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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION TWELVE

FB3-12/A16-3

Serial 400

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12 October 1945.

From: Commander Cruiser Division TWELVE.  
To: The Chief of Naval Operations. *OCT 16 5 4 PM*  
Via: (1) Commander Escort Carrier Force, Pacific Fleet.  
(2) Commander Battleship Squadron ONE  
(3) Commander FIFTH Fleet.  
(4) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - Establishment of Wakayama, Honshu, Japan, as an Advanced Fleet Base; Evacuation of RAMPs therefrom; and Support of Landing I Corps, SIXTH Army, in that Area, 9 September - 4 October 1945.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.  
(b) ComFIFTH Flt Op-Plan 6-45.  
(c) ComBatRon ONE Op-Plan 6-45.

Enclosure: (A) Organization of Evacuation Unit for processing of RAMP. *P. 8*  
(B) Tabulation of RAMP evacuated by nationality, service and physical condition. *P. 15*

1. In accordance with references (b) and (c) the following report is submitted. This report covers the period of 9 September to 4 October 1945. For the sake of brevity and since no enemy resistance was encountered, it does not rigidly follow the form prescribed by reference (a). The period covered by this report includes the participation of this command in, firstly, the Wakayama RAMP Evacuation Group; and, secondly, in the Covering Group of the FIFTH Fleet which supported the amphibious landing of the I Corps, SIXTH Army, at Wakayama.

2. Detailed reports on the recovered allied military and civilian personnel have been made in accordance with current directives. A copy of the plans for the evacuation is submitted as enclosure (A) and a breakdown of the RAMPs by nationality, service and physical condition as enclosure (B).

3. The landing of the I Corps by the Eastern Occupation Group on 25 September was effected smoothly. Units of the Covering Group, including this command, supported the landing from assigned anchorages.

4. The Wakayama Evacuation Group (Task Group 56.5) was formed on 8 September as follows:

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(a) <u>56.5.1 Covering Unit</u>	Rear Admiral Durgin
MAKIN ISLAND (CVE 93) (F)	1 CVE
CLEVELAND (CL55), DENVER (CL58)	2 CL
Escorts assigned	4 DD
(b) <u>56.6.2 Evacuation Unit</u>	Rear Admiral Riggs
MONTPELIER (CL57) (F)	1 CL
LUNGA POINT (CVE 94), less Air Group	1 CVE
CABILDO (LSD 16)	1 LSD
TANEY (CGC 37)	1 CGC
CONSOLATION (AH15), SANCTUARY (AH17)	2 AH
CortDiv 86, less T. PARKER, J. L. WILLIAMSON	4 DE
HOPPING (APD 51), COFER (APD 62), TATUM (APD 81)	3 APD
(c) <u>56.5.3 LST Unit</u>	Commander Stringer
LST 555, 661, 851, 890, 965	5 LST
T. PARKER (DE369), J.L. WILLIAMSON (DE370)	2 DE
(d) <u>56.5.4 Seaplane Unit</u>	Commander Ogden
FLOYDS BAY (AVP 40)	1 AVP
VPB 27	1 VPRon

5. This group, less Task Unit 56.5.3, sortied from Okinawa on 9 September and proceeded, without incident, to the mouth of Kii Suido, dividing Honshu and Shikoku, to rendezvous with the Wakayama Minesweeping Group (Task Group 52.6). The Covering Unit (Task Unit 56.5.1) remained outside while the Evacuation Unit (Task Unit 56.5.2) followed the minesweepers into Wakanoura Wan (Wakayama) anchorage, arriving at 1830 I, 11 September.

6. Contact was made immediately with local Japanese officials and with a SIXTH Army representative; preparations were

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made for the evacuation of RAMPs; and on 14 - 15 September, 2568 RAMPs were processed and then embarked in four ships of this unit. (See Enclosure (A)). CABILDO and SANCTUARY were sailed with RAMPs for Okinawa on 14 September; HOPPING, escorted by FRENCH, for Guam on 15 September. A severe typhoon prevented sailing the fourth ship, CONSOLATION, until 18 September. Additionally, LUNGA POINT and COFER were sailed empty on 15 September to evacuate RAMPs from Nagasaki. TATUM was sailed for the same purpose on 19 September; the typhoon prevented Task Unit 56.5.3 from being similarly diverted.

