P. 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 dispatch summary to reach CTG 55.2 prior to 0800(1) 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.KER 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. ComCruDiv 103 through his representative in Empire ports is providing logistic support. ComCruDiv 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 (ZCT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zone Item (ZT) 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:

(1) Desired Forms for Submitting Reports.
(2) Pertinent Despatches.
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ANNEX "B" to Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO OpMan 1-45, (Revised)

2. FORT DIRECTORS PREPARE AND FORWARD TO REPOSING CENTER YOKOSUKA DAILY SUMMARY ALL SHIP MOVEMENTS INCLUDING JAPANESE AS OF 0900 ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WITH DESTINATION AND ETA. 3. REPOSING CENTER YOKOSUKA PREPARES DAILY SUMMARY ENTIRE SHIP MOVEMENTS AS OF 1500 CDT AND FORWARDS TO EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES ABOARD WHO ARE INFORMED OF THIS TAXIATGE AS WELL AS TO HER AND HIM.

4. HER DISTRIBUTE ENTIRE SUMMARY TO MARSHALLS, PILLOW, AND WESTWARD INCLUDING BROADCAST GLOBE FOX IF DESTRUCTION. HER DISTRIBUTE GLO and FASTWARD AND BROADCAST ON HER FOX. PRECEIVED FOREGOING SUMMARIES IN NO HIND REPLACE ESSENTIAL DATA REQUIRED BY ASOM OBOI AND ASOM CHALLENGE CONNECTION ARMY MAGIC CHART.

280415 November 1945

FROM: CTF 55
TO: TF 55/HD NAGoya/NAK.yama/MATSUYAMA/KURE/KAGOSHIMA/KAG.SAKI/
SASEBO/FUKUYA/
INFO: CONSTITU/CTG 50.3/ADD GEN YOKOSUKA/AD-85 RUBBLS

AT PRESENT DULUTIONS OF SUMMARY REPORTS AND CARELESS ADDRESSING ARE UNNECESSARILY OVERLOADING CIRCUITS. TO PREVENT THIS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED. A. AREA COMMANDER SUMMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO REPOSING CTF 55 PRIOR O700 ITEM WITH NO INFO ADDRESSES. SUBJECT MATTER TO INCLUDE ONLY INCIDENTS OF INTEREST WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY COME TO ATTENTION OF CTF 55. B. FORT DIRECTORS SUBMIT 1 CONSOLIDATED DAILY SUMMARY AS OF 1800 ITEM ACTION TO CONSTITUTIVE YOKOSUKA AND AREA COMMANDER INFO TO CTF 55. SCMA AND CSM. SUMMARIES TO INCLUDE ALLIED AND JAP ARRIVAL. U LEATURE AND DESTINATIONS. JAP SHIPS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY SCMA CODE NUMBER OR TO NAGA. C. CTF 55 WILL SUBMIT DAILY SUMMARY TO CONSTITUTIVE 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 ARE INELUSIVE NECESSARY. FOREGOING SUMMARIES IN NO WAY REPLACE SPECIAL MOVEMENT AND ET. REPORTS OR OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. CONSTITUTE 280415 NOVEMBER AND HIS SERIAL 1765 REFER. THIS REPLIES BY 250119 NOT TO ALL.

082359 December 1945

J. H. Williams,
Flag Secretary.

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

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From: Senior Officer Present S.S.EBO (CTG 55.2).
To: All Ships S.S.EBO 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 Fort 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 S.O. (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.
COMMADANT NAVAL FORCES KYUSHU
TG55.2/P13-5
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

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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 S.S.SBO shall be in groups of two or more and at least one officer of each group shall be armed.

