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**REPORT OF OCCUPATION OF  
SOUTHERN HONSHU  
AND KYUSHU**



**COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
AND  
COMMANDER TASK FORCE FIFTY-FOUR**

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Enclosure: ✓ (A) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force (CTF 54) Report of the Occupation of Southern HONSHU and KYUSHU for period 15 August 1945 to 3 October 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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NARRATIVE OF THE OPERATION

1. This operation, for the FIFTH Amphibious Force, had its inception on 8 August, when a copy of the Joint Staff Study was made available to the Command. On 11 August, a revised Staff Study (CincPoa serial 0005103 dated 9 August) was received. In compliance with directives from ComPhibsPac, an advance planning unit departed PEARL 11 August for MANILA by air to report to ComGen6thArmy and on 13 August the Force Commander with an increased planning echelon departed PEARL for MANILA via GUAM to undertake joint planning with ComGen6thArmy. Prior to departure on 13 August a conference was held between this command, ComGenFMF, ComGenVAC and ComPhibGrp 4 for a preliminary discussion of the operation.

2. On 15 August at CincPac Adv. Hdqtrs. at GUAM, conferences were held with CincPac-CincPoa and Com5thFleet. CincPac-CincPoa OpPlan 12-45 was received. This plan provided that the FIFTH Amphibious Force would be charged with landings in the FIFTH Fleet area of responsibility and that ComGen6thArmy would be the Army Commander for these landings. The specific landings set up were:

PHASE	AREAS OF OCCUPATION	DESIGNATION	DESIGNATION OF LANDING DAY	OCCUPATION FORCES
I	SASEBO - NAGASAKI	B-2	A	VAC
I	OSAKA - KOBE (WAKAYAMA)	B-10	K	I Corps
II	NAGOYA (YOKKAICHI)	B-11	M	I Corps
II	SHIMONOSEKI - FUKUOKA	B-1	C	VAC
III	HIROSHIMA - KURE	B-3	F	X Corps
III	KOCHI	B-4	G	X Corps
III	OKAYAMA	B-5	I	X Corps
III	TSURUGA	B-12	N	I Corps.

Estimates of dates of availability of Amphibious Shipping were obtained. Prior to departure from GUAM information was received that JAPAN had agreed to unconditional surrender and that CinCAFPac had designated 15 August as BAKER Day. The Force Commander arrived MANILA on 16 August and hoisted his flag in the USS APPALACHIAN. Immediate conferences with ComPhibsPac and with ComGen6thArmy were begun. Com5thPhibFor shifted flag to USS ELDORADO on 26 August and on 3 September hoisted flag in USS AUBURN.

3. Information regarding the availability of shipping received at GUAM made it apparent that the target dates set up in CincPac-CincPoa OpPlan 12-45 could not be met. The tentative dates that the first three TransRons would be available were:

TransRon 22 - 19 August at PEARL HARBOR  
TransRon 18 - 1 September at PEARL HARBOR  
TransRon 14 - 1 - 10 September in PHILIPPINES.



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There was reasonable assurance that the original allocation of tractor craft (90 LST's and 45 LSM's) would be available by the same dates.

4. Based on these availabilities, this command and ComGen6thArmy recommended revised target dates and assignments as follows, and these were approved:

(a) Operation B-2. Lift VAC Hdqtrs. and 5th MarDiv. from HAWAIIAN Islands in TransRon 22 plus assigned LST's and LSM's. Target date - 22 September.

(b) Operation B-10. Lift I Corps Hdqtrs. and 33rd Div. from LINGAYEN area, LUZON in TransRon 14 plus assigned LST's and LSM's. Lift 98th Div. from HAWAIIAN Islands in TransRon 18 plus assigned LST's and LSM's. Target date - 25 September.

At the outset, due to the fact that there was some latitude in the date that shipping would actually be ready to load, it was undeterminate which division would reach the objective first. As shipping reported it became practicable and was scheduled for the 33rd Div. to arrive at the objective on the target date with the 98th Div. landing two days later. The target dates for other landings remained indefinite pending the assignment of shipping.

5. From the first conferences held with Com5thFleet in GUAM on 15 August it was apparent that the accomplishments of our air forces in successfully closing certain Japanese ports by aerial mining with pressure mines had now become a boomerang in that it equally closed these ports to our occupation forces. No method of successfully sweeping these mines was known and their presence in certain areas created an undue hazard to the sweeping of other types of mines. The sweeping of other types of U. S. mines and of Japanese defensive mine fields was necessary but presented no serious problems except in the number of ships required. First studies of the effect of mines on the assigned landing operations disclosed the following:

(a) SASEBO - No difficulties

(b) NAGASAKI - No difficulties

(c) KOBE - OSAKA - Inaccessible - WAKAYAMA, located in the north-east corner of KII SUIDO afforded satisfactory conditions for landing the KOBE-OSAKA occupation force, and necessary sweeping was practicable.

(d) SHIMONOSEKI - FUKUOKA - Inaccessible.

(e) NAGOYA - Originally considered inaccessible, but careful analysis showed adequate sweeping operations were practicable.



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The town of YOKKAICHI was picked as the landing site.

(f) HIROSHIMA - KURE - Inaccessible. HIRO WAN, just east of KURE afforded satisfactory conditions for landing the HIROSHIMA-KURE occupation force, and necessary sweeping was practicable.

(g) KOCHI - No difficulties. The KOCHI landing was later transferred to MATSUYAMA which site also presented no difficulties due to mines.

(h) TSURUGA - Inaccessible.

(i) OKAYAMA - Inaccessible.

To the date of this command's relief from participation in this operation (3 October) there has been no change in the status of the inaccessible ports. It is planned to occupy these localities by overland movement from accessible ports.

FUKUOKA - SHIMONOSEKI from SASEBO - NAGASAKI,  
TSURUGA from WAKAYAMA or NAGOYA (YOKKAICHI),  
OKAYAMA from HIRO WAN.

At the earliest practicable dates, Commander FIFTH Fleet was informed of the channels and areas requiring mine clearance to permit landing operations and he was requested to direct the necessary sweeping by CominPac. No difficulty was anticipated in completing necessary sweeping prior to target dates. These dates were met for the SASEBO, NAGASAKI and WAKAYAMA landings. Difficulties experienced with mine clearance in time for later landings will be discussed below.

6. The Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force was charged with all landings made by SIXTH Army elements in its sphere of responsibility. Originally Commanders Amphibious Groups 4, 5, 8 and 14 were assigned to assist. The SIXTH Army was originally assigned troops as follows:

FIFTH Amphibious Corps -

2nd, 3rd and 5th MarDiv's and Corps troops.

FIRST Corps -

6th, 25th, 33rd and 98th Div. and Corps troops.

TENTH Corps -

24th and 41st Div. and Corps troops.

The Amphibious Group Commanders were assigned:

ComPhibGrp 4 to conduct landings of VAC troops.

ComPhibGrp 5 to conduct landings of X Corps troops.

ComPhibGrp 8 to conduct landings of I Corps troops.

ComPhibGrp 14 to act as Commander Base Group at MANILA to handle the logistics of turn around shipping, and supervise the loading of service units, rear echelons, etc.

ComPhibGrp 5 was ordered to other duty in late August and his duties were reassigned to ComPhibGrp 14. On the latter's detachment on 5 September,



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ComPhibGrp 11 was assigned to this force and took over the task of landing X Corps. The Acting Commander PhibGrp 14 was assigned duties as Commander Base Group. Prior to the actual commencement of loading of the divisions concerned, the following changes in assignments of divisions were made:

32nd Division assigned VAC vice 3rd MarDiv detached.

96th Division assigned I Corps vice 6th Division detached.

7. During the early planning stages and prior to any knowledge of the reaction of the Jap armed services to the surrender, the general conception of the operation was one of landings conducted as assaults in everything but actual firing and with gunfire and air support deployed and instantly ready. Initial landings of troops were to be across suitable beaches, to be followed up by seizure of dock areas and the unloading of service elements, equipment and stores. The necessity for mine sweeping in the vicinity of each objective prevented any question of surprise landings. Later directives provided for early announcement to Jap authorities of the dates of arrival of the occupation forces and for the presentation to these authorities of conditions to be met by the Japanese prior to the landings. Prior to the scheduled dates of any SIXTH Army landings, the temper of the Jap populace had been determined suitable to permit the wide spread travel throughout Japan of small units to investigate POW camps, and accelerated steps to evacuate all Allied POW's, Internees, etc. Incident to this plan, the first objectives of this force, viz., SASEBO, NAGASAKI, and WAKAYAMA were occupied by Naval Forces well before the arrival of occupation troops. This occupation allowed the entry of advanced parties, representing the Amphibious and troop commanders, to check Jap compliance with the stated conditions, check beach and dock conditions, arrange troop and dump areas, etc. In turn, landing plans were modified to take advantage of the changed conditions.

8. The initial allocation of shipping assigned a total of five TransRons to this force, three of which were definitely assigned (see paragraph 3) and two, to be later designated, were not expected to be available until about 20 September. Based on this, the following additional tentative schedule for landings was set up:

(a) Operation B-3 (KURE - HIROSHIMA). Target date - 22 October. Load 41st Div and 10th Corps from MINDANAO in TransRon 22 (turn around from B-2) and assigned LST's and LSM's.

(b) Operation B-4 (KOCHI) and B-5 (OKAYAMA). Target date - 25 October. Load 24th Div. from MINDANAO (2 RCT to KOCHI, 1 RCT to OKAYAMA) in TransRon 14 (turn around from B-10) and assigned LST's and LSM's.



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(c) Operation B-1 (FUKUOKA -SHIMONOSEKI). Target date - 21 October. Load 3rd MarDiv from MARIANAS to land in SASEBO in TransRon 18 (turn around from B-10) and assigned LST's and LSM's.

(d) Operation B-11 (NAGOYA). Target date - 2 October. Load 25th Div. from LINGAYEN, LUZON in TransRon to be designated and assigned LST's and LSM's. Same TransRon on turn around lift SIXTH Div. from LINGAYEN to NAGOYA (possibly 1 or more RCT's to WAKAYAMA) with target date 26 October.

(e) Operation B-1 (NAGASAKI). Target date - 6 October. Load 2nd MarDiv from MARIANAS in TransRon to be designated and assigned LST's and LSM's.

9. Detailed planning by this command and by the group commanders went forward on this basis. Prior to actual loading, the total assignment of tractor ships to this force was increased to 175 LST's and 138 LSM's to be assigned as they became available. This augmentation allowed an increase in the numbers assigned to the earlier lifts. ComFIFTHFleet arrived in MANILA in the NEW JERSEY on 21 August and remained about 10 days. This allowed close liaison with him for arranging details of minesweeping, fire and air support, and procedure in dealing with Jap authorities. His operation plan 6-45 was received on 4 September. Com5thPhibFor issued his OpPlan A1501-45 on 28 August.

10. As a result of additional shipping allocations and the availability of certain TransRons earlier than expected, considerable change in the schedule shown in paragraph 8 was possible. (This revised schedule includes the changes in divisions assigned.)

(a) TransRon 12 was assigned and became available in the MARIANAS about 10 September. By this time the 3rd MarDiv had been replaced in the VAC by the 32nd Div. This assignment and availability permitted loading the 2nd MarDiv to land at NAGASAKI with target date of 23 September which was later confirmed.

(b) TransRon 16 was assigned and became available at LEYTE about 11 September. It was detailed to operation B-3. This availability would have permitted a landing at HIRO WAN on 28 September. The Mine Force was not able to meet this advance date and an original target date of 3 October was set. Additional delays, partially chargeable to typhoon weather, caused a postponement of this landing date to 6 October.

(c) TransRon 22 was assigned to lift the 32nd Div. from LUZON to SASEBO with a target date of 15 October.



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(d) TransRon 20 was assigned to B-11 Operation. At the time the TransRon became available it appeared practicable to meet the originally assigned target date (2 October). Minesweeping difficulties caused a postponement to 7 October. At the closing date of this report, the minesweeping unit had recommended a further postponement until 14 October. No decision had been reached. An inspection of dock facilities at YOKKAICHI subsequent to the WAKAYAMA landing showed severe damage from an earth quake, and the site of the landing was transferred to NAGOYA itself.

(e) TransRon 12 on turn around was assigned to lift the 96th Div. (replacing the 6th Div.) from MINDORO to NAGOYA and WAKAYAMA with target date of 25 October.

11. In order to increase lighterage available, and to provide lift of Air Force units from OKINAWA, there were requested and assigned 110 LCT's available at that place. These were assigned 50 to SASEBO and 60 to WAKAYAMA. These LCT's made the trip to destination under own power suitably escorted by DD/DE types and tugs. After arrival at original destination, the SASEBO unit was available for partial re-assignment to NAGASAKI and to FUKUOKA-SHIMONOSEKI (when ports opened) as desirable and the WAKAYAMA unit similarly to YOKKAICHI-NAGOYA and to KURE.

12. On 14 September ComGen6thArmy embarked in AUBURN and opened SIXTH Army Command Post on board. AUBURN sailed for SASEBO via OKINAWA. After a delay of 12 hours spent dodging a typhoon, the ship arrived on 18 September. Conferences were held with ComBatRon 1 and ComCruDiv 12 and with representatives of the Mine Force. AUBURN proceeded to SASEBO on 19 September, arrived the 20th. On arrival Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA, Commander in Chief SASEBO Naval District, was received and informed of the arrangements desired to facilitate the entry and landing both at SASEBO and NAGASAKI.

13. Commander Central Occupation Force with TransRon 22 and attached tractor units arrived SASEBO on 22 September with ComGen VAC Hdqtrs. and 5th MarDiv and the scheduled landing took place in accordance with plan. ComGen5th Amphibious Corps assumed command ashore on 23 September and control of the 5th Amphibious Corps passed to ComGen6thArmy at this time.

14. AUBURN proceeded to NAGASAKI on 23 September arriving at 1100. TransRon 12 with 2nd MarDiv had arrived on schedule that morning and troops landed as scheduled and without incident. AUBURN departed NAGASAKI for WAKAYAMA at 1800, 23 September, and arrived at 1100, 25 September. Commander Eastern Occupation Force with TransRon 14 and attached tractor units with I Corps Hdqtrs. and 33rd Div. embarked, had arrived at daylight and the landing was underway and was carried out as planned. TransRon 18 and attached tractor units with 98th Div. embarked, arrived as scheduled 27 September and landed as planned. ComGenICorps



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assumed command ashore at 2000, 26 September and control passed to ComGen6thArmy at that time. ComGen6thArmy transferred his Command Post to his Hdqtrs. at KYOTO on 28 September.

15. Commander Central Occupation Force with TransRon 16 and attached tractor units with X Corps Hdqtrs and the 41st Div. embarked, departed ZAMBOANGA on 30 September. Due to the delay in the date of the HIRO WAN (KURE) landing, his group was diverted into OKINAWA. As of 3 October this group is enroute to the objective.

16. TransRon 20 and attached tractor units departed LINGAYEN between 26 September and 1 October. Due to delays in the landing date at YOKKAICHI (NAGOYA) noted above, the group was diverted to WAKAYAMA.

17. As of 3 October TransRons 12, 14, and 22 are loading for lifts as shown above.

18. In order to make troop shipping available for demobilization at the earliest practicable, all APA's and AP's were ordered released to this duty upon completion of their original lifts as assigned. TransRon 18 has been so released. TransRons 12, 14, 16, 20, and 22 less AKA's will be so released at the completion of their current lift.

19. Rear Admiral REIFSNIDER in MT. MCKINLEY arrived WAKAYAMA 29 September to take over the duties of CTF 54. Rear Admiral HALL arrived in HANSFORD on 2 October to relieve Vice Admiral HILL as Com5thPhibFor. At 0800I, 4 October, Rear Admiral REIFSNIDER took over duties of CTF 54. At 1200I, 3 October, Rear Admiral HALL relieved as Com5thPhibFor.



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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

1800 - 2400 - 14 September 1945

TG 54.20 (C.O. AUBURN - OTC) AUBURN (AGC 10), CAVALLARO (APD 128) with Com5thPhibFor (CTF 54) and ComGen6thArmy (CTF 59) embarked, departed MANILA for OKINAWA at 1806. SOA 15.5 knots.

Situation Summary: ComFIFTHFleet - OKINAWA enroute WAKAYAMA, JAPAN. ComBatRon 1 (CTF 51) - WAKAYAMA, HONSHU. ComCruDiv 13 (CTF 55) - SASEBO, KYUSHU. SASEBO Occupation Group (CTG 54.2) - HAWAII and MARIANAS enroute SASEBO. NAGASAKI Occupation Group (CTG 54.3) - MARIANAS. WAKAYAMA Occupation Group (CTG 54.6) - PHILIPPINES and enroute from HAWAII. NAGOYA Occupation Group (CTG 54.8) - PHILIPPINES. KURE Occupation Group (CTG 54.12) - PHILIPPINES. KOCHI-OKAYAMA Occupation Group (CTG 54.13) - PHILIPPINES. TG 54.23 advanced tractor group departed SAIPAN enroute SASEBO.

Weather Summary: Overcast skies. Three tenths cumulus clouds at 2000 feet, seven tenths alto-cumulus clouds at 8000 feet. Light rain during first half of period, in MANILA BAY area, with visibility averaging ten miles. Wind westerly with average velocity ten knots, and high hourly of fifteen knots. Maximum temperature 82 degrees F., minimum temperature 80 degrees F. Slight sea and a low swell.

Position: 1857 - Underway proceeding out of MANILA BAY.  
1945 - Passed Corregidor Island abeam to port.  
2000I - Position USS AUBURN  
14° 22' 08" N  
120° 29' 07" E

0000 - 2400 - 15 September 1945

TG 54.20 (USS AUBURN) changed course 90 degrees left to 302 degrees true at 2000 to avoid making further northings until receipt of additional information on the typhoon. Turned 90 degrees left to 212 degrees true at 2010 and steadied on that course. Changed course to 032 degrees true at 2245.

ComPhibGrp 11 will hoist flag in CALVERT (APA 32) on 17 September 1945. CALVERT enroute ZAMBOANGA.

Com5thFleet in NEW JERSEY enroute WAKAYAMA.

Rear Admiral DEYO hauled down flag, departed temporary duty JAPAN. Administration as ComCruDiv 13 and CTF 55 remains in SANTA FE. Captain

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FITZ, C.O. SANTA FE acting ComCruDiv 13.

