

90. 36 - Sasebo Harbor

31 SASEBO HARBOR (33/10/00 N--129/40/15 E) Ship count (Incomplete coverage)

Numerous probable landing craft - 1 MV over 200'. Further identification impossible due to haze.

Reference 1: M-3
No prints attached

S. R. 44 - dated 13 Mar. 45 - flown 7 Mar. 45 - 21 B. C.

3. At mouth of inner harbor is sand bar covered at high tide. (Does not show in folder) Channel to west fairly narrow, but deep and 2 large battleships can pass through together. Channel to east is wider but shallower, cruisers can pass but not battleships. Warships always moored at space near arsenal; subs farther to the right and west of warship mooring.--JICA/CBI Oct. 4, 1944 PW.

4. Channel between Koga Point and Kompira Point at mouth of bay has booms and mines, and is marked by flagged buoys and is about 150 meters wide.--POW.

Sasebo Naval Base (33/08 N., 129/43 E) Shipping

Naval: 22

(1 M/V over 200' on 9 March 1945)
Incomplete coverage
(6" coverage)

- 1 CV, probable Hayataka Class - 745'
 - 1 CVE, probable - about 500' (6" coverage)
 - 2 DD, Terateuki Class - 435'
 - 1 DD, Asashio Class - 361'
 - 1 DD, Fubiki Class - 379'
 - 1 DD, unidentified - 420'
 - 4 DD, unidentified - about 270' (6" coverage)
 - 1 SS, RO-51 Class - 232'
 - 2 Otori Class Escorts - 268'
 - 1 Shimushu Class Escort - 220'
 - 1 Escort, unidentified - 240'
 - 1 PT Boat, unidentified - 220'
- Numerous other small naval Craft

Merchant: 3 over 200'

Reference: ONI 222-J and ONI 208-J (Revised) Supplement 3

Reference prints 2: 43-46, 4L: 61-63 and 1VP 43,44

Last previous report - CIU S/R 44

No prints attached.

(From: S/R 82 - dated 15 April. 45 - flown 11 Apr. 45 - 21 B.C.)

Sasebo & vicinity

Naval: 9 (22 on 11 Apr. 45)
 4 DD's, unidentified - 440', 400', 435', 365'
 2 LSM, unidentified 270'
 2 CM, unidentified - 250'
 1 SS, unidentified - 230'
 Other naval units are present, but haze makes further interpretation impossible.
 Merchant: 1 Type A - 444' (3 on 11 Apr 45)

Last previous Report CIU S/R 82
 No prints attached.
 (From: S/R 93 - dated 22 Apr. 45 - flown 16 Apr. 45 - 21 BC)

(Continued from above)

Naval: 3 (no previous coun)
 1 CV, Hayataka Calass - 745'
 1 CV, Unryu Class - 745'
 1 CVL, Ryuho - 680'
 Carriers in process of being camouflaged - Hayataka completely covered.
 Merbhant None:

Naval: 8 (9 on 16 Apr. 45)
 1 DD - unidentified
 1 DD - possible
 1 DE - unidentified
 4 CM - unidentified
 1 SS - unidentified
 Numerous small naval vessels present

Merchant: 2 over 200' (1 on 16 Apr. 45)
 Last previous report - CIU S/R 93
 Reference prints 2: 53-55
 (From: S/R 99 - dated 25 Apr. 45 - flown 21 Apr. 45 - 21 BC)

Sasebo Naval Base - vicinity

Naval: 3 (3 on 16 Apr. 45) Two are under net camouflage
 1 CV, Hayataka Class bouys are being placed for the other.
 1 CV, Unryu Class
 1 CVL, Ryuho Class

Merchant: None (None on 16 Apr. 45)
 Last previous report - CIU S/R 93
 Reference prints 2: 49-50 and 4L: 79 - 80
 (From: S/R 99 - dated 25 Apr. 45 - flown 21 Apr. 45 - 21 BC)

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Sasebo & Vicinity

(30 Apr. 45)

32 Naval Vessels
11 Merchant vessels (21,970 GT)

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NV		MV	
2 CV	11 DE	1 FTB	1 TS
1 CVE	1 PC	1 FTD	4 SCS
1 OCA	7 SS	1 FTC	1 Barge
6 DD	3 Unidentified	1 SCL	1 SBS

21 Apr 45)

11 Naval Vessels
2 Merchant vessels

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NV		MV
2 CV	1 DE	2 Unidentified
1 CVE	4 CM	
2 ID	1 SS	

(From: Shipping Report 4 - dated 8 May 45 - flown 30 Apr. 45 21 BC)

SASEBO HARBOR: Harbor 75 percent cloud covered. Naval: 20.
Merchant: None visible.

NV:	1 CVL, IBUKI	MV: None
	1 CV, KASAGI	
	9 SS; 4 on ways, 3 in dockyard,	
	2 at anchor	
	2 LST	
	3 DE; 2 in drydock, 1 at anchor	
	3 PC	
	1 DD, probable	

Reference photos: 2:27-33.

(From: S/R 183 - 30 June 1945 - flown 25 June 1945 - 21 BC)

Annotation	Type	Length	Remarks
1	CV	712	Possible UNRYU class. Only one of three in this area not camouflaged.
2	CVE	640	Possible RYUHO class. Vessel has been camouflaged with a net and dummy buildings.
3	CV	740	Possible HAYATA class. Camouflaged with net.
4	SS	260	Possible SS with square stern.
5	DD	400	
6	DD	365	
7	OCA	440	Probable ASAMA class.
8	DE	220	Probable PF-UN-2.
9	DE	230	
10	DE	220	Probable PF-UN-2.
11	DE	220	" "
12	DE	220	" "
13	DE	220	" "
14	DD	435	Probable TERUTSUKI class.
15	DE	220	Probable PF-UN-2.
16	PC	200	Probable sub chaser.
17	DD	300	Possible MATSU class, docked.
18	DE	220	Probable PF-UN-2 at fitting dock.
19	SS	373	Probable I-9 class being repaired.
20	DE	220	Possible PF-UN-2 in drydock.
21	DE	220	" " " "
22	DE	280	In drydock.
23	SS	160	" "
24	SS	160	" "
25	—	230 (Approx)	Unidentified; possible N/V, building.
26	—	250	" Unidentified; possible N/V, building.
27	—	280	" Unidentified; possible N/V, building.
28	SS	160	" Possible SS, building.
29	SS	160	" " " "
30	DD	435	Probable TERUTSUKI class, in drydock.
31	DD	300	In drydock - probable MATSU class.
32	SS	220	In drydock.

MERCHANT VESSELS

Annotation	Type	Length	Tonnage	Remarks
A	FTD	245	1800	
B	SCS	210	880	Type "E"
C	SCS	210	880	" "
D	SCS	210	880	" "
E	SCS	210	880	" "
F	—	495	—	Possible barge.
G	FTB	450	6700	
H	TS	210	850	
I	FTC	300	2200	
J	FTC	321	2700	Type "C"
K	SCL	310	2300	Type "D" modified.
L	SBS	295	1900	Type "D"
			21,970	Total

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