2. Port Director S.S.SBO 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.

G. van DEURS.

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JANUARY 1946 - WAR DIARY FOR TASK GROUP 55.2

(Commodore G. van DEURS, USN)
(Commmander 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), flagshio) was operaing 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

55.2.4.1 SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

55.2.4.2 NAGASAKI - Commander BLAIN

55.2.4.3 FUKUOKA - Lieut. Comdr. MONROE

55.2.4.4 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, CinC) 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, 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, Shikaze, 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 mine craft 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 OSHIMA on KAGOSHIMA, 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 Uronesaki (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 STAUELE, 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 willfully 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 NOBOKA, 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.


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 (DD930).

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.
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 FOLLIER, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. NEPHUS (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. BUNYAL (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.


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, Srg, who had been reported lost by U.S.S. EARLE (DM-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.
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).


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. FOake — TEXAS, A. J. JOHNSON — ILLINOIS, and R. KITZLE — OKLAHOMA, of the Agriculture Committee; the Honorable G. CAMFIELD — NEW JERSEY, of the Appropriation Committee; the Honorable H. BECKWOURTH – TEXAS, of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; Captain T. C. RAGAN, USN, Captain C. A. SWANSON, USN (MO), 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. STIRLING, 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.
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 FROSSLER, of his duties as SOFA Administrative and assumed operational control of Task Unit 55.2.6.


23 - 27 January

On 23 January, Commander FIFTH Fleet (Vice Admiral SHERMAN), Chief of Staff (Rear Admiral WELLBORN), and Flag Lieutenant (Lieut. Comdr. SAMFSON) arrived at the Marine Air Base at OKINAWA where they were met by Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, Commandant MARSHALL, 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 Mine Craft Pacific (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUEBEL, USA, 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(1) 24 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)(Flagship) departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI, arriving at 1600(1).

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 CONCOURA 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(1) on 27 January, Commander Naval Forces, KYUSHU, embarked in U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL-91)(Flagship) departed NAGASAKI for SASEBO, arriving at 1320(1).


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 RCHERS).

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 OKINAWA, 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).


POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP

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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:

ComDesRon 62
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Aluit (DD-698)
J. W. Veneks (DD-701)
Alaska (DD-782)
Bering Strait (AVP-34)
LST 524, 1024
LCI 881, 813
ComGenVU
ComGen5thMarDiv

Add:

ComDesRon 1
ComDesDiv 11
E. F. Larson (DD-830)
Goodrich (DD-831)
Hanson (DD-832)
J. J. Thomas (DD-833)
Herkes (AVP-36)
Cook (LST (AVP-36)
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO,
U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG1), FLAGSHIP
SASEBO, JAPAN,
3 December 1945

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TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2 Commodore C. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain M. DEURS

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 ESC Div 11:

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

GOODRICH (DD-831)
HAZARD (DD-832)
H.S. THOMAS (DD-833) 4 DD

55.2.22 Beaver (AS-22)(Q)(ComSubRon 13) - Captain MOELLY(3)
HERMES (AS-17)(R) 2 AS

(c) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.41 Port Director S.SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 833 1 LST
KINGPIN (APB-47) 1 APB

55.2.42 Port Director M.G.S.SXI - Commander BELL

LSH 90 1 LSH
LCT 956, 973, 974, 975 4 LCT

55.2.43 Port Director FUKUSHIMA - Lt. Co-ord. MURCH

55.2.44 Port Director KAGUSHIMA - Liqnt. TRAVERS

(d) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

SANCTUARY (AH-10) 1 AH

(e) 50.2.3 S.SASEBO Seaplane Unit - Captain VOIT

ST GEORGE (AV-16) 1 AVF
COOK INLET (VP-36) 1 VP-36
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(f) 54.9

LCT Group, Amphibious Force - Captain RILLY (D)
Captain MARBURTON (R)

Assignee Task Force 54 shipping

55.2.3 LCT Group Shipping - Lt. Comdr. HOODY

LCT 600 (D), 622, 638, 943, 960, 949 (R), 1019
LST 76, 292, 343, 386, 387
7 LST

LCI Group 111

LCT 679, 673, 1012
LCI 1097 (ConLCIDiv 110), 1093, 882, 883
1 LCF(F)