ComTransRon 12 reports Com5thPhibFor for duty.

ComLSTFlot 33 in LST 1040 reports Com5thPhibFor for duty.

Weather Summary: Broken to overcast skies, with gradual clearing latter part of period, becoming scattered by 2300 ITEM. Average coverage was seven tenths with two tenths cumulus clouds at 1500 feet, and five tenths alto-cumulus and cirroform clouds over 10,000 feet. Light rain showers early evening with visibility averaging twelve miles. Prevailing wind direction east with average velocity ten knots and high hourly twenty-one knots. Maximum temperature 86 degrees F., minimum temperature 80 degrees F. Slight sea with low easterly swell. Typhoon located 17.2N. 133.8 E at 0900 ITEM moving northwest at twelve knots contains potential threat to the AUBURN.

Position: 0800I - Position USS AUBURN  
17° 04' 08" N  
119° 49' 05" E

1200I - Position USS AUBURN  
18° 05' 05" N  
120° 14' 05" E

2000I - Position USS AUBURN  
19° 45' 03" N  
121° 06' 05" E

0000 - 2400 - 16 September 1945

TG 54.20 changed course to 231 degrees true (reversing course) at 1317 to avoid typhoon. Changed course to 051 degrees true, heading towards OKINAWA at 1615.

Com5thFleet in NEW JERSEY departed WAKAYAMA 0600 for YOKOSUKA.

TG 54.21 (SASEBO Occupation Group) Transport Group ABLE (TransRon 22 (temp)) plus ASW Group departed SAIPAN enroute SASEBO.

Weather Summary: Scattered clouds early part of period, increasing to overcast mid-afternoon, then gradually dissipating, becoming clear by 2300 ITEM. Average sky coverage six tenths and two tenths of cumulus clouds at 1500 feet and four tenths alto-cumulus clouds and cirrus clouds over 10,000 feet. Few light passing showers during the day with visibility averaging twelve miles. Wind gradually backed from east to



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west-southwest with average velocity fifteen knots and high hourly twenty knots. Maximum temperature 86 degrees F., minimum temperature 82 degrees F. Moderate sea with a moderate northwesterly swell.

At 1500 ITEM typhoon located 24.8° N., 128.8° E, moving toward OKINAWA at a speed of 20 knots.

Position: 0800I - Position USS AUBURN  
20° 20' N  
120° 25' 08" E

1200I - Position USS AUBURN  
20° 50' 05" N  
123° 06' 02" E

2000I - Position USS AUBURN  
20° 55' 05" N  
123° 25' E

0000 - 2400 - 17 September 1945

TG 54.20 continued enroute to OKINAWA.

TG 54.25 tractor group BAKER (33rd Inf. Div.) departed LINGAYEN enroute WAKAYAMA.

Weather Summary: Scattered to overcast skies averaging seven tenths. Two tenths cumulus clouds at 2000 feet, five tenths cirroform clouds over 10,000 feet, and trace alto-cumulus clouds at 9000 feet. Visibility twelve miles or better. Westerly winds prevailed, veering northerly toward end of period. Velocity averaged thirteen knots with high hourly twenty-two knots. Maximum temperature 86 degrees F., minimum temperature 83 degrees F. Moderate sea with ten to twelve foot westerly swell.

Position: 0800I - Position USS AUBURN  
22° 11' 05" N  
125° 14' 00" E

1200I - Position USS AUBURN  
22° 41' 02" N  
125° 49' 00" E

2000I - Position USS AUBURN  
23° 47' 02" N  
127° 12' 05" E

At 2345I reached position - Lat. 24° - 26' N.,  
Long. 127° - 51' E.

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0000 - 2400 - 18 September 1945

USS AUBURN anchored BUCKNER BAY 0933.

TransRon 12 (2nd MarDiv) departed SAIPAN enroute SASEBO.

Effective 15 September designation Flagship Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet changed from PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38) to MISSOURI (BB 63).

Rear Admiral DEYO returned BUCKNER BAY hoisted flag SANTA FE.

ComPhibGrp 11 in CALVERT departed ZAMBOANGA 181830 ITEM. ETA BUGO 191130 ITEM.

Com5thFleet in NEW JERSEY arrived YOKOSUKA.

Vice Admiral OLDENDORF returned BUCKNER BAY and embarked in TENNESSEE.

Weather Summary: Scattered clouds in early morning becoming overcast by 0700 ITEM, remaining overcast until 1400 ITEM, which time gradual dissipation began to occur, becoming scattered by 2000 ITEM and remaining scattered. Average cloudiness seven tenths, with one tenth of cumulus clouds at 1800 feet, three tenths alto-cumulus clouds at 9000 feet, and three tenths cirroform clouds over 10,000 feet. Visibility over twelve miles. Wind veered slowly from north to east with NE being predominate direction. Average velocity ten knots, with high hourly thirteen knots. Maximum temperature 87 degrees F., minimum temperature 81 degrees F. Moderate sea with swell with a westerly direction, slight sea with low swell after entrance into BUCKNER BAY.

Position: BUCKNER BAY.

0000 - 2400 - 19 September 1945

TG 54.20 underway 0600I proceeding out of BUCKNER BAY, destination SASEBO, JAPAN.

CTF 55 (ComCruDiv 13) departed OKINAWA for SASEBO.

TG 54.24 Transport Group BAKER (TransRon 14 (temp)) (33rd Inf. Div.) departed LINGAYEN enroute WAKAYAMA.

Weather Summary: Scattered to overcast skies with average cloud coverage eight tenths. Four tenths cumulus clouds at 1500 feet, three tenths alto-cumulus clouds and alto-stratus clouds at 7500 feet, and one tenth cirro-stratus high clouds. Rain showers in the area throughout the daylight hours with visibility averaging twelve miles. Easterly



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winds prevailed with average velocity fourteen knots and high hourly of twenty knots. Maximum temperature 85 degrees F., minimum temperature 80 degrees F. Slight to moderate sea with a low easterly swell.

Position: 0800I - Position USS AUBURN  
26° 02' 03" N  
127° 45' 04" E

1200I - Position USS AUBURN  
26° 46' N  
127° 32' E  
Course 017° T

2000I - Position USS AUBURN  
28° 39' 02" N  
128° 11' 05" E  
S.O.A. 14.9 knots  
Course 014° T

0000 - 2400 - 20 September 1945

TG 54.20 continued enroute SASEBO.

TG 54.27 Tractor Group CHARLIE (98th Inf. Div.) departed SAIPAN enroute WAKAYAMA.

USS BURDO, after joining TG 54.20 for escort duty in Japanese waters, picked up eight (8) survivors at 0655 from fishing boat from TORI SHIMA, bearing 110° true, distance 11,000 yards from AUBURN.

CTG 55.10 in FLUSSER met TG 55 outside SASEBO escorted unit into SASEBO where upon arrival conferences concerning local harbor conditions were held SANTA FE. FLUSSER escorted AUBURN into SASEBO Harbor where CTF 55 and Com5thPhibFor received Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA, Commandant SASEBO Naval District and issued necessary instructions relative entry of occupation forces SASEBO and NAGASAKI. CTF 55 thereafter assumed responsibility for the entry of occupation forces SASEBO and NAGASAKI.

Arrivals: SANTA FE, BALDWIN, LAMSON, HELM, BAGLEY, AUBURN, CAVALLARO, BURDO, KLINE, SCHMITT, LST's 835, 946, 1033, PC 1080, STRAUS.

Departures: Six (6) Japanese coast defense vessels fitted as mine-sweepers to join United States minesweeping units of SASEBO.

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Weather Summary: Scattered to broken clouds with average coverage six tenths. One tenth cumulus clouds at 1800 feet, four tenths alto-cumulus clouds at 9000 feet, and one tenth high cirro-stratus clouds. Visibility averaged twelve miles. East winds prevailed, with an average velocity of nine knots and a high hourly of nineteen knots. Winds were calm in SASEBO KO during the last quarter, of the period. Maximum temperature 80 degrees F., minimum temperature 76 degrees F. Slight sea with a low easterly swell in open ocean areas.

Position: 0800I - Position USS AUBURN  
31° 46' 05" N  
129° 11' 02" E  
Course 020° T

1200I - Position USS AUBURN  
32° 19' 05" N  
129° 26' 05" E

1745I - Moored to Buoy 15 in SASEBO KO (Harbor) JAPAN.

0000 - 2400 - 21 September 1945

USS AUBURN moored to Buoy 15, SASEBO KO.

An inspection coastal areas conducted. Particular attention given areas most likely hiding place for suicide boats. No suicide boats or one man torpedoes observed in any areas, however numerous non self propelled boats observed entire area, and several craft which seemed to be fishing vessels observed KOQAUCHI URA. In EBISU WAN several similar PT boats found this area and two boats appeared type of motor launch. After inspection, appeared out of commission. Advanced parties continued inspection areas ashore and arrangements for landing. Prescribed requirements complied with and local authorities cooperating satisfactorily.

Arrivals: CONSERVER (ARS 39), LCI's 1096, 1097, 815, ROOKS (DD 804), KENNETH WHITING (AV 4), SHELKOF (AVP 52).

Departures: KLINE (APD 120), SMITH (DM23).

Weather Summary: Sky overcast throughout day with eight tenths of cumulus clouds 2000 feet, two tenths alto-stratus clouds at 8500 feet, and a trace cirro-stratus clouds over 10,000 feet. Continuous rain from 0700 ITEM to 2100 ITEM with visibility averaging six miles. Prevailing wind direction east-southeast, average velocity five knots and a high hourly of fourteen knots. Maximum temperature 78 degrees F., minimum temperature 72 degrees F. Smooth sea with no swell.



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USS AUBURN moored to buoy 15, SASEBO KO, JAPAN.

CTF 54 (Vice Admiral HILL, Com5thPhibFor) in AUBURN (AGC 10) SOPA. CTF 55 (rear Admiral DEYO, ComCruDiv 13) in SANTA FE (CL 60) administrative SOPA. Ships present, various units Task Force 54 and 55 and units of FIFTH Fleet. Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA, senior Japanese naval officer and senior Japanese military representative, is ashore. Japanese ships present; three damaged carriers, destroyers and various auxiliary small craft.

TG 54.26 Transport Group CHARLIE (TransRon 18 (temp)) (98th Inf. Div.) departed SAIPAN to WAKAYAMA.

USS WHITING (AV 4) detailed temporary post office pending arrival post office LST 48.

Tractor Group (Assigned LST's and LSM's) (41st Inf.Div. plus X Corps elements) departed ZAMBOANGA enroute to KURE.

ComPhibsPac in ELDORADO departed GUAM 220600. ETA PEARL 022000 October.

General Summary: TG 54.1 arrived SASEBO 0600. 5thMarDiv commenced landing 0900. Estimate 10,000 troops ashore by 1800. Japanese continue very cooperative. Sanitary conditions ashore very unsatisfactory. Seven large ships docked. ComPhibGrp FOUR assumed duties administrative SOPA.

Arrivals: ComPhibGrp 4 with TG 54.21; TG 54.23; TU 54.22.1; ELIZABETH C. STANTON (AP 69); GEORGE E. DAVIS (DE 357); VAN VALKENBURG (DD 656); SHANNON (DMS 25); DALY (DD 519) LCI's 504 and 606; LST 635; ELK (IX 115); LSM's 478 and 386; NUMITOR (ARC 17).

Departures: None.

Weather Summary: Sky overcast throughout day with seven tenths strato-cumulus and nimbo-stratus clouds at 1500 feet. Light rain fell from 0600 to 1000 ITEM and from 1900 to 2400 ITEM with visibility averaging seven miles. Prevailing wind direction southeast with average velocity seven knots and high hourly of fourteen knots. Maximum temperature 77 degrees F., minimum temperature 73 degrees F. Sea smooth with no swell in SASEBO Harbor.

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SHIPS PRESENT - SASEBO KO, INNER HARBOR - 1930 - 22 Sept. 1945

AGC - (AMPHIBIOUS FORCE FLAGSHIPS)

MOUNT MC KINLEY (AGC 7) (COMPHIBGRP 4) (COMGENVAC)

AUBURN (AGC 10) (CTF 59) (COM5THPHIBFOR)

APA

74 - COLUSA	81 - FALLON	233 - SEVIER
104 - WESTMORELAND	30 - T. JEFFERSON	212 - MONTROSE
109 - GRAFTON	79 - DAWSON	103 - QUEENS
137 - BOWIE	57 - GILLIAM	105 - SHELBY
175 - KARNES	177 - KINGSBURY	114 - HAMBLEN

AP

69 - ELIZABETH C. STANTON

APD

AV-14 KENNETH WHITING APD-128 CAVALLARO APD-76 SCHMITT

AVP

AVP-52 SHELKOF DM-25 SHANNON

CL

60 - SANTA FE (CTF 55) (ComCruDiv 13)

DESTROYERS

DD-605 VAN VALKENBURG DD-437 WOOLSEY DD-439 EDISON

DE-318 KIRKPATRICK DE-317 JOYCE

LSV-4 SAUGUS

PC

1080, 1260, 1210, 1231, 1171

YMS-401

LCI's

628, 504, 606

AKA's

75 - ALAMANCE 97 - MERRICK 85 - WHEATLAND

IX-115 ELK

LST's

222, 600, 634, 1082, 1039, 1122, 704, 918, 1074, 888, 830, 685, 1048,  
950, 811, 1076, 726, 800, 218, 1053, 1077, 608, 1009, 488, 845, 635, 1033.



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LSM's

111, 112, 283, 343, 344, 474, 476, 387, 440, 478, 467, 499, 386, 76, 80.

CUTER HARBOR

APA

160-DEUEL 177-KINGSBURY 49-ORMSBY 143-CLERMONT 166-FOND-DU-LAC.

AKA - 36 RENATE.

LST's

808 and 868.

0000 - 2400 - 23 September 1945

USS AUBURN moored to buoy 15 at SASEBO KO, JAPAN, with Vice Admiral HILL as CTF 54 SOPA.

TG 59.20 (C.O. AUBURN-OTC) AUBURN (AGC 10), CAVALLARO (APD 128) with Com5thPhibFor (CTF 54) and ComGen6thArmy (CTF 59) embarked, departed SASEBO for NAGASAKI.

USS AUBURN anchored in berth 9 at NAGASAKI at 0947.

Vice Admiral HILL went ashore on inspection tour; General KRUEGER went ashore on inspection tour.

TG 54.20 with Com5thPhibFor and ComGen6thArmy embarked from NAGASAKI enroute WAKAYAMA, HONSHU at 1804.

Situation Summary for SASEBO: 5th MarDiv completed disembarkation SASEBO and Commanding General assumed control ashore in assigned zone of responsibility at 1337. FIFTH PhibCorps troops commenced landing 1600 ITEM, Commanding General FIFTH PhibCorps assumed command corps elements ashore. No unrest or distrust reported. Unloading progressed satisfactorily. Detachment 5th MarDiv entered OMURA 1615 without opposition.

Situation Summary NAGASAKI: Two RCT's (about 7000 troops) began landing at 1300 with no incidents. Nine ships moved inner harbor berths and docks including one dry dock and started general unloading TransDivs 13 and 60. Evacuation shipping and fire support ships plus wrecks and damaged docks and facilities render unloading situation much less favorable than expected. ComGen2ndMarDiv issued instructions to Governor of NAGASAKI and party.

Arrivals: REYNOLDS (DE 440), BARNWELL (APA 132), CEPHEUS (AKA 18), PECOS (AO 65), TOMBIGBEE (AOG 11), NORTON SOUND (AV 11),

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LA PRADE (DE 409), WINTLE (DE 25), SELFRIDGE (DD 357),  
BALDWIN (DD 624), RALPH TALBOT (DD 390), VAN VALKEN-  
BURGH (DD 656).

Departures: LST 1076, REYNOLD (DE 440), AUBURN (AGC 10), CAVALLARO  
(APD 128), COLUSA (APA 74), FALLON (APA 81), SHANNON  
(DMS 25).

Weather Summary: Sky broken with five tenths cumulus and strato-cumu-  
lus clouds at 2000 feet, and one tenth alto-cumulus clouds at 10,000  
feet. Light rain from 0100 ITEM to 0600 ITEM with visibility for the day  
averaging twelve miles. Prevailing wind direction north-northwest with  
average velocity ten knots and a high hourly of fifteen knots. Maximum  
temperature 83 degrees F., minimum temperature 73 degrees F. Sea in har-  
bor smooth with no swell. After leaving NAGASAKI a low sea with a low  
swell.

SHIPS PRESENT - NAGASAKI - 23 September 1945

AGC

AGC 10 AUBURN (CTF 54) Com5thPhibFor

APA

129 - MCINTYRE	172 - GRIMES (CTD 60)	167 - FREESTONE
59 - AUDRIAN, M. H.	156 - MELLETTE	125 - LANIER
202 - MENIFEE	36 - CAMBRIA	203 - MERIWETHER
58 - APPLING	168 - CAGE	165 - EFFINGHAN
54 - WAYNE	155 - LYCOMING	201 - MENARD
	138 - BRAXTON	

APD

120 - KLINE	36 - GREENE	81 - TATUM
128 - CAVALLARO	75 - WEBER	

AVP-37 CORSON

AH

12 - HAVEN      17 - SANCTUARY

AKA

101 - OTTAWA	84 - WAUKESHA	57 - CAPRICORNUS
15 - ANDROMEDA	80 - TYRRELL	16 - AQUARIUS

LCI's

882 and 881



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DD's

471 - BEALE	515 - ANTHONY	386 - BAGLEY
527 - AMMEN	804 - ROOKS	423 - GLEAVES
519 - DALY	603 - MURPHY	

DE-745 SNYDER (CCD 53)

ATF-152 CAHUILLA

PC 803

LSM's

450, 441, 448

AK-113 RUTILICUS

DM-23 ROBERT H. SMITH

(BRITISH SHIPS)

HMS SPEAKER (R 314) and HMS ERNE

CL

80 - BILOXI

CA

45 - WICHITA

FS-155 (ARMY)

0000 - 2400 - 24 September 1945

TG 54.20 (USS AUBURN and USS CAVALLARO) enroute from NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, to WAKAYAMA, HONSHU.

Tractor Group (Assigned LSM's and LST's) (25th Inf. Div.) plus elements of I Corps departed LINGAYEN for NAGOYA.

