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(2) Commander FIFTH Fleet.
(3) Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.

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(b) ConFIFTH Fleet OpPlan No. 6-45, Annex (N).

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REPORT OF OCCUPATION OF SASEBO AND NAGASAKI,
AND OF FUKUOKA-SHIJONAGASHI AREAS

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PART I - BRIEF SUMMARY

1. This report covers the naval phases of the Amphibious Operations in connection with the mounting, movement, and landing of SIXTH Army troops assigned to occupation of the SASEBO-NAGASAKI, and FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI Areas of JAPAN, following the termination of hostilities. The period covered begins with 1 September 1945, the date of departure of Commander SOUTHERN Occupation Group and Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps from the HAWAIIAN Area, and concludes with the date of the dissolution of the SOUTHERN Occupation Group on 8 November. The operations involved were undertaken in compliance with CTF 54, Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force, dispatch orders of 17 August 1945, which assigned Commander Amphibious Group FOUR the task of planning and conducting the naval phases of the landings in the SASEBO-NAGASAKI and FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI Areas.

2. Task Group 54.1, SOUTHERN Occupation Group, under command of Rear Admiral Reifsnider, Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, was organized for the operation in accordance with CTF 54, Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force, Operation Plan 42501-45. The FIFTH Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Schriock, USMC, consisted of VMC Headquarters, Corps Troops and the FIFTH Marine Division, the SECOND Marine Division and the 32nd Infantry Division, U. S. Army. These troops were rounded in the HAWAIIAN, MARIANAS and PHILIPPINE Areas respectively, and moved progressively as separate groups to the SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area in accordance with movement orders issued by Commander SOUTHERN Occupation Group.

3. CTF 54 Operation Plan designated SASEBO as the first port to be occupied, on 22 September 1945, by the FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters Corps Troops, and the FIFTH Marine Division. The landing at SASEBO was followed by the occupation of NAGASAKI on 23 September by the SECOND Marine Division. The plan designated the FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI Area as the ultimate destination for the 32nd Infantry Division, which was landed at SASEBO beginning 14 October and moved overland to the objective. This last landing completed the overseas movement of troops outlined in this report. No Japanese opposition was encountered during any of the above landings, which were accomplished without serious difficulty, other than delays incident to clearing harbors and approaches of mines, utilizing port facilities where available. Fire support ships and air support units were present and on call to support the landing operations at SASEBO and NAGASAKI but at no time were these forces actively engaged. Following the landing of the 32nd Infantry Division at SASEBO the SOUTHERN Occupation Group was dissolved on 8 November.
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Major Plans and Orders Covering Participation of Commander SOUTHERN Occupation Group
in the Occupation of SASEBO-NAGASAKI and FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI Areas

(1) Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas Operation Plan No. 12-45 (Revised), Serial 0005817, of 14 August 1945. (Covering U. S. Pacific Fleet operations in the occupation of the Japanese Empire and Japanese held positions in the Pacific Ocean areas.)

(2) Commander FIFTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 6-45, Serial 000165, of 27 August 1945. (Covering FIFTH Fleet operations in assisting and supporting the occupation of the Japanese Empire within the FIFTH Fleet zone of responsibility)

(3) Commander FIFTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 7-45, Serial 002916, of 2 September 1945. (Covering FIFTH Fleet Operations in landing and establishing ashore, in the "Western Japan Area, the V Amphibious Corps and other designated elements of the SIXTH Army"

(4) Commander FIFTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 9-45, Serial 00301, of 18 September 1945, and dispatch 181215 of September 1945. (Covering FIFTH Fleet operations in Japanese waters and at designated locations ashore in conjunction with United States Army Forces)

(5) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force Operation Plan No. 41501-45, Serial 40003, of 28 August 1945. (Covering FIFTH Amphibious Force operations within the zone of SIXTH Army responsibility in the occupation of KYUSHU, SHIKOKU, Western HOHSHU and adjacent offshore islands)

(6) CTF 51, Commander Southwestern JAPAN Force Operation Plan No. 7-45, Dispatch 191440, of September 1945. (Covering naval operations of TF 51 in area of responsibility assigned FIFTH Fleet)

(7) CTF 55, Commander Cruiser Division 13 Operation Plan No. 10-45, Serial 0060, of 10 September 1945. (Covering operations of "Western Japan Force in landing and establishing ashore, in the "Western Japan Area, the FIFTH Amphibious Corps and other designated elements of the SIXTH Army"

(8) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A411-45, Serial 00270, of 7 September 1945. (Covering operations of SOUTHERN Occupation Group in landing FIFTH Amphibious Corps in SASEBO and NAGASAKI and in SASEBO for FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI, in the occupation and control of those areas.)
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(9) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A4-45, Serial
00275, of 15 September 1945. (Covering operations of SOUTHERN
Occupation Group in the landing of the SECOND Marine Division in
the occupation and control of the SASEBO-NAGASAKI area)

(10) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, Operation Plan No. A413-45, Serial
00283, of 16 September 1945. (Covering operations of the SOUTHERN
Occupation Group in the landing of the 32nd Infantry Division)

(11) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A411 (Second
Alternate) - 45, Despatch 180903, of September 1945. (Covering
operations of the SOUTHERN Occupation Group in landing FIFTH Amphibi-
ous Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops and FIFTH Marine Division
at SASEBO)

(12) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A412 (Second
Alternate) - 45, Despatch 181001, of September 1945. (Covering
operations of the SOUTHERN Occupation Group in landing SECOND Marine
Division at NAGASAKI).

(13) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Schedule of Entry into SASEBO
Harbor and Unloading TG 54.2 SASEBO Group, Serial 00285, of 19
September 1945.

(14) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR SOPA (Administrative) Instructions
for SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area, of 22 September 1945.
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FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI AREAS

Part II - Section A
Task Organization

54.1 SOUTHERN Occupation Group - Rear Admiral Reifsnider
   (a) Group Flagship - MOUNT MAC KINLEY (AGC 7) - Capt. Genet
   (b) 54.1.10 Air Support Control Unit 9 - Condr. Perkins
   (c) 59.1 FIFTH Amphibious Corps - Maj. Gen. Schmidt, USMC

FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops
2nd Marine Division - Maj. Gen. Hunt, USMC
7th Marine Division - Maj. Gen. Bourke, USMC
32nd Infantry Division - Maj. Gen. McBride, USA

(d) 54.2 SASEBO Group - Commodore Jenkins

59.1.1 FIFTH Marine Division - Maj. Gen. Bourke

54.2.1 TransRon 22 (Temp) - Commodore Jenkins

54.2.11 TransDiv 64 (Temp) - Commodore Jenkins

WESTMORELAND (SP), SEVIER, MONTROSE,
KINGSBURY, DIJON, FOND DU LAC
MERRICK, AURELIA, SELINUR

54.2.12 TransDiv 72 (Temp) - Capt. McCown

GRIFFON (SP), ROWE, KARNEs, FALLOn
EAGLE, SARATOGA, REMOTE, S.S.PHo
SMUGS

54.2.13 TransDiv 39 (Temp) - Capt. Maynard

CUSTER (SP), QUEENS, CLERMONT,
THOMAS JEFFERSON, HAMBLen GILLIAM
SHELBY COLUSA
WHEATLAND

54.2.2 LSTFlotilla 37 (Temp) - Capt. Riley

Flotilla Flagship - LCFF 504

54.2.21 LSTGroup 69 (Temp) - Condr. Agnew

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Section A - Task Organization.

LST 222 (F), 216, 488, 500, 506, 624, 685, 704, 845, 1009, 1039, 1053, 1074, 1076, 1077, 1082, 1182 17 LST

54.2.22 LST Group 14 (Fwd) - Comdr. DeForest

LST 488 (F), 23, 41, 117, 390, 450, 552, 571, 715, 771, 826, 870, 882, 883, 1022, 1043, 1087 17 LST

LST 48 (Post Office) 1 LST

54.2.23 LST Group 47 (Fwd) - Lt. Cdr. Leslie

LST 918 (F), 726, 800, 811, 830, 888, 950, 1049, 835, 948, 1036 11 LST

54.2.3 LSI, Flotilla 5 (Fwd) - Comdr. Carpenter

Flotilla Flagship - LC (FF) 628 1 LC (FF)

54.2.31 LSI, Group 45 (Fwd) - Lt. Cdr. J.Coy

LSI 474 (F), 76, 960, 111, 112, 268, 343, 344, 586, 387, 440, 457, 476, 478, 499 15 LSI

54.2.4 LCT Flotilla 21 (Fwd) - Lt. Cdr. Gillette

Flotilla Flagship - LC (FF) 399 1 LC (FF)

LCT 966, 954, 953, 957, 958, 959, 960, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 1064, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 892, 884, 686, 1053, 1055, 1066, 784, 572, 573, 575, 576, 977, 878, 679, 713, 717, 718, 695, 894, 853, 1211, 1214, 1247, 1249, 1250, 1263, 1265, 1269, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1230 50 LCT

54.2.5 Transron 22 Control Party - Capt. Vensel

54.2.51 TransDiv 64 Control Officer - Lt. Coppins

54.2.52 TransDiv 72 Control Officer - Lt. Cochrane

54.2.53 TransDiv 79 Control Officer - Lt. Young

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54.2.6 TransDiv 22 Beach Party - Lt. Cdr. Edwards
54.2.61 TransDiv 64 Beach Party - Lt. Adams
54.2.62 TransDiv 72 Beach Party - Lt. Thompson
54.2.63 TransDiv 39 Beach Party - Lt. Covington

(a) 54.3 NAGASAKI Group - Commodore Knowles

59.1.2 SECOND Marine Division - Maj. Gen. Hunt, USMC

54.3.1 TransDiv 12 (Team) - Commodore Knowles

54.3.11 TransDiv 34 (Team) - Commodore Knowles

CALERIA (ST), LEXWARD, APPLING,
FREESTONE, LYCOERING
ANDROSEA, CAPRICORNUS
5 AI

54.3.12 TransDiv 60 (Team) - Capt. Koehn

GRILES (F), LEIMETER, KELLETTE,
BRENTON, LANIER
WAKLOSHA, TIRRELL
5 AF

54.3.13 TransDiv 13 (Team) - Capt. Cooper

WAYNE (F), LENIFEE, GAGE,
AUDRAIN, LC INTYRE
AQUARIUS, OTTAWA
5 AF

54.3.2 LST Flotilla 23 (Team) - Capt. Wooden

Flotilla Flagship - LC(Fb) 790

54.3.21 LST Group 15 (Team) - Comdr. Lea

LST 481 (F), 166, 571, 734, 785,
766, 617, 629, 671, 687, 953,
975, 1073, 1123, 1140
15 Ls

54.3.3 LST, Flotilla 16 (Team) - Comdr. McKee

54.3.51 LST Unit ONE - Comdr. McKee

LST: 496 (F), 367, 369, 439, 441,
94, 170, 78, 253, 227
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54.3.52 LSH Unit TWO - Lt. Cdr. Lane
LSH: 460 (5), 666, 263, 452
10 LSH:

54.3.5 TransRon 12 Control Party - Lt. Stone

54.3.51 TransDiv 34 Control Officer -

54.3.52 TransDiv 60 Control Officer -

54.3.53 TransDiv 13 Control Officer -

54.3.6 TransRon 12 Beach Party - Lt. Cdr. Cook

54.3.61 TransDiv 34 Beach Party -

54.3.62 TransDiv 60 Beach Party -

54.3.63 TransDiv 13 Beach Party -

f) 54.4 SHIYOKOSEKI Group - Capt. Cohen

55.1.6 32nd Infantry Division - Maj. Gen. McBride, USA

54.4.1 TransRon 22 (Temp) less FALLON, COLUSA - Capt. Cohen

54.4.11 TransDiv 64 (Temp) - Capt. Cohen
WESTMORELAND (SF), SEVIER, KINGSBURY,
LOFTUS, FOSTER, WILLIAMS, BROWN, DAVIS
6 APA
LEAVES, AURELIA, SEVIER
3 APA

54.4.12 TransDiv 72 (Temp) - Capt. Elory

GRANT, BOWIE, KARENS
3 APA
ALABAMA, SARITA, REMATE, SAPPHO
4 APA

54.4.13 TransDiv 39 (Temp) - Capt. Haynard
CUSTER, QUEENS, CLERMONT, SHELBY,
THOMAS, EYERSON, HERBIE, GILLIAM
7 APA

54.4.2 LST Flotilla 37 (Temp) - Capt. Riley

Flotilla Flagship - LCF(FF) 504
1 LCF(FF)

54.3.2 LST Flotilla 37 (Temp) - Capt. Riley

Flotilla Flagship - LCF(FF) 504
1 LCF(FF)

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54.4.21 LST Group 69 (Temp) - Comdr. Agnew

LST 222 (F), 600, 654, 685, 704, 645, 1008, 1063, 567, 766, 952, 1091, 1134
13 LST

(g) 55.3 Support Group - Rear Admiral Reifsnider

Fire Support Ships -

BEALE, ANTHONY, DALY, VAN VALKENBURGH, A.L.J., RALPH TALBOT, BALDWIN, L.L.SON
6 DD

55.3.3 Escort Carriers - Rear Admiral Sample

SUMNER (F)
1 CVE

STRAISS
1 DE

COGHILL
1 DD

(h) 54.1.2 SOUTHERN UDT Unit - Comdr. Hull

(Overwater Demolition Group 5 Unit A3E)
SUDDO (F) with UDT 13, Lt. Faine, embarked
SCHMITT with UDT 5, Lt. Hagen, embarked
KLINK with UDT 11, Lt. (jg) Wells, embarked
3 APD

(i) 54.1.3 SOUTHERN Pontoon Unit - Lt. Jacobs

3 Pontoon Causeway Sets (2 x 60)
6 Pontoon Barges (3 x 12)

5 Pontoon Causeway Sets (2 x 60)**
12 Pontoon Barges (3 x 12)**

(j) 54.1.4 SOUTHERN Service Unit -

COUSERVER 1 ARS
CAHULLA 1 ATF
VAGA 1 YTB
ATR 13 1 ATR

(k) 54.1.5 SOUTHERN Control Party - Comdr. Sylvester

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PC(C) 805, 1080, 1081, 1286
PC 1171, 1210

4 PC(C) 2 PC

(1) 54.1.6 SOUTHERN Beach Party – Lt. Cdr. Nelson

(2) 54.1.7 SOUTHERN Escort and Screening Vessels – Capt. Benson

Dreadnought (Te-p) – Capt. Benson

NOOLSEY (F), GLEAVES, NIELACK (FD), EDISON (FL), ERISSON 5 DD

CortDiv 22 (Temp) – Lt. Cdr. Enkaeus

KIRKPATRICK (F), HARVEY, JOYCE 3 DE

CortDiv 58 (Temp)** –

SYDER (F), ROBERTS, TILLIS 3 DE

(3) 54.1.17 Port Director Units –

Port Director, SASEBO – Col. Dr. Neter

LCI 613 (Station Ship) 1 LCI

Port Director, NAGASAKI

LCI 613 (Station Ship)

(o) 54.1.18 Garrison Beach Parties –

(p) 54.1.19 Garrison Port Pools –
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REPORT OF OCCUPATION OF SASEBO AND HAGASAKI, AND OF FUKUOCA-SHIOKOEKI AREAS

Part II

Section (B) - Operations

1. The task assigned to Commander Task Group 54.1 SOUTHERN Occupation Group (Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, Rear Admiral Reifsnider, USN), in connection with the occupation of JAPAN, was to plan and conduct the naval phases for the occupation of the SASEBO-HAGASAKI and FUKUOCA-SHIOKOEKI areas by the FIFTH Amphibious Corps (Major General Schmidt, USMC), consisting of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops, SECOND and FIFTH Marine Divisions, and the 32nd Infantry Division U.S. Army.

2. At the time of receipt of the directive ordering the movement of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps, the distribution of the various corps elements was as follows:

HAWAIIAN Area - FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops and FIFTH Marine Division - later referred to as the SASEBO Group.

MARIANAS Area - SECOND Marine Division - later referred to as the HAGASAKI Group.

PHILIPPINE Area - 32nd Infantry Division - later referred to as the FUKUOCA-SHIOKOEKI Group.

This scattered distribution of forces required three separate movements of troops from widely separated points in the Pacific area over a relatively short space of time. Adequate shipping was not available at the time to permit simultaneous movement of all three units to the objectives. Plans were made to move the SASEBO and HAGASAKI Groups first and bring up the 32nd Infantry Division at a later date using turn-around shipping.

3. Two temporary transport squadrons were formed, one in the HAWAIIAN Area and another in the MARIANAS Area. Transport Squadron 22 (Temporary), Commodore JENKINS, formed at NAVAL AIRCRAFT, mounted the FIFTH Amphibious Corps elements in the HAWAIIAN Area, 20 August to 1 September 1945. Transport Squadron 12 (Temporary), Commodore KNOWLES, formed at NAVAL AIRCRAFT, mounted the SECOND Marine Division in the MARIANAS Area 10 to 17 September after desarming the FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops and the FIFTH Marine Division at SASEBO, 22-26 September, the ships of Transport Squadron 22, less 2 LSTs, were routed to the PHILIPPINE Area to mount the 32nd Infantry Division.

4. The movement of the SASEBO Group from the HAWAIIAN Area involved two echelons of LSTs and one echelon of LCMs in addition to the Transport Squadron.
LST Group 69 (Temp) with ComLST Flotilla 37, and LST Group 14 (Temp) were sailed direct to S.SEBO to arrive on Able Day, 22 September, the date established for the S.SEBO landing, and Able plus 3 Day respectively. LST Flotilla FIVE (Temp) was routed via S.I.PAN to join with LST Group 47 (Temp), loaded with FIFTH Amphibious Corps elements from GUM. The transports were also routed via S.I.PAN. Due to the time element and necessary movements involved, there was no opportunity to conduct amphibious training or formal dress rehearsal for the landing prior to departure from the HAMILL Area. While at S.I.PAN all units were furnished with necessary logistics before proceeding to S.SEBO. Prior to departure of the S.SEBO Group, an advance reconnaissance party, consisting of V.C representatives, a beachmaster group and language officers, was embarked on 3 APDs, with attached Underwater Demolition Teams, and sailed to arrive at S.SEBO on 20 September. The following tabulation describes the movements for the S.SEBO Group:
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While enroute to SASEBO it was necessary to traverse a swept channel 40 miles long and 4,000 yards wide through former Japanese and allied mine fields. This channel was negotiated at night by all ships in the SASEBO Group, without casualty.

5. Upon arrival off SASEBO at daybreak on 22 September, the Transport Squadron was met by Japanese pilots, who assisted in entering the harbor. Various units of the United States Fleet and Force Commanders were present inside the harbor, including Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force (CTF 54) (Vice Admiral Hill) SODA, in ATUHARU (ACO-10), and Commander Cruiser Division 13 (CTF 55) (Rear Admiral Bayo) Commander WESTERN JPN Force, in SANT' FR. (CL 60). Air Support Units were also present in the area. In accordance with CTF 55 Operation Plan No. 10-45, ConPhibGrpFOUR assumed the duties of SODA (admin.) upon arrival at SASEBO and retained that duty until departure on 27 September. All units of the SASEBO Group, except LST Group 14, entered SASEBO NO on 22 September.

6. Debarkation of troops and cargo unloading operations, commenced immediately after entering the harbor. A total of 10,000 troops were debarked prior to 1800 on 22 September. The FIFTH Marine Division completed unloading of troops and Commanding General FIFTH Marine Division assumed control of troops ashore at 1330 on 23 September. Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps moved to headquarters ashore and assumed control of FIFTH Amphibious Corps ashore at 1600 on 23 September. The Commanding General SIXTH Army assumed command of forces ashore in FIFTH Amphibious Corps Zone of Responsibility at 1800 on 24 September. SASEBO dock facilities, including dry docks, were utilized to great advantage to expedite unloading of cargo. The transports completed unloading and were sailed in two echelons to the PHILIPPINES on 25 and 26 September, respectively. LST Flotilla 1 and LST Flotilla 37 completed unloading and were sailed on 24 and 25 September respectively. LST Group 14 sailed for the PHILIPPINES on 28 September 1945. This completed the turn-around of Transport Squadron 22 shipping for the movement of the 22nd Infantry Division. Commander SOUTHERN Occupation Group departed SASEBO on 27 September for IAMUWA, JPN, to assume the duties of CTF 54 pursuant to orders for changes in higher echelon of command.

7. The scheduled landing date for the NAGA.SHI Group was 23 September. Transport Squadron 12 (Temp) shipping, with 22ND Marine Division embarked, moved from SAMPAN direct to NAGA.SHI in four echelons, under move-ment orders issued by Commander Transport Squadron 12, commencing 17 September, in accordance with the following schedule:

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Further details covering this landing will be found in the report of Commander Transport Squadron 12 on the operation.