7. Commander Task Group 56.5 with the Covering Unit arrived Wakayama on 15 September, but Commander Task Unit 56.5.2 retained SOPA (Admin).

8. The typhoon which hit the Wakayama area on 17 - 18 September was an extremely severe storm. LSTs 555, 851 and 965 were driven aground, LCI 320 and 350, and YMS 478 of Task Group 52.6 were beached and PBM-5 aircraft Bureau No. 59216 of Patrol Squadron 27 was destroyed. The lives of two officers and four men were lost.

9. On 19 September task designations were altered. Commander Battleship Squadron ONE became Commander Task Force 51, and the Southern Honshu-Shikoku Force, Task Force 51. The Evacuation Group was dissolved and units thereof became part of the Wakayama Covering Group, Task Group 51.3. Cruiser Division TWELVE was assigned to the Wakayama Fire Support Unit, Task Unit 51.3.12. Commander Cruiser Division TWELVE remained SOPA (Admin) Wakayama.

10. The Force Commander arrived Wakayama 22 September with the remainder of Task Group 51.3. The Eastern Occupation Group (Task Group 54.5) stood up KII SUIDO and landed the I Corps, SIXTH Army, over Wakayama beaches commencing 25 September. The following day Commander Task Group 54.5 (Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT) relieved Commander Cruiser Division TWELVE as SOPA (Admin) Wakayama.

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On 27 September this command was designated Commander Task Unit 51.3.3, Commander KURE Covering Unit. This unit was composed of MONTPELIER, BILOXI and six destroyers in Task Unit 51.3.32, the Fire Support Unit, and SANTEE, SUWANEE, and four DE's (Task Unit 51.3.33), the Air Support Unit. The Task Unit remained at Wakayama until 4 October.

1 30 137 R. S. RIGGS.

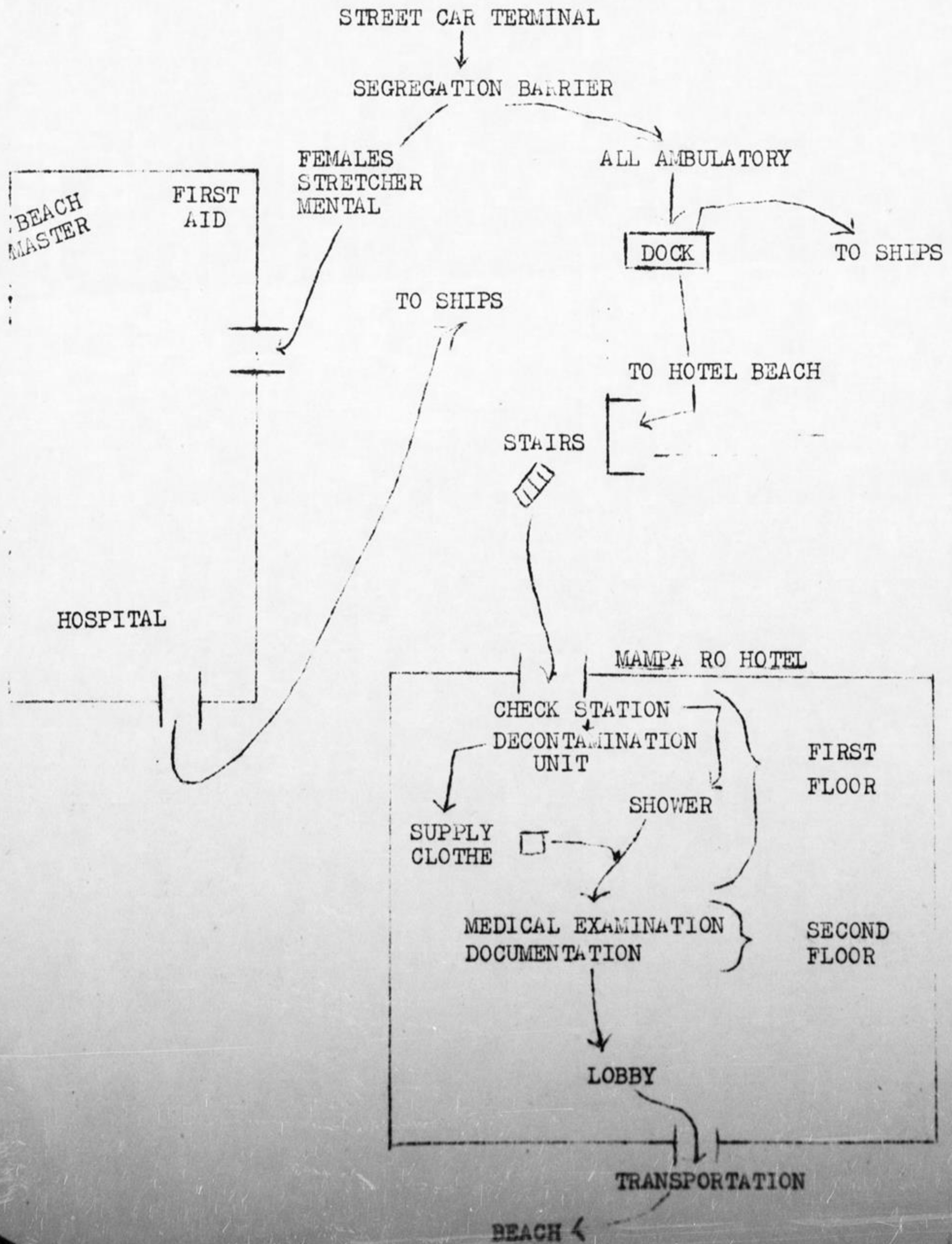
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PLAN

