

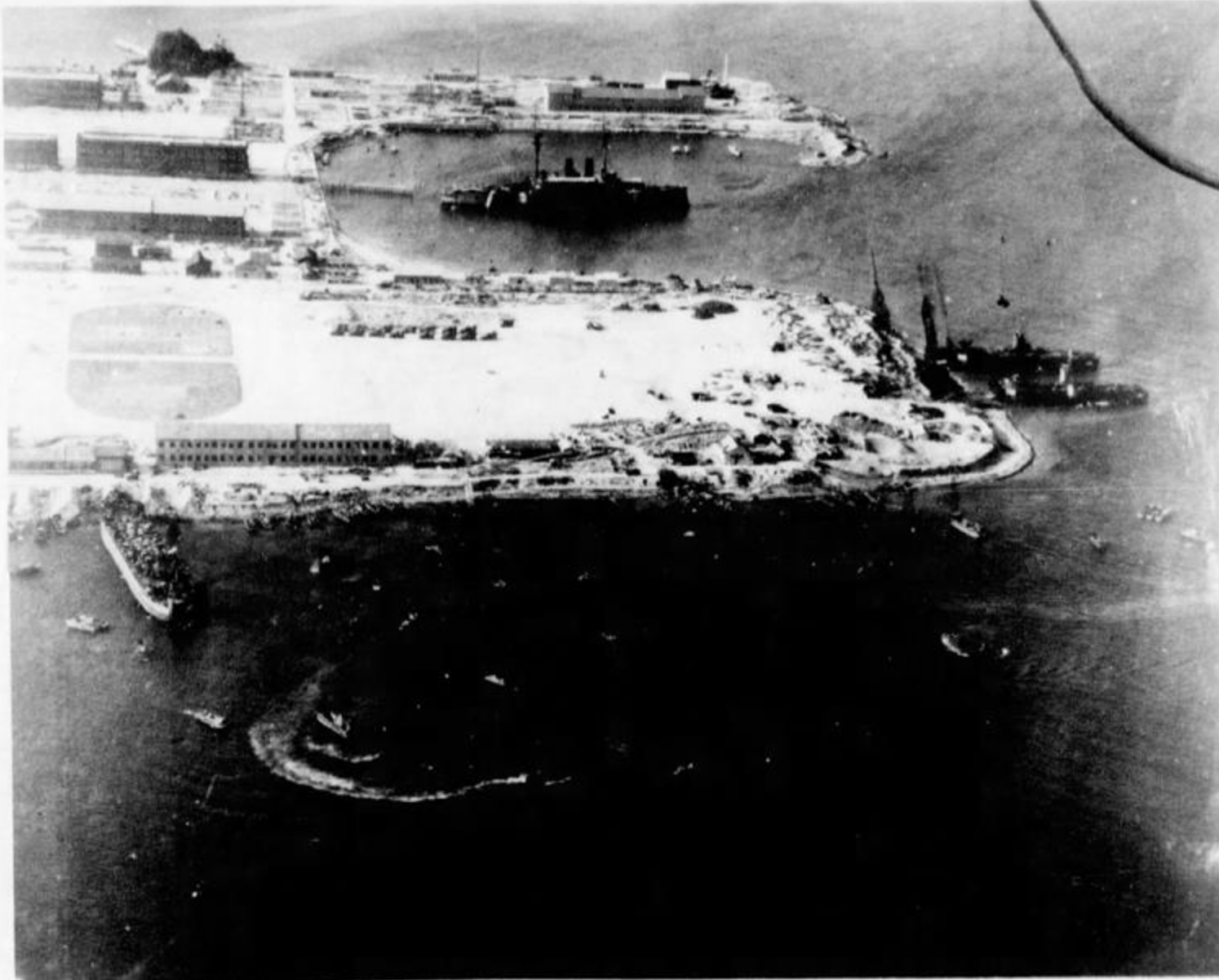
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**ACTION REPORT
OF
U.S.S. SAN JACINTO**



YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, 30 AUGUST 1945

16 - 31 AUGUST, 1945

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(2) Commander Task Force THIRTY-EIGHT.
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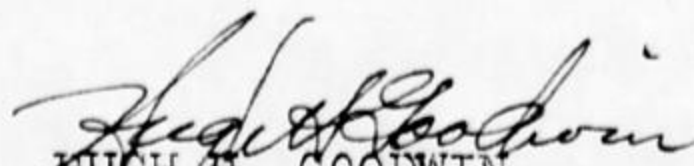
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References: (a) Cominch ltr. Serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
(b) PacFlt conf. ltr. 1CL-45, dated 1 January 1945.
(c) ComTHIRDFleet Standard Instructions 1-45, Part Five, para. 5300.
(d) CarDivTHREE Instructions, Part Five, para. 802, 803.

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1. Enclosure (A) constitutes the Action Report of the U.S.S. SAN JACINTO for the period 16 August through 31 August 1945, and is forwarded herewith.

2. East longitude dates and minus nine (-9) I M Zone time are used throughout this report.


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PART I

BRIEF SUMMARY

During the period under review, the U.S.S. SAN JACINTO operated off the coast of HONSHU. Operations consisted of Combat Air Patrols over the Task Force, special patrols over the TOKYO area in support of the landing of the occupation forces at TOKYO BAY, and the delivery of supplies to Prisoner of War camps on the island of HONSHU.

On 21 August, Air Group FORTY-NINE was transferred to the U.S.S. BATAAN and Air Group FORTY-SEVEN embarked.

On 24 August, Captain Hugh H. GOODWIN, USN, assumed command vice Captain Michael H. KERODLE, USN, detached.

PART II

PRELIMINARIES

The U.S.S. SAN JACINTO operated tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE, a part of Task Force THIRTY-EIGHT, THIRD Fleet, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET, from 16 August until detached on 31 August 1945 for return to the UNITED STATES.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

16 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. Following the cessation of hostilities, the Task Group had retired on a southerly course. Flight operations were limited to Combat Air Patrols. The SAN JACINTO launched three (3) tow planes for gunnery exercises which were held during the morning. Flying conditions were average to good with light variable winds and a slight sea.

Sunrise 0427 0800 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 34.8'$ N., Long. $142^{\circ} 06.1'$ E.
Sunset 1812 1200 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 24.4'$ N., Long. $142^{\circ} 31.5'$ E.
2000 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 18.3'$ N., Long. $144^{\circ} 38.8'$ E.

0727 - Launched tow planes, 3 VT.
0920 - Manned Torpedo Defense Stations for gunnery exercises.
1027 - Secured from Torpedo Defense.
1233 - Recovered tow planes, 3 VT.

17 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in the same area southeast of HONSHU. Again flight operations were limited to Combat Air Patrols and the supplying of tow planes. The SAN JACINTO provided four (4) tow planes. Gunnery exercises were held during the afternoon. Flying conditions were average to good with moderate easterly winds and a slight sea.

Sunrise 0451 0800 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 53.5'$ N., Long. $143^{\circ} 54.8'$ E.
Sunset 1812 1200 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 27.5'$ N., Long. $144^{\circ} 10.9'$ E.
2000 - Lat. $33^{\circ} 06.8'$ N., Long. $143^{\circ} 11.0'$ E.

0727 - Launched tow planes, 4 VT.
1104 - Recovered tow planes, 4 VT.

18 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. A rendezvous was effected with the Fueling and Replenishment Group. Air operations for the SAN JACINTO were limited to one (1) Combat Air Patrol. Gunnery exercises were conducted during the morning. Flying conditions were good with moderated easterly winds and a slight sea.

Sunrise 0452 0800 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 57.5'$ N., Long. $143^{\circ} 51.5'$ E.
Sunset 1808 1200 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 31.4'$ N., Long. $144^{\circ} 06.4'$ E.
2000 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 02.0'$ N., Long. $144^{\circ} 17.0'$ E.