LCF 21

LCF 998 (ConLCTFlot 21)
1 LCF(F)

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

LCT Group 44

LCT 1065 (ConLCTGrp 45), 866, 892, 894, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 1063, 1065, 1066

LCT Group 45

LCT 674 (ConLCTGrp 45), 672, 673, 676, 679
716, 717, 895

LCT Group 103

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

(e) 55.2.6 L.C. COSSOLL Unit

LCT 675, 676, 677, 716, 1287
5 LCT

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(1) MISCELLANEOUS

FIFTH Amphibious Corps Lift

TROUDALE (AKA 79)
*TYRELL (APA 80)(R)
*AMUKESH (AKA 84)(R)
*ST. W m. (AKA 67)(Special Mission)
*CEPHIUS (AKA 13)(R)

5 APA

BAXTER (APA 94)
HINSDALE (APA 120)
*CALVIEN (APA 32)(R)
CALSUNRI (APA 73)(R)

4 APA

LST 1138 (Con. LSTGp 101), 743, 620, 674, 677, 1053, 1090, 1092, 1129, 1134

10 LST

55.5.3 Submarine Movement Unit - Captain MSGM. (F)

MURIL (AS 23)
MUTINE (AS 22)(R)
L-201
L-203

1 SS

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

* V.C recommends release of CALVIN, ST. W, CEPHEUS and either TYRELL or AMUKESH.
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FIFTH FLEET,
Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point T70,
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TASK ORGANIZATION

CTG 55.2
Commodore G. van DEURS

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain MYQUIST

ATLANTIC (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

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

GOODRICH (DD-831)
H.M.SON (DD-832)
H.J. THOMLS (DD-833)

4 DD

55.2.22 NEREUS (LS-17) - Captain FOLIACER

1 LS

(c) 55.2.4 Port Director Units

55.2.41 Port Director SASEBO - Commander DUFFY

LST 888
KINGMEN (LPB-47)

1 LST
1 LPB

55.2.42 Port Director NASIKAI - 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. T. TRUVERS

55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

SAPARITAN (AH-10)

1 AH

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(e) 54.9
S.S.E.B.O. Group - Amphibious Force - Captain BURBURY

55.2.3 S.S.E.B.O. Garrison Shipping - Lt. Comdr. MOODY

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

3 LST

LCT Flot 21

LCI Group 111

LCI 679, 679 (ComLCTGrp 111) - Lt. Comdr. MOODY
LCI 638, 673

1 LST

LCI 111

LCT Flot 21

LCI 998 (ComLCTFlot 21)

2 LCI

LCT Group 45

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

15 LCT

LCT Group 103

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

(f) 55.2.6 KAGOSHIMA Unit

LCT 675, 676, 677, 718, 1287

5 LCT

LCI 1012

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1. General Situation - This plan is derived from Commander FIFTH Fleet OpPlan 1-45 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 (CPF 52) is at present in SASEBO, where a Base Group (TG 52.3) is also located. ComMinnPac is responsible for, and conducting, minesweeping operations in the Japanese Empire. Control of Japanese, as well as U.S. mines, 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 Administrative 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 1-45. SCWJAP will be placed under ComNavJap in the near future.

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(f) Commander LST Group 103, is the 5.SEBO 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. 74, 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 5.SEBO, is the remnant of CUB 10 and is at present attached to the EIGHTH Marine Service Regiment. It consists primarily of a boat pool at 5.SEBO with detachments at FUKUOKA and NAGASAKI, boat repair facilities at 5.SEBO, and supplies and materials which remained when CUB 10 was deactivated.

(i) Airfield at OKINAWA, is occupied by a provisional Marine Air Base Squadron, primarily to provide for transient aircraft. Aircraft operations are under the control of Commander General, 5th U.S. Army Air Force. In addition CUB observation planes belonging to the SECOND Marine Division are based here.