PROGRESS OF EVACUEES

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT PHASE



## SEGREGATION OF EVACUEES FOR TRANSFER

**CLASS:**

- |    |  |          |
|----|--|----------|
| 1. | U.S. NAVY<br>BED PATIENTS LIVING IN NORTH AMERICA                    | MARIANAS |
| 2. | ALLIED CIVILIANS<br>ALLIED BED PATIENTS                              | OKINAWA  |
| 3. | UNITED STATES ARMY   | OKINAWA  |
| 4. | ALL AMBULATORY UNITED STATES ARMY<br>ALL AMBULATORY ALLIED CIVILIANS | OKINAWA  |

**REPORT FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS:**

Report forms are to be made in TRIPLICATE.

1. Original is to be retained by unit filling out the form.
2. First copy is to be retained by Beach Master.
3. Second copy is to be sent to ship.

**NUMBERING SYSTEM:**

<u>AMBULATORY UNIT</u>	<u>HOSPITAL UNIT</u>
1 to 900 inclusive	901 to 1000 inclusive
1001 to 1900 "	1901 to 2000 "
2001 to 2900 "	2901 to 3000 "
3001 to 3900 "	3901 to 4000 "
4001 to 4900 "	4901 to 5000 "
5001 to 5900 "	5901 to 6000 "
6001 to 6900 "	6901 to 7000 "
7001 to 7900 "	7901 to 8000 "
8001 to 8900 "	8901 to 9000 "
9001 to 9900 "	9901 to 10000 "

### DESCRIPTION OF CLASSIFICATION

- CLASS 1A:** STRICT MENTAL. These patients (major psychotics) will require the equivalent of locked ward accommodations on returning ships, hospital trains or planes and at final destination, and will require special attendants.
- CLASS 1B:** SECURITY MENTAL. These patients require locked ward accommodations aboard returning ships and hospital trains or planes.
- CLASS 1C:** OPEN WARD MENTAL. These patients may be accommodated similarly to hospital ambulant and troop class patients.
- CLASS 2:** HOSPITAL LITTER PATIENTS.
- CLASS 3:** HOSPITAL AMBULANT. These patients are ambulant but require medical services from other individuals.
- CLASS 4:** TROOP CLASS (AMBULANT). These patients do not require hospital care enroute and can take care of themselves.