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- 0500 - Rendezvous with Task Unit 30.8.1 was effected.
- 0730 - Launched Combat Air Patrol #2, 12 VF.
- 0807 - Took station along port side of U.S.S. KENNEBAGO (AO-81) to take on fuel and aviation gasoline.
- 0926 - Cast off from U.S.S. KENNEBAGO.
- 1020 - Manned Torpedo Defense stations.
- 1141 - Secured from Torpedo Defense.
- 1159 - Recovered DCAP #2, 12 VF.

19 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. The Task Group again rendezvoused with the Fueling Group. The Marine Detachment was transferred for temporary duty with the First Battalion Marine Landing Force. No flights were assigned to the SAN JACINTO. Flying conditions were average with winds moderate to fresh, east northeasterly, and a slight to moderate sea.

Sunrise 0453	0800 - Lat. 31° 34.0' N., Long. 143° 21.6' E.
Sunset 1807	1200 - Lat. 31° 06.8' N., Long. 143° 40.2' E.
	2000 - Lat. 30° 40.2' N., Long. 143° 49.1' E.

- 0738 - Marine Detachment was transferred to the U.S.S. JOHN RODGERS (DD-754), for further transfer for temporary duty with the First Battalion Marine Landing Force.

20 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE southeast of HONSHU, in company with the Fueling and Replenishment Group. The SAN JACINTO took on ammunition. No flights were scheduled for the SAN JACINTO. Flying conditions were average with fresh east northeasterly winds and a moderate to slight sea.

Sunrise 0455	0800 - Lat. 31° 29.5' N., Long. 143° 28.7' E.
Sunset 1805	1200 - Lat. 30° 58.0' N., Long. 143° 53.8' E.
	2000 - Lat. 30° 40.3' N., Long. 143° 58.4' E.

- 1026 - Took station along side U.S.S. FIREDRAKE (AE-14).
- 1035 - Cruiser Division 18 departed the formation.
- 1510 - Cast off from U.S.S. FIREDRAKE.
- 1750 - U.S.S. TUSCON (CL98) and U.S.S. ASTORIA (CL90) joined the formation.

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21 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. The SAN JACINTO left Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE temporarily and rendezvoused with Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT THREE to effect a transfer of Air Groups and planes with the U.S.S. BATAAN, Air Group FORTY-NINE going to and Air Group FORTY-SEVEN coming from the BATAAN, Flight operations for the SAN JACINTO were limited to the exchange of planes with the BATAAN. Flying conditions were average to undesirable with fresh northeasterly winds and a moderate to slight sea.

Sunrise 0454 0800 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 35.7'$ N., Long. $143^{\circ} 57.8'$ E.
Sunset 1804 1200 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 17.2'$ N., Long. $143^{\circ} 51.1'$ E.
2000 - Lat. $30^{\circ} 32.2'$ N., Long. $141^{\circ} 41.9'$ E.

- 0520 - Entered screen of Task Group 38.3.
- 0655 - Commenced transfer of personnel and gear of Air Group FORTY-NINE and Air Group FORTY-SEVEN, via the U.S.S. ATACOSA (AO-66).
- 0833 - Completed transfer of personnel and gear.
- 0940 - Launched Air Group FORTY-NINE planes to the U.S.S. BATAAN, 11 VF and 3 VT.
- 1119 - Recovered Air Group FORTY-SEVEN planes from the U.S.S. BATAAN, 11 VF and 3 VT.
- 1507 - Rejoined Task Group 38.1.
- 1620 - Took station alongside U.S.S. ESCAMBIA (AO-80) to take on aviation gasoline.
- 1715 - Cast off from U.S.S. ESCAMBIA.

22 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. A rendezvous was effected with the Fueling Group. The SAN JACINTO launched planes to take part in the mass flight over the THIRD Fleet, photographic coverage being the primary purpose of the flight. Flying conditions were average to undesirable with winds south to south southeasterly, fresh and strong. The sea was rough with moderate swell.