(j) A Navy TechTeam is at present in the 5.SEBO 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) 5.SEBO Sea Plane Unit (TU 50.2.3), is the 5.SEBO 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 (JW-16) is currently present, but will be relieved in February by the U.S.S. TIGER (JW-3). 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 those with surface assistance.

(1) 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.
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 utilization of personnel to meet personnel and equipment needs of 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.


(b) Courier and Japanese Ship Inspection Unit.

1. Conduct surprise inspections of Japanese shipping previously inspected including transients, in order to ensure 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 "M" 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 minelaid vessels 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 6-3 of Annex "M" to this OpPlan.
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(3) Submit daily despatch reports to CTG 55.2 of ships inspected giving following information: SCWAw Code No., tonnage, present employment, BTVa status, nature and BGT repair if any.

(4) Provide each ship inspected a certificate of inspection showing name of vessel, SCWAw No., place where inspection occurred, and date of inspection (See Annex "B").

(5) Request personal 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 the destroyer at S.5.5.2.0 ready to put to sea on one hour's notice for emergency missions or orders of Task Group Commander or in his absence the Senior Officer present ashore. The ready destroyer shall maintain a continuous CIC watch and guard air-sea rescue frequencies. See paragraph 3 Annex "H" and paragraph 2230, Annex "10" of Commander FIFTH Fleet Order 0-46.

(10) Conduct type training and submit brief weekly report of training conducted.

(c) Port Director Units.

(1) Conduct operations in accordance Annex "C" Commander FIFTH Fleet Order 1-46.

(2) Insure that naval ships and craft make departure and arrival reports in accordance PreFit Letter 241-45, GTF 55 despatch 231230 January and GTF 55.2 despatch 240937 January (See Annex "B" to this Opulen).

(3) Control the movements of Japanese shipping within the area of the port to which assigned, preventing all movements not authorized by SCWAw (CTG 50.3) or higher authority. Take departure reports of arrivals of Japanese ships to ports outside the Empire as required by RINCLES (WD-05) despatch 091345 January (See Annex "B" to this Opulen).

(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) Take daily summaries of Allied and Japanese ship movements as required by GTF 55 despatch 250119 of November, GTF 55 despatch 062359 December, ConFit despatch 300505 of December, ConFit despatch 130527 of January, GTF 55 despatch 130521 of January and GTF 55.2 despatch 140000 of January (See Annex "B" to this Opulen).

(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 S.S.E.B.O. provide personnel for operation of and utilize facilities of Radio S.S.E.B.O.
(9) Port Director K.K.O.S.H.E.I. make surface weather observations at 0000, 0600, 1200 and 1800 GMT daily and forward same by despatch to Fleet Weather Central G.U.I. using international weather code form Fox 232 or Fox 2 shown on pages 12-16 of the confidential supplement to NO 206, or form Fox 2 shown on page 46, Radio weather aids to Navigation, 1943.

(4) Hospital and Medical Unit.

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

(e) S.S.E.B.O. Group, Amphibious Force.

(1) Carry out duties assigned by CTF 54.
(2) Exercise administrative control and supervise operations of (TU 55.6, 3) S.S.E.B.O. garrison shipping.
(4) Provide local lighters for occupation troops.
(5) Assist occupation forces in disposal of Japanese ammunition, provide craft for handling inert components and provide supervision of Japanese vessels during 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) K.K.O.S.H.E.I. Unit.

(1) Operate under the SO.N. (Administrative), K.K.O.S.H.E.I., 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 N.D. 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 SWP 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. Material listed on form A-1 will include only items seized by units of Task Group 55.2. If the report is negative a dispatch stating so 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. Smallpox is epidemic in China and Korea and has appeared in Kyushu. Insure compliance CTF 51 despatches, 290130 October, 031047 November, Alfa 34, Con5thFFlt 160453 January, and CTG 55.2 310306 December and 170006 January. Personnel vaccinated against smallpox subsequent to 31 December 1945, 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. ConsServDiv 103 through his representative in Empire ports is providing logistic support. ConsServDiv 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 Con5thFFlt 220821 January and Radio Guam 221200 January (See Annex "B" of this OpPlan).
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(b) Use Zone ZZRR, (GCT) in the date-time group of all communications except visual signals to ground forces. Use Zone D一瓶 (9) time for local time within the Task Group area of responsibility.