SERIAL NUMBER

C.T.G. 56.3.2  
REAR ADMIRAL R.S. RIGGS  
WAKAYAMA EVACUATION UNIT.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK OR RATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: MALE FEMALE

STATUS: Circle one: CIVILIAN: ARMY: NAVY: MARINE CORPS: COAST GUARD:

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS:

FROM POW CAMP AT:

WHERE CAPTURED:

PHYSICAL CLASSIFICATION: Circle one: 1A 1B 1C 2 3 4

DESIGNATED SHIP:

DIAGNOSIS OR COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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M.O. SIGNATURE

WAKAYAMA EVACUATION UNIT

12 September 1945

Task Unit Commander, Rear Admiral R. S. RIGGS, U. S. Navy (Commander Cruiser Division TWELVE).

The Task Unit Commander has designated Commander W. F. HOLCOMB (MC), USNR as the Officer-in-Charge of evacuation of POWs and Lieutenant W. H. GAGE, Jr., USNR as his assistant.

Through the EIGHTH Army Representative, Major MALONEY, the following facilities have been obtained to date:

Mampa Ro Hotel (to be marked with Red Cross flag).

Dock at WAKAURA. .

Small building at head of dock near end of streetcar line (for use in handling stretcher cases, female internees and as a headquarters for Beachmaster).

2 trucks.

2 automobiles.

3 Interpreters.

Various Japanese civilian officials.

The following Units will be formed for purposes indicated to assist the Officer-in-Charge.

A. Medical Unit.

As organized by Commander HOLCOMB, (MC), USNR.

B. Registration and Transportation Unit.

1 Officer - Lt. GAGE, Staff, ComCruDiv 12.

2 Officers - LUNGA POINT.

2 Officers - Cort Div. 86.

10 POs - MONTPELIER.

10 Yeomen -	1 Flag,	1 CONSOLATION,	2 MONTPELIER,
	1 HOPPING,	1 SANCTUARY,	1 LUNGA POINT,
	1 TATUM,	1 TANEY,	1 COFER,
	1 FLOYDS BAY.		

(Yeomen may be any class or rate that can use typewriter - bring own typewriter).



Duties: Register POWs - get necessary data for reports.

Assign ship for transportation.

Escort POWs from Examination Depot to dock where Beachmaster takes charge and sends to ship assigned.

C. Beachmaster.

1 Commander	MONTPELIER
2 Officer Ass'ts.	LUNGA POINT
1 Yeoman	LUNGA POINT
20 POs	LUNGA POINT

Duties: Maintain control over boats at docks - assign boats to various trips to ships with POWs. In general charge dock area. Get necessary boating by call on Boat Unit.

D. Communication Unit.

1 Officer	Cort Div. 86	Equipment (Signal Searchlight Semaphore Flags Radio)
3 Signalmen	" "	
3 Radiomen	" "	
1 Yeoman	" "	

Location - Hotel.

Duties: Establish a communication net between various shore units and Flagship or other ships.

E. Security Unit.

Location: Dock and Hotel.

2 Officers	USMC	MONTPELIER (Standard landing force equipment).
20 E/M	USMC	"

Duties: Maintain roving patrols - keep POWs from wandering off. Keep unauthorized personnel away. Guard evacuation facilities at night. Assist in operating trucks to dock from hotel.

F. Supply and Subsistence Unit: Location: Hotel.

1 Officer Supply Officer, MONTPELIER.

Necessary Men - Detailed on his orders from all ships.

Duties: Liaison for material required ashore. Food for Units ashore.

G. Boat Unit. Location: CABILDO

CO, CABILDO (later relieved by CO, LCI).

Equipment - 18 LCVPs and 18 LCMs.

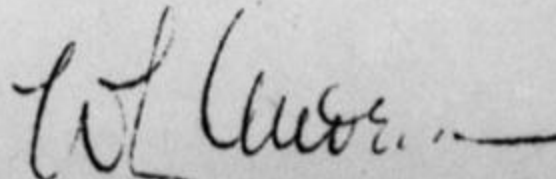
Duties: Operate boat pool. Supplies boats as requested by OinC and Beachmaster.

H. Construction Unit. Location: Hotel.

CO, MONTPELIER

Duties: Minor repair jobs as necessary to facilities for evacuation of POWs. Put up signs. Rope off areas. Supply furniture required, as requested by OinC.