8. An interval of three weeks elapsed from the date of the S.I.S.E.B.O landing until the FUSUMA-SHIKISHISHIOKI Group reached J.P.A.N. Transport Squadron 22 (Temp)(Captain COHEN), with the 22nd Infantry Division embarked, moved from the PHILIPPINES in two echelons, under covering orders issued by Commander Amphibious Group 14 at MANILA, commencing 9 October, in accordance with the following schedule:

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Upon arrival of Transport Squadron 22 at SASEBO 14 October, troops were
disembarked and cargo unloaded, as in the previous landing, for further
movement overland to FUKUOKA and SHELLY. T.U. 5/15.4 unloaded some
equipment at SASEBO commencing 19 October, and awaited the clearance of
a swept channel into FUKUOKA harbor to complete unloading of such cargo
as could not be trans-shipped from SASEBO by rail.
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Part II - Preliminaries
Section (C) - Mission and Plans

1. The tasks assigned to 54.1 SOUTHERN Occupation Group - Rear Adm.
Reifsnider (Commander Amphibious Group FOUR), commencing on 22 September
1945 (ABLE Day), were to:

(a) Land troops, supplies and equipment of FIFTH Amphibious Corps
in SASEBO and NAGASAKI and in SASEBO for FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI area;

(b) Support troop operations;

(c) Control naval gunfire and air support as made available by ComFIFTHFleet;

(d) Conduct harbor and beach clearance as required to assure safe
landing and to facilitate unloading;

(e) Establish anti-suicide security measures and safeguard shippi
at objectives;

(f) Establish Port Director Units and boat pools as required;

(g) Initially route and control amphibious and troop supply
shipping outward from, and in own objective area as directed by
OCT 54 Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force - Vice Admiral Hill;

(h) Evacuate personnel as directed;

in order to assist in the occupation and control of the SASEBO-NAGASAKI
and the FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI areas.

2. The basic plan, Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No
411-45, provided for the occupation of the SASEBO-NAGASAKI area by the
SOUTHERN Occupation Group with FIFTH Amphibious Corps.

The FIFTH Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops and the
FIFTH Marine Division were made available for the initial landings at
SASEBO, scheduled tentatively for 22 September (ABLE Day), Preferred or
Alternate Plan, as ordered. Troops, equipment and supplies were to be
landed from shipping assigned to 54.2 SASEBO Group - Commodore Jenkins
(Commander Transport Squadron 22). The Preferred Plan was based on the
assumption that reconnaissance would not have been made by an advance
force and initial landings would be made from ships outside the harbor
entrance. The Alternate Plan was based on the assumption that the
Japanese would have been required to immobilize defense installations
and naval weapons and to clear the approaches to landing beaches, sea-
plane ramps and docks prior to the arrival of the SOUTHERN Occupation

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Group, allowing the ships to enter the harbor prior to making the initial landing.

The SECOND Marine Division was made available for landing in the NAGASAKI Harbor Area, if practicable (Preferred Plan), otherwise in the SASEBO area (Alternate Plan), in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A413-45, which was supplementary to Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A411-45. This plan provided for the landing of embarked troops, equipment and supplies from shipping, assigned to 54.3 NAGASAKI Group - Commander Knowles (Commander Transport Squadron 12) and was scheduled tentatively for 23 September (ABLE plus FOUR Day).

The occupation of the SHIMOYOSHI-FUKUOKA area was scheduled to be accomplished by SOUTHERN Occupation Group with FIFTH Amphibious Corps, following the initial landings at SASEBO and NAGASAKI. The 32nd Infantry Division was made available for this landing, in the S.S.20-NAGASAKI area, scheduled tentatively for 15 October (CHARLIE Day) in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A413-45, which was supplementary to Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A411-45. This plan provided for the landing of troops, supplies and equipment from shipping, assigned to 54.4 SHIMOYOSHI Group - Commander Jenkins (Commander Transport Squadron 22), on turn-around shipping, after completion of the SASEBO landing.

On 15 September, upon receipt of information from advance reconnaissance groups, it was decided that the situation clearly indicated that no opposition was to be expected at either SASEBO or NAGASAKI, and that the landings should be made without a show of force.

The following day the Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps notified the Commanding General SIXTH Army that the situation indicated that the FIFTH Marine Division could proceed directly into the harbor for the landing at SASEBO and that it appeared desirable and feasible to echelon units of the SECOND Marine Division into NAGASAKI beginning on 23 September. This was approved by the Commanding General SIXTH Army and by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force, and Commander Amphibious Group FOUR was authorized to move shipping accordingly. On 17 September alternate landing plans were issued, by despatch, by the FIFTH Amphibious Corps to cover the landing of the FIFTH Marine Division at SASEBO on 22 September and the SECOND Marine Division at NAGASAKI by echelon arrival beginning 23 September, based on the assumption that the entrance and harbor facilities at SASEBO and at NAGASAKI would be secure for an unimpeded landing.

Based on the above estimate of the situation Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan A411 (Second Alternate) 45 was issued, by despatch, on 18 September, providing for an unopposed entry into SASEBO harbor beginning about sunrise on 22 September. Commander Amphibious
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Group FOUR Operation Plan A412 (Second Alternate) - 45 was also issued,
by despatch, on 16 September, providing for an undisputed landing at
NAGASAKI commencing on 22 September. This advanced the landing at
NAGASAKI three days ahead of the date originally scheduled.

The initial landings of the FIFTH Marine Division at SASEBO on
22 September and the SECOND Marine Division at NAGASAKI on 23 September
were carried out according to plan and the Commanding General, FIFTH
Marine Corps, assumed control of the forces ashore in the SASEBO-
NAGASAKI Area at 1600 JET on 23 September, at which time Commander
Amphibious Group FOUR relinquished control.

On 26 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force directed Com-
mmander Amphibious Group FOUR, when relieved of SOPA functions, to pro-
ceed to JUMP AUCKLEY to MAIKAWA and report to Commander FIFTH
Amphibious Force.

Commander Amphibious Group FOUR was released from duty as CTF 56.
SOPA Administrative SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area, effective 1200 JET 27 Septem-
ber, in accordance with orders from CTF 56 who continued as Area Com-
mmander and SOPA Actual SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area. On orders from CTF 56,
Commander Unit ABLE Service Division 103, assumed duty as SOPA Admin-
istrative SASEBO Area with designation CTT 55.6.1, effective 1200 JET
27 September. CTT 55 directed Port Director NAGASAKE - Commander Blaine
to assume duty as SOPA Administrative NAGASAKI with designation CTT
55.6.3, on departure Commander Transport Squadron 12 - Commander KNOWLES.

Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, in JUMP AUCKLEY, departed
SASEBO at 1200 JET, 27 September and reported to Commander FIFTH Amphib-
ious Force at MAIKAWA on 29 September. At 0800 JET, on 4 October Com-
mmander Amphibious Group FOUR relieved Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force
as CTF 54 and assumed all duties assigned that command in connection
with the occupation of JAPAN.

In the meantime it had become apparent that the opening of the
ports of FUKUOKA and SHIKOKU to shipping would be delayed but in
view of the desirability of occupying FUKUOKA without delay, prior to
the arrival of the 22nd Infantry Division, the FIFTH Amphibious Corps
executed "CHARLIE" Day on 30 September, by sending an advance echelon to
FUKUOKA by overland transportation.

On 5 October CTT 54 ordered Commander Transport Squadron 22 to
lose units of 29 54.4 SHIKOKU GROUP to SASEBO in accordance with
Commander Amphibious Group FOUR Operation Plan No. A413-45 and on 6
October CTT 54 advised Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps that
it was planned to lose the 22nd Infantry Division, less LST echelon, to
arrive SASEBO 13 October. This plan was concurred in by FIFTH

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On the morning of 14 October Commander Transport Squadron 22 began unloading elements of the 32nd Infantry Division at SASEBO, in accordance with instructions from Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps, for overland movement to FUKUOKA by motor transport and rail beginning 15 October. Only such heavy equipment as could not be moved overland was to be retained in the SASEBO Area to be trans-shipped to FUKUOKA as soon as that harbor was opened to LST's. It was anticipated that FUKUOKA might be ready for use by LST and smaller craft about 15 November according to a previous estimate by CTF 52 Commander Mine Force, Rear Admiral Struble. Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps, on 16 October, anticipated that the movement of elements transportable by road or rail could be completed early in November.
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PART III - Chronology Of The Operation

ALL TIMES USED HEREFOR ARE LOCAL.

On 17 August, ComPhibGroupFOUR received the following paraphrased dispatch from ComFIFTHPhibFor: "THE TASK OF PLANNING FOR AND EXECUTING THE NAVAL PHASES OF THE OCCUPATION OF SASEBO AND NAGASKI IS ASSIGNED TO YOU X FOR MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LOADING OF THE 98TH DIVISION YOU WILL ACT AS MY REPRESENTATIVE X YOU ARE ALSO TENTATIVELY ASSIGNED TASK OF PLANNING AND CONDUCTING THE NAVAL PHASES OF THE OCCUPATION OF FUKUOKA SHIMONOSEKI AREAS." This dispatch was followed by receipt of ComFIFTH PhibFor Operation Plan A1501-45 on 28 August.

TransRon 22 plus assigned LSTs and LSMs was to lift the FIFTH Amphibious Corps and the FIFTH Marine Division. The 98th Division was to be loaded in ships of TransRon 18 plus assigned LSTs and LSMs. ComLSMFlot FIVE, ComLSTGroup 45 and LSMs under their command, loaded with VAC and FIFTH Marine Division elements departed the HAWAIIAN Area on 28 August enroute to SAIPAN. Movements of the ships were in accordance with routing instructions received from ComFIFTHPhibFor. On 29 August ComLSTFlot 37, ComLSTGroup 69 plus assigned LSTs departed the HAWAIIAN Area enroute to the objective on the great circle route.

ComPhibGroup FOUR embarked in the USS MOUNT ACHINGE (AGC 7) on 31 August and departed PEARL HARBOR for HILIUI.

1 September

Enroute HILIUI.


13 - Hoored KAHULUI HARBOR, HILIUI.

0958 - Commanding General FIFTH Amphibious Corps, Major General Harry Schmidt, USMC, and staff embarked in MOUNT ACHINGE at KAHULUI, HILIUI, for movement to the objective.

1400 - Transport Group ABLE, CTG 54.21, departed PEARL for SAIPAN.

1810 - Departed KAHULUI, HILIUI to join Task Group 54.21 enroute to SAIPAN.

2 September

Enroute SAIPAN.

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3 September

Enroute SAIPAN.


0320 - ComFIFTHFleet assigned ConCarDiv 22 in SUITI KE with CHELSCO, CAPE GLOUCESTER, and LAKE SHANNON for support of SASEBO landing.

1600 - ComLSTGrp 14 departed PEARL HARBOR for SASEBO.

KINGMAN (APB 47) assigned ConPhilGroup FOUR by ComFIFTHPhilFor for use at SASEBO.

4 September

Enroute SAIPAN.