(c) CTG 55.2 in ATLANTA (CL-104).

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

ANNEXES:

(a) Desired Forms.
(b) Pertinent Dispatches.
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CinCPac
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FleetSACF
ComNavJAF
SCAJAF
ComGen8thArmy
ComMarinA
ComPhlSeaFron
ComSEVENTHFIt
ComServFAC
ComSevRon TEN
ComServDiv 103
ComMinTac
CNOR Okinawa
ComGen2ndMarDiv
ComGenlstCorps
ComGen3rdInfDiv
ComGenKYUSHUBase
8th Service Regiment
ComCruDiv 5 (CTF 55)
ComCruDiv 17
ComPairWing 1
ComThirsGrp 1 (CTF 78)
ComThirsGrp 3 (CTF 54)
Port Director, FUKUOKA
" " KAGOSHIMA
" " SATSUMA
" " NAGASAKI
" " YOKOSUKA
" " WAKAYAMA
" " NAGOYA
" " KURE
" " OKINAWA
FTO, YOKOSUKA
FTO, SATSUMA
FTO, NAGASAKI
FTO, OKINAWA
Comfleetact, YOKOSUKA

DULUTH (CL-87) (CTG 55.3)
ComTaskFLOT ONE (CTG 55.4)
NORTH SCUND (AV-11) (CTG 50.2)
NavliaisonOff8thArmy HQ
NavliaisonOff2ndMarDiv Hq
ComDesRon 1
ComDesDiv 11
ComLSTGroup 103
ComLCI/Group 111
ComLCTFlot 21
ComLCTGrp 45
ComLCTGrp 103
ComFleetDiv 3
ComFleetDiv 8
ComFleetDiv 15
ComFleetDiv 13
ComFleetDiv 36
ComFleetDiv 60
Radio SASEBO
ComLCTFlotSASEBO
O KL-IN, CITY (CL91)
O.K.I.TANJA (CL104)
E. F. Linsley (DD830)
GOODALL (DD831)
H. N. S. (DD832)
H. J. Thomas (DD833)
S. H. Ambrose (AH-10)
ST GEORGE (AV-16)
TALIAH (AV-8)
KIRKLAND (AV-47)
MADISON (AV-17)
YOSUMI (AD-19)
VIB 27
LST 834 (Tel-Ten, No. 2)
LSTs 868, 943, 949, 968, 1009, 1019, 888
LSM(I)s 76, 80, 292
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J. W. WILLIAMS,
Flag Secretary.

DESIRE FORMS

Form A-1 Semi-Monthly report of captured or surrendered supplies and equipment.
Form A-2 Certificate of inspection.
Form A-3 Initial Japanese shipping inspection report.
Form A-4 Form for sustaining (Surprise) inspections of Japanese shipping.

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Commander Task Group FIFTY-FIVE Point TWO,
Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU.

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Signal: G. WILLIAMS
Flag Secretary

Form A-1 Semi-Monthly report of captured or surrendered supplies and equipment.
Form A-2 Certificate of inspection.
Form A-3 Initial Japanese shipping inspection report.
Form A-4 Form for sustaining (Surprise) inspections of Japanese shipping.
**REPORT OF CAPTURED OR SURRENDERED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT**

SOP: SU.SERO
(Reported by Reporting)

Class: Navy - Signal

**From 3 Nov. 1945 to 10 Nov. 1945**

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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; AJ - 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, Ship's Seal

USN
Senior Member, Inspection Party.

Sample form, Certificate of Inspection

(Form : -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 (Port) __________ and (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 ____________________ Qualified Operators (Yes or No)

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(Form A-3)
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.