Situation Summary NAGASAKI: Troops and supplies continued landing with no incidents. Three RCT's ashore plus additional division troops; total about 12,000 troops and 10,000 tons cargo. Seventeen transports at docks and berths. Inner harbor very congested. Tractor Group arrived 0830. Unloading facilities improving but traffic congestion with poor roads now determining factor.

Situation Summary SASEBO: Unloading of troops and cargo continued rapidly. 5th MarDiv patrolled outlying districts. Continued execution of assigned missions. No casualties. ComGen6thArmy assumed command of

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ground forces ashore zone of responsibility of VAC 1000 ITEM 24 September.

P D WAKAYAMA, KOBE, and OSAKA established in USCG TANEY (GGC 37).

Weather Summary: Sky broken with one tenth cumulus clouds at 2000 feet, four tenths alto-cumulus clouds at 11,000 feet, and four tenths cirro-stratus clouds at 25,000 feet. Visibility for the day averaged fifteen miles. Prevailing wind direction north with average velocity ten knots and high hourly of eighteen knots. Maximum temperature 80 degrees F., minimum temperature 76 degrees F. Smooth sea with low swell.

0000 - 2400 - 25 September 1945

TF 54.20 (AUBURN (CTU 54.20) and CAVALLARO) enroute from NAGASAKI, KYUSHU to WAKAYAMA, HONSHU.

USS CAVALLARO sunk mine at 0719 without detonating it.

USS AUBURN dropped anchor WAKANOURA WAN 1104.

WAKAYAMA Summary: WAKAYAMA Group 15 arrived objective schedule without incident enroute. Landing plan executed with H-Hour 0830I. 130 and 136 RCT's plus elements 344 ESB landed in 11 scheduled waves by 0935. Seven LST's and 21 LSM's beached at morning high water and unloaded during day. Troops scheduled for OSAKA moving by vehicles over poor road and train at rate 700 per hour. 123 RCT landed on call at 1330I, as called. Beach gradient slightly better than anticipated. LST's and LSM's can beach only at high water. Unloading totals to midnight 20,750 personnel, 2486 vehicles, 7820 tons bulk.

SHIPS PRESENT WAKAYAMA - 25 SEPTEMBER 1945

AF-29 GRAFFIAS

AGC

9 WASATCH

10 AUBURN

AKA

24 - BIRGIT

44 - SYLVANIA

87 - DUPLIN

37 - ROXANE

45 - TABORA

108 - WASHBURN

AM

109 - REQUISITE

163 - CONCISE

315 - CHIEF

111 - SAGE

218 - DESIGN

320 - IMPECCABLE

161 - CLIMAX

219 - DENSITY

341 - DEXTROUS

162 - COMPEL

220 - DEVICE

376 - PTARMIGAN



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AO-49 SUAMICO

APA

27 - GEORGE CLYMER	93 - BARNSTABLE	207 - MIFFLIN
42 - ELMOPE	110 - GRIGGS	210 - TELFAIR
52 - SUMTER	171 - GRANVILLE	217 - NEW KENT
63 - BLADEN	178 - LANDER	220 - OKANOGAN
77 - CRITTENDEN	206 - SIBLEY	234 - BOLLINGER

APD

48 - BLESSMAN	56 - LOY	128 - CAVALLARO
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ATA-201

AV-16 ST. GEORGE

AVP-40 FLOYDS BAY

BB

43 - TENNESSEE	44 - CALIFORNIA
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CGC

31 - BIBB	37 - TANEY
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CL

55 - CLEVELAND	57 - MONTPELIER	58 - DENVER
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DD

407 - FRANKFORD	601 - CHAMPLIN	776 - JAMES C. OWENS
547 - COWELL	753 - JOHN R. PIERCE	778 - MASSEY
551 - DAVID W. TAYLOR	757 - PUTNAM	782 - ROWAN
	775 - WILLARD KIETH	

DE

342 - RICHARD W. SUESSENS	369 - THADDEUS PARKER	639 - GENDREAU
343 - ABERCROMBIE	370 - JOHN L. WILLIAMSON	412 - WALTER C. WANN
365 - MCGINTY	633 - FOREMAN	

DM

24 - THOMAS E. FRASER	33 - GWIN
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FS (ARMY)

364, 174, 309

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LCI

83, 84, 86, 320, 808, 814, 818, 819, 1090, 1093, 810

LCS

32, 34, 35, 36, 94, 31, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57

LSD-14 RUSHMORE

LSM

310, 469, 273, 429, 123, 30, 62, 337, 453, 416, 384, 55, 464, 418, 52, 136, 423, 441, 272, 430, 486, 146, 378, 359, 435, 420, 412, 421, 87, 84, 152, 338, 369, 138, 117, 354, 336, 248, 367, 481, 286, 415, 483, 252, 357

LST

905, 789, 550, 873, 690, 619, 914, 708, 1045, 548, 961, 815, 768, 565, 765, 520, 776, 930, 251, 587, 718, 952, 743, 738, 943, 1138, 520, 970, 990, 1038, 817, 779, 703, 957, 812, 649, 51, 1090, 649.

LSV-1 CATSKILL

SASEBO Summary: Unloading continued satisfactorily. Boat pools for 5thPhibCorps and for fleet service activated.

Arrivals: TU 54.20.3, ComLCTFlot 21, TU 54.22.2, ComLSTGroup 14, MUMFORD (DD 389), WICHITA (CA 45), CAPE GLOUCESTER (CVE 109), TURILICUS (AK 113), STRAUSS (DE 408), COGHLAN (DD 606) SHANNON (DM 25).

Departures: KENNETH WHITING (AV 14), HELM (DD 388), SHELICKOF (AVP 52), LCS's 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, TU 54.21.2 with ComTransDiv 39 and ComTransDiv 72, TU 54.18.2, ComLSTGroup 47, TU 54.18.13, ComLSTFlot 37 with ComLSTGroup 69.

NAGASAKI Summary: CTG 54.3 became Administrative SOPA departure CTG 55.7 at 0700. CG 2nd MarDiv assumed command ashore at 0900. Landed 16,500 troops, 19,000 tons cargo. Inadequate dump areas and road congestion slowing up unloading rate but progress satisfactory. Transports 70% unloaded. LST's 50% unloaded. LSM's 90% unloaded. Setting PD up ashore with available personnel and facilities.

Arrivals: LST's 390, 828, 870, 1022; LCS's ComLCSDiv 28 in LCS 103 with LCS's 102, 104, 105, 106, 107; CORBESIER.

Departures: CTG 55.7 in WICHITA, CTG 55.5 in CAPE GLOUCESTER, MUMFORD, COUGHLIN, STRAUSS, RUTILICUS, HAVEN, WEBER, GILMER, TATUM.



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Weather Summary: Sky coverage for the day scattered with low, middle and high clouds. Visibility averaged fifteen miles. Prevailing wind direction north-northeast with average velocity fifteen knots, and high hourly of twenty-four knots. Maximum temperature for the day seventy-six degrees F., minimum temperature sixty-five degrees F. State of sea: slight sea and swell.

0000 - 2400 - 26 September 1945

USS AUBURN shifted to berth ABLE 71 in WAKANOURA WAN at 1325.

General KRUEGER, ComGen6thArmy, went ashore inspection tour.

TransRon 20 (25th Inf. Div.) plus elements of I Corps departed LINGAYEN to NAGOYA.

WAKAYAMA Summary: Troops landings and cargo unloading continued satisfactorily. Troops cumulative total ashore 31,424 as of 1800I. TransRon 14 unloaded sailed for PHILIPPINES. ComGen 33rd Inf. Div. assumed command ashore at 0900I. ComPhibGrp 8 assumed duties SOPA, Administration, at 1200I.

Arrivals: SUWANEE, BILCXI, ANTHONY, BEALE, ROCKS, VAN VALKENBURG, AMEN, DALY, MAKIN ISLAND, SANTEE, ACCOCKREL, WESSON, DOYLE, PONAGANSET, PAMANSET.

Departures: FOREMAN, SUMICO, DEXTROS, COUCAL.

NAGASAKI Summary: Continued unloading with no incidents. Total troops landed to date 18,236; cargo 25,853 tons. Ten transports remaining, average 75% completed. Port Director starts functioning 27th.

Arrivals: EAGER, EXECUTE, REFRESH, DIVITY, HAZARD, DOUR, ATA 203, PGM 31, LCI's 661, 813, 1071, S.S. GARRSBAD.

Departures: SCURRY, SHILTER, CORBESIER, LCI 881, KLINE, GRIMES, WAYNE, AQUARISU, AUDRAIN, BRAXTON, GAGE, LANIER, MCINTYRE, MELLETT, MENIFEE, MERIWETHER, SNYDER, GRAVEL, LST's 166, 481, 734, 785, 788, 953, 975, ROBERTS, LSM's 78, 94, 105, 122, 170, 227, 253, 286, 307, 309, 465, 452, 462, 466, 498.

SASEBO Summary: ComTransRon 22 with remainder of initial shipping departed for PHILIPPINES. ComGenVAC assumed responsibility for unloading at SASEBO.



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Arrivals: SCURRY (AM 304), SHELTER (AM 301)

Departures: APC 103, YTB 257, BURDO (APD 133), LCI 813, K4G13, ComTransRon 22 with four (4) APA's and 7 AKA's.

Weather Summary: Sky broken with six tenths of alto-cumulus clouds at 10,000 feet, and a few cirrus clouds at 22,000 feet. Slight haze from 1100 to 2000 ITEM with visibility averaging eight miles for the day. Prevailing wind direction east-northeast with average velocity of six knots, and high hourly of thirteen knots. Maximum temperature 75 degrees F., minimum temperature 61 degrees F. Smooth sea with no swell.

0000 - 2400 - 27 September 1945

USS AUBURN anchored as before.

WAKAYAMA Summary: WAKAYAMA Group with 98th Inf. Div. embarked in TransRon 20 and Tractor Group 389 and 391 RCT landed 0830I. Organized waves total 11,806 troops. General unloading commenced immediately following troop landing. Completed unloading 3 AKA's or TransRon 14 and sailed to LEYTE. 15 LSM's and 23 LST's unloaded and departed. For 24 hour period unloaded 14,867 troops, 989 vehicles, 6188 short tons. ComGen I Corps assumed command ashore 262000. ComGen6thArmy assumed command ashore 28th. Weather unfavorable.

Arrivals: COMPTON, GAINARD, ATR 10.

Departures: ANTHONY, BEALE, ROOKS, VAN VALKENBURG, PTARMIGAN, REQUISITE, SEER, YMS's 311, 412, 403, 407, 331, 430, LCI's 1090 and 1091, DD courier PUTNAM to OKINAWA, DUPLIN, WASHBURN, BIRGIT, HEMMINGER.

NAGASAKI Summary: Completed unloading all APA's and all AKA's except ANDROMEDA and CAPRICORNUS. Totals to date; 19,378 troops, 32,000 tons cargo. Steady light rain otherwise favorable. One case multiple felony now being investigated, otherwise quiet.

Arrivals: CORBESIER, TILLS, LST 817.

Departures: CORBESIER, EAGER, EXECUTE, REFRESH, HAZARD, DOUR, PGM 31, ATA 203, LST's 571, 887, 1073, LCI's 651, 1071, LSM's 262, 439, 441, 448, 450, LCS 104.

Weather Summary: Sky overcast with seven tenths nimbo-stratus clouds at 1500 feet, and three tenths alto-cumulus clouds and alto-stratus clouds at 7000 feet with few cirrus clouds at 22,000 feet. Continuous



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light rain from 0620 ITEM to 2400 ITEM. Visibility averaged six miles. Prevailing wind direction northeast with average velocity nine knots and a high hourly of seventeen knots. Maximum temperature 68 degrees F., minimum temperature 64 degrees F. Smooth sea with no swell.

0000 - 2400 - 28 September 1945

USS AUBURN anchored as before. SIXTH Army command post cleared AUBURN at 1200I, 28 September 1945 and opens KYOTO, HONSHU same date and hour. Rear Echelon Headquarters SIXTH Army remains SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, LUZON.

WAKAYAMA Summary: Continued unloading TransPon 18 and remaining LST's. Reserve LCT of 98th Div. landed 0730. ComGen 98th Div. assumed command ashore 281200I. Sailing of unloaded amphibious craft delayed pending indication typhoon track. Unloading for past 24 hours, personnel 1538, vehicles 334 tons, bulk 6652.

Weather Summary: Overcast sky with rain from 0200 to 0300 ITEM, with gradual clearing throughout the day, for average three tenths cumulus and strato-cumulus clouds at 2000 feet, and one tenth alto-cumulus clouds at 7500 feet. Visibility averaged twelve miles. Prevailing wind direction northeast with average velocity seven knots and high hourly fifteen knots. Maximum temperature 76 degrees F., minimum temperature 65 degrees F. Smooth sea with no swell.

0000 - 2400 - 29 September 1945

USS AUBURN shifted berth to BAKER 40 at 0928 in WAKANOURA WAN.

WAKAYAMA Summary: Unloading past 24 hours personnel 1728, vehicles 1145, bulk 12,210 short tons. Some delay in clearing lighterage on beach due shortage trucks. Empty LST's sailing. LSM's delayed pending more definite information path typhoon.

Weather Summary: Sky mostly clear with few scattered alto-cumulus clouds. Cloudiness averaged less than one tenth with bases at 9000 feet. Visibility averaged ten miles with haze observed between 0700 ITEM and 0800 ITEM. Winds variable with east-northeast prevailing direction. Average velocity four knots with a high hourly average of eleven knots. Maximum temperature 77 degrees F., minimum temperature 65 degrees F. Smooth sea with no swell.



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0000 - 2400 - 30 September 1945

USS AUBURN anchored as before.

WAKAYAMA Summary: Heavy swells stopped general unloading and required temporary dismantling of pontoon dock. TransRon 18 completed discharge. Unloading last 24 hours; personnel 5,673, vehicles 10,138, bulk 48,478 short tons. 12 LCT's departed escorted by three escorts for HIRO WAN. 15 LSM's sailed for LINGAYEN.

Weather Summary: Broken overcast skies with seven tenths alto-cumulus and alto-stratus clouds at 8000 feet and trace of cumulus clouds at 2000 feet. Visibility averaged seven miles for the period; light haze in mid-morning. Wind light and variable with east prevailing direction. Average velocity three knots with high hourly eight knots. Maximum temperature 80 degrees F., minimum temperature 71 degrees F. Sea smooth with a low swell.

0000 - 2400 - 1 October 1945

USS AUBURN anchored as before.

ComPhibGrp 12 in HANSFORD escorted by SEIVERLING departed TOKYO BAY 0830 ITEM enroute WAKAYAMA. ETA 021100 ITEM.

WAKAYAMA Summary: Heavy swells continued interrupting unloading. Totals to date; personnel 56,628, vehicles 10,138, bulk cargo 48,478 tons. TransRon 18 unloaded and departed escorted by 4 APD's. 28 LST's unescorted to LINGAYEN. 15 LSM's and 4 LST's by PC 570 and 1128 to OKINAWA. Pontoon dock to be replaced as soon as ground swells permit. CTF 51, Vice Admiral OLDENDORF in TENNESSEE (BB 43) departed WAKANOURA WAN at 2200Z. ETA YOKASUKA 2 October 2300Z.

Weather Summary: Sky overcast to scattered with seven tenths alto-cumulus and alto-stratus clouds at 9000 feet, and trace cumulus at 2000 feet. Light haze early morning with visibility averaging nine miles. Variable wind with north-northwest prevailing. Average velocity four knots with high hourly eight knots. Maximum temperature 82 degrees F., minimum temperature 74 degrees F. Slight sea with a low swell.

0000 - 2400 - 2 October 1945

USS AUBURN anchored as before.

Vice Admiral HILL paid visit to ComGen6thArmy at KYOTO. Returned aboard 1825 ITEM.



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ComPhibGrp 12 in USS HANSFORD arrived WAKANOURA WAN.

Rear Admiral SAMPLE in PBM from USS ST. GEORGE took off 0700 ITEM for local flight of eight hours duration, radius 75 miles from base. ST. GEORGE unable to contact after take off. Two planes on afternoon search until dark unable to locate plane. Com5thPhibFor took charge of search. Commanding Officer ST. GEORGE directed to conduct coordinated search beginning daylight 3 October using own facilities plus SANTEE and SUWANNEE.

Weather Summary: Scattered to overcast skies with two tenths cumulus clouds at 1800 feet, two tenths alto-cumulus clouds at 10,000 feet, and one tenth cirrus clouds at 22,000 feet. Visibility ten miles. The wind velocity varied from calm in the early morning, gradually increased throughout the day to thirty to forty knots, with gusts to forty-five knots, average twenty knots. High hourly averaged reached forty knots. Prevailing wind direction south. Maximum temperature 85 degrees F., minimum temperature 74 degrees F. Moderate to rough sea with a low swell.

0000 - 2400 - 3 October 1945

Search for Rear Admiral SAMPLE carried out with negative results.

Rear Admiral HALL (ComPhibGrp 12) relieved Vice Admiral HILL as Com5thPhibFor at 1300 ITEM.

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TASK ORGANIZATION

54 FIFTH Amphibious Force - Vice Admiral Hill

(a) Force Flagship Group - Captain Welker

AUBURN  
CAVALLARO

1 AGC  
1 APD

(b) 54.10 Air Support Control Group - Captain Parker

(c) 59 SIXTH Army - General Krueger, USA.

SIXTH Army Headquarters

59.1 V Amphibious Corps - Major General Schmidt, USMC.

V Amphibious Corps Headquarters

2nd Marine Division - Major General Hunt, USMC.

5th Marine Division - Major General Bourke, USMC.

32nd Infantry Division - Major General McBride, USA.

59.2 I Corps - Major General Swift, USA.

I Corps Headquarters

6th Infantry Division - Major General Hurdiss, USA.

25th Infantry Division - Major General Mullins, USA.

33rd Infantry Division - Major General Clarkson, USA.

98th Infantry Division - Major General Harper, USA.

59.3 X Corps - Major General Sibert, USA.

X Corps Headquarters

24th Infantry Division - Major General Woodruff, USA.

41st Infantry Division - Major General Doe, USA.