0330 - Made contact with Transport Group ABLE, (TG 54.21), bearing 278°, distance 17,740 yards. This group had departed PEARL HARBOR at 1400 1 September.

0913 - MOUNT EKILLEY arrived on assigned station with Task Group 54.21, Formation course 265°, standard speed 12 knots. Steaming at 13.5 knots. OTC ConTransFlag 22 in TEGNEBELI D.

5-6 September

Enroute SAIPAN.


1508 - CinCPac dispatch substituted 32nd Inf. Div. for THIRD MarDiv in FIFTHPhilCorps occupation troops.

7 September

Enroute SAIPAN.

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0600 - CRAFTON (APA 109), SHELBY (APA 105), QUEENS (APA 103), and
BURDO (APD 133), SCHIETT (APD 76) and KLINE (APD 120)
commenced taking fueling stations.

0953 - All fueling completed and ships resumed normal stations.

1235 - ComGen SIXTH Army dispatch advised approximate date of entry
into SASEBO would be 22 September and into NAGASAKI 26 Septem-
ber.

8 September

Enroute SAIPAN.

Weather: Cloudy skies, scattered showers. Visibility 8 miles, re-
duced in rain. Winds east in the morning veering to east-southeast
in afternoon. Velocity 15 knots.

1432 - EDISON (DD 439) closed MOUNT MCKINLEY to receive mail for
delivery to WESTMORELAND and SAUGUS, and cleared at 1445.

1600 - EDISON closed MOUNT MCKINLEY to deliver mail, and cleared
flagship at 1610.

1617 - Commander Amphibious Group FOUR (CTG 54.21) assumed tactical
command of Task Group 54.21. Guide remained in WESTMORELAND.

9 September

Enroute SAIPAN.

Weather: Broken to overcast skies all day. Showers and light qaul
throughout the day. Wind easterly shifting to northeast in after-
noon.

1000 - NIBLACK alongside MOUNT MCKINLEY to receive mail for delivery
to ComTransRon 22, ComTransDiv 39 and ComTransDiv 72, and
cleared flagship at 1017.

1120 - NIBLACK closed flagship to deliver mail from TransRon 22 and
cast off at 1127.

10 September

Enroute SAIPAN.
Weather: Overcast skies with frequent showers. Visibility 12 miles in the morning reduced to 8 miles in afternoon. Winds east 15 knots.

0800 - GLEVES closed MOUNT MCKINLEY to receive officers and mail prior to departing for SAIIPAN (Assistant Logistics Officer to make arrangements for logistics at SAIIPAN, and Assistant Gunnery Officer to expedite mail to HANIAL for ComFIFTHPhib For, and to depart SAIIPAN for OKINAWA to effect delivery of ComPhibGroup FOUR Operation Plan 4411-45 to ConCruDiv 13 and fire support ships). GLEVES cleared MOUNT MCKINLEY at 0835.

1021 - WOOTSEY, NILEBLC, EDISON and ERICKSON closed MOUNT MCKINLEY in succession to receive ComPhibGroup FOUR Operation Plan 4411-45, including First Alternate, for distribution to all ships in Task Group 52.41. Delivery of Operation Plans effected by 1603 and destroyers back on assigned stations.

11 September

Enroute SAIIPAN.

Weather: Overcast with intermittent light rain all day. Visibility 6 miles reduced at times to one mile. Winds easterly 15 knots.

12 September

Enroute SAIIPAN.

Weather: Overcast skies with light intermittent, becoming light continuous rain. Wind east-northeast 20-25 knots, increasing to 25-30 knots late in period. Synoptic analysis showed a developing tropical storm to the South.

Received CTG 55.7 dispatch giving description of situation at MIGASAKI - remaining docks occupied, railroads good, people frightened, but peaceful and cooperative.

13 September

Enroute SAIIPAN.

Weather: Overcast skies with frequent showers and rain squalls. Wind southeast backing to east-southeast 15-20 knots.

ComFIFTHFlt dispatch set date for landing at SASEBO as 22 September and at MIGASAKI for 23 September.
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ConLSTGp Group 13 ordered to load elements of SECONDMarDiv by ConFIFTH PhilFor.

ConFIFTHPhilFor ordered ConTranRon 12 to report to ConPhilGroup FOUR for loading of SECONDMarDiv at SAIPAN.

0535 - Turned over tactical command of Task Group 54.21 to ConTrans Ron 22, MOUNT MCKINLEY proceeding independently.

0641 - MOUNT MCKINLEY anchored SAIPAN and ConPhilGroup FOUR assured duties of SOFH.

1400 - Received Commander FIFTH Fleet Operation Plans 6-45, 7-45, and 8-45.

14 September

Anchored TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN.

Weather: Equatorial front over station all day. Overcast skies with showers all day. Visibility 6 to 10 miles. Winds southerly with velocity varying from 5 to 25 knots throughout the day. Heavy swells from southwest.

Col. E. A. Barlow, Chief of Staff and Maj. G. D. Gray, Signal Officer, 32nd Infantry Division boarded MOUNT MCKINLEY for conference with ConPhilGroup FOUR and ConGen FIFTH Amphibious Corps.

ConGen SIXTH Army, Lieut. General Krueger, embarked in AUBURN at HANAKI and with ConFIFTHPhilFor departed for SASEBO.

Received CTF 55, ConCruDiv 13, Operation Plan 10-45. ConPhilGroup FOUR designated Administrative SOFH, SASEBO-M.GASAKI Areas.

1400 - ConLSTFlot FIVE and ConLSTGp 47 plus assigned LSTs and LSTs departed SAIPAN for SASEBO.

15 September

Anchored TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN

Weather: Broken to overcast skies in the morning gave way rapidly to partly cloudy conditions. Winds east-northeast 5-10 knots. Continuing heavy swells from southwest.

Requested ConFIFTHPhilFor sail DORCHESTER (APB 46), KINGMAN (APB 47).
and WANDERBURG (APD 48) carrying CUB 18 boat pool personnel and equipment to SASEBO earliest practicable after arrival GUAM.

1745 - BURDO, SCHMITT and KLINE underway for SASEBO to report to CTF 54 in accordance with previous instructions from ComPhibGroup FOUR; UDTs 6, 11, 13, FIFTH Amphibious Corps advance reconnaissance party plus beach party personnel and interpreters from ComPhib Group FOUR embarked in APDs.

16 September

Anchored TAMALG Harbor, SIAPAN.


ComGen SIXTH Army approved VAC (V Amphibious Corps) plan for landing SECONDMarDiv at NAGASAKI commencing 23 September.

ComFIFTHPhibFor requested nomination 1 APD for special independent mission departing SASEBO 23 September. SCHMITT with UDT 6 embarked.

1600 - Task Group 54.21 less MOUNT MCKINLEY underway for movement to SASEBO. OTC in ESTMORELAND.

1745 - MOUNT MCKINLEY underway from TAMALG Harbor enroute to join units of Task Group 54.21. Joined formation at 2155.

17 September

Enroute SASEBO.

Weather: Partly cloudy with few scattered showers. Visibility excellent. Winds east 5-10 knots.

CTF 55 forwarded information on harbor conditions SASEBO. Harbor being cleared of ships, larger naval vessels going to EBISU "A", smaller ships to OMURA "A". Dry dock area and repair basin to be cleared. Excellent mooring buoys in inner harbor. Eight tugs operational and four pilots available. No obstacles or obstructions in harbor. Seaplane Area recommended in southeast section of bay.

VAC advance inspection party reported that restricted landing areas NAGASAKI may necessitate debarkation in echelons direct from transports.
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18 September

Enroute S.S.ESEO.

Weather: Partly cloudy with occasional showers. Winds southeast 12 knots.

0003 - Issued OpPlan 1411 (Second Alternate)-45 by dispatch. Berthing and unloading to be primary consideration, assuming an unopposed entry into S.S.ESEO.

0010 - Issued OpPlan 1412 (Second Alternate)-45 by dispatch for landing SECOND MarDiv at M.G.SHIKI.

1700 - ConTransRon 12 with SECOND MarDiv embarked departed S.LRON for M.G.SHIKI.

19 September

Enroute S.S.ESEO.

Weather: Partly cloudy. Winds southeast in the morning, backed to northeast in the afternoon.

1045 - NIBLOCK, WOLSEY and EDISON closed HUNT MCKINLEY in succession to receive mail for delivery to ships in company. Destroyers returned to screening stations at 1500.

20 September

Enroute S.S.ESEO.

Weather: Cloudy to overcast skies with frequent showers. Visibility 5-12 miles. Winds east-southeast 15 knots.

1300 - Commenced reforming formation into three divisions in order to pass through swept channel, divisions in line of division columns, and completed at 1430.

1700 - ConFIFTHPhibFor and ConGen SIXTH Army in AUBURN (LGC 10) arrived SASEBO for pre-ABLE Day inspection.

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21 September

Enroute S. SEBO.
Weather: Cloudy skies and frequent showers. Winds southerly 15 knots.

1015 - Commannded interchanging stations of TransDiv 72 and 64, completing maneuvers at 1115.

22 September

Enroute S. SEBO.
Weather: Overcast with light intermittent rain throughout the day. Visibility reduced to 2-4 miles by rain. Winds southeast 5-10 knots.

0249 - Instructed all ships to maintain fleet axis 000° during passage through swept channels.

0625 - Proceeded into SASEBO KO and moored to buoy 17 at 0757. Task Group 54.21 dissolved. Assumed designation CTG 54.1 and CTG 55.8 SOPA (Admin), SASEBO-N. GASAKI area.

0750 - Ordered execution of OpPlan 441 (Second Alternate)-45, in accordance with which ships of TransDiv 22, LST Flot 27 (LST Group 69), and LSM Flot FIVE entered harbor, proceeded to berths and commenced discharge of troops and cargo as directed. Fire support ships and control group vessels of escort proceeded to stations within the harbor.


1009 - Ordered Task Group 54.1 to reduce naval personnel going ashore to minimum because of unsanitary conditions.

1055 - YOSEMITE, with ComServDiv 103 Unit ABLE embarked, requested borthring assignment for originator and ELK (IX 115), NUMITOR (ARL 17) and LCI 606.

1117 - Directed by ComNIP/PhibFor to assume responsibility for weather forecasting.

1130 - Issued SOPA Instructions SASEBO - N. GASAKI.
1150 - Advised Task Group 54.1 that small boat basin is reserved for Japanese small craft and not to be used for landing.

1201 - ComTransRon 22 reported all regular beach parties and shore parties established ashore and ready to receive ships at any time.

2020 - Reported to CTF 54 and CTF 55 that there were 10,000 troops ashore by 1800.

Sanitary conditions very unsatisfactory. General unloading commenced with adequate facilities. Seven large ships docked by dark. Had assumed duties of Administrative SQM.