USN
Senior Inspecting Officer

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(Form 4-3)
FORM FOR SUSTAINING (SURPRISE) INSPECTION OF JAPANESE SHIPPING

Date Inspected ____________________ Name ________________________________

Location _________________________ SCAJAP No. ____________________________

Status ____________________________ (Check if painted - Name if Ex-Navy)

Ex-Naval Desig. ____________________ Tonnage ____________________ G/T __________

Last voyage between _______________ and __________________________ Completed ____________________________

Type Employment ____________________ (Port) ____________________________ (Date) __________

Personnel aboard ____________________ (Officers) ______ (Men) ______ RPS _________ (Now or date) ________

HULL:
Condition: ________________________________________________________________

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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: CTF 55
TO: CTF 55
INFO: DESPATCH REPORTS .ACCORD P.R. 3 F.CFlT LTN 54L-45 WILL BE FILED FOR ALL MOVEMENTS P.F.L. SHIPS AND CRAFT REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR TYPE WHICH DEPART PORT AND PROCEED OUT OF SIGHT OF HHC. PORT DIRECTORS KYUSHU INSURGE DISSIMULATION ALL CRAFT MAKING SUCH MOVEMENTS.

240537 January 1946

FROM: CTF 55
TO: CTF 55/2/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4
INFO: ITY 120303 AND CO5THFLT 090217 BEING PASSED ROUTING LOCAL.
MOVEMENT NEED BE REPORTED EITHER BY DISTR.CH (P.R. 3) OR BY SPEED LETTER (P.R. 4). ANY MOVEMENT OUT OF SIGHT OF HHC CONSIDERED TO BE OF OTHER THAN ROUTING LOCAL NATURE AND MUST BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.R. 3. REF: MAC 38 (G878) IN MAKING THESE REPORTS, SPEED LETTER REPORTS (P.R. 4) TO BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO ORIGINATOR WHO WILL FORWARD TO CO5THFLT IF THIS REPORT NEGATIVELY SUMMIT BY DISTR.CH.

231230 January 1946

FROM: ADO GUARD
TO: ALL U.S.N. SHIPS
INFO: WESTERN PACIFIC SECONDARY BROADCAST MIKE FOX INACTIVATED AT CONCLUSION OF THIS MESSAGE. LAST NUMBER TRANSMITTED R-1786.

221200 January 1946

FROM: CO5THFLT
TO: ADO OKINAWA/TOKYO/S.SEBO/CSD 102/103/CSA 10/ALL TFC AND TGC 5THFLT
INFO: FOLLOWING CHANGES FIFTH FLEET CIRCUITS EFFECTIVE 230400. 10017 FLEET COMMANDS CIRCUIT 12050 SERIES CO5THFLT NCS CTF 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, CTF 55.2, 55.4 CSA 10. ASCIUS TOKYO AND OKINAWA.

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10018 NORTH EAST JAPAN COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT 2112, 4420, 8115 CTF 54,
NCS CTF 53, CTF 50.2 CSD 102 CUSSTHF/LT TKYO. 10019 SOUTH
WEST JAPAN COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT 4355 and 6605 CTF 52 NCS CTF 55
CTF 55.2 CTF 55.4 CSD 103 CUSSTHF/LT TKYO SASEBU. 10018 cr
10019 CRITICAL FOR C&S. Adm 10. ABOVE CONFO.U.S. NORTH
IN JAIL.

220821 January 1946

FROM: CTF 55.2
TO: TD SASEBU/NIC S KI/KASASHI/LT YOKOSUKA
INFO: CUSSTHF/LT CTF 55/ADY SASEBU

TO EXPEDIT DELIVERY DAILY SHIP MOVEMENT SUMMARIES UNIT CTF 55.2
AND CUSSTHF FROM ADDRESS. THIS MODIFIES IN OPPLAN 1-45 AND
CTF 55 082359 DECEMBER. CUSSTHF 130527 AND CTF 55 130521
REPLY ACKNOWLEDGE.