Notes: All persons carry own canteens - carry extra cigareetes, etc. All officers and POs armed (except medical personnel). Do not detail any except reliable POs who know how to use fire-arms. Boat crews not armed. Daily reports - submit to OinC or Chief of Staff an informal memo of anything to improve matters. Relief personnel as necessary. Carry own lunches and supper ashore until messing facilities are set up.

  
W. L. ANDERSON,  
Chief of Staff.

BEACH EMERGENCY STATION

This unit will care for all Navy personnel ashore, in the boats or in transit. It is proposed that no treatment be given ship's personnel in the Evacuation Unit for the following reasons;

- 1) Evacuation will be disturbed.
- 2) Infection and infestation may be sustained by personnel.

The Beach Emergency Station will handle all Marine Corps medical needs.

DUTY PARTY:

One Medical Officer.

Two Hospital Corpsmen.

SUPPLIES:

One Marine Field Unit to be furnished by the MONTPELIER.

DUTY SECTIONS:

Daily from 0800 until secured.

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SEPT: 13	MONTPELIER	SEPT: 18	LUNGA POINT
14	LUNGA POINT	19	TANEY
15	CABILDO	20	CABILDO
16	TANEY	21	FLOYDS BAY
17	FLOYDS BAY	22	MONTPELIER

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DENTAL SERVICE

A. One dental officer will be on duty at the Evacuation Unit from 0800 until secured, daily. He will furnish his own equipment, supplies and assistants.

Treatment to be given will be governed by the time factor, quantity of service required and humanitarian factors.

B. SUGGESTED DENTAL EQUIPMENT TO RENDER EMERGENCY SERVICE TO EVACUEES AT AMBULATORY UNIT.

1. One set of hand instruments for excavating large painful cavities.
2. Mouth mirrors.
3. Zinc oxide and eugenol.
4. Mixing slab and spatula.
5. Hypodermic syringes (2).
6. Novocain ampules.
7. One set of extraction forceps.
8. Hand towels.
9. Tray.
10. Alcohol, (70% in sufficient quantities for sterilization).

C. DUTY LIST:

SEPT. 13. CONSOLATION	:	SEPT. 18. MONTPELIER
14. MONTPELIER	:	19. SANCTUARY
15. SANCTUARY	:	20. LUNGA POINT
16. LUNGA POINT	:	21. CONSOLATION
17. CONSOLATION	:	22. SANCTUARY

SUPPLY SERVICES TO WAKAYAMA EVACUATION UNIT

1. The Supply Officer designated by ComCruDiv 12 will have responsibility for arranging for the subsistence, clothing, and other basic articles found necessary to be issued to the evacuees.

2. To properly accomplish this mission, the ships in this task unit will be called upon to furnish such personnel and supplies as are outlined in the following paragraphs. It is necessary to have assembled, on the beach, the following initial supply of food, clothing, and ship store articles before the processing of evacuees commences. This initial list is based upon the needs for 3000 evacuees. Supplies for the remainder will be requested from ships present as the evacuation progresses, and as the quantities to be furnished from other sources are determined. All provisions, clothing, and ship's store articles will be transferred on invoice to the Evacuation Unit, CTU 56.5.2, at the order of the Commanding Officer, and will be charged to the Naval Emergency Fund, 1946, Symbol 1760300, sub-head Title 11-V-159.

3. Procedure for subsisting evacuees will be as follows:  
MONTPELIER will furnish first 3-day supply in quantities shown:

Beef (for broth)	400 #	6000 servings
Mush (cornmeal, oatmeal, grits)	170 #	6000 servings
Coffee (ground)	450 #	available at all times
Juice (orange, g. fruit)	180 gals.	3000 servings
Bread (sliced)	150 #daily	6000 servings
Milk (evaporated)	192 #	6000 servings
Sugar (granulated)	150 #	6000 servings

The LUNGA POINT will furnish the second 3-day supply in quantities indicated above. Other ships in the task unit will be called upon for provisions as needed.