2311 - Authorized ComFIFTHPhibFor to sail ships of TransRon 22 per instructions received, in two groups in order to avoid unnecessary delay resulting from holding unloaded ships to await completion of unloading of certain units.

23 September

Moored SASEBO KO.

Weather: Overcast first of period with some light rain. Clearing took place in the morning and afternoon. Winds east backing to west-northwest 5-10 knots.

0600 - ComFIFTHPhibFor in AUBURU departed for MGIASAKI and YAMYAMA.

0730 - CTG 54.3 ComTransRon 12, arrived at MGIASAKI with MGIASAKI Group.

1105 - Granted permission to land personnel of Garrison Beach Battalion in order to expedite unloading of small boats.

1217 - ComTransRon 12 reported QUEEN HOURS for loading at MGIASAKI will be 1300. Troops landing in accordance ComGen SECOND MarDiv OpPlan No. 15. Preliminary survey indicated unloading would be slow.

1337 - ComGen FIFTH MarDiv assumed command ashore in assigned zone of responsibility.

1446 - Directed ComSIMPac FIFIVE with ComL allows 45 and designated LSMs to depart SASEBO 1000/24 and proceed OKINAWA for loading X Corps units.

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1600 - ComGen V.J.C assumed command ashore.

1757 - Directed ComLSTGroup 12 to detach LSTs 390, 828, 870 and 1022 from Task Unit 54.22.2 and divert these ships to M.G.S.KI to report to ComTranson 12.

2026 - Report on M.G.S.KI landing from ComTranson 12; began landing troops 1300 with approximately 7000 troops ashore by 2000.
Nine ships moved to inner harbor, berthed and docked.

24 September

Moored SASEBO K0.

Weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy skies with light haze and smoke reducing visibility to 3-5 miles in the early morning. Winds light northeast.

0815 - ComPhibGroup FOUR and ComGen V.J.C embarked in EDISON departed for M.G.S.KI.

1000 - ComLSTFleet FIVE, ComLSTGroup 45 with attached LSTs departed for OKINAWA.

ComGen SIXTH Army assumed command of forces ashore in V.J.C zone of responsibility.

1432 - ComTranson 12 assumed duties SORP Makasi.

1545 - Received routing and sailing instructions for ships of Task Groups 54.2 and 54.3 from ComPACPhibCor.

1557 - ComPhibGroup FOUR and ComGen V.J.C returned from M.G.S.KI.

1805 - Issued orders for ComLSTFleet 37, ComLSTGroup 69 plus assigned LSTs escorted by HINKELE to depart SASEBO 1200/25 September, proceed LINGYEN.

1807 - Directed ComLSTGroup 47 with assigned LSTs and escorted by JOYCE depart SASEBO 0700/25 September, proceed LAYTE.

2234 - Formed Task Unit 54.2L.2 ComTransDiv 39 in CUSTER FTC, with ComTransDiv 72 in GIBSON plus CLEMONT, QUEEN, KINGSLEY, HOYTE, KINGSLEY, SEVER, SIBLEY, THOMAS JEFFERSON, THOMAS, LILLIAN and GILLIAM escorted by HILDEBRAND and EDISON. Task Unit to depart SASEBO 1000/25 September, proceed SULAC LAY.
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25 September

Moored SASEBO KO.

Weather: Mostly clear skies with few scattered low clouds. Visibility reduced by haze in the early morning. Winds light and variable.

0900 - Comm. Second HarDiv assumed command ashore NAGASAKI. CosGen VAC and staff left MOUNT MCADINLEY and established VAC Headquarters ashore.

1107 - ComFIFTHPhibFor dispatched request ConPhitGroup FOUR join him at "KAYAMA (HONSHU)" by 29 September.

1147 - Directed ConTransition 12 route and sail ships of Task Group 54.3 as follows: Transport types plus 7 LSTs to LEYTE, 5 LSTs to MARIALAS, 15 LSMs to OKINAWA, 3 LSTs to SASEBO to report to CommLSTGroup 14.

1200 - LST Group 14 arrived SASEBO.

1748 - Advance reconnaissance party from VAC reported excellent facilities for unloading LSTs at seaplane base north of FUKUOKA. Ships of not more than 17 foot draft may enter FUKUOKA Harbor. Sweeping of harbor continuing with channel six hundred meters wide completed. Pilot with thorough knowledge of harbor available. Preliminary surveys indicate it will be very difficult to move and support any large force from SASEBO to FUKUOKA.

1750 - LCI 813 with harbor master embarked reported for duty.

1959 - Changed destination of Transition 12 from LEYTE to IJINAI.

2042 - Issued orders for BUNDO and KLINE with UDTs 13 and 11 embarked to depart SASEBO-NAGASAKI area 1200/26 September proceed GUAM on inward routing to SAN DIEGO via PEARL HARBOR.

2355 - Advised ComFIFTHPhibFor could not meet him "KAYAMA" but relief required as Administrative SORs. Recommended ComServDiv 103 Unit ABLE be assigned as Administrative SOR SASEBO.

26 September

Moored SASEBO KO.

Weather: Overcast with light rain throughout the day. Winds east 5-10 knots.
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0500 - ComLCTFlot 21 and 50 LCTs arrived SASEBO.

0950 - ComFIFTHPhibFor directed ComPhibGroup FOUR proceed W. LASH. when relieved SOPA functions at SASEBO.

1300 - Task Unit 54.21.2 ComTransiton 22 in "ESTOKOLAND with HONOROSA, DA'SON, FORD du Lac, HERRICK, JUVELIA, SELINUR, AVALANCHE, SAKITA, REMATE, SAPHRO and SUICUS escorted by ComDeaRon 13 in TOOLSEY and ERICKSON departed for LINGAYEN.

1543 - Directed ComTransiton 12 establish boat pool of 6 LCMs, 14 LCVPs and 6 LOPLs at NAGASAKI.

1927 - CTF 51 approved recommendation that ConServDiv 103 Unit ABLE take over SOFA Administrative duties at SASEBO.

2053 - ComGen VLC announced preparedness to resume responsibility for unloading at SASEBO and NAGASAKI.

2336 - Directed ComLCTFlot 21 to report to Port Director SASEBO for duty. Port Director SASEBO to sail group LCTs to NAGASAKI for duty as required by Port Director that area.

27 September

Moored SASEBO KO.

Weather: Overcast with light to moderate rain throughout the day. Wind shifting from northeast in morning to southeast in afternoon. Average velocity 20-25 knots with gusts. Visibility 2-5 miles in rain.

0800 - Port Director established ashore SASEBO.

1049 - Formed Task Unit 54.18.4 ComLCTGroup 14 with LCTs assigned escorted by PC 1210. Task Unit to depart SASEBO 1200/28 September for LINGAYEN.

1151 - CTF 55 directed ConServDiv 103 Unit ABLE relieve ConPhib Group FOUR as CTF 55.8 Administrative SOFA SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area. Port Director NAGASAKI to assume duties SOFA NAGASAKI upon departure of ConTransiton 12.

1200 - ComPhibGroup FOUR embarked in MTU HOMEROS (DE 316) departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI.

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1425 - Directed ConTransRons 12 and 22 divert units from prescribed route as necessary to avoid probable storm track. Also directed CTU 54-18-12 to take similar precautions requesting further routing from ConPhibSarRon.

1625 - ComLSTFleet 23 and assigned LSTs sailed to KAHNAW for loading of VAC elements.

1550 - Received by dispatch CommFntheONE Operation Order 01-45 for KUNE covering force.

1759 - HANVESON sunk floating mine.

2330 - ComFIFTHPhibFor requested information concerning LCI types and hull numbers under operational control ComPhibGroup FOUR and prospective date services of craft not required.

28 September

Enroute "M.K.YAMA".


0618 - CTF 51 proposed to CTF 52 that date for entry of transports into HIRO "AL" be October 3.

1330 - ConTransRon 12 in CAMERIA with FREESTON, MENDARD LYCOMING, APPLING, ANDROMEDA, CAPRICORNUS, YUKESHA, TYRELL, and OTTAWA escorted by TILLS departed NAGASAKI for M.NIITA.

29 September

Enroute "M.K.YAMA".


0648 - Reported to ComFIFTHPhibFor for duty.

0929 - Anchored "AKANOURA "AN, "M.K.YAMA, HONSHU.

1801 - ConTransRon 12 reported deviating from prescribed route to MARIANAS in order to avoid typhoon.
30 September

Anchored WAKANOURA WBN.

Weather: Partly cloudy with haze along coast in the early morning. Winds light and variable.

1120 - ComTransRon 12 directed by ComFIFTHPhibFor to turn over command TransRon 12 to next senior, return to MAGASAKI immediately and report to ComCruDivFOUR.

1502 - ComTransRon 12 reported ETA MAGASAKI 1100 1 October.

1 October

Anchored WAKANOURA WBN.

Weather: Partly cloudy with haze along coast in the early morning. Winds light and variable.

2 October

Anchored WAKANOURA WBN.

Weather: Partly cloudy to cloudy skies. Wind veered to south early in the morning and increased to 20-25 knots.

0025 - ComFIFTHPhibFor advised ComFIFTHFlt that ComPhibGroup 12 would relieve Vice Admiral HILL as ComFIFTHPhibFor at 1200, 3 October. ComPhibGroupFOUR would take over command of Task Force 54 at 0800, 4 October and assume all operational functions of the amphibious forces of western JAPAN.

2105 - ComFIFTHPhibFor advised ComPhibGroupFOUR that PCs 1080, 1231, 1260, 1171, 1210, and 803 released from duty and should be directed to report to CinCPac for further orders.

1219 - ComPhibGroup 12 Rear Admiral HILL in HANSFORD (APA-106) anchored WAKANOURA WBN.

3 October

Anchored WAKANOURA WBN.

Weather: Broken to overcast skies with frequent showers throughout the day. Visibility 4-6 miles. Wind southerly 30-35 knots. Cold front passage at 1500. Wind shifted to northwest at that time and velocity dropped to 10-15 knots.
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2205 - Requested CNOB SASEBO advise number of boats required in SASEBO Garrison Boat Pool with due consideration for requirements of FUKUOKA and SHIMONOSEKI areas. Boats to be left by TransRon 22 on second visit. CNOB SASEBO recommended 25 LCM, 40 LCVP, 7 LCPL.

4 October

Anchored WAKAMOURA WAN.

Weather: Overcast with rain all day. Winds were northeast to north and averaged 18 knots until noon then increased to 30-35 knots. A typhoon which had developed in the vicinity of 15°N - 145°E had recurved sharply northward toward JAPAN.

0800 - Assumed command of Task Force 54.