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(d) 54.1 SOUTHERN Occupation Group - Rear Admiral Reifsnider

Group Flagship - MOUNT MC KINLEY - Captain Garnet 1 AGC

54.1.10 Air Support Control Unit

59.1 V Amphibious Corps - Major General Schmidt

V Amphibious Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops

2nd Marine Division - Major General Hunt

5th Marine Division - Major General Bourke

32nd Infantry Division - Major General McBride

54.2 SASEBO Group - Commodore Jenkins

59.1.1 5th Marine Division - Major General Bourke

54.2.1 TransRon 22 (Temp) - Commodore Jenkins

54.2.11 TransDiv 64 (Temp) - Commodore Jenkins

WESTMORELAND (SF), SEVIER,  
MONTROSE, KINGSBURY, DAWSON,  
FOND DU LAC 6 APA  
MERRICK, AURELIA, SELINUR 3 AKA

54.2.12 TransDiv 72 (Temp) - Captain  
McCown

GRAFTON (F), BOWIE, KARNES,  
FALLON 4 APA  
ALAMANCE, SARITA, RENATE,  
SAPPHO 4 AKA  
SAUGUS 1 LSV

54.2.13 TransDiv 39 (Temp) - Captain  
Maynard

CUSTER (F), QUEENS, CLEREMONT,  
THOMAS JEFFERSON, HAMBLIN,  
GLIAM, SHELBY, COLUSA 8 APA  
ELIZABETH STANTON 1 AP  
WHEATLAND 1 AKA

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54.2.2 LST Flotilla 37 (Temp) - Captain Riley

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

54.2.21 LST Group 69 (Temp) - Comdr.  
Agnew

LST 222(F), 218, 488, 600,  
634, 685, 608, 704, 845,  
1009, 1053, 1074, 1076,  
1077, 1039, 1082, 1122 17 LST

54.2.22 LST Group 14 (Temp) - Comdr.  
DeForest

LST 486(F), 23, 41, 117,  
390, 652, 671, 715, 771, 450,  
828, 870, 882, 883, 1022,  
1043, 1087, 48(Post Office) 17 LST

54.2.23 LST Group 47 (Temp) - Lt. Comdr.  
Leslie

LST 918(F), 726, 800, 811,  
830, 888, 950, 1048 8 LST

54.2.24 PHILIPPINE LST Unit

LST 835, 946, 1033 3 LST

54.2.3 LSM Flotilla 5 (Temp) - Comdr.  
Carpenter

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

54.2.31 LSM Group 45 (Temp) -  
Lt. Comdr. McCoy

LSM 474(F), 49, 76, 80, 111,  
112, 387, 321, 283, 476,  
322, 343, 344, 440, 467 15 LSM

54.2.4 LCT Flotilla 21 (Temp) - Lt. Comdr.  
Gillette

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

54.2.41

54.2.42

As assigned

50 LCT



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54.2.5 TransRon 22 Control Party - Captain.  
Vensel

54.2.51

54.2.52

54.2.53

As assigned,

54.2.6 TransRon 22 Beach Party - Lt. Comdr.  
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

54.3 NAGASAKI Group - Commodore Knowles

59.1.2 2nd Marine Division - Major General  
Hunt

54.3.1 TransRon 12 (Temp) - Commodore Knowles

54.3.11 TransDiv 34 (Temp) - Commodore  
Knowles

54.3.12 TransDiv 60 (Temp) - Captain  
Meon

54.3.13 TransDiv (Temp) -

As assigned by ComTransRon 12  
from following ships, plus  
additional transport types  
which may be assigned:

GRIMES (ComTransDiv 60),  
MENIFER, MC INTYRE, WAYNE,  
MERRIWETHER, MELLETTE,  
BRAXTON, LANIER, AUDRAIN,  
APPLING, GAGE, FREESTONE 12 APA

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WAUKESHA, AQUARIUS, TYRELL,  
CAPRICORNUS, ANDROMEDA,  
OTTAWA

6 AKA

54.3.2 LST Flotilla 23 (Temp) - Captain  
Weeden

54.3.21

54.3.22

54.3.23

As assigned by ComLSTFlot 23  
from following LST's plus  
nine additional to be assigned  
when available:

LST 166, 571, 785, 788, 1058,  
1140 15 LST

54.3.3 LSM Flotilla (Temp) -

54.3.31

54.3.32

54.3.33

LSM's as assigned 20 LSM

54.3.4 LCT Flotilla (Temp) -

54.3.41

54.3.42

54.3.43

As assigned from TU 54.2.4

54.3.5 TransRon 12 Control Party -

54.3.51

54.3.52

54.3.53

As assigned

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54.3.6 TransRon 12 Beach Party -

54.3.61

54.3.62

54.3.63

As assigned

54.4 SHIMONOSEKI Group - Commodore

59.1.3 32nd Infantry Division - Major General  
McBride

54.4.1 TransRon Assigned - Commodore

54.4.11 TransDiv (Temp) - Commodore

54.4.12 TransDiv (Temp) - Captain

54.4.13 TransDiv (Temp) - Captain

54.4.2 LST Flotilla (Temp) -

54.4.21

54.4.22

54.4.23

As assigned.

54.4.3 LSM Flotilla (Temp) -

54.4.31

54.4.32

54.4.33

As assigned

54.4.4 LCT Flotilla (Temp) -

54.4.41

54.4.42

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54.4.43

As assigned from TU 54.2.4

54.4.5 TransRon Control Party -

54.4.51

54.4.52

54.4.53

As assigned.

54.4.6 TransRon Beach Party -

54.4.61

54.4.62

54.4.63

54.1.2 SOUTHERN UDT Unit - Commander HULL

Unit ABLE - Lt. Comdr. Burke

UDT 6 - Lt. Hagensen in SCHMITT

UDT 11 - Lt(jg) Wells in KLINE

UDT 13 - Lt. Faire in BURDO

3 APD

54.1.3 SOUTHERN Pontoon Unit - Lt. Jacobs

(Pontoon Barges and Causeways assigned)

54.1.4 SOUTHERN Service Unit -

KINGMAN (on reporting)

1 APB

CABILDO (until detached about 30 Sept.)

1 LSD

54.1.5 SOUTHERN Control Party - Commander Sylvester

(TransRon Control Parties as assigned)

PC(C) 803, 1080, 1231, 1260

4 PC(C)

PC 1171, 1210

2 PC



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54.1.6 SOUTHERN Beach Party Group - Lt. Comdr. Nelson

Control craft assigned

54.1.7 SOUTHERN Escort and Screening Vessels - Captain  
Benson

DesDiv 25

WOOLSEY (F), GLEAVES, EDISON, ERICSSON,  
NIBLACK 5 DD

CortDiv 22 less POOLE, PETERSON

KIRKPATRICK, HARVESON, JOYCE 3 DE

54.1.17 Port Director Units -

(As assigned)

54.1.18 Garrison Beach Parties -

(As assigned)

54.1.19 Garrison Boat and Barge Pools -

(As assigned)

(e) 54.5 EASTERN Occupation Group - Rear Admiral Noble

54.5.1 Group Flagship - WASATCH - Captain  
Ringle 1 AGC

54.5.2 Group Flagship Screen - 1 APD

54.5.10 Air Support Control Unit - Commander  
Spangler

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Units as listed under Task Groups  
54.6, 54.7, 54.8 and 54.9

SIXTH Army Headquarters

59.2 I Corps - Major General Swift

I Corps Headquarters

6th Infantry Division - Major General Hurdis

25th Infantry Division - Major General Mullins

33rd Infantry Division - Major General Clarkson

98th Infantry Division - Major General Harper

54.6 WAKAYAMA Group BAKER - Rear Admiral Noble

SIXTH Army Headquarters

I Corps Headquarters

33rd Infantry Division - Major General Clarkson

54.6.1 TransRon 14 (Temp) - Commodore Ryan

54.6.11 TransDiv 40 (Temp) - Commodore Ryan

GEORGE CLYMER (F), LANDER,  
BOLLINGER, GRIGGS 4 APA  
GOLDEN CITY 1 AP  
DUPLIN 1 AKA

54.6.12 TransDiv 33 (Temp) - Captain  
Haight

ELMORE (F), SUMTER, TELFAIR,  
GRANVILLE 4 APA  
TABORA, BIRGIT 2 AKA

54.6.13 TransDiv 38 (Temp) - Captain  
Welch

BARNSTABLE (F), NEW KENT, MIFFLIN,  
SIBLEY 4 APA  
WASHBURN 1 AKA  
RUSHMORE 1 LSD



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54.6.14 TransDiv 56 (Temp) - Captain Heard

OKANOGAN (F), CRITTENDEN,  
BLADEN 3 APA  
SIDONIA, SYLVANIA 2 AKA  
CATSKILL 1 LSV

54.6.2 Tractor Unit BAKER - Captain Tiemroth

LC(FF) 426(F) 1 LC(FF)

54.6.21 LST Flotilla 34 (Temp) - Captain  
Tiemroth

LC(FF) 994 (ComLSTFlot 21) 1 LC(FF)  
LST 587 (ComLSTGrp 61), LST  
822 (ComLSTGrp 68), LST 739  
(ComLSTGrp 46), LST 1138 (Com-  
LSTGrp 101), LST 134, 520, 524,  
548, 550, 612, 619, 649, 690,  
708, 716, 753, 758, 765, 768,  
769, 779, 812, 821, 815, 873,  
883, 874, 877, 880, 892, 905,  
909, 913, 914, 930, 943, 952(H),  
957, 961, 970, 990, 1019, 1024,  
1038, 1045, 1090, 1096, 1104,  
1110, plus four to be later  
assigned 53 LST  
LST 776 (Brodie) 1 LST  
(Brodie)

54.6.22 LSM Flotilla 12 (Temp) - Lt. Comdr.  
Dineen

LC(FF) 486(F) 1 LC(FF)  
LSM 102 (ComLSMGrp 26), LSM 116  
(ComLSMGrp 34), LSM 384 (Com-  
LSMGrp 44), LSM 420 (ComLSMGrp  
36), LSM 30, 55, 62, 114, 117,  
119, 120, 123, 136, 146, 152,  
249, 272, 273, 276, 289, 292,  
336, 337, 338, 341, 354, 357,  
358, 359, 367, 369, 378, 415,  
416, 418, 421, 423, 429, 430,  
435, 453, 464, 469, 481, 483 45 LSM

54.6.3 Beach Party Unit BAKER - Comdr. Graff

PhibGrp 8 Beach Company ABLE, TransRon 14  
Beachmaster and subordinate echelons.

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54.6.4 UDT Unit BAKER - Captain Williams

UDT #17 in BIESSMAN (F)	3 UDT
UDT #3 in IRA JEFFREY	3 APD
UDT #5 in WILLIAM HOEBY	

54.6.5 LCT Unit BAKER - Lt. Comdr. Cross

<u>Unit Flagship</u> - LC(FF) 533	1 LC(FF)
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LCT's as assigned	60 LCT
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54.6.6 Control Unit BAKER - Commander Peterson

PCE 872 (F)	1 PCE
PCS 1460	1 PCS
PC 1125, 1127, 1136, 1251 (less two to be later designated)	2 PC
SC 628, 712, 1281, 1312 (less two to be later designated)	2 SC

54.6.7 Screen Unit BAKER -

BARBER, REGISTER, TOLLBERG, CHARLES LAWRENCE, D.T. GRIFFIN, LOY, BASSETT, OSMOND INGRAM (less two to be later designated)	6 APD
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54.6.9 Pontoon Barge and Causeway Unit BAKER -

Barges and causeways as assigned

54.7 WAKAYAMA Group CHARLIE - Rear Admiral Noble

98th Infantry Division - Major General Harper

54.7.1 TransRon 18 (Temp) - Commodore Moyer

54.7.11 TransDiv 52 (Temp) - Commodore  
Moyer

BURLEIGH, BOTTINEAU, ALLENDALE	3 APA
JOHN LAND	1 AP
ELECTRA, TROILUS	2 AKA

54.7.12 TransDiv 45 (Temp) - Captain  
Sabalot



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LOGAN, COTTLE, DREW, LAURENS 4 APA  
LENOIR 1 AKA

54.7.13 TransDiv 57 (Temp) - Captain  
Galpin

LATIMER, BUCKINGHAM,  
CALLAWAY 3 APA  
CAPE JOHNSON 1 AP  
WINSTON 1 AKA

54.7.2 Tractor Unit CHARLIE - Captain Sampson

LST Flotilla 13 (Temp) - Captain Sampson

LST 341(F), 118, 610, 620, 624, 860,  
865, 868, 968, 978, 1047, 1078, 1088,  
1089, 1102, 1130 16 LST  
LST 50 (Post Office) 1 LST  
(P.O.)

LSM Flotilla 15 (Temp) - Comdr. Bailey

LC(FF) 569 1 LC(FF)  
LEM 43, 44, 92, 140, 141, 143, 211,  
261, 293, 386, 394, 437, 438, 444,  
468 15 LSM

54.7.6 Control Unit CHARLIE

PCE 872(F) 1 PCE  
PC 592, 1185 2 PC  
As assigned 3 PC-PCS-SC

54.7.7 Screening Unit CHARLIE

LUDLOW, LIVERMORE, PLUNKETT, KEARNEY 4 DD  
PETERSON, POOLE 2 DE

54.8 NAGOYA Group - Rear Admiral Noble

25th Infantry Division - Major General Mullins

54.8.1 TransRon 20 (Temp) - Commodore Graff

As organized by ComTransRon 20 from  
following ships:

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MONTOUR (ComTransRon 20), DU PAGE  
(ComTransDiv 63), ARENAC (ComTrans-  
Div 68), OXFORD, JAMES O'HARA, NATRONA,  
AUDUBON, PRES. HAYES, PICKENS, MC CRACKEN,  
KNOX, JERAULD, HENDRY, GALLATIN, DUTCHESS 15 APA  
TREGO, WHITLEY, VALENCIA, RANKIN,  
PROCYON, ALMAACK 6 AKA

54.8.2 NAGOYA Tractor Unit - Captain

LST's as assigned

54.8.3 NAGOYA Beach Party Unit - Commander Graff

PhibGrp 8 Beach Platoon A-1  
TransRon 20 Beachmaster and subordinate  
echelons

54.8.4 NAGOYA UDT Unit -

UDT #17 in BLESSMAN (F) 3 UDT  
UDT #3 in IRA JEFFREY 3 AFD  
UDT #5 in WILLIAM HOBBY

54.8.5 NAGOYA LCT Unit -

As assigned from TU 54.6.5 30 LCT

54.8.6 NAGOYA Control Unit - Commander Petersen

PCE 872(F) 1 PCE  
Other vessels as assigned

54.8.7 NAGOYA Screening Unit -

As assigned

54.8.9 NAGOYA Pontoon Barge and Causeway Unit -

As assigned

54.9 First Reinforcement Group - Rear Admiral Noble

6th Infantry Division - Major General Hurdis

54.9.1 First Reinforcement Transport Squadron -  
Commodore

TransRon assigned



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54.9.2 First Reinforcement Tractor Unit - Captain

LST's as assigned

54.9.3 First Reinforcement Beach Party Unit -  
Commander Graff

PhibGrp 8 Beach Platoon A-2  
TransRon Beachmaster and Subordinate  
echelons

54.9.4 First Reinforcement UDT Unit -

UDT #17 in BLESSMAN (F)	3 UDT
UDT #3 in IRA JEFFREY	3 APD
UDT #5 in WILLIAM HOBBY	

54.9.5 First Reinforcement LCT Unit -

As assigned from TU 54.6.5

54.9.6 First Reinforcement Control Unit -

As assigned.

54.9.7 First Reinforcement Screening Unit -

As assigned.

54.9.9 First Reinforcement Pontoon Barge and  
Causeway Unit -

As assigned.

DORCHESTER, VANDENBURG (when assigned)

(f) 54.11 Central Occupation Group - Rear Admiral Rodgers

Group Flagship - CALVERT - Commander WARRIS 1 RAGC

54.10.3 Air Support Control Unit - Comdr. Bragg

59.3 X Corps - Major General Sibert

X Corps Hdq. and Corps Troops

(As listed under SIXTH Army)

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54.12 KURE Group - Commodore McGovern

59.3.1 41st Infantry Division - Major General  
Doe

54.12.1 TransRon 16 (Temp) - Commodore  
McGovern

54.12.11 TransDiv (Temp)

54.12.12 TransDiv (Temp)

54.12.13 TransDiv (Temp)

As organized by ComTrans-  
Ron 16 from following ships:

CECIL (ComTransRon 16),  
RUTTARD (ComTransDiv 47),  
TALLADEGA (ComTransDiv  
48), DEUEL, DARKE,  
LENAWEE, HIGHLANDS, ST.  
MARYS, BOSQUE, MISSOULA,  
DICKENS, DAUPHIN, SHERBURNE,  
GASCONADE, BOTETOURT 15 APA  
TOLLAND, YANCEY, WHITE-  
SIDES, PAMINA, MEDIA,  
LIBRA, SIRONA, TODD 8 AKA

54.12.2 KURE Tractor Unit

LST's and LSM's assigned

54.12.3 KURE Control Unit

2 PC-SC types as assigned 2 PC-SC

54.12.4 KURE Pontoon Causeway and  
Barge Unit

Pontoon Causeway and Barge  
Units as assigned

54.12.6 KURE Beach Party Unit

54.12.7 KURE Port Director Unit

54.13 KOCHI Group - Commodore



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59.3.2 24th Infantry Division less 1 RCT -  
Major General Woodruff

54.13.2 KOCHI Transport Unit - Commodore

(TransRon assigned less  
designated TransDiv)

54.13.21 TransDiv Assigned

54.13.22 TransDiv Assigned

54.13.24 TransDiv Assigned

54.13.3 KOCHI Tractor Unit

LST's and LSM's as assigned

54.13.4 KOCHI Control Unit

2 PC-SC types as assigned

2 PC-SC

54.13.5 KOCHI Pontoon Causeway and  
Barge Unit

Pontoon Causeway and Barge  
Units as assigned

54.13.7 KOCHI Port Director Unit

54.13.8 KOCHI Beach Party Unit

54.13.1 OKAYAMA Unit - Captain.

59.3.21 1 RCT from 24th Infantry  
Division - Brig. Gen. Cort

54.13.11 OKAYAMA Transport Unit -  
Captain

54.13.23 TransDiv Assigned - Captain

54.13.12 OKAYAMA Tractor Unit

LST's and LSM's assigned

54.13.13 OKAYAMA Control Unit

1 PC - SC type as  
assigned

1 PC-SC

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54.13.14 OKAYAMA Pontoon Causeway  
and Barge Unit

Pontoon Causeway and  
Barge Units as assigned

54.13.16 OKAYAMA Beach Party Unit

54.13.17 OKAYAMA Port Director Unit

54.11.1 Central Escort Unit

Escorts as assigned

54.11.2 Central UD Unit

APD's and UD Teams as assigned

(g) 54.14 Anti-submarine Warfare Group - Captain Perkins

KASAAN BAY

1 CVE

CortDiv 53 less BRIGHT, McCLELLAND

SNYDER (F), HEMMINGER, TILLS, ROBERTS

4 DE

(h) 54.15 Base Group - Captain Leahy

H. T. ALLEN

1 AG

(i) 54.20 to 54.29 Movement Groups



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List of ships and commands under CTF 54 participating in the operation.