Sunrise 0502 0800 - Lat. $30^{\circ} 56.8'$ N., Long. $141^{\circ} 55.3'$ E.
Sunset 1805 1200 - Lat. $31^{\circ} 14.8'$ N., Long. $142^{\circ} 11.4'$ E.
2000 - Lat. $32^{\circ} 13.0'$ N., Long. $142^{\circ} 41.0'$ E.

- 0446 - Rendezvous effected with Task Unit 30.8.1.
- 0532 - Took station alongside U.S.S. CHIPOLA (AO-63) to take on fuel oil.
- 0620 - Cast off from U.S.S. CHIPOLA.

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- 1133 - Launched Photo Mission over the Fleet, 22 VF and 8 VT.
- 1231 - Recovered 1 VF deferred forced landing.
- 1522 - Recovered Photo Mission, 21 VF, 8 VT.

23 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters southeast of HONSHU. No flight operations were scheduled for the SAN JACINTO. Flying conditions were average with winds fresh southeasterly, moderate sea and slight to moderate swell.

Sunrise 0453	0800 - Lat. 33° 21.0' N., Long. 143° 15.0' E.
Sunset 1804	1200 - Lat. 32° 49.4' N., Long. 143° 22.0' E.
	2000 - Lat. 33° 12.0' N., Long. 144° 08.9' E.

24 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. At 0845 Captain Hugh H. GOODWIN, USN, assumed command of the U.S.S. SAN JACINTO, vice Captain Michael H. KERNODLE, USN, detached. Captain KERNODLE was flown to the U.S.S. BENNINGTON in the afternoon. Aside from that single plane, none was launched by the SAN JACINTO. Flying conditions were average with moderate to fresh southerly winds and slight sea with moderate swell.

Sunrise 0430	0800 - Lat. 35° 37.0' N., Long. 143° 55.3' E.
Sunset 1800	1200 - Lat. 36° 23.0' N., Long. 143° 51.7' E.
	2000 - Lat. 37° 52.1' N., Long. 143° 19.6' E.

- 0800 - Quarters for muster. Captain Hugh H. GOODWIN, USN, assumed command.
- 1451 - Captain Michael H. KERNODLE, USN, former Commanding Officer, departed via plane to the U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

25 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. The SAN JACINTO ~~Launched~~ **two** (2) Combat Air Patrols and one (1) Patrol over Airfields and Prisoner of War Camps on Central Western HONSHU. Flying conditions were bad during the morning, due to fog, improving to average after 1100. Winds were gentle southerly with a slight sea.

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Sunrise 0445 0800 - Lat. 39° 22.2' N.; Long. 143° 42.0' E.
Sunset 1808 1200 - Lat. 38° 47.9' N.; Long. 143° 30.2' E.
2000 - Lat. 38° 42.5' N.; Long. 143° 58.5' E.

0643 - Launched Combat Air Patrol #1, 8 VF.
1100 - Launched Patrol "Dog", 13 VF.
1103 - VF crashed after take-off and burned. Pilot uninjured, rescued by a destroyer.
1117 - Recovered DCAP #1, 8 VF.
1307 - Launched Combat Air Patrol, #3, 8 VF.
1535 - Recovered Patrol "Dog", 12 VF.
1750 - Recovered DCAP #3, 8 VF.

26 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. The SAN JACINTO provided two (2) Combat Air Patrols and launched one (1) Patrol over airfields and Prisoner of War Camps on the island of HOKKAIDO. However, the area assigned was completely closed in and packages of supplies for the prisoners could not be dropped. Flying conditions were average to undesirable due to the visibility being restricted by haze and rain. Winds were moderate, south southeasterly and there was a slight sea.

Sunrise 0447 0800 - Lat. 40° 37.0' N.; Long. 143° 44.1' E.
Sunset 1806 1200 - Lat. 40° 08.4' N.; Long. 143° 37.9' E.
2000 - Lat. 40° 16.1' N.; Long. 143° 50.6' E.