0900 - MOUNT MCKINLEY escorted HARVEISON departed WAKAMOURA for HIRO WAN.

1003 - Directed CTG 54.28 and CTU 54.8.2 report position and weather every four hours.

1431 - Advised Commander NURS Covering Unit of intentions to have transports ride out storm south of BUNGO if typhoon failed to recurve. Covering Unit to proceed at discretion of ComCruDiv 12.

1737 - CTG 54.28 reported ordering gunboats into Inland Sea for protection against storm.

5 October

Engage HIRO WAN.

Weather: Typhoon passed about 200 miles southeast at 0300 Iton. Overcast with showers in the morning. Clearing was rapid during the afternoon. "Funnel effect" caused by mountains caused winds to increase to 50-60 knots while passing through BUNGO SUIDO.

0928 - HARVEYSON sank mine.

1000 - CTG 52.7 reported Guine Pigs made run through channel at 12 knots, with TAKASAGU MARU making run at fifteen knots. Recommended speed of 12 knots with speed not less than 10 knots through tide rips in KUDAKA SUIDO.

1145 - HARVEYSON directed to destroy floating mines.

1621 - Anchored IYO MADA.

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1730 - Japanese pilot and interpreter boarded MOUNT MCKINLEY.

6 October
Anchored IYO NADA.


0607 - Underway for HIRO WAM.

0825 - Anchored HIRO WAM.

0900 - Vice Admiral NASSO KANAZAWA, Commandant KURE Naval District and Navy Yard, with several members of his staff, reported to CTF 54 (Rear Admiral REIFSNIDER) aboard MOUNT MCKINLEY for formal meeting with him and CTU 51.3.3, Commander KURE Covering Unit (Rear Admiral RIGGS).

1415 - Directed ComTransRon 22 move units of Task Group 54.4 to arrive SASEBO on CHARLIE Day. Requested ComTransRon 22 give best estimate of date.

7 October
Anchored HIRO WAM.

Weather: Overcast with showers and light rain throughout the day. Visibility 8-12 miles. Wind northeast 10-15 knots.

0936 - CTG 54.11 reported intention of establishing boat pool of 50 LCVPs. ComTransRon 16 requested permission retain one LST to house boat pool personnel until arrival of VANDELBURG; permission granted.

1100 - ComGen 41st Division assumed command ashore at HIRO.

1239 - Detached ComLSTFLOTFIVE from assignment to report to CHOE, OKINAWA as CTF 54 representative to assist in loading and moving of LSTs and LSMs in that area.

8 October
Anchored HIRO WAM.

Weather: Overcast with light rain all day. Visibility 1-6 miles. Wind northeast 5-10 knots.

9 October
Anchored HIRO WAM.

Weather: Overcast with light rain throughout the day. Visibility 1-6 miles. Wind northeast, increasing from 2 knots in morning to 20 knots in late afternoon. Typhoon passed OKINAWA at 1500, expected to affect HIRO WAM area by the 10th.

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1130 - Requested CommCruDiv 12 direct appropriate personnel conduct inspection of Jap vessels scheduled to sail RYUKUS for repatriation of Japanese.

1250 - CommServDiv 103, Unit DOG, arrived HIRO VAN in VULCAN (AR-5).

1300 - CommCruDiv 103, Unit DOG, arrived HIRO VAN in VULCAN (AR-5).

1606 - CommCru Div Sixth Army set date for landing in NAGOYA Area as 15 October.

1741 - Requested CTF 51 set date for landing at MATSUAMA, as shipping could meet date of 22 October provided minesweeping permitted.

1745 - Advised CTF 51 that CinCKUKE Naval Station had requested permission to commence sweeping HABON STRAIT between SHIMONOSEKI and NOJU in order to facilitate occupation by our forces, repatriation of Japanese, and improvement of communications and industry.

2100 - Set Typhoon Condition ONE.

10 October

Anchored HIRO VAN.

Weather: Overcast with rain and light showers. Visibility 2-8 miles. Wind northeast 15-20 knots, increasing to 35-40 knots at 1900.

0611 - Set Typhoon Condition TWO.

0935 - Directed CommTransRon 22 leave 15 LCM, 45 LCVP and 6 LCGL at SASEBO for Navy boat pool.

1119 - Requested CommFlotGrp 14 direct TransRon 12 loss 3 APAS and 4 APs, report to CommServFce for Magic Carpet duty.

2007 - CTF 51 announced that landings on MIKE Dry would be at NAGOYA and not YOKKAICHI.

11 October

Anchored HIRO VAN.


0013 - Secured from Typhoon Condition TWO, typhoon having directly passed over the area but without serious effect.
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2154 - CTF 51 cancelled MIKE Day of 15 October. Firm date to be set by dispatch.

12 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Mostly clear skies in the morning gave way to partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. Few rain showers. Visibility 12 miles. Wind west to northwest 10 knots.

13 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.


1535 - ComGenFIFTHPhibCorps issued landing instructions for 32nd Infantry Division to ComTranson 22. Movement to be overlaid from SASEBO.

14 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Clear skies in the morning were followed by few scattered cumulus clouds in the afternoon. Wind was light and variable throughout the day with a slight sea breeze effect in the afternoon.

0855 - Directed ComTranson 22 less TransDiv 39, report to ComServPac for Magic Carpet duty.

15 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Partly cloudy skies throughout most of the day, becoming overcast in the late afternoon. Visibility 10 miles. Wind east to northeast 4-6 knots in the morning increasing to 10-15 knots in the afternoon.

1004 - ComGen WAC stated that plans were for TransDiv 39 to lift RCT of FIFTH MarDiv to HALLUS.

16 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Mostly clear skies throughout the day. Visibility 10-12 miles. Wind east 10-15 knots.

1101 - ComPhibGroupEIGHT advised that date for NAGOYA landing postponed until
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27 October, and requested shipping be delayed accordingly.

ComGenTENTHCorps and ComPhibGroup 11 inspected MATSUYAMA Area prior to landing of 24th division.

17 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Partly cloudy in the morning, overcast in the afternoon. Visibility 8 miles. Wind east 10 knots.

0100 - ComGen SIXTH Army stated day for landing at NAGOKA delayed because of minesweeping.

0150 - ComGen SIXTH Army advised ComGenTENTHCorps that landing at MATSUYAMA would be advanced to 22 October.

1627 - Designated ComLSTPlat 37 CTF 54 representative in NAGOKA-SASEBO-FUKUOKA area to facilitate loading, unloading and movements of Task Force 54 shipping that area.

18 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Overcast skies with light rain most of the day. Visibility reduced occasionally to ½ mile but averaging 5 miles. Wind north-east 10-15 knots.

ComPhibGroup 11 and ComGenTENTHCorps departed KURE-HIRO area to inspect landing beaches at OHAYAMA, returning 19 October.

1249 - CTF 51 set 22 October as date for landing at MATSUYAMA.

19 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Overcast skies with light rain in the morning. Visibility averaged 6 miles in the morning but improved to 10 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable.

20 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Overcast skies throughout the day with light rain in the afternoon. Visibility 10 miles in the morning but decreased to 7 miles after 1400. Wind east-northeast 8 knots.
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2200 - ConTransDiv 39 in CUSTER with CLERMONT departed for PELELIU.
SHELBY departed following day.

21 October

Anchored HIRO WAS.

Weather: Overcast with rain showers. Visibility 8 miles. Wind easterly 12 knots.

1015 - ConPacGroup 11 and ConGenTENTHCorps in CALVERT departed HIRO
WAN for NAGASAKI.

22 October

Anchored HIRO WAS.

Weather: Broken skies during the morning becoming overcast in the after-
noon with showers after 1600. Wind northeast 10 knots.

1330 - ConGen 24th Infantry Division assumed command ashore in
NAGASAKI.

1459 - Directed ConPacGroupEIGHT order APAs of Transit 10 report
to ConServ Pac for Magic Carpet upon completion of unloading.
APAs of same squadron to report to CinCPac for further orders.

23 October

Anchored HIRO WAS.

Weather: Broken to overcast skies with showers throughout the day.
Visibility 8-10 miles. Wind north 12 knots.

0730 - ConGen 21st Infantry Division assumed command ashore at
OKAYAMA.

1317 - CTF 51 designated 26 October as date for landing at NAGOYA.

1453 - CTG 54.11 recommended boat pool of 15 LCVP for NAGASAKI-
MITSUHAMA area. Approval given.

24 October

Anchored HIRO WAS.

Weather: Partly cloudy with good visibility. Wind light and vari-

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0936 - ConBetRonONE in APPALACHIAN (AGC-1) arrived HIRO WAN.

1549 - ComPhibGroupEIGHT recommended NAGOKA boat pool consist of 12 LOVs and 2 LCMs from Transition 20. Approved.

25 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Mostly clear skies throughout the day. Visibility 12 miles. Wind east 15-18 knots.

26 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.

Weather: Overcast in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Visibility 10 miles in the morning, reduced to 6-8 miles by light haze in the afternoon. Wind light and variable.

1100 - NAGOKA Occupation Group arrived at objective. ComPhibGroup EIGHT later reported 6 APAs and 1 AKA docked prior darkness, 7 LSTs, 5 LSMs and 12 LCTs completed unloading. Harbor well marked and docks in satisfactory condition.

1200 - ConBetRonONE arrived HIRO WAN.

1309 - Gave permission to Inland Sea Ship Company (Japanese) to reestablish ferry service between MAKINOURA and HIROSHIMA, HOYO and NAGAHAMA, HIROSHIMA and MITSUIKAMI, ONOMACHI and TADATSU, KURE and BEPPU, NISHAMA and HIROSHIMA, ONOMACHI and IMAMARU. 8 ships of less than 220 gross tons to be used.

27 October

Anchored HIRO WAN.


0947 - CTF 52 reported FUKUOKA open to ADEs, LSTs and smaller vessels at restricted speeds upon completion sweeping 15 November.

1447 - Directed ComPhibGroupEIGHT detach LCTFlot 39 when no longer needed and LCTs.

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28 October

Anchored HIRO WAF.

Weather: Clear skies throughout the day. Visibility 10 miles. Wind east 15 knots.

0000 - ComCruDiv 12 assumed duties of area commander HIRO-MATSUYAMA group.

0900 - ComGen 24th Division assumed command ashore in NAGOKA area.

1440 - ComServDiv 103, Unit DOG, designated SOFA Admin. HIRO-KURE Area.

29 October

Anchored HIRO WAF.


0900 - ComPhibGroupFOUR attended recommissioning of DD-224 (Ex USS STEWART) by ComBatRonONE.

1100 - CTF 51 departed APPALACHIAN by air for KYOTO.

1521 - Requested permission from ComFIFTHFlt to proceed TOKYO BAY for conference. Approval given at 1010/31.