(A) Ships assigned which have arrived JAPAN on or before 3 October 1945:

MOUNT McKINLEY (AGC 7)(PhibGrp4)	CALLAHAN (APA 35)
AUBURN (AGC 10) (5thPhibFor)	BUCKINGHAM (APA 141)
WASATCH (AGC 9) (PhibGrp 3)	CAPE JOHNSON (AP 172)
WESTMORELAND (APA 104)(CTD 64)(CTR 22)	CAMBRIA (APA 36) (CTR 12)
MONTROSE (APA 212)	GRIMES (APA 172) (CTD 60)
FON DU LAC (APA 166)	MELLETTE (APA 156)
SEVIER (APA 233)	MERRIWETHER (APA 203)
KINGSBURY (APA 177)	ANDROMEDA (AKA 15)
DAWSON (APA 79)	OTTAWA (AKA 101)
MERRICK (AKA 97)	AUDRAIN (APA 59)
SELINUR (AKA 41)	APPLING (APA 58)
AURELIA (AKA 23)	BRAXTON (APA 138)
GRAFTON (APA 109) (CTD 72)	LANIER (APA 125)
KARNES (APA 175)	WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
BOWIE (APA 137)	WAYNE (APA 54)
FALLON (APA 31)	GAGE (APA 168)
ALAMANCE (AKA 75)	FREESTONE (APA 167)
RENATE (AKA 36)	AQUARIUS (AKA 16)
SARITA (AKA 39)	MENARD (APA 201)
SAPPHO (AKA 38)	M. H. MCINTYRE (APA 129)
SAUGUS (LSV 4)	MENIFEE (APA 202)
CUSTER (APA 40) (CTD 39)	TYRELL (AKA 80)
CLERMONT (APA 143)	CAPRICORNUS (AKA 37)
HAMBLIN (APA 114)	LYCOMING (APA 155)
SHELBY (APA 105)	GEO. CLYMER (APA 27)(CTR 14)(CTD 4)
QUEENS (APA 103)	LANDER (APA 178)
THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA 30)	BOLLINGER (APA 234)
GILLIAM (APA 57)	ELMORE (APA 42) (CTD 33)
COLUSA (APA 74)	SUMTER (APA 52)
WHEATLAND (AKA 85)	TELFAIR (APA 210)
E. C. STANTON (AP 69)	BARNSTABLE (APA 93) (CTD 38)
BARNWELL (APA 132)	NEW KENT (APA 217)
CEPHEUS (AKA 18)	MIFFLIN (APA 207)
BURLEIGH (APA 95)(CTR 18)(CTD 52)	OKANOGAN (APA 220) (CTD 56)
ALLENDALE (APA 127)	CRITTENDON (APA 77)
BOTTINEAU (APA 235)	BLADEN (APA 63)
JOHN LAND (AP 167)	GRIGGS (APA 110)
ELECTRA (AKA 4)	DUPLIN (AKA 87)
TROILUS (AKA 46)	GRANVILLE (APA 171)
LOGAN (APA 196) (CTD 45)	TABORA (AKA 45)
DREW (APA 162)	BIRGIT (AKA 24)
COTTLE (APA 147)	SIBLEY (APA 206)
LAURENS (APA 153)	WASHBURN (AKA 108)
LENOIR (AKA 74)	ROXANE (AKA 37)
LATIMER (APA 152) (CTD 57)	SYLVANIA (AKA 44)
RUSHMORE (LSD 16)	CATSKILL (LSV 1)

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Escorts

WOOLSEY (DD 437)	LUDLOW (DD 438)
CLEAVES (DD 423)	LIVERMORE (DD 429) (CDD 26)
EDISON (DD 439)	PLUNKETT (DD 431)
NIBLACK (DD 424)	KEARNEY (DD 432)
SCHMITT (APD 76)	SNYDER (DE 745) (CCD 53)
KLINE (APD 120)	HOOPY (APD 95)
BURDO (APD 133)	ROBERTS (DE 749)
JOYCE (DE 317)	ELIIS (DE 748)
CAVALLARO (APD 128)	OSMOND INGRAM (APD 35) (CTD 102)
KIRKPATRICK (DE 318)	LOY (APD 56)
HARVESON (DE 316)	TOMBERG (APD 103)
ERICSSON (DD 440)	BLESSMAN (APD 48)
GEORGE E. DAVIS (DE 357)	IRA JEFFERS (APD 44)
PETERSON (DE 152)	HEIMINGER (DE 746)
POOLE (DE 151)	BASSETT (APD 73)
PC 1231      PC 1171	PC 1185      PC(E) 872      SC 628
803      1210	PCS 1460      PC 1127
1080      592	PC 1260      SC 1312

LSM's

LC(FF) 628 (ComLSMFlot 5)	49	44	448	466	272	378
LC(FF) 504 (ComLSTFlot 37)	76	92	450	103	273	415
LC(FF) 399 (ComLCTFlot 21)	80	140	307	286	276	416
LC(FF) 790 (ComLSTFlot 23)	111	141	309	30	289	418
LC(FF) 569 (ComLSMFlot 15)	321	143	439	55	292	421
LC(FF) 994 (ComLSTFlot 21)	112	211	94	62	336	423
LC(FF) 486 (ComLSMFlot 12)	283	261	170	114	337	429
LC(FF) 533 (ComLCTFlot 39)	322	293	78	117	338	430
LC(FF) 426 (ComLSTFlot 34)	343	386	253	119	341	435
LSM 474 (LSMGrp 45)	344	394	227	120	354	453
498 (LSMFlot 16)	387	437	465	123	357	464
116 (LSMGrp 34)	440	438	263	136	358	469
420 (LSMGrp 36)	467	444	462	146	359	481
102 (LSMGrp 26)	476	468	452	152	367	483
384 (LSMGrp 44)	43	441	122	249	369	

LCT's

629	1121	870	1139	1080	1086	959	980	675	1211
634	1402	1221	1140	1156	1124	960	981	676	1214
684	741	1230	1146	1157	1125	972	893	677	1247
685	742	1056	1196	1158	1136	973	894	678	1249
562	743	1136	1170	1159	1192	974	668	679	1250
788	825	1195	1012	1160	1194	975	1063	716	1283
789	840	751	591	1162	955	976	1065	717	1285
1257	826	1126	589	1315	954	1064	1066	718	1380
1082	868	1127	783	839	956	977	784	895	1219
566	867	1137	859	841	957	978	672	894	1220
1258	869	1138	1077	1085	958	979	673	853	896





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TALLADEGA (APA 208) (CTD 48)  
MISSOULA (APA 211)  
HANOVER (AKA 73)  
CABILDO (LSD 14)  
DIPHDA (AKA 59)  
STOKES (AKA 68)

WHITLEY (AKA 91)  
RANKIN (AKA 103)  
DUTCHESS (APA 98)  
ACHERNAR (AKA 53)  
ALCHIBA (AKA 6)

Escorts

CHARLES LAWRENCE (APD 37)  
D. T. GRIFFIN (APD 38)  
SC 1281  
PC 1125  
LC(FF) 788 (ComLSTFlot 5)

REGISTER (APD 92)  
BARBER (APD 57)  
PC 1251  
LC(FF) 571 (ComLSMFlot 13)

LST's

1040 (ComLSTFlot 33)  
492 524  
880 824  
909 354  
913 810  
1110 758  
1018 669  
643 809  
1080 942

633 1120 (ComLSTGrp 96)  
687 777  
927 787  
949 933  
585 1025  
1049 1027  
1091 1045

LSM's

204 (ComLSMGrp 2)  
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JAPANESE SURRENDER DOCUMENTS

- References: (a) Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers General Order Number 1 (Military and Naval).  
(b) Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers Directive Number 2, dated 5 September 1945.
- Enclosures: (A) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet Serial A0004 dated 28 August 1945.  
(B) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet Serial 00116 dated 6 September 1945.  
(C) Plain dispatch 071011 from FLTOSCAP to Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
(D) Plain dispatch 101223 from Commander FIFTH Fleet (Commander Task Group 50) to Army Radio Tokyo.  
(E) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Japanese CINC, SASEBO Naval District dated 20 September 1945.  
(F) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Japanese CINC, SASEBO Naval District dated 20 September 1945.  
(G) Memorandum 1 from CINC, SASEBO Naval Station to Commander Landing Forces at SASEBO Area (Admiral DEYO, Commander Cruiser Division 13) dated 20 September 1945.  
(H) Restricted dispatch 210125 from Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force to Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
(I) Letter from CINC, SASEBO Naval Station to Rear Admiral DEYO dated 21 September 1945.  
(J) Letter from Commander Cruiser Division 13 dated 21 September 1945 to CINC, SASEBO Naval Station (Vice Admiral R. SUGIYAMA).  
(K) Plain dispatch 222342, CTF 55 to Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
(L) Plain dispatch 241359 from CTF 55 to Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
(M) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet Serial 00123 dated 12 September 1945.  
(N) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to CINC, SASEBO Naval District, dated 20 September 1945.  
(O) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter (Suggested Radio Message) to CINC, SASEBO Naval District, dated 21 September 1945.  
(P) Plain dispatch 221227, from Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force to Commander Cruiser Division 13.



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- (Q) Plain dispatch 301000 from CTG 52.7 to Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.
- (R) Plain dispatch 010535 from Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force to CINC, KURE Naval Station.
- (S) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet, Serial A0011 dated 2 September 1945.
- (T) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet, Serial 00124 dated 12 September 1945.
- (U) Plain dispatch 010106 from Commander Amphibious Group 8 to Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.
- (V) Plain dispatch 010658 from CTF 51 to Commander Amphibious Group 8.

The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers by means of References (a) and (b) directed the surrender of all Japanese Armed Forces by the Emperor. In general their directives call for the cessation of hostilities at once, the laying down of arms, and the unconditional surrender to Commanders acting in behalf of the Allied Powers as prescribed.

In order to safeguard the entry of elements of the FIFTH Amphibious Force in the various occupation areas additional requests were made to Commander FIFTH Fleet and the Commanders of the various Japanese Naval Districts as follows.

SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area

On 28 August and on 6 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force forwarded to Commander FIFTH Fleet, suggested requirements to be transmitted to the Japanese government prior to the entry of amphibious forces in the SASEBO and NAGASAKI areas (Enclosures (A) and (B)). On 7 September the Fleet Liaison Officer for the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers informed Commander FIFTH Fleet that CINC SASEBO would coordinate entry of amphibious units in the FIFTH Fleet area of responsibility. (Enclosure (C)).

On 10 September Commander FIFTH Fleet sent a plain dispatch to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers at Tokyo requesting that the Japanese Government be notified of the arrival of Admiral HILL, Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force and General KRUEGER, Commanding General SIXTH Army at SASEBO on 17 September and stipulating certain requirements in connection therewith (Enclosure (D)). These stipulations were in general based on information contained in Enclosure (A).

On 20 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force forwarded to the Japanese Commander in Chief, SASEBO Naval District certain additional information relative to the arrival of occupation units at SASEBO and NAGASAKI (Enclosure (E)) and issued special instructions to insure the safe and orderly entrance and landing of occupation forces at SASEBO



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(Enclosure (F)). The CINC, SASEBO Naval Station by Memorandum dated 20 September 1945 informed the Commander of Landing Forces at SASEBO (Admiral DEYO, Commander Cruiser Division 13) of the compliance with current directives from Allied Powers (Enclosure (G)).

On 21 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force informed Commander FIFTH Fleet that substance of Serial 00123 (Enclosure (M)) had been given to CINC, SASEBO for transmission to CINC, KURE. On 21 September CINC, SASEBO Naval Station informed Admiral DEYO by letter (Enclosure (I)) that the provisions enumerated in Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force instructions of 20 September (Enclosure (E)) had been accomplished with minor exceptions. These exceptions pertained to use and movement of Japanese craft and vessels in the harbor area and did not impede landing operations. (Attached to Enclosure (I) is a memorandum from a Division of Cruiser Division 13).

On 21 September (Enclosure (J)) Commander Cruiser Division 13 acknowledged receipt of the letter from CINC, SASEBO Naval Station (Enclosure (I)) and answered all inquiries about craft and vessels contained therein. He also permitted movement of fishing vessels in accordance with policy of Supreme Commander for Allied Powers and permitted movement of ships as requested in Memorandum 1 (Enclosure (H)).

At 1730 on 20 September Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA and members of his staff boarded the flagship of Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force (U.S.S. AUBURN) at anchor in SASEBO KO and informed Admiral HILL, Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force that all instructions to date for the occupation of SASEBO had been complied with within the means available. The requested charts, maps, etc. were delivered and subsequently sent to Commander Cruiser Division 13. Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA likewise offered all facilities at his disposal for the furtherance of an orderly occupation.

On 21 September Vice Admiral ABE, Commandant SASEBO Naval Base and Major General KOHO, Vice Chief of Staff Western Army District boarded flagship of Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force to pay their respects, to reiterate full compliance with all current directives and offering full cooperation as requested. This party later boarded the flagship of Landing Force Commander and received special instructions relative to the landing of the VAC units in SASEBO-NAGASAKI area. CTF 55 then informed Commander FIFTH Fleet of full compliance with landing and occupation terms (Enclosure (K)).

On 24 September CTF 55 reported to Commander FIFTH Fleet that an inspection of Japanese ships and craft in SASEBO area indicated full compliance with surrender terms (Enclosure (L)).



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HIRO WAN Area (KURE-HIROSHIMA)

On 12 September 1945 Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force submitted a letter to Commander FIFTH Fleet with suggested requirements for transmittal to the Japanese Government prior to the entry of forces in the HIRO WAN Area, estimated to be 28 September and later changed to 6 October 1945. (Annex (M)). These suggestions were similar in scope to those submitted for the SASEBO-NAGASAKI Area. Nothing to indicate FIFTH Fleet action on this request was received in dispatch form.

On 20 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force delivered by hand to Vice Admiral SUGIYAMA on board U.S.S. AUBURN special instructions for compliance in order to insure safe and orderly entrance and landing of occupation forces at HIRO WAN. (Enclosure (N)). These instructions were for the most part a repetition of those contained in Enclosure (M).

Based on the assumption that mail service from SASEBO to KURE via Japanese means would be slow of delivery Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force on 21 September requested that the substance of the letter of 20 September which was delivered to CINC, SASEBO Naval District be forwarded via radio message (Enclosure (O)).

On 22 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force requested Commander Cruiser Division 13 (Rear Admiral DEYO) to inform CINC, SASEBO Naval District that there would be a delay of a few days in proposed landing at HIRO WAN (Enclosure (P)).

On 26 September CTF 51 informed Commander FIFTH Fleet by Confidential dispatch 260234 that SIXTH Army was directing the X Army Corps to land security forces at HIRO and recommended that Naval Intelligence Teams be sailed to enter HIRO WAN with Amphibious Group 11 and land at the Navy Yard with the security force. Commanding General SIXTH Army by plain dispatch 261155 directed Commanding General X Corps to secure the KURE Naval Yard with a minimum of one Infantry Battalion by ship to shore movement and to accommodate the Naval Intelligence Team as above indicated.

On 30 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force received a dispatch (Enclosure (Q)) from Commander Task Group 52.7 stating that all surrender terms as previously submitted had been complied with. When Fox day was postponed to 6 October the restriction on movements of Japanese surface units in the area was modified by dispatch. (Enclosure (R)).

KOBE-OSAKA-NAKAYAMA Area

On 2 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force forwarded to Commander FIFTH Fleet suggested requirements to be included in the demands made upon the Japanese Government prior to entry of amphibious forces in



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the subject area, then estimated as 25 September for KING Day (Enclosure (S)). No communication was received by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force indicating that subject suggestion was forwarded to the Japanese Government.

With the relief of the THIRD Fleet by FIFTH Fleet and the subsequent appointment of Vice Admiral OLDENDORF as Commander of Naval Forces in the original area of responsibility of Commander FIFTH Fleet, all details concerning compliance with References (a) and (b) were assumed by CTF 51.

In order to check on the fulfillment of special surrender terms Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force directed an inspection party embarked on two APD's to arrive in the area on K-2 day and to inspect the area on K-1 day. This force reported directly to Commander Amphibious Group 8 as to their findings.

YOKKAICHI-NAGOYA Area

On 12 September Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force forwarded to Commander FIFTH Fleet suggested requirements to be included in the demands made upon the Japanese Government prior to entry of amphibious forces in the subject area, then estimated to be 7 October for MIKE Day (Enclosure (T)). No communication has been received by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force indicating what action was taken by Commander FIFTH Fleet in this matter.

On 30 September a Japanese delegation headed by Rear Admiral YOKAI reported to Commander Amphibious Group 8 and made assurance that provisions for occupation were being complied with for the YOKKAICHI Area.

On 1 October Commander Amphibious Group 8 requested by dispatch that the provisions of Enclosure (T) be made applicable to NAGOYA (Enclosure (U)). CTF 51 later in the day directed Commander Amphibious Group 8 by dispatch to conduct all discussions in this requested charge with local Japanese representatives (Enclosure (V)).

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28 August 1945

From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
To : Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
Subject: Requirements to be Transmitted to the Japanese Government  
Prior to Entrance into the SASEBO Area.

1. It is recommended that the following requirements be included in the demands made upon the Japanese Government by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces prior to entry of this Force into the SASEBO area:

(a) Vessels and small boats in SASEBO KO will be disposed as follows:

(1) All vessels, barges, and small craft capable of navigating the channel shall be transferred to OMURA WAN.

(2) All other vessels and self-propelled craft shall be moored in EBISU WAN southeast of the line joining KUKI SAKI and OSAKI YAMA or in HARIO SETO south of latitude 33 04 30.

(3) All other non self-propelled craft will be moored in the Boat Basin in the northeast corner of the inner harbor.

(4) All one-man torpedoes shall be hoisted out of the water and the warheads removed.

