AFTER THE extreme heat of the tropics, we welcomed the next stop, Sasebo, where the climate is more temperate. This Japanese port, in the island of Kyushu, served as a two-man sub base as well as a carrier base during WWII. The latter part of '45 found Sasebo occupied by the Second Marine Division and Seabee components, who arrived amid complete industrial inactivity. The people here, as elsewhere in Japan, have worked diligently, and as a result, they have made their city self sustaining once again.

The beautiful cherry blossoms greeted us in Sasebo as we strolled through the town in search of rare purchases. Many are the items to be bought in Sasebo, and as we bid our farewell, we left with treasured silks, pearls, china, ivory carvings and many souvenirs representative of the country.
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