0432 - Launched DCAP #1, 8 VF.
0709 - Launched Prisoner of War Patrol, 8 VF, 4 VT.
0900 - Recovered DCAP #1, 8 VF.
1145 - Launched DCAP #3, 8 VF.
1154 - Recovered POW Patrol, 8 VF, 4 VT.
1459 - Recovered DCAP #3, 8 VF.

27 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. A rendezvous was effected with the Fueling and Replenishment Group. The SAN JACINTO took aboard provisions, aviation gasoline, and fuel. Air Operations consisted of two Prisoner of War Missions. Packages of supplies were dropped in the prison compounds at IWAKI and two camps near NIIGATA. Flying conditions were average with fresh southwesterly winds and a slight to moderate sea and swell.

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Sunrise 0448 0800 - Lat. 38° 10.8' N., Long. 145° 03.0' E.
Sunset 1805 1200 - Lat. 37° 25.5' N., Long. 144° 56.3' E.
2000 - Lat. 36° 27.8' N., Long. 145° 14.5' E.

- 0432 - Rendezvoused with Task Group 30.8.1.
- 0522 - Took station alongside U.S.S. VIRGO (AKA-20).
- 1002 - Cast off from U.S.S. VIRGO.
- 1025 - Took station alongside U.S.S. CALIENTE (AO-53).
- 1300 - Launched POW Mission, 16 VF, 8 VT.
- 1315 - Cast off from U.S.S. CALIENTE.
- 1757 - Recovered POW Mission, 16 VF, 8 VT.

28 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE east of HONSHU in the Fueling area. Air operations consisted of two (2) Prisoner of War Missions on which packages of supplies were dropped at a camp located at 36° 58.0' N., 140° 57.0' E. and one (1) Combat Air Patrol. Flying conditions were average to undesirable with fresh southwesterly winds and a moderate sea and swell.

Sunrise 0448 - 0800 - Lat. 38° 11.3' N., Long. 144° 51.8' E.
Sunset 1758 1200 - Lat. 37° 51.8' N., Long. 144° 20.5' E.
2000 - Lat. 36° 49.6' N., Long. 144° 10.8' E.

- 0502 - Launched DCAP #1, 4 VF.
- 0532 - Launched POW Mission, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 0933 - Recovered POW Mission and DCAP #1, 8 VF, 4 VT.

29 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. Air operations consisted of Combat Air Patrols over the Fleet, the general TOKYO area and coverage of Prisoner of War Camps. Two of these latter missions were flown covering three camps, unnamed, located at 36° 38.0' N., 139° 26.0' E; 36° 39.0' N., 139° 27.0' E.; and 36° 01.0' N., 138° 12.0' E. respectively. Food was dropped on each. Flying conditions were average with moderate southwesterly winds and a moderate sea.

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Sunrise 0459 0800 - Lat. 35° 33.5' N., Long. 142° 20.1' E.
Sunset 1803 1200 - Lat. 35° 15.3' N., Long. 141° 55.0' E.
2000 - Lat. 35° 12.0' N., Long. 141° 55.0' E.

- 0430 - Launched DCAP #1, 8 VF, and Prisoner of War Mission #1, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 0645 - Launched CAP #1 over ATSUGI Airfield.
- 0914 - Recovered DCAP #1 and POW Mission #1, 12 VF and 4 VT.
- 1100 - Launched Prisoner of War Mission #4, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 1115 - Recovered ATSUGI CAP #1, 8 VF.
- 1313 - Launched CAP over U.S.S. FLINT, 4 VF, CAP over SAGAMI and TOKYO BAYS, 8 VF, and Channel Patrol, 4 VF - total 16 VF.
- 1527 - Recovered POW Mission #4, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 1725 - Recovered Channel Patrol and CAPs, 16 VF.

30 August 1945

Operating tactically as a unit of Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE in waters east of HONSHU. Flight operations consisted of repeating the schedule for the previous day, with the addition of an Observation Flight consisting of two (2) VT over the general area. Packages of supplies were again dropped at the same prisoner of war camps as on the day before. Flying conditions were average with a moderate south-westerly wind and a moderate sea.