30 October

Anchored HIRO WAF.

Weather: Overcast with rain showers throughout the day. Visibility 4-6 miles occasionally reduced to 2 miles in rain. Wind northeast 10 knots.

1600 - CTF 51 returned to APPALACHIAN.

2225 - ComFIFTHFlt detached ComPhibGroupEIGHT and ordered him to report to ComSEVENTHFlt for duty.

31 October

Anchored HIRO WAF.

Weather: Partly cloudy skies. Visibility 12 miles. Wind north 10
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knots, in the morning increasing to 15-20 knots in the afternoon.

0630 - ComPhibGroupFOUR in MOUNT MCKINLEY with ComPhibGroup 11 in CALVERT and HARVESEN departed HIRO SHI for YOKOHAMA.

1 November

Enroute YOKOHAMA

Weather: Mostly clear with few scattered low clouds in the afternoon. Visibility 12 miles. Wind northwest to north 14 knots.

2 November

Enroute YOKOHAMA

Weather: Partly cloudy skies. Visibility restricted by haze and smoke to 3-6 miles. Wind light and variable.

1353 - Directed ComPhibGroup 14 release Task Force 54 LSTs, LSMs with Flotilla and Group Commanders to AdComPhibsFtr, PHILIPPINES when services no longer required.

3 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor

Weather: Partly cloudy skies throughout the day. Visibility 5 mile in the morning improving to 10 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable.

4 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor

Weather: Mostly clear skies throughout the day. Visibility 5 miles in the morning improving to 10 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable.

0643 - Advised ComPhibGrp 14 that his duties as CTF 54 representative in PHILIPPINES would be completed about 15 November.

5 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor

Weather: Clear skies throughout the day. Visibility reduced to 2-4 miles by haze in the early morning improving to 10 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable.
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6 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor

Weather: Clear skies all day. Visibility 1 mile in the morning improving to 3 miles by 1400. Wind light and variable in the morning but increased to 18 knots in the late afternoon.

7 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor

Weather: Clear skies in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon and mostly clear after 2000. Visibility reduced by haze to 1 mile in the morning but improved slowly to 8 miles in the afternoon. Wind light and variable in the morning but increased to 16 knots in the afternoon.

0000 - ComPhibGroup 11, Rear Admiral MCALLAMS, relieved ComTHIRDPhibForce, Vice Admiral WILKINSON as CTF 32.

1629 - Directed ComLSMFlot 5 to release Task Force 54 LSTs, LSMs with Flotilla and Group Commanders to 43ComPhibFac, PHILIPPINES when services no longer required.

8 November

Moored YOKOHAMA Harbor


0600 - ComPhibGroup 11 relieved ComPhibGroup 4 as CTF 54. Task Groups 54.1, 54.5 and 54.11 dissolved.
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Section B - Air Operations

1. Report of Air Support Control Unit NINE, Amphibious Group FOUR;

(a) Enroute to the objective;

(1) Appropriate Air Support Nets were guarded.

(2) Communications tests with airborne aircraft were made
while at SAIPAN to calibrate newly installed transmitters
and receivers.

(3) Training exercises simulating conditions of opposition,
and non-opposition, were conducted for the Air Support
Control Unit personnel.

(b) Objective area;

(1) Air Support nets were fully manned to support the land-
ings in the event opposition developed.

(2) Normal administrative functions were executed to attain
a condition of instant readiness.

(3) Liaison with Fleet Air Wing ONE and the Marine Air Group,
OMURA, were established and maintained.

(VI)(B) - 1
(1) Troops and Cargo.

(a) Troops and Cargo of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps and the FIFTH Marine Division were loaded in the HAWAIIAN Area, with certain additional Corps elements loaded in the MARIANAS. Loading commenced on 20 August and was completed on 1 September.

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**C(1)- Troops and Cargo**

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**Total Troops and Cargo loaded for SASEBO Group:**

- Personnel: 30,994
- Vehicles: 4,607
- Cargo (Long Tons): 40,910.7

Troops and cargo of the SECOND Marine Division were loaded in the M.A.R.I.N.S Area. Loading commenced on 10 September and was completed on 17 September.

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| LSH Group 38 (Temp)  |        | 19 LSH   |
| Personnel            | 735    |          |
| Vehicles             | 355    |          |
| Cargo (Long Tons)    | 3,490.1|          |

|                      |        |          |
| LST Group 13 (Temp)  |        | 15 LST   |
| Personnel            | 3,239  |          |
| Vehicles             | 791    |          |
| Cargo (Long Tons)    | 6,220.1|          |

**Total Troops and Cargo loaded for NAGASAKI Group:**

- Personnel: 19,956
- Vehicles: 3,038
- Cargo (Long Tons): 28,811.8

### Grand Total - SASEBO-NAGASAKI:

- Personnel: 50,950
- Vehicles: 7,645
- Cargo (Long Tons): 69,722.5

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(2) Landing Craft.

(a) Types and number:

1. 46 LCTs
2. 474 LCVPs
3. 73 LCMs
4. 29 LCPLs
5. 20 LCP(R)s

In addition, after discharging their original loads, LSMs were used for lighterage between transport and unloading areas at beaches and docks.

(b) Launching, loading and operation.

1. Immediately after the arrival of transports in the transport area on ABLE Day (22 September) the LCVPs, LCMs and wave guides were launched in preparation for the troop landings on GREEN Beaches at 0930.

2. The LCTs arrived at the target on 26 September, having sailed under their own power from OKINAWA, with full load.

3. The harbor at SASEBO is well protected and weather conditions permitted uninterrupted launching and loading of all other landing craft on 22 September.

4. The dock area (see Area HOW Dock Leg, Enclosure (A)) is not particularly suited to the use of landing craft. However, four large seaplane ramps are located at the Seaplane Base and aircraft factory (see Areas Sugar and Victor, Enclosure (A)). These areas are ideally suited to the beaching and unloading of all types of landing craft.

5. The first phase of the operation included the landing of troops and supplies over these ramps. It was carried out expeditiously and with a minimum of confusion. This area continued to be used for the unloading of supplies from all types of landing craft and proved to be highly satisfactory.

(c) Control.

On ABLE Day (22 September) control vessels were stationed off the Dock Areas in the inner harbor as well as off the GREEN Beaches. On 23 September, the control vessel off the Dock Areas was secured, and control functions then were performed by TransRon 22 Control Officer from an LCS(L) in the Supply Basin.
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C (3) - Minesweeping, underwater demolition.

(3) Minesweeping, Underwater Demolition.

(a) Minesweeping was performed by TG 52.3 SASEBO Sweep Group, as directed by CTF 55. Requests for minesweeping from Commander SE 7th, Occupation Group were directed to ComPifthPhipFor who in turn forwarded these request to CTF 55. In addition, CTF 52.3 furnished information by dispatch relative to areas swept.

The SASEBO Sweep Group conducted minesweeping operations in the SASEBO Area in accordance with Commander Mine Craft, Pacific Occupation Order 15-45. A channel 4000 yards wide was swept, beginning at 32° 30' N and 129° 30' E, and extending to SASEBO Harbor. The area surrounding the entrance to SASEBO K0, and the area between GOTO RIETTO and the islands immediately off the shoreline of western KYUSHU were also swept.

(b) Underwater Demolition Teams assigned to the SOUTHERN Occupation Group were specifically directed not to use any explosives in the performance of their duties, without permission first being obtained from higher authority. No demolition work was required during the operation. The Underwater Demolition Teams assisted the Group Beachmaster by post-occupation reconnaissances. Further soundings were taken in various areas and new landing craft slots discovered. Pre- and post occupation reconnaissance reports were complete and reliable.

(4) Landing Troops and Cargo.

(a) General unloading of troops and cargo at SASEBO commenced on 22 September. Troops of the 27th BCT landed at the seaplane ramps at GREEN Beach. The remaining troops of the FIFTH Marine Division and the FIFTH Amphibious Corps were landed at the docks at SASEBO, both from ships' boats and directly onto the docks from ships alongside. General unloading of cargo began immediately after the troops were debarked. Three ships at a time were able to dock in Area EASY. The egress road here being too narrow, cargo was unloaded into ships' boats, with some later assistance from LSMs, and landed at various places along the water front. Seven ships were able to dock in the Repair Basin, and unloaded directly onto the docks using ships' booms. Three ships at a time were able to dock in the dry docks, and unloaded directly onto the docks using both ships' booms and dock cranes.

Initially, one LST at a time was able to unload in the Boat Basin; later two unloading spots were available. Nine unloading spots were available at the seaplane ramps at the Air Station and three at the Aircraft Factory. LSMs were unloaded both at the ramps and at the Boat Basin. LCTs used only the ramps. These seaplane ramps provided excellent unloading spots.
Unloading started slowly the first day due to the new conditions. All hands quickly adapted themselves, however, and the unloading thereaforward proceeded smoothly and expeditiously. Unloading, except for resupply, was finished on 28 September.

(b) Unloading of both troops and cargo from APAs and AKAs at NAGASAKI was done directly over docks. LST’s and LSM’s unloaded directly onto the beach.

Fewer docks and unloading places were available at NAGASAKI than at SASEBO. Unloading time was the same, however, due to the smaller amount of troops and cargo to be landed. Unloading commenced on 23 September and was completed on 28 September.

(c) Unloading of the 32nd Infantry Division, scheduled for 14 October, 1945, will be covered in the action report of ComTrans-Ron 22.

Enclosure (A) - Chart of SASEBO Harbor.
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Section C (5) Casualties

(5) Casualties.

(a) Provisions were made initially for the care of casualties in
the event of opposed landings and during landings without opposition.
Subsequent developments during the planning phase and during the
period enroute to the occupation areas disclosed that the only
casualties to be expected were those due to illness and accidental
injury. THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA-30) had been fitted and equipped
to provide hospital care for casualties during the initial occupation.
With the expected incidence of casualties due to illness and
accidental injury the organization of individual ships and units
offered adequate medical facilities for medical care of naval per-
sonnel and personnel of the landing forces, without evacuation to
rear bases. The landing forces provided hospital facilities ashore
for the forces ashore within three to five days of the landings
which further reduced the amount of medical care to be provided by
naval activities. A 60-day evacuation policy was established for
the forces ashore. Patients of the landing forces on ships were
transferred to hospital facilities ashore, as appropriate. Ships
and naval units provided the medical care for their own personnel.

(b) The incidence of casualties among personnel was well within
the number of those normally to be expected.
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D.(2) Communications

1. Since the landings made during the occupation of Southern JNP were without opposition, communications were all of an administrative and uneventful nature. The Operation Plan Communication Annex provided for all necessary assault frequencies in the event opposition had been encountered. The general procedure was to reserve these assault frequencies on "D" day and check in the circuits so that all hands would be prepared to put into effect the necessary measures to overcome resistance. After troops were landed and the situation considered entirely peaceful, these circuits were secured.