The necessary galley equipment for feeding ashore will be furnished by the MONTPELIER. Paper plates, wooden spoons, and waxed cups will be furnished by the MONTPELIER. Cups, hot drink, unwaxed, are desired and if carried by any ship in this task unit, should be transferred to the MONTPELIER or direct to the evacuation unit ashore.

Ships' personnel serving in the evacuation unit will be provided box lunches. MONTPELIER will furnish these lunches for the first two days of evacuating, LUNGA POINT, the third day, MONTPELIER, the fourth day, and rotated thus during the evacuation period unless otherwise directed.

4.(A) Clothing and ship's store articles to be furnished evacuees will be provided by all ships in the task unit. It is desired that each evacuee be given the following:

*Shirts, chambray	1
*Trousers, dungaree	1
Undershirt, cotton	1
Drawers, nainsook	1

WAKAYAMA EVACUATION UNIT

CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE

Two Chaplains, one Protestant, one Catholic, will be on duty at the Medical Evacuation Unit Daily from 0800 until secured.

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHAPLAIN</u>	<u>SHIP</u>
Duty:	Sept. 13	Catholic Chaplain	MONTPELIER
	13	Protestant Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	14	Catholic Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	14	Protestant Chaplain	LUNGA POINT
	15	Catholic Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	15	Protestant Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	16	Catholic Chaplain	MONTPELIER
	16	Protestant Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	17	Catholic Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	17	Protestant Chaplain	LUNGA POINT
	18	Catholic Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	18	Protestant Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	19	Catholic Chaplain	MONTPELIER
	19	Protestant Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	20	Catholic Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	20	Protestant Chaplain	LUNGA POINT
	21	Catholic Chaplain	CONSOLATION
	21	Protestant Chaplain	SANCTUARY
	22	Catholic Chaplain	MONTPELIER
	22	Protestant Chaplain	CONSOLATION

Chaplains will give the Sacraments and Spiritual Consolation to those desiring same.

Chaplains will cooperate with the Medical Department and Red Cross in the evacuation process.

Chaplains will land at beach off MAMPA RO Hotel.

Hotel will fly large red cross flag.

*W. L. Anderson*  
W. L. ANDERSON,  
Chief of Staff.

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Ship	HOPPING (APD51)	CABILDO (ISD16)	SANCTUARY (AH17)	CONSOLATION (AH15)	Totals
Destination	MARIANAS	OKINAWA	OKINAWA	OKINAWA	
<u>Nationality and Branch of Service</u>					
U.S.A. Off.			5	2	7
U.S.A. Men			60	189	249
U.S.N. Off.	1			1	2
U.S.N. Men	64			2	66
U.S.M.C. Off.	1				1
U.S.M.C. Men	73			6	79
U.S. Civilians			1	1	2
U.S. Mcht. Mar.					0
Canadians					0
British Army			593	568	1161
British Civilians					0
Royal Navy			12	2	14
Royal Air Force			19	33	52
Australian Army		70	152	236	458
Australian Civ.					0
R.A.N.				4	4
R.A.A.F.			2		2
New Zealand Army			1	1	2
New Zealand Civ.			3		3
Dutch Army		148	247	7	402
Dutch Navy		23	27		50
Dutch Air Force			2		2
Dutch Civilians		8	3		11
Armenian Civ.			1 *		1
Totals	139	249	1128	1052	2568
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Captured in P.I.	37		63	191	291
From P.O.W. Camps at	HIROSHIMA 2, 5; ZENTSUJI	HIRO-SHIMA 2	HIROSHIMA 2, 3, 4, 6; ZENTSUJI	HIRO-SHIMA 4, 5, 6, 7	
<u>Physical Breakdown</u>					
Mental Cases			3		3
Litter Cases			128	39	167
Troop Hosp. Cases		21	189	66	276
Troop Ambulant	139	228	808	947	2122
Physical Total	139	249	1128	1052	2568

\* One Armenian Civilian was embarked by mistake. Captured in JAVA, he was entrained from HIROSHIMA No. 1 for WAKAYAMA. This error was subsequently approved by the U. S. Consular Service.

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C. T. DURGIN

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G. P. GARLAND,  
Acting.

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To: CNO

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E. L. Sackett,  
By direction

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