140000 January 1946

FROM: CUSSTHF/LT
TO: ALL FD S JAP
INFO: SASEBU/ADY TKYO

DAILY SUMMARIES ARE BEING FILLED FROM 1 TO 2 HOURS LATE WITH
EXTRAVAGANT ADDS CONTINUE TO MY 300205 OF DECEMBER. FD S FILE
AND TRANSMIT SUMMARIES IMPROVELY. RADIO STATIONS TRANSER.
EXPERTLY HANDLING TO REPORTING CENTER YOKOSUKA IN ORDER
 THAT TD DAILY SUMMARIES MAY BE INCLUDED IN AREA SUMMARIES OF SAME
DATE.

130527 January 1946

FROM: CTF 55
TO: TD SASEBU/NIC S KI/KURO/ADY S KI/TSUYA/ADY SASEBU/
FUJIK.
INFO: CUSSTHF/LT CTF 50.3/CUSSTHF YOKOSUKA/ADY DB5 ADY S KI/CTF 55.2/
CTF 55.3/CTF 55.4

MODIFY MY 082359 OF DECEMBER. DELETE CUSSTHF AS INFO ADDED.
ON DAILY FD DIRECTOR SHUTTLE SUMMARY. SC F/J DESIGNS CONTINUE
TO BE INFO ADDED.

130521 January 1946

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FROM: ADM 85 ADJUNGS
TO: ALL ADM'S OF JAFN
INFOR: CUSTFL1T/ALL TF AND TG COCHNS 5THFLT

1ST FLEET AS SENDS

CTG 50.3 DISPATCH 040515 ELIMINATES

NECESSITY FOR CLEARANCE OF JAF SAILING UNDER BLANKET

AUTHORIZATION. ALL SUCH SAILING JUST THEREFORE ELIMINATED

IN DAILY SCHEDULES. CTG 50.3 DIS 140444, 170737 AND 260546 OF

DECEMBER RESUBMIT A DETAILED DISPATCH ON ALL JAF SAILING TO

PORTS OUTSIDE THE JAFN EEZ. ALL INCLUDING KOJIN. ON ALL

SUCH SAILING TO TRANSIT BY FLEET COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY

SAILING TO ANY PORT AT ANY TIME WITH FOLLOWING INFO ADDRESSES

AS NOTED ELSEWHERE IN ANNEX. CUSTFL1T/ALL TF AND

ALL CG'S.
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Field: CTF 55
INFO: 0.15THFTL/CTG 50.3/320 CAN YOKOSUKA/60 85 MILES

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From: C.G.5THFLT
To: 5THFLT
Info: BUREL/CONSEA/AC/CG.5THFLT

Due to PRESENCE OF SMALLPOX SHANGHAI ALL FIFTH FLEET PERSONNEL
BUDD 9PM THU 14 FEB WILL BE REVACCINATED PARK TUES 21 FEB.
ALL UNITS BE ADVISED TO REVACCINATE ALL PERSONNEL IF THIS
BECOMES NECESSARY. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE OF SMALLPOX IN JAPAN
HAS BEEN REPORTED.

160453 January 1946

From: CINCAC for HMCNAV
To: ATLAC #34
Info: CSSP/BUREL/CHC/BUREL

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

160336/34 January 1946

From: CTG 55.2
To: FURUKAI/II.G.SJK/NAVY C.G./SNL/CTG 55.2/ALL SHIPS B.S.BE/TF 55.2
Info: CTF 55/CTF 52/CG.5THFLT/CG C.P.

AS PRECAUTION AGAINST SPREAD OF VIRULENT SMALLPOX WHICH HAS
BEEN REPORTED IN KOREA, REVACCINATE IMMEDIATELY ALL NAVAL PERSONNEL
SHIPWASHED OR SHIPS IN KYUSHU AREA.