Sunrise 0459 0800 - Lat. 35° 28.3' N., Long. 142° 22.1' E.
Sunset 1801 1200 - Lat. 35° 49.5' N., Long. 142° 45.5' E.
2000 - Lat. 36° 40.6' N., Long. 143° 24.2' E.

- 0430 - Launched DCAP #1, 8 VF, and Prisoner of War Mission #1, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 0645 - Launched CAP #1 over ATSUGI Airfield, 8 VF.
- 0900 - Recovered DCAP #1, 8 VF, and POW Mission 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 1100 - Launched Prisoner of War Mission #4, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 1318 - Launched Observation Mission, 2 VT, CAP over SAGAMI and TOKYO BAYS, 8 VF, CAP over U.S.S. FLINT, 4 VF, and Channel Patrol - 4 VF.
- 1548 - Recovered POW Mission #4, 4 VF, 4 VT.
- 1731 - Recovered Observation Mission, 2 VT, CAP over SAGAMI and TOKYO BAYS, 7 VF, CAP over U.S.S. FLINT, 4 VF and Channel Patrol, 4 V. One (1) VF was forced to land at YOKOSUKA Airfield due to engine trouble.
- 1803 - U.S.S. ASTORIA (CL-90), U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS (BB-59), U.S.S. COLLETT (DD-730), and U.S.S. MANSFIELD (DD-728) detached from Task Group 38.1 to proceed to the UNITED STATES.

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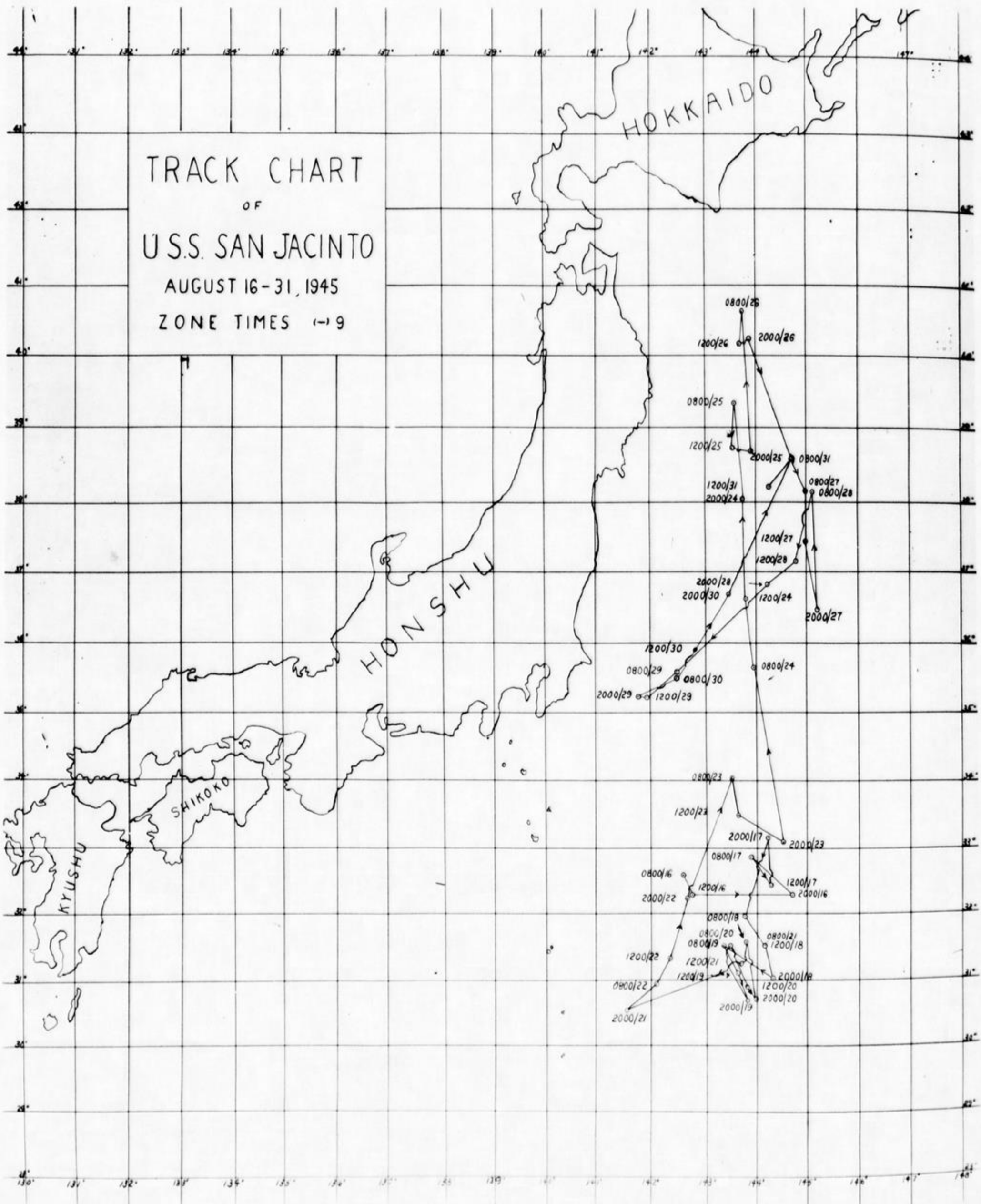
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Sunrise 0448 0800 - Lat. 38° 37.0' N., Long. 144° 42.0' E.
 1200 - Lat. 38° 12.4' N., Long. 144° 12.1' E.