2. The transition from wartime to peacetime communications, and the resultant relaxation of restrictions on radio silence was the outstanding feature of this period. Most final plans for the occupation were promulgated by dispatch, and every ship and command found it necessary to employ rapid communications to an extent never permitted under wartime restrictions. The rapid reduction in classified messages in favor of plain language made it much easier to handle the increased volume of traffic, but the inability of operators to correct their own plain language furnished a new problem for harassed CWO's and Communication Officers.

3. VHF Radio Teletype again proved its worth at SASEBO where a very efficient circuit was maintained between ComPhibGroup 1 effect and Comden WAC ashore. Duplex operation was employed and a large volume of traffic handled during the short stay of this Command in the SASEBO area.
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Section D(4) - Navigation

1. Navigational lights are shown in Part III-C of this report. The scheduled route through the Ryukyus was modified to avoid a minefield south of Takuma Shima.

2. The approach to Sasebo was made via a 2000 yard swept channel through minefields. This channel was 40 miles long and was traversed at night. Transport Group AEF arriving off the entrance to Sasebo Harbor at dawn on 22 September 1945. The swept channel was buoyed and two destroyers were stationed, one at the entrance to the channel, and the other ten miles further north in the channel, to facilitate the navigation of ships entering. All ships negotiated the channel without incident. Japanese navigational lights were burning, but visibility was poor during rain squalls, and navigation was largely dependent on radar fixes.
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Section D(5) - Engineering

1. Repairs.

(a) The SASEBO Group, including Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO, mounted at Pearl Harbor and, except for the LST Groups, which proceeded direct to the objective, staged through S.JAPAN. Hull and engine repairs were expedited by officers from the Staff, Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, Pacific Fleet, and completed prior to sailing.

(b) The many repairs accomplished at the mounting and staging areas, and emergency engineering jobs performed enroute, were completed without delay in the schedules of the Southern Occupation Group.

2. Casualties.

(a) The casualties experienced enroute are listed as typical of those which may occur in a transport squadron at sea under normal conditions.

5 September

0135 - SELINUR (AKA 11) slowed to two knots, due to casualty to fuel supply for boiler, and at 0730 resumed normal cruising position.

1007 - CLERMONT (APA 43) reported a casualty to steering gear.

1544 - SELINUR dropped out of formation to make boiler repairs, and rejoined formation at 1823 on the 7th.

1839 - CUSTER (APA 10) fell out of position, reporting loss of steam, and regained station at 1850.

9 September

1140 - SELINUR (AKA 11) fell out of formation to effect engineering repairs.

1150 - REMATE (APA 36) fell out of formation to effect engineering repairs. EDISON (DD 139) designated as escort for REMATE. NIELSCH (DD 426) to escort SELINUR.
1415 - RANATE (AKA 36) and EDISON rejoined disposition in former stations.

11 September

0618 - DAISON (APA 70) had boiler casualty necessitating twelve hours repair while maintaining eleven knots speed. EDISON designated to stand by until DAISON rejoins formation.

2100 - DAISON and EDISON approximately twenty-six miles astern of formation.

17 September

1515 - KINNES (AKA 175) lost all power and dropped out of formation. EDISON detailed to drop back with KINNES.

1610 - KINNES (AKA 175) underway making speed 3 knots. Regained position at 2055.


21 September

0850 - SAPPHO (AKA 38) had steering casualty and dropped out of column but rejoined formation at 0900.

0905 - CUSTER (APA 40) had steering casualty and dropped out of column. By 0930 CUSTER had rejoined column.

The number of casualties is not considered excessive when the size of the formation, 28 large ships, is taken into account. They are not believed to be due to lack of time for overhaul in the ships involved, but rather to lack of experienced personnel incident to the release of many experienced men at this time and their replacement by less qualified ratings.
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Section B(6) - Supply

1. TransRon 22 and LST Flotilla 5 mounted at PEARL HARBOR and
    steamed through SAIPAN. LST Group 69 and LST Group 14 mounted at
    PEARL HARBOR but proceeded directly to the objective with ComLSTFleC
    27. TransRon 12, LST Flotilla 22, LST Group 47 and LST Group 32
    mounted at the MARLINS, proceeding thence to their objectives.
    TransRon 22 on turn-around, mounted at LINCAKEN, obtaining logistics
    at MANILA.

2. The various supply activities at PEARL HARBOR responsible for
    supplying the ships assigned to this operation were contacted
    personally by officers of the staff, with particular reference to the
    smaller ships, in the interest of ensuring an adequate supply of fuel,
    provisions and material. Estimates of expected logistic requirements
    for ships steaming through SAIPAN were obtained and both ServDiv 103
    and CHOB, SAIPAN, were notified by letter and dispatch of these
    estimates. A Logistics Officer, from Staff, Commander Amphibious
    Group FOUR, Pacific Fleet, also preceded TransRon 22 to SAIPAN
    to insure that arrangements had been made to furnish logistics there.

3. At SAIPAN it was found that heavy swells in the outer harbor,
    where the transports were berthed, precluded fuelling in that area as
    planned, and it became necessary to fuel them in the inner harbor.
    This was done in rotation, four or five ships at a time, at berths
    alongside vessels of TransRon 12, then loading at the piers, and at
    the one small tanker then available, anchored in the channel. Fuelling
    was completed in time to meet the scheduled sailing hour.

4. No serious difficulty was experienced in the delivery of
    provisions and other supplies. The extensive requirements and tight
    schedules were met was due to the vigorous cooperation of the local
    commands.

5. Original directives called for procuring type BIMF, Military
    yen for use of personnel going ashore in JAPAN, but it was later
    directed that only Bank of Japan notes were to be used. There was
    none of this currency available prior to arrival at the objective.
    This situation was clarified, prior to arrival, by a dispatch from
    Com5thFleet to Com5thPhilFor, stating that a supply would be made
    available at each anchorage through the Funding Officer, Military
    Government Section, AFPAC. The disbursing officers of Group Flags
    ships were designated to handle the distribution, and credits to
    their accounts were obtained at banks in the various ports.
6. At the objective area, essential fuel, water, and provisions for the smaller ships were furnished initially by the transports. Upon arrival of ServDiv 103, Unit ABLE, these requirements were supplied directly by logistic ships of that command.
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Section D(7) - Medical

1. Inspections of occupation areas disclosed that public health conditions in these areas offered a definite hazard to the health of personnel of the occupation forces. Diseases usually present in the area were common. Particular precautions were taken to protect personnel against the unusual prevalence of typhoid fever, bacillary dysentery, and epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis which occurred in certain areas in epidemic form. The normal Japanese public health measures had ceased to function as usual because of lack of personnel and facilities.
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Part VII - Personnel Performance and Casualties

1. No performance of duty under combat conditions was required of personnel, and their conduct during the landing and occupation was, on the whole, good. Strict measures were taken to prevent looting or molestation of the Japanese.

2. Few violations of orders in regard to the above were reported. One serious incident, however, occurred ashore at NAGASAKI, shortly after the landing, in which three Coast Guardsmen from CAMRA were involved in a criminal offense against local Japanese. The case has since been tried by General Court Martial, at NAGASAKI.

3. Casualties are covered in Part VI - (C).
Entrance to Harbor -- Sasebo.

Ammunition storage caves in hill at entrance to Haiku Straits, Sasebo.
 Former Japanese Naval building occupied by Fifth Amphibious Corps Headquarters, Sasebo.

Port Director Station formerly Japanese Harbor Master's building near Supply Basin, Sasebo.
Views of bomb damage in business section of Sasebo.
Ships of Southern Occupation Group unload supplies after mooring in flooded dry dock, Sasebo Naval Base. Three dry docks were similarly used to expedite unloading.

Others unloaded at the Supply Basin docks after a vast amount of scattered debris was removed.
LST beached at ramp at Supply Basin, Sasebo.

LSTs unloading onto seaplane ramps at Naval Air Station, Sasebo.
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LSM and LSTs on ramp at Naval Aircraft Factory, Sasebo.

Unfinished Japanese aircraft carrier KASAGI in Ebisu Bay, Sasebo.
Surrendered Japanese ships in Ebisu Bay, Sasebo. Two LSMs moored alongside an APD; JUNYO class aircraft carrier in background.

Stern view of Japanese LSMs and APD.
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Four Japanese FF · Frigates (KAIBOKAN Class) moored in Ebisu Bay, Sasebo.

Japanese coastal submarine (200 class) in Ebisu Bay, Sasebo.
PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

BENNETT, Lt. Comdr. C.L., USN (USS PERMIT) - Recorded
9/29/43

BINGHAM, Capt. Donald C., USN (Ret.) - Recorded 9/21/45

EBERT, Lt. (Jg) J.D., USNR (USS DICKERSON) - Recorded
6/11/45

GRANT, Lt. Comdr. J.D., USN (USS GREENLING) - Recorded
9/19/43

GROSS, Comdr. R.L., USN (USS SEAWOLF & USS R-9) - Recorded
10/4/43

KEYES, Comdr. C.M., USN (USS WILLIAM D. PORTER) - Recorded
7/18/45

McDOWELL, Comdr. Ellis H., USN (USS CONVERSE) - Recorded
11/1/45

McGREGOR, Comdr. L.D., Jr., USN (USS PIKE) -

MORTON, Comdr. Dudley W., USN (USS WAHOO) - Recorded 9/9/44

MORTON, Comdr. D.W., USN (USS WAHOO) -

POST, Lt. Comdr. W.S., USN (USS GUDGEON) -

RICH, Lt. E. Melendy, USNR & TIMBERLAKE, Lt. Joe H., USNR
(USS UNDERHILL) - Recorded 8/29/45

STREET, Comdr. George L., USN (USS TIRANTE) - Recorded
9/25/45

TRAIN, Rear Adm. Harold C., USN - Recorded 9/2/45

TRIEBEL, Comdr. C.O. (USS SNOOK) -

TURNER, Vice Adm. R.K., USN & BUCKNER, Lt. Gen. Simon
Bolivar, 10th Army (USS ELDORADO) - Recorded 3/27/45

VIEWEG, Capt. W.V.R., USN (USS GAMBIER BAY) - Recorded
12/18/44
PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

WEISS, Comdr. D.F., USN (USS WHALE, USS R-13 & USS R-10)
Recorded 9/29/43

WHITE, Comdr. D.C., USN (USS PLUNGER & USS CERO) –
FIVE ENLISTED MEN of the crew of USS CHARLES AUSBURNE –
Recorded 10/30/45