310306 December 1945

From: CTF 51
To: TF 51/TF 55
Info: CG.5THFLT/CTG 55.1/CTG 55.2/CTG 55.3/CTG 55.4

BY 280130. EVACUATION MAY BE ORDERED IN JAPANESE PORTS ONLY
IF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BUSHI'S MANUAL FULLY OBSERVED. IN JAP
PORTS DISTILLED WATER IN TANKS SHALL BE CHLORINATED FOUR TIMES
PER MILLION. CHLORINATED WATER SHALL STAND IN TANKS TWELVE HOURS
BEFORE USE. SMALL SHIPS SHALL BIGHT THE DRINKING WATER IN JAP
PORTS. SEE EACH PORT ORDER TO INSTRUCT INOCULATING SHIPS AND
ENFORCE PRECAUTIONS THIS INSTANT.

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 ARE CONTAMINATED UNLESS TESTS BY QUALIFIED MEDICAL UNIT INDICATE OTHERWISE. TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT IMPROPER USE. SEE WATER YOUR AREAS ON THIS BASIS.

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

J.M. 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 26 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)

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. Comm. F. 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.
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 OKINAWA 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. STAVILEE, USN, CTF 52) for Commander Philippine Sea Frontier to be received on board U.S.S. PANAKINT (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-6) relieved Captain VOLT, 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 OMAC 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.

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, SREP, 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, GTP 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. KICHELBERGER, 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).


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. ELAIN 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, SREP, 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-6) of his duties as Commander Task Unit 50.2.3.

At 1430(I) on the afternoon of 26 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.


**POSITIONS OF GROUP FLAGSHIP**

| Positions                  | 1 February        | 2 February        | 3 February        | 4 February        | 5 February        | 6 February        | 7 February        | 8 February        | 9 February        | 10 February       | 11 February       | 12 February       | 13 February       | 14 February       | 15 February       | 16 February       | 17 February       | 18 February       | 19 February       | 20 February       | 21 February       | 22 February       | 23 February       | 24 February       |
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Positions:  
25 February = 0800 - 32-07.5 N, 128-57.5 E  
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, JAPAN

\[\text{Signature}\]  
G. van DEURS.
Commander Naval Forces KYUSHU
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Subject: Task Organization, Task Group 55.2.

Enclosure: (A) Task Group 55.2 Task Organization (1 February 1946).

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded.

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TASK ORGANIZATION OF TASK GROUP 55.2
as of 1 February, 1946

CTG 55.2 Commodore G. van DEURS.

(a) 55.2.1 Flagship Unit - Captain NYQUIST

ATLANTA (CL-104) 1 CL
LST 634 (Training Ship) 1 LSN

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

55.2.21 DesDiv 11
E. F. LARSON (CL-630)(ComDesRon 1 and ComDesDiv 11)
Captain BELL
GOODRICH (DD-631)
HANSON (DD-732)
H.J. THOMAS (DD-633) 4 DD

55.2.22 NEREUS (AS-17) - Captain FOLLGER 1 AS

(d) 55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSEN

Samaritan (AH-12) 1 AH

(g) MISCELLANEOUS

LITTLEHALES (AGS-7) 1 AGS
MARCH 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 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. NIQUIST, USN
55.2.2 Escort and Japanese Shipping Inspection Unit - Captain
F. J. BELL, USN
55.2.5 Hospital and Medical Unit - Captain OLSSEN, 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.
DENEHINK), embarked in U.S.S. HOLLAND (APG-18), arrived SASEBO Harbor.

In the early morning of 5 March, Commander Mine craft Pacific Fleet (Rear
Admiral A. D. STRUBLE, USN, CTF 52), embarked in U.S.S. PAMANT (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 SFOA 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 FOLLIER, 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 SHIMOKOSEKI area.

At 0700(I) on 7 March, Commander Minecraft Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral A. D. STRUMBLE, 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).


10 - 18 March

On 10 March, the U.S.S. SAMARITAN (AH-10) reported to SFOA 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, 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) SIMONS)

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**

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1 LST

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Samaritan (AH-10)

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