- 0445 - Rendezvous effected with the Fueling and Replenishment Group.
- 0530 - Took station alongside the U.S.S. VIRGO (AKA-20) for replenishment of supplies.
- 0842 - Cast off from U.S.S. VIRGO.
- 0845 - Took station alongside U.S.S. ESCALENTE (AO-70) to take on fuel.
- 1047 - Cast off from U.S.S. ESCALENTE.
- 1415 - Detached from Task Group 38.1.



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DAILY TABLE OF SORTIES

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DATE	AVAILABILITY			POW MISSIONS			SPECIAL CAP	CAP SHIPS	OTHER	
	VF	VFP	VT	VF	VFP	VT			VF	VT
August 16	23	2	8							Tow planes 3 VT
17	23	2	8							Tow planes 4 VT
18	23	2	8					12		
19	23	2	8							
20	23	2	8							
21	23	2	8							
22	22	2	9						Display Exercise 20 2 VF(P)	8
23	22	2	9							
24	22	2	9							
25	22	2	9	11	1			16		
26	22	1	9	7	1	4		16		
27	21	1	9	15	1	7				
28	18	1	8	4		4		4		
29	19	1	8	6	2	8	24	8		
30	19	1	8	6	2	8	24	8		Observers 2 VT
31	19	1	8							
TOTALS				49	7	31	48	64	22	17

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AIRCRAFT - PILOTS AND AIRCREWMEN LOST

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DATE	TIME OF LAUNCH	TYPE AIRCRAFT	CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACE, AND CAUSE OF PLANE LOSS	NO. PILOTS LOST	NO. AIRCREW LOST	NO. PILOTS SAVED	NO. AIRCREW SAVED
August 25	0415 I	F6F-5P	Lt. Cdr. A.H. Clancy - Engine failure. Ditched in screen. Picked up by DD.	0	0	1	0

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PART VI

Task Force THIRTY EIGHT retired to position $32^{\circ} 42.0' N.$, $142^{\circ} 20.0' E.$, in which general area it remained from 16 August to and including 24 August.

16 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: Light and variable
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Cond: Average to good

17 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 120 degrees, 11 knots
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Cond: Good

18 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 080 degrees, 13 knots
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Cond: Good

19 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 070 degrees, 15 knots
Sea: Slight to moderate sea and swell
Flying Cond: Average

20 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