

14 September 1945 (Cont.)

U.S.S. MOBILE and U.S.S. ANTHONY left the formation at 0700 and at 1307 the U.S.S. CAPE GLOUCESTER, U.S.S. VAN VALKENBURG, U.S.S. AMMEN and U.S.S. BEALE were detached as Task Unit 55.4.12. OTC of the Task Unit is the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. CAPE GLOUCESTER, and its mission is the evacuation of Recovered Allied Military Personnel (RAMPs) from Nagasaki.

Four IASP sorties, four LCAP and two photographic planes over Nagasaki comprised the day's air operations.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude:	32-04-00 N	32-10-00 N	31-34-30 N
Longitude:	129-17-30 E	129-20-00 E	129-01-00 E

15 September 1945

Nineteen fighters and twelve Avengers were launched between 0558 and 0618 to fly to Awasi Airfield, Okinawa, to provide additional space for evacuating RAMPs. One fighter returned to the ship because of engine trouble.

At 1135 anchored in Berths 6 and 8, Nagasaki, Japan. Reported to Commander Task Group 55.7 for duty. Task Unit 55.4.12 was dissolved.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Latitude:		Berth 6 & 8, Nagasaki Ko, Kyushu, Japan

16 September 1945

Fifth Fleet (Admiral R. A. Spruance, USN)
Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral M. L. Deyo, USN)
Task Group 55.7 (Rear Admiral F. G. Fahrion, USN)

Anchored as before. Six hundred and ninety-two (692) RAMPs were received aboard as passengers

At 1400 set Typhoon Condition Two.

17 September 1945

Twelve RAMPs were transferred to the hospital ship, U.S.S. HAVEN.

Wind gusts rose to 55 knots at 1800 and at 1810 one wire line to buoy aft parted. Five minutes later a second wire line to buoy aft parted and at 1910 the third and last line parted. With the ship beginning to swing from stern to port, engines and rudder were used to maneuver the ship into position to drop the starboard anchor. 2003 let go starboard anchor. Wind gusts reached 63 knots at 2115. The velocity began to decrease, lowering to 10 knots by 2200.

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18 September 1945

Fifth Fleet (Admiral R. A. Spruance, USN)
Task Force 55 (Rear Admiral M. L. Deyo, USN)
Task Group 55.7 (Rear Admiral F. G. Fahrion, USN)
Task Unit 55.7.13 (Captain J. W. Harris, USN)

At 1305 underway to deliver RAMPs to Okinawa. Steaming in company with U.S.S. MUGFORD as Task Unit 55.7.13, OTC is Commanding Officer, U.S.S. CAPE GLOUCESTER.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude:	30-59-00 N
Longitude:	128-55-00 E

19 September 1945

At 1815 anchored Berth L-74, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude:	27-54-00 N	27-05-00 N	Anchored Berth
Longitude:	127-52-00 E	128-16-00 E	L-74, Buckner Ba y, Okinawa.

20 September 1945

Underway at 0607 for anchorage off Naha, on SW side of Okinawa. 1136 anchored in Berth H-216, Hagushi and Machiwate, Okinawa.

Transfer of RAMPs was completed at 1620.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Latitude:	26-01-00 N	Anchored Berth
Longitude:	127-45-00 E	H-216, Hagushi & Machiwato, Okinawa.

21 September 1945

Underway for Kyushu at 0655 in company with U.S.S. MUGFORD. Eighteen fighters and twelve Avengers flew aboard from Awasi Airfield, Okinawa.

Four rounds of 5-inch shells with VT fuzes were test-fired by the Gunnery Department.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude:	26-30-00 N	27-01-30 N	29-06-00 N
Longitude:	127-30-00 E	127-31-00 E	128-25-00 E

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