(b) Defense installations on all islands covering the approach to SASEBO, all other coast defense and anti-aircraft installations and all weapons on board naval and merchant vessels will be rendered inoperative as follows:

(1) Fully depress all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over.

(2) Remove breech-blocks from all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over and deliver same to the custody of the Commandant, SASEBO Naval Base.

(3) Turn into the custody of the Commandant, SASEBO Naval Base all weapons of whatever nature less than 70 MM caliber.

(c) Commandant, SASEBO Naval Base, will make available personnel and services as hereinafter prescribed and at such times and places thereafter as may be directed by ComFIFTHFleet or his authorized representatives for the prompt settlement of all matters requiring attention:

(1) Provide senior representatives on board the flagship of Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force and/or Commander Southern Occupation Group



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through whom orders, instructions, etc., may be transmitted. Said representatives shall be prepared to come aboard at first light on A-Day.

(2) Provide eight pilots, with interpreters as necessary, to meet and board designated vessels on A-Day and thereafter as required by the Senior United States Naval Commander present. These pilots will be equipped with complete charts showing all defenses, mine-fields, aids to navigation, etc.

(3) Reestablish all aids to navigation.

(4) Designate a frequency and man a voice radio circuit at the Naval Base Headquarters for the purpose of intercommunications between commands afloat and the Commandant of the Naval Base.

(5) Members of the General Staffs of the Superior Headquarters exercising command and control of ground, air, and naval forces in the SASEBO Area will be made available for conferences with representatives of the FIFTH Fleet as later prescribed.

(6) On A-Day

a. Provide ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese and Japanese operated shipping anchored in SASEBO KO, OMURA WAN and of craft in the Boat Basin.

b. Provide fifty copies of corrected charts of SASEBO KO, and the approaches thereto.

c. Provide fifty copies of local terrain maps showing all defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.

d. Provide adequate motor transport, interpreters and guard for the safe conduct of an inspection party designated by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force which will insure that the provisions provided herein have been rigidly complied with.

(d) Prior to and during the occupation phase forces of the Allied Powers will/may take the following measures:

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- (1) United Nations aircraft will conduct daylight and night surveillance flights over the area.
- (2) United Nations air forces will drop supplies to the United Nations' Prisoners of War and Internee Camps and places of detention.
- (3) United Nations Naval Forces will occupy the coastal waters around SASEBO.
- (4) United Nations Naval Forces will commence mine-sweeping operations in the area on A-5 day.
- (5) In the above duties all such forces and units will be unmolested.

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From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
To : Commander FIFTH Fleet.

Subject: Requirements to be Transmitted to the Imperial Japanese Government Prior to Entrance into the NAGASAKI area.

1. It is recommended that the following requirements be included in the demands made upon the Imperial Japanese Government by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces prior to entry of this Force into the NAGASAKI area:

- (a) Reestablish all aids to navigation.
- (b) Clear harbor of all obstructions possible prior 26 September. Appropriately buoy all obstructions that will hinder navigation prior to 24 September.
- (c) Prior 1200I, 25 September all vessels and barges shall be moved to the southern section of NAGASAKI KO and anchored or moored in area commonly known as 4th District.
  - (1) All other small craft shall be cleared of the harbor areas in the vicinity of all docks, quays or other large craft landings and anchorage areas. Such of these craft that are not moored in the 4th District area of NAGASAKI KO shall be moored inside of URAKAMI GAWA, NAKASHIMA GAWA, DOZA GAWA, or MATSUGAE GAWA under Japanese supervision in order to prevent their operation until authorized by the SOPA.
  - (2) All one-man torpedoes shall be hoisted out of the water and the warheads removed.
- (d) Instructions will be issued and enforced, prohibiting movement of any waterborne craft, day or night, in, or in approaches to NAGASAKI KO from 1200I, on day before scheduled landing until such restrictions are lifted by SOPA.
- (e) NAKASAKI Harbor Area to be prepared as follows:
  - (1) All harbor space will be cleared of all shipping, trash and floating debris.
  - (2) All docks, piers and warehouses thereon will be cleared for possible use.
  - (3) All cranes and other unloading gear which can be put into operating condition will be serviced and made available for use.
  - (4) Dry docks will be opened and cleared.

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- (f) Defense installations on all coasts and islands covering approaches to NAGASAKI KO, including anti-aircraft installations, and all weapons on board naval and merchant vessels will be rendered inoperative as follows:
- (1) Fully depress all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over.
  - (2) Remove breech-blocks from all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over and deliver same to the custody of the Commandant, SASEBO Naval District, or his designated representative.
  - (3) Turn in to the custody of the Commandant, SASEBO Naval District, or his designated representative, all weapons of whatever nature less than 70 MM caliber.
  - (4) All magazines and other explosive storages will be locked and securely guarded by competent authority.
  - (5) Remove camouflage from all guns, pill boxes, emplacements and other fortifications. A coat of white paint or white-wash shall be applied to all such installations where practicable to make them plainly visible from the air and sea.
- (g) Commandant, SASEBO Naval District, will make available personnel and services as hereinafter prescribed and at such times and places thereafter as may be directed by ComFIFTH-Fleet, or his authorized representatives, for the prompt settlement of all matters requiring attention.
- (1) Provide senior representatives on board the flagship of Commander Southern Occupation Group through whom orders, instructions, etc., may be transmitted. Said representatives shall be prepared to come aboard on the day before scheduled landing. Landing date is now tentatively set as 26 September.
  - (2) Provide eight pilots, with interpreters as necessary, to meet and board designated vessels on date set by Commander Southern Occupation Group and thereafter as required by the Senior United States Naval Commander present. These pilots will be equipped with complete charts showing all defenses, minefields, aids to navigation, etc.
  - (3) Members of the General Staffs of the Superior Headquarters exercising command and control of ground, air, and naval forces in the SASEBO Area will be made available for



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conference with representatives of the FIFTH Fleet as  
later prescribed.

(4) On the day before scheduled landing:

- a. Provide ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese  
and Japanese operated shipping anchored in NAGASAKI KO.
- b. Provide fifty copies of corrected charts of NAGASAKI KO,  
and the approaches thereto.
- c. Provide fifty copies of local terrain maps showing all  
defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.
- d. Provide adequate motor transport, interpreters and guard  
for the safe conduct of an inspection party designated  
by Commander Southern Occupation Group or Commanding  
General FIFTH Amphibious Corps which will insure that  
the provisions provided herein have been rigidly com-  
plied with.

(h) Prior to and during the occupation phase forces of the Allied  
Powers will/may take the following measures:

- (1) United Nations aircraft will conduct daylight and night  
surveillance flights over the area.
- (2) United Nations air forces will drop supplies to the United  
Nations' Prisoners of War and Internee Camps and places  
of detention.
- (3) United Nations Naval Forces will occupy the coastal waters  
around NAGASAKI.
- (4) United Nations Naval Forces will commence minesweeping  
operations in the area on A minus - day.
- (5) In the above duties all such forces and units will be  
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ENCLOSURE (B)

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PRIORITY

TO FACILITATE YOUR ENTRY INTO SASEBO AND YOUR CONTROL OF NAVAL VESSELS  
IN YOUR AREA JAPANESE NAVY HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE CINC SASEBO COORDINATE  
PORTS FROM KURE MAIZURU AIZURI AND OSAKA DISTRICTS X CHIEFS OF STAFFS  
OF THESE DISTRICTS WILL PROCEED TO SASEBO AND BE PRESENT AT ANY DISCUS-  
SIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH JAPANESE NAVY AREA X REQUEST BE KEPT INFORMED  
OF PLAN OF ENTRY IN ORDER TO PASS INFO TO JAPANESE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS  
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ENCLOSURE (C)



REQUEST JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BE NOTIFIED VICE ADMIRAL HILL COMMANDER 5TH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE AND GENERAL KRUEGER COMMANDING 6TH ARMY IN AUBURN WILL ARRIVE SASEBO 1700 20 SEPTEMBER X TO INSPECT ON FOLLOWING DAY PREPARATION FOR LANDING OF OCCUPATION FORCE ON 22 SEPTEMBER X REQUEST

PILOT MEET AUBURN AT ENTRANCE SASEBO KO ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE JAPANESE OFFICIAL WITH FOLLOWING X 10 COPIES OF LISTS OF ALL JAPANESE SHIPPING IN SASEBO KO, OMURA WAN AND BOAT BASIN X 50 COPIES OF CORRECTED CHARTS OF SASEBO KO AND APPROACHES SASEBO X 50 COPIES OF LOCAL

TERRAIN MAPS SHOWING ALL DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS ROADS AND BRIDGES X IN ADDITION TO COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PERTINENT PROVISIONS SURRENDER TERMS ALREADY PRESCRIBED DESIRE FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN BY JAPANESE PRIOR GENERAL KRUEGER AND VICE ADMIRAL HILLS ARRIVAL X (A) MOVE ALL VESSELS

BARGES AND SMALL CRAFT IN SASEBO KO CAPABLE OF NAVIGATING CHANNEL TO OMURA WAN X (B) MOVE ALL OTHER VESSELS AND SELF PROPELLED CRAFT IN SASEBO KO TO ELISU WAN SOUTHEAST OF A LINE JOINING KARI SAKI AND OSAKI YAMA OR TO HARIO SETO SOUTH OF CABLE LINE X (C) MOVE OTHER NON SELF

PROPELLED CRAFT TO BOAT BASIN IN NORTHEAST CORNER OF INNER HARBOR X (D) MAN VOICE RADIO CIRCUIT AT NAVAL BASE HEADQUARTERS AND DESIGNATE FREQUENCY FOR INTERCOMMUNICATION BETWEEN COMMANDS AFLOAT AND COMMANDER NAVAL BASE X (E) PROVIDE MOTOR TRANSPORT INTERPRETERS AND POLICE

OFFICIALS FOR SAFE CONDUCT INSPECTION PARTY XX

## ORIGINATOR

## ACTION

## INFORMATION

COM5THFLT (CTF 50)

ARMY RADIO TOKYO

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WITH SUPREME COMMANDER  
ALLIED POWER/COM5THPHIB  
FOR/COMPHIBGRP 4/CTF 51/  
CTF 55/

ENCLOSURE (D)

COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
Care of Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

20 September 1945

Sir:

You are informed herewith that incident to the entry of ships of this Force into SASEBO KO and NAGASAKI KO that among other preparations the following will be accomplished:

1. Destroyer type ships will anchor in harbors of SASEBO and NAGASAKI on 21 and 22 September respectively. From these ships, inspection parties will land at various locations for the purpose of ascertaining the conditions of docks, piers, ramps, and other possible landing positions. Demolition exercises may be carried out by these parties.
2. For the landing at SASEBO, a group of Transports and Landing Craft with their escorts, under command of Rear Admiral REIFSNIDER, U. S. Navy, will arrive at Latitude 29°30'N Longitude 129°30'E at 0300, 22 September. The group will proceed from the above point to the entrance to SASEBO KO arriving at 0600, then enter and land occupation troops at the Naval Base and at the Naval Air Base. Landings will commence about 0800.
3. For the landing at NAGASAKI, a group of Transports and Landing Craft, with their escorts, under command of Commodore KNOWLES, will arrive off the entrance at 0600, 23 September 1945. Designated vessels will proceed to docks and buoys in the inner and outer harbors and proceed with the landing which will commence about 0800.

H. W. HILL,  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

The Japanese Commander in Chief,  
SASEBO Naval District.

ENCLOSURE (E)



COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
Care of Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

20 September 1945

Sir:

In addition to compliance with all pertinent provisions of the surrender terms already prescribed, the following special instructions will be complied with in order to insure the safe and orderly entrance and landing of occupation forces at SASEBO.

1. Vessels and small boats in SASEBO KO will be disposed as follows:

- (1) All vessels, barges, and small craft, other than tugs, and their small tenders, capable of navigating the channel shall be transferred to OMURA WAN.
- (2) All other vessels and self-propelled craft, not specifically exempt by the Senior Officer Present Afloat, shall be moored in EBISU WAN southeast of the line joining KUKI SAKI and OSAKI YAMA or in HARIO SETO south of Cable Line.
- (3) All other non self-propelled craft will be moored in the Boat Basin in the northeast corner of the inner harbor.
- (4) All operable Japanese tugs will be retained in SASEBO KO for use in docking United States vessels.

2. All vessels and barges, other than operable tugs, in NAGASAKI shall be moved to the southern section of NAGASAKI KO and anchored or moored in area commonly known as 4th District.

- (1) All other small craft shall be cleared of the harbor areas in the vicinity of all docks, quays or other large craft landings and anchorage areas. Such of these craft that are not moored in the 4th District area of NAGASAKI KO shall be moored inside of URAKAMI GAWA, NAKASHIMA GAWA, DOZA GAWA, or MATSUGAE GAWA under Japanese supervision in order to prevent their operation until authorized by the Senior Officer Present Afloat.

3. Instructions issued and enforced, prohibiting movement of any unauthorized waterborne Japanese craft, day or night, in, or in approaches to SASEBO KO from 1200/I, on 21 September and in NAGASAKI KO from 1200/I on 22 September until such restrictions are lifted by Senior Officer Present Afloat.

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4. Harbor Areas of NAGASAKI and SASEBO to be prepared as follows:

- (1) All harbor space will be cleared of all shipping, trash, and floating debris.
- (2) All docks, ramps, piers, will be cleared for possible use.
- (3) All cranes, and other unloading gear which can be put into operating condition will be serviced and made available for use.
- (4) Dry docks will be opened and cleared.

5. Man a voice radio circuit on 2000 Kilocycles at the SASEBO Naval Base Headquarters for the purpose of intercommunications between commands afloat and the Commandant of the Naval Base. Communications to be carried on in English.

6. For entry in SASEBO, four pilots, with interpreters, as necessary shall be available to Commander Southern Occupation Group to meet his ships off the entrance to SASEBO KO at about 0630I on 22 September. These pilots will be transported from the Number ONE Landing SASEBO via ships' boat to the U.S.S. BURDO (APD 133) thence via the U.S.S. BURDO to the flagship of Commander Southern Occupation Group in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC 7), at a position  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles bearing  $285^{\circ}$  true from KOGO SAKI light, to report and receive further assignments. The ships' boat will leave the Naval Station Landing at 0430I on 22 September 1945.

7. For entry into NAGASAKI, pilots, with interpreters, as necessary, shall be available to Commander NAGASAKI Group to meet U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA 36) off of NAGASAKI KO at 0600I on 23 September. Transportation to be furnished via ships' boat from DEJIMA Pier NAGASAKI departing at 0430I thence via U.S.S. KLINE (APD 120) to ships designated by Commodore KNOWLES, Commander NAGASAKI Group.

- (1) The senior pilot will be provided with the following for distribution as directed by Commander NAGASAKI Group.
  - (a) Ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese and Japanese operated shipping anchored in NAGASAKI KO.
  - (b) Fifty copies of corrected charts of NAGASAKI KO, and the approaches thereto.



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(c) Fifty copies of local terrain maps showing all defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.

8. Provide a senior representative to report to Commander Southern Occupation Group in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC 7) at about 0600/I, 22 September 1945 off the entrance to SASEBO KO. The representative to be embarked in the U.S.S. BUEDO (APD 133) along with pilots mentioned above in paragraph 6.

9. Provide motor cars, interpreters and guards for the safe conduct of inspection parties designated by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force in separate letter.

10. It is directed that prior to 1800/I, 21 September 1945, the Commander in Chief, SASEBO Naval District deliver to Rear Admiral DEYO in the U.S.S. SANTA FE his written certification in English that the conditions set forth in paragraphs 1, 3, and 4, as pertain to SASEBO, have been met. For NAGASAKI, a similar report covering conditions set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 will be submitted to the aforesaid officer or his designated representative, prior to 1800/I on 22 September 1945. If there are any exceptions to full compliance, these exceptions will be listed in detail, with the reasons for non-compliance. Thereafter, all matters pertaining to Naval Forces will be referred to Rear Admiral DEYO or his designated representative in the SASEBO and NAGASAKI areas.

H. W. HILL,  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

The Japanese Commander in Chief,  
SASEBO Naval District.

THE SASEBO NAVAL STATION

MEMORANDUM 1.

20th, September 1945.

The Commander-in-Chief of  
the Sasebo Naval Station  
Vice-Admiral R. Sugiyama

To the Commander for Landing Forces at Sasebo Area.

We may be allowed to beg compliance to the following  
Proposals.

1. Setting aside of the Hario Naval Barracks (accommodation; approx. 4,000) for the accommodation of the following personnel:

- A. Naval Police (in the Sasebo Naval Base Area-2,500 men on the 20th inst.)
- B. Personnel to be engaged in the circumnavigation of vessels from the Kure and Maizuru Naval Bases. (vessels-82 personnel-4,500 men).

2. The Sasebo Commercial Port continued use of.

The above-named port serves as a receiving depot for fresh provisions for the citizens of Sasebo, as a central port in the sea-traffic to Goto, Oshima and Matsushima, and as the sewage disposal point for the city.

(Population of Sasebo on the 15th inst.-166, 642)  
(Fresh provision supply per day-38 tons)  
Daily shipping traffic-4 ships of approx. 30 tons each)

Note: We have already obtained the understanding of Rear Admiral Deyo on the 16th, Sept., 1945, concerning this subject.

3. The use of the following communication facilities:

- A. The Hario Transmitting Station, under the control of the Sasebo Communication Corps
  - Short-Wave Transmitting Sets-6
  - Long-Wave Transmitting Sets--1

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- B. 7 Portable Short-Wave Transmitting Sets (now in storage in the Naval Store Dept) for use at the Mamba Branch Wireless Station (location, peak of surrounding hill in suburbs) in case the above proposal can't be granted.
- C. In either case, the installation of 12 receiving sets (to be taken from the stock of the Naval Store Dept.) at the new location of the Sasebo Naval Headquarters.

4. All official lists of installations, ordnance, general supplies, etc. have been compiled as of 31st August and submitted to the Minister of the Navy. The copies of these lists have been set aside for your inspection.

Any discordance between the figures as listed and the actual stock at the time of delivery shall be understood as being due to the consumption of food and provisions, fuel, everyday articles and to the movement of vehicles, such consumption and movement being effected only when regarded as absolutely necessary for the adequate administration of Post-Hostilities affairs and to our own subsistence.

Full explanation of discordances shall be given at the time of delivery.

5. The Naval hospitals in Sasebo-Nagasaki Area, which are being used at present, are as follows. And I beg your understanding previously, that to move the patients in these hospitals to civil ones is difficult, because the cities are poorly accommodated with hospitals.

1. Ureshino Naval Hospital accommodates all navy and civil patients of Sasebo.  
(beds: 950, patients: 500)
2. Isahaya Naval Hospital accommodates civil patients.  
(beds: 700, patients: 150)
3. Omura Naval Hospital accommodates civil patients. Especially infectious patients. (dysentary and those wounded from atomic-bomb).  
(beds: 1,500, patients: 300).

Note:1. Sasebo and Kawatani mutual relief association clinics and Kaijinkai hospital belongs to a foundation juridical person and we intent to set it aside for civilian use.

2. We wish to hold at least Ureshino Naval Hospital as our naval hospital.

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SUBSTANCE BY SERIAL 00123 OF 12 SEPT SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS ENTRY  
HIRO WAN HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CINC SASTBO FOR TRANSMISSION TO CINC  
KURE FOR ACTION BASED ON F DAY OF 28 SEPT IF PROGRESS MINESWEEP-  
ING PERMITS X TO INSURE ACCOMPLISHMENT REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT INFO  
THIS SERIAL TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT X

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CTF 51



COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
SASEBO NAVAL STATION

21st September 1945.

Sir:

We beg to inform you that we have already carried out all the instructions regarding SASEBO given us on 20th Sept. 1945, by Vice Admiral Hill excepting the below-mentioned matters:-

1. 6 coast defense ships to be employed in minesweeping are now being equipped at AINOURA.
2. 5 transportation boats are now moored at the Number Two Landing SASEBO.
3. 16 mine-sweeping ships and other boats are now engaged in sweeping off SASEBO KO in obedience to your instructions.
4. 4 oil-barges to supply oil to the above-mentioned mine-sweeping crafts are moored in EBISU BAY.
5. The 150-ton craft is moored in the SUKUIGA URA.  
(We are unable to move just at present, having no proper buoys over there).
6. The following stranded ships are in a difficult situation to refloat:-
  - 1 junk with engine at OSE northeast of BENTEN ZIMA.
  - 2 subteranean transportation cylinders at MAEHATA Beach.
  - 1 small sized oiler at MAEHATA Beach.
  - 7 LCP type crafts at MAEHATA Beach.
  - 1 Mud-scow at MAEHATA Beach.
  - 2 wooden flat-bottomed ships at MAEHATA Beach.

R. Sugiyama,  
Vice Admiral,  
Commander in Chief,  
SASEBO Naval Station.

Rear Admiral Deyo,  
U.S. Navy.

ENCLOSURE (1)

DESTROYER SQUADRON FIVE,  
20 September 1945.

MEMORANDUM to: Admiral Doyo.

Subject: SASEBO.

1. Enclosure contains a list of prominent local Naval Officers whose assignment has been ascertained.
2. The following matters will require attention within the next 24 hours:
  - A. There are eight operable tugs in the small craft basin adjacent to the harbor master's office to the eastward of the rectangular "Basin". These ships normally have employed this area as a base. All would have been taken to Omura-Wan on the 19th or 20th except for the fact that I authorized the harbor master to retain them here, temporarily, where I feel they will be desired to assist in docking or moving ships. The harbor master will expect an answer from higher authority on whether or not to put these tugs in the Omura-Wan on the 21st. Once all tugs are in Omura-Wan I estimate it would take a day to get them all back to Sasebo.
  - B. There are four crane ships in Ebisu-Wan. All have been and are operable. One, capacity 150 tons, 3 capacity 30 tons. I estimate these cranes can be returned to Sasebo in about 24 hours. I recommend that they be brought back now and placed in the small craft basin adjacent to the harbor master's office where they have been normally moored. It would appear to me such would be very useful to our forces occupying Sasebo.
  - C. There is a fifth crane ship, of 6,000 ton displacement, capacity crane 350 tons. This crane ship is not presently operable. I am informed it could be made so if desired. (It was bombed) At present it is located in the next cove south of Ebisu-Wan and moored to a buoy especially designed for this ship and in this location. The Japanese have informed me that it can not be safely moored in Ebisu-Wan because there is no buoy or other means available there to safely secure it. So far as I can see this crane ship may as well remain where it is now at least until some provisions can be made for properly securing it at Ebisu-Wan.
  - D. The question of the Japanese mine sweepers working for us using Ainoura as a mine sweeping base I have referred to Captain Farrow. The location of this is outside Sasebo Harbor. Captain Farrow has informed me that it might be possible he would want them to use this location as an anchorage but that he would take care of the matter after



looking into it further.

- E. The Japanese and I understand that the area along the shore line well to the eastward of both basins was authorized as a location in which to moor miscellaneous Japanese small craft. Colonel Wensinger has stated that he intends to use it as an LST landing beach and that the Japanese craft should not be there. He has not seen it nor has he seen any other proposed area for beaching LST's. There are many of these. Consequently he should ascertain whether or not he can use it before the Japanese are ejected from a previously authorized area. In connection with this matter Colonel Wensinger stated to me that he was going to look over some of the proposed LST beaches on the 20th but he could not possibly look at them all. He further stated there were beach masters and other investigating parties due here on the 20th whose sole duties were not only to determine where to put LST's but all other kinds of landing craft, and assault shipping.

3. I requested Japanese pick up trash and garbage. This has been complied with and SOPA instructions issued in the matter.

4. I was informed at 0840, 20th, that the 150 ton crane ship referred to above had gone aground in Ebisu-Wan during typhoon. It has not been cleared and no estimate was obtainable as to when it would be. The harbor master again confirmed the impracticability of anchoring the 350 ton crane ship in Ebisu-Wan and requested that it remain in its present location.

5. The harbor master made an additional request today. There are approximately 19 operable small steam launches which he uses in approaching ships, in mooring and other utility work. These are now in Ebisu-Wan. He requests we consider returning them to Sasebo in view of the general utility uses and especially requests that he be allowed to keep five of these.

6. There is reported to be five signal stations in and around Sasebo. All in perfect condition except for telephones. Apparently this city was severely bombed though only on two or three occasions. Several square miles of it is flat. Consequently a great reduction in any telephone service must necessarily have resulted.

7. This city is thoroughly regimented. Almost every small boy of six years and up are in uniform, though unarmed. Hundreds of children both boys and girls are clearing up debris everywhere. The girls apparently march to and from areas of work and do it as if they have received military instructions also.

8. One, according to the Japanese, building only in vicinity of Navy Yard is considered desirable for club or lodging facilities. It is large, spacious, has many rooms and was formerly used by the Japanese as

a club for their Naval Officers and for transient officers. It was being cleaned up for our use on the 19th. It is about 3/4 of a mile from the dock. According to Japanese standards it is quite luxurious. The only immediate difficulty in its use is that it has a horrible odor. Furniture is in the office space and lounge.

Very respectfully,

F. D. McCORMLE,  
Captain, U. S. Navy,  
Commander Destroyer Squadron FIVE.



JAPANESE MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES - SASEBO AREA

Vice Admiral R. SUGIYAMA - Port Admiral of Sasebo, Nagasaki, and Omura.

Rear Admiral K. ISHII - Chief of Staff, Sasebo Naval Station.

Rear Admiral HAYASHI - Commandant Sasebo Naval Base.

Captain N. TAKAHASHI - Vice Staff Officer, Sasebo Naval Station.

Captain NAKANO - Staff Officer, Sasebo Naval Station.

Captain M. SHIMIDZU - Harbor Master Sasebo.

Captain KENJI YADA - Naval Constructor, Sasebo.

Commander M. UMEZAKI - Staff Officer, Communications

Colonel F. TKUO - Military Police

T. TAKEWAKA - Chief of Internal Affairs Section of Nagasaki Prefecture

TAKIO OZAWA - Secretary to the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION THIRTEEN  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

21 September 1945

Vice Admiral R. Sugiyama,  
Commander in Chief,  
Sasebo Naval Station.

Sir:

1. This is to acknowledge your communication of 21 September 1945.
2. Referring to paragraphs 1 and 3, these minesweeping craft are operating under the direction of Captain H. Farrow, U. S. Navy, in U.S.S. SHANNON (DM-25), who will issue the necessary instructions to them. They are permitted to receive oil from the barges in Ebisu Bay. The U. S. Naval Port Director should be notified in each case when they enter for this purpose.
3. The other items mentioned in your letter are satisfactory for the present.
4. Rear Admiral Hayashi mentioned the subject of fishing vessels. In accordance with the policy of the Supreme Commander Allied Powers, fishing vessels will be permitted to operate in and out of Sasebo Harbor. They will only be permitted however, at present, to leave and enter the harbor during daylight. Should any occasion arise necessitating entry or departure during darkness, special written permission will be obtained from the Port Director in each case. These craft must also observe courteous behavior and good sea manners and must not interfere with the movements of U.S. vessels.
5. Regarding paragraph 3 of Vice Admiral Hill's letter to you dated 20 September, the restrictions will be lifted for authorized waterborne Japanese craft for Sasebo at daylight September 23, and for Nagasaki at daylight September 24.
6. With regard to your Memorandum No. 1 of 20 September addressed to the "Commander for Landing Forces", permission is granted to operate the ships mentioned (four ships of approximately 30 tons each) commencing daylight 23 September. These ships will be expected to observe the same procedure as prescribed for fishing vessels above.
7. Your list of ships in the Sasebo - Omura Wan Area contains 169 Shinyo (Special Attack Boats). I wish to have the exact location of these craft with a note of any which may now be in operating condition.
8. Are there Kaitens (One Man Torpedoes) present in this area? If so, what is their exact location?

Copies to:

Vice Admiral Hill  
Rear Admiral Reifsnider  
Captain McCorkle  
Captain Farrow

M. L. Deyo,  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy.

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WESTERN JAPAN FORCE SUMMARY 22 SEPT X RECEIVED ASSURANCES VADM  
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C/C HEDPEARL/ALL TFC'S  
AND TGC'S 5THFLT



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Serial 00123

COMMANDEER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
Care of Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

12 September 1945

~~SECRET~~ **CONFIDENTIAL**

From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
To : Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
Subject: Requirements to be Transmitted to the Imperial Japanese Government Prior to Entrance into HIROSHIMA-KURE Area, via HIRO WAN.

1. It is recommended that the following requirements be included in the demands made upon the Imperial Japanese Government by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces prior to entry of this Force into the HIROSHIMA-KURE Area via HIRO WAN on Fox Minus Two day.

- (a) Reestablish all aids to navigation.
- (b) All vessels and small craft in HIRO WAN and AKI NADA within a radius of 10 miles of HIRO WAN light shall be disposed of prior to FOX minus 2 days as follows:
  - (1) To be anchored or beached in OKUNO UCHI.
  - (2) All one-man torpedoes in the KURE District shall be hoisted out of the water and the warheads removed.
- (c) Clear all shipping from AKI NADA and prohibit movement of any waterborne craft, day or night, within 5 miles of restricted area in AKI NADA and west of 132°-45'E Longitude, from 1200/I FOX minus-two day, until such restrictions are lifted by SOPA.
- (d) Defense installations on all coasts and islands covering approaches to BUNGO Channel and thereon to HIRO WAN, including anti-aircraft and all weapons on board Naval and merchant vessels will be rendered inoperative as follows:
  - (1) Fully depress all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over.
  - (2) Remove breech-blocks from all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over and deliver them to the custody of the Commandant, KURE Naval District, or his designated authority.
  - (3) Turn in to the custody of the Commandant, KURE Naval District, or his authorized representative, all weapons of whatever nature less than 70 MM caliber.

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- (4) All magazines and other explosive storages will be locked and securely guarded by competent authority.
  - (5) Remove camouflage from all guns, pill boxes, emplacements and other fortifications. A coat of white paint or whitewash shall be applied to all such installations where practicable to make them plainly visible from the air and sea.
  - (e) The HIRO Area will be prepared for unloading operations as follows:
    - (1) Beach areas cleared of all mines, obstructions, etc.
    - (2) Docks, piers, and ramps shall be cleared and cleaned up for possible use. All cranes and other gear suitable for use in unloading operations shall likewise be made ready for possible use.
  - (f) Commandant, KURE Naval District shall make available personnel and services as hereinafter prescribed and at such times and places thereafter as may be directed by Com5th Fleet or his representative for the prompt settlement of all matters requiring attention.
    - (1) At 0800 on FOX minus TWO day, provide pilot to report in U.S.S. AUBURN (AGC 10) at a point 8 miles south of SADA MISAKI.
    - (2) On arrival AUBURN (AGC 10) about 1500 on FOX minus TWO Day, the Commandant of KURE Naval District provide own transportation, and with assistants as required, report aboard the Flagship of Com5thPhibFor anchored in HIRO WAN. The Commandant KURE shall at this time report on the accomplishment of the requirements imposed by The Supreme Commander Allied Powers and other responsible authorities.
    - (3) Provide senior Representative with Interpreters, if necessary, to board USS HOBBY (APD 95) upon arrival HIRO about 1500/I, on FOX minus 2 Day and report to the designated representative of Commander Central Occupation Group for the purpose of arranging details for inspection parties on FOX -1 Day. These representatives shall



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be thoroughly familiar with the areas, both sea and land, and be provided with boats, maps, charts, reports, etc., as necessary to assist in the inspection of the defences and harbor facilities.

- (4) Provide five pilots, with Interpreters, as necessary, to report to Rear Admiral Rodgers in CALVERT (APA 32) at a point 8 miles south of SADA MISAKI at 0830 on FOX minus ONE day with the following:
- a. Ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese and Japanese operated shipping and all small craft docked or anchored in the HIRO WAN area.
  - b. Fifty copies of corrected charts of HIRO WAN and HIRO Harbors.
  - c. Fifty copies of KURE-HIRO WAN terrain maps, showing all military and naval establishments, defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.

On FOX minus TWO day, pilot meeting Flagship of Com5th PhibFor provide two each of the above listed items.

- (5) On FOX minus ONE day, provide adequate boats, motor transport, guides, interpreters, and guards for the safe conduct of an inspection party designated by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force, which will insure that the provisions provided herein have been complied with.
- (6) Designate a frequency and man a voice radio circuit at the Naval Air Station HIRO Headquarters for the purpose of intercommunications between commands afloat and the Commandant of the Station. All transmissions to be in English.
- (g) It is further requested that the appropriate Imperial Japanese authorities be advised that prior to and during the occupation phase, forces of the Allied Powers will/may take the following measures and that during these activities they shall not be molested by any Japanese activity:

ENCLOSURE <sup>66</sup>M<sup>12</sup>

COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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- (1) United Nations' aircraft will conduct daylight and night surveillance flights over the BUNGO SUIDO, and the HIROSHIMA-KURE-HIRO Area.
- (2) United Nations' Air Forces will drop supplies to the United Nations' Prisoners of War and Internee Camps and places of detention, as necessary.
- (3) United States Naval Forces will operate in or occupy the coastal waters of BUNGO SUIDO and the Inland Sea.
- (4) United Nations' Naval Forces will commence minesweeping operations in the area on FOX minus \_\_\_\_\_ day.

H. W. HILL

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20 September 1945

Sir:

In addition to compliance with all pertinent provisions of the surrender terms already prescribed, the following special instructions will be complied with in order to insure the safe and orderly entrance and landing of occupation forces at HIRO WAN.

1. Prior to entry of this Force into the HIROSHIMA - KURE area via HIRO WAN on 26 September:

- (a) All vessels and small craft in HIRO WAN and AKI NADA within a radius of 10 miles of HIRO WAN light shall be disposed of prior to 26 September as follows:
  - (1) To be anchored or beached in OKUNO UCHI.
- (b) Clear all shipping from AKI NADA and prohibit movement of any waterborne craft, day or night, within 5 miles of restricted area in AKI NADA and west of 132° - 45'E Longitude, from 1200I, 26 September, until such restrictions are lifted by Senior Officer Present Afloat.
- (c) Render all possible assistance to the senior U. S. Naval Commander in charge of minesweeping of BUNGO SUIDO and approaches to HIRO WAN.
- (d) Prepare the HIRO area for unloading operations as follows:
  - (1) Beach areas cleared of all mines, obstructions, etc.
  - (2) Docks, piers, and ramps shall be cleared and cleaned up for possible use. All cranes and other gear suitable for use in unloading operations shall likewise be made ready for possible use.
- (e) At 0800 on 26 September, provide pilot to report in U.S.S. AUBURN (AGC 10) at a point 8 miles south of SAKA MISAKI.
- (f) On arrival AUBURN (AGC 10) about 1500 on 26 September, the Commandant of KURE Naval District provide own transportation, and with assistants as required, report aboard the Flagship of Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force anchored in HIRO WAN. The Commandant KURE shall, at this time, submit written cer-



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tification in English on the accomplishment of the instructions contained herein.

- (g) (1) Provide a senior Representative with Interpreters, if necessary, to board U.S.S. HOBBY (APD 95) upon arrival HIRO WAN about 1500/I, 26 September and report to the designated representative of Commander Central Occupation Group for the purpose of arranging details for inspection parties on 27 September. These representatives shall be thoroughly familiar with the areas, both land and sea, and be provided with boats, maps, charts, reports, etc., as necessary, to assist in the inspection of the defenses and harbor facilities.
- (2) The U.S.S. HOBBY (APD 95) will arrive in HIRO WAN about 1500/I on 26 September, and thereafter until landing of troops about 28 September conduct investigations of likely landing places, and may in the course of inspections conduct demolition work.
- (h) Provide five pilots, with Interpreters, as necessary, to report to Rear Admiral RODGERS in CALVERT (APA 32) at a point 8 miles south of SADA MISAKI at 0830 on 27 September with the following:
  - (1) Ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese and Japanese operated shipping and all small craft docked or anchored in the HIRO WAN area.
  - (2) Fifty copies of corrected charts of HIRO WAN and HIRO Harbors. These charts will indicate depth of water at piers and seaplane ramp according to latest information.
  - (3) Fifty copies of KURE-HIRO WAN terrain maps, showing all military and naval establishments, defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.

On 26 September, pilot meeting Flagship (U.S.S. AUBURN (AGC 10)) of Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force provide two each of the above listed items.

- (i) On 27 September, provide motor cars, guides, interpreters, and guards for the safe conduct of an inspection party designated by Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force, which will insure that the provisions provided herein have been complied with. This party will land at the KURE Naval Air Station Boat Landing at about 0900/I via own boat.



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- (j) Designate a frequency and man a voice radio circuit at the Naval Air Station HIRO Headquarters for the purpose of intercommunications between commands afloat and the Commandant of the Station. All transmissions to be in English.

H. W. HILL,  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

The Japanese Commander in Chief,  
SASEBO Naval District.

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21 September 1945

Sir:

In view of short time available and possible delays in delivery of mail, it is desired that the following message be transmitted to Commander in Chief, KURE, for his action:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT VICE ADMIRAL HILL COMMANDER 5TH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE AND GENERAL KRUEGER COMMANDING 6TH ARMY IN AUBURN ARE SCHEDULED ARRIVE HIRO WAN ABOUT 1500 26 SEPTEMBER DEPENDING UPON ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MINESWEEPING X REQUEST PILOT MEET AUBURN (AGC 10) AT 0800 ON 26 SEPTEMBER AT A POINT 8 MILES SOUTH OF SAKA MISAKI X ON ARRIVAL USS AUBURN HIRO WAN THE COMMANDANT KURE NAVAL DISTRICT WITH ASSISTANTS REPORT TO COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE X PREPARE 10 COPIES OF LISTS OF ALL JAPANESE SHIPPING IN HIRO WAN X 50 COPIES OF CORRECTED CHARTS OF HIRO WAN AND APPROACHES THERETO X 50 COPIES OF LOCAL TERRAIN MAPS SHOWING ALL DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS ROADS AND BRIDGES X TWO COPIES EACH OF ABOVE TO BE DELIVERED COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE BY PILOT MEETING AUBURN OTHERS TO BE DELIVERED LATER X IN ADDITION TO COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PERTINENT PROVISIONS SURRENDER TERMS ALREADY PRESCRIBED DESIRE FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN BY JAPANESE PRIOR ARRIVAL COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE X (A) ALL VESSELS AND SMALL CRAFT OTHER THAN OPERABLE TUGS IN HIRO WAN AND AKI NADA WITHIN TEN MILES OF HIRO WAN LIGHT SHALL BE ANCHORED OR BEACHED IN OKUNO UCHI X (B) RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE SENIOR US NAVAL COMMANDER IN CHARGE MINESWEEPING BUNGO SUIDO AND APPROACHES TO HIRO WAN X (C) CLEAR BEACH AREAS OF MINES AND OBSTRUCTIONS AND CLEAR AND CLEAN FOR POSSIBLE USE ALL PIERS DOCKS AND RAMPS X (D) DESIGNATE FREQUENCY AND MAN A VOICE RADIO FOR INTERCOMMUNICATION BETWEEN COMMANDS AFLOAT AND COMMANDANT KURE DISTRICT X AMPLIFIED INSTRUCTIONS BEING TRANSMITTED BY MAIL VIA COMMANDER IN CHIEF SASEBO X FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN YOU UPON ARRIVAL COMMANDER FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN HIRO WAN X YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF DELAY IN COMPLETION OF MINESWEEPING NECESSITATES POSTPONEMENT

H.W. HILL,  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

The Japanese Commander in Chief,  
SASEBO Naval District.



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PRIORITY

REQUEST FOLLOWING BE SENT TO ADMIRAL SUGIYAMA FOR TRANSMISSION TO  
COMMANDANT KURE NAVAL DISTRICT "REPORTS OF MINE SWEEPING DIFFICULTIES  
INDICATES LANDING AT HIRO MAY BE DELAYED A FEW DAYS X YOU WILL BE  
ADVISED LATER OF CORRECT DATE X MODIFY MY PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS  
ACCORDINGLY X SIGNED VICE ADMIRAL HILL" XX

ORIGINATOR

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ROUTINE

TO WAKAYAMA US NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER REQUEST GENERAL KIEFER FORWARD FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMMANDING GENERALS 10TH CORPS AND 41ST DIV MESSAGE IN 3 PARTS PART 1 PHYSICAL INSPECTION SHOWS ACTUAL DAMAGE KURE AREA BY BOMBS AND TYPHOON EXCEEDS REPORTS AND AERIAL RECON- NAISSANCE ONLY HIGHWAYS HIRO TO KURE PASSABLE WITH 1 STRETCH LIMITED

TO 10 TONS LOADS 1 WAY TRAFFIC RAILROAD OPERATING HIRO TO KURE WITH VERY LIMITED EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPEN TO HIROSHIMA BY OCT 5 TRUCKS AND PASSENGER VEHICLES NOT AVAILABLE WATER ROUTE VIA ROUTE SUITABLE FOR VESSELS UP TO 300 TONS MINIMUM DEPTH IN STRAIT APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET SHALLOWEST POINTS 13 FEET CURRENT IN STRAIT 4 KNOTS ALTERNATING

WITH TIDE THIS INFORMATION SUPPLIED COMMANDER KURE NAVAL BASE PER- SONNEL RECONNAISSANCE NOT ACCOMPLISHED YET NO FACILITIES FOR RAMP LANDING KURE HARBOR DOCKS AVAILABLE FOR ALL TYPES OF SHIPPING X PART 2 X CMA REPRESENTATIVES ADVANCE PARTY WILL BOARD FLAG SHIP AT EARL- IEST OPPORTUNITY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UTILIZING ALL AVAILABLE

LANDING FACILITIES AT HIRO SHOWING MOVEMENT LOCATING IN HIRO KURE AND KAITACHI VICINITY HIRO SHIMA FOR ALL ELEMENTS OF CORPS AND DIVISION PLAN WILL INCLUDE ROAD NET LAND TRANSPORTATION AND WATER SUPPLY POINTS WILL ALSO SUBMIT TENTATIVE LAYOUT FOR FACILITIES FOR CORPS LOGISTIC RESPONSIBILITIES PART 3 HIRO BASE DEPOT CHECK INDICATES FOLLOWING (A)

STRICT JAPANESE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENT BREACH-BLOCKS BE REMOVED FROM GUNS REMAINING ON BOARD NAVAL VESSELS IN KURE HARBOR AND FROM COAST DEFENSE OR AA POSITIONS ON FORTIFIED ISLANDS KURE NAVAL DISTRICT (B) REMOVAL OF AMMUNITION FROM GUN POSITIONS AND SHIPS AND SEPARATE STORAGE (C) REMOVAL OF SMALL ARMS MINES AND TORPEDOES FROM SERVICEABLE

AND UNSERVICEABLE VESSELS (D) REMOVAL OF WAR HEADS FROM TORPEDOES AND BATTERY STORAGE (E) REMOVAL OF ALL AIRCRAFT AND BOMBS FROM CARRIERS (F) REMOVAL OF ALL PROPELLORS AND CARBURETORS FROM AIRCRAFT EXCEPT FEW DESIGNATED FOR LIAISON OR TRANSPORT DUTY JAPANESE NAVAL HQS ORDER PRE- SUMABLY WITH US HQ CONCURRENT DIRECTS SPEEDY PREPARATION SPECIFIED WAR

CRAFT ALREADY DISARMED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR TRANSPORT HOME OF JAPAN- ESE OVERSEAS GARRISON REPATRIATION REQUIRES REPAIR ON NAVY VESSELS AT ANCHOR X REMOVAL OF TURRETS X GUNS ALREADY DISARMED BY REMOVAL OF BREACH BLOCKS AND STORAGE OF PROVISIONS THIS REQUIRES PRESENCE SOME PERSONNEL ABOARD FROM 1800 SEPT 2 THROUGH 0600 SEPT 4 ONLY SKELETON CREWS REMAIN

ABOARD AND NO SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENTS PERMITTED XXXX

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PRIORITY

THIS MY OFFICIAL MESSAGE NUMBER 7 X FOR VICE ADMIRAL KANAZAWA X IN  
VIEW OF DELAY IN TRANSPORTS ENTERING BUNGO SUIDO UNTIL 5 OCTOBER AND  
LANDING HIRO ON 6 OCTOBER COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO  
STOPPING JAPANESE WATER BORNE TRAFFIC IN AKI NADA AND HIRO WAN WITHIN  
RADIUS OF 5 MILES OF HIRO WAN LIGHT AND WEST OF 132-45 EAST LONG IS NOT  
REQUIRED UNTIL 1200 ON 4 OCTOBER X FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN HIROSHIMA AND  
OSAKI MAY CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION BUT FERRY MUST STAY WELL CLEAR  
OF ALL TRANSPORTS IN HIRO WAN ON AND AFTER 1200 ON 5 OCTOBER XX SIGNED  
VICE ADMIRAL HILL

ORIGINATOR

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CINC KURE NAVAL STATION

USS HOBBY (APD 95)

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2 September 1945

From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
To: Commander FIFTH Fleet.

Subject: Requirements to be Transmitted to the Imperial Japanese Government Prior to Entrance into the KOBE - OSAKA - WAKAYAMA Area.

1. It is recommended that the following requirements be included in the demands made upon the Imperial Japanese Government by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces prior to entry of this Force into the KOBE - OSAKA - WAKAYAMA area:

- (a) Reestablish all aids to navigation.
- (b) Vessels and small boats in KII SUIDO area within a radius of five kilometers of WAKAYAMA shall be disposed of prior to KING minus 2 days as follows:
  - (1) Craft to be anchored or beached in WAKANOURA WAN or upstream of the railroad bridge across KINO KAWA.
  - (2) All one-man torpedoes shall be hoisted out of the water and the warheads removed.
- (c) Instructions will be issued and enforced, prohibiting movement of any waterborne craft, day or night, in, or in approaches to KII SUIDO, or through KITAN - KAIKYO (TOMOGASHIMA SUIDO) or NARUTO - KAIKYO, from 1200/I KING minus one day until such restrictions are lifted by SOPA.
- (d) Defense installations on all coasts and islands covering approaches to KII SUIDO, in KII SUIDO, at and near WAKANOURA WAN and WAKAYAMA, including anti-aircraft installations and all weapons on board naval and merchant vessels will be rendered inoperative as follows:
  - (1) Fully depress all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over.
  - (2) Remove breech-blocks from all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over and deliver same to the custody of the Commandant, KURE Naval District, or similar responsible authority.



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- (3) Turn in to the custody of the Commandant, KURE Naval District, or his authorized representative, all weapons of whatever nature less than 70 MM caliber.
  - (4) All magazines and other explosive storages will be locked and securely guarded by competent authority.
  - (5) Remove camouflage from all guns, pill boxes, emplacements and other fortifications. A coat of white paint or whitewash shall be applied to all such installations where practicable to make them plainly visible from the air and sea.
- (e) WAKAYAMA area will be prepared for unloading operations as follows:
- (1) Beach area from KINO KAWA northward for six kilometers will be cleared of all mines, obstacles and obstructions, etc. Beach exits will be cleared.
  - (2) All harbor space at WAKAYAMA, including the boat basin, shall be cleared of all shipping, trash, and floating debris.
  - (3) Docks and piers in WAKAYAMA area shall be cleared and cleaned up for possible use. All cranes and other gear suitable for use in unloading operations shall likewise be made ready for possible use.
- (f) Commandant, KURE Naval District, or a designated representative shall make available personnel and services as hereinafter prescribed, and at such times and places thereafter as may be directed by Commander FIFTH Fleet, or his authorized representatives, for the prompt settlement of all matters requiring attention:
- (1) Provide senior representatives, with interpreters if necessary, available at WAKAYAMA Beach north of KINO KAWA at 0700/I on KING minus one day for transportation to the flagship of

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Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force and/or Commander Eastern Occupation Group through whom orders, instructions, etc., may be transmitted. These representatives shall be thoroughly familiar with the area, both sea and land, and be provided with maps, charts, reports, etc., as hereinafter provided. They shall also make available reports on the accomplishment of requirements included herein.

- (2) Designate a frequency and man a voice radio circuit at the local Imperial Japanese Naval Headquarters for the purpose of communication with commands afloat. All transmissions will be in the English language.
- (3) Members of the General Staffs of the Superior Headquarters exercising command and control of naval, air, and ground forces in the KOBE - OSAKA - WAKAYAMA area will be made available for conferences with representatives of Commander FIFTH Fleet as later prescribed.
- (4) On KING minus one day provide the Senior United States Naval Commander present with the following:
  - a. Ten copies of an accurate list of all Japanese and Japanese operated shipping and all small craft docked or anchored in the KOBE - OSAKA area and in WAKANOURA WAN.
  - b. Fifty copies of corrected charts of IZUMI NADA, KII SUIDO and KOBE and OSAKA harbors.
  - c. Fifty copies of KOBE - OSAKA - WAKAYAMA terrain maps, showing all military and naval establishments, defense installations, roads, bridges, etc.
  - d. Adequate motor transport, guides, interpreters, and guards for the safe conduct of an inspection party designated by "



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Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force which will  
insure that the provisions provided herein  
have been rigidly complied with.

(g) It is further requested that the appropriate Imperial Japanese authorities be advised that prior to and during the occupation phase forces of the Allied Powers will/may take the following measures and that during these activities they shall not be molested by any Japanese activity:

- (1) United Nations' aircraft will conduct daylight and night surveillance flights over the KOBE - OSAKA - WAKAYAMA area.
- (2) United Nations' Air Forces will drop supplies to the United Nations Prisoners of War and Internee Camps and places of detention.
- (3) United States Naval Forces will operate in or occupy the coastal waters of KII SUIDO, IZUMI NADA, and KARIMA NADA.
- (4) United Nations' Naval Forces will commence minesweeping operations in the area on KING minus \_\_\_\_ day.

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12 September 1945

From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
To : Commander FIFTH Fleet.

Subject: Requirements to be Transmitted to the Imperial Japanese Government Prior to Entrance into the YOKKAICHI - NAGOYA Area.

1. It is recommended that the following requirements be included in the demands made upon the Imperial Japanese Government by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Forces prior to entry of this Force into ISE WAN and the occupation of the NAGOYA Area.

(a) Reestablish all aids to navigation.

(b) The water area within a 7 mile radius of YOKKAICHI break-water light shall be cleared of all shipping except non-self-propelled craft which may be moored in UTSUBE KAWA.

(c) All one-man torpedoes shall be hoisted out of the water and the warheads removed.

(d) Prohibit the movement of all water-borne craft, day and night, in ISE WAN, North of latitude 34° - 45'N from 1200/I MIKE minus TWO day until such restriction is lifted by SOPA.

(e) Prepare YOKKAICHI Harbor Area for unloading operations as follows:

(1) All harbor space, except UTSUBE KAWA will be cleared of all shipping, trash, floating debris and sunken vessels.

(2) Docks and piers shall be cleared for possible use. All cranes and other gear suitable for use in unloading operations shall be made available for use.

(3) Beaches for a distance of two kilometers either side of the pier area will be cleared of all mines, obstacles and obstructions. Beach exits shall be cleared.

(f) Defense installations covering the approach to IRAKO SUIDO and YOKKAICHI and all weapons on board Japanese or Japanese operated Naval and Merchant vessels will be rendered inoperative as follows:

(1) Fully depress all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over.



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- (2) Remove breech-blocks from all weapons of 70 MM caliber and over and deliver same to the custody of the Naval representative designated by responsible authority.
- (3) Turn in to the custody of the representative designated by responsible authority all weapons of whatever nature less than 70 MM caliber.
- (4) All magazines and other explosives storages shall be locked and securely guarded by competent authority.
- (5) Remove camouflage from all guns, pill boxes, emplacements and other fortifications. A coat of white paint or whitewash will be applied to all such installations where practicable to make them plainly visible from the air and sea.
- (g) Provide at WAKAYAMA on 28 September 1945 representatives to report in the WASATCH (AGC 9) to Rear Admiral Noble. These representatives shall be thoroughly familiar with the area, both land and sea, and shall be provided with maps, charts, reports, etc. concerning YOKKAICHI and the approaches thereto. They shall be prepared for the prompt settlement of all matters requiring attention in connection with the arrangements for landings in YOKKAICHI.
- (h) It is further requested that the appropriate Imperial Japanese authorities be advised that prior to and during the occupation phase forces of the Allied Powers will/may take the following measures and that during these activities they shall not be molested by any Japanese activity.
  - (1) United Nations' aircraft will conduct daylight and night surveillance flights over the ISE WAN area, including the areas of YOKKAICHI and NAGOYA.
  - (2) United Nations' Naval Forces will conduct minesweeping operations starting MIKE minus day.
  - (3) United Nations' Air Forces will drop supplies to the United Nations' Prisoner of War and Internee Camps and places of detention.

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(4) United States Naval Forces will operate in and occupy  
the coastal waters of ISE WAN.

H. W. HILL.

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ROUTINE

JAPANESE DELEGATION HEADED BY RADM YOKAI REPORTED 30 SEPT IN COMPLIANCE PARA GEORGE YOUR SERIAL 001240 OF 12 SEPT X ALL REQUIREMENTS BEING MET X REQUEST SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS FOR NAGOYA AS APPLICABLE X RECOMMEND THAT AUTHORITIES BE NOTIFIED TO COMPLY PARA ONE DOG ON 5 OCTOBER AND ALL PROVISIONS PRIOR 7 OCTOBER X ONE WEEK ESTIMATED TO CLEAR YOKKAKHI HARBOR OF CRAFT NOT YET STARTED X UTSUB KAWA NOT STABLE FOR MOORING SMALL CRAFT DUE STRONG CURRENT X DELEGATION REQUESTED USE OF SMALL CANAL WITH TWO FOOT DEPTH FOR THIS PURPOSE X RECOMMEND APPROVAL XX

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DESIRE THAT YOU CONDUCT ALL DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONNECTION WITH LANDING NAGOYA AREA MAKE SUCH MODIFICATIONS OF EXEMPTING ARRANGEMENTS AS ARE NECESSARY X TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NEEDS OF MINE GROUPS AS WELL AS THOSE OF TF 51 AND 54 X INFORM JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES ACCORDINGLY X CTF 54 CONCURS X YOUR 010106 REFER XXX

REF:-(010106)-JAPANESE DELEGATION HEADED BY RADM YOKAI REPORTED 30 SEPT IN COMPLIANCE PARA GEORGE YOUR SERIAL 001240 OF 12 SEPT X ALL REQUIREMENTS BEING MET X REQUEST SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS FOR NAGOYA AS APPLICABLE X RECOMMEND THAT AUTHORITIES BE NOTIFIED TO COMPLY PARA 1 DOG ON 5 OCTOBER AND ALL PROVISIONS PRIOR 7 OCTOBER X 1 WEEK ESTIMATED TO CLEAR TO CLEAR YOKKAKHI HARBOR OF CRAFT NOT YET STARTED X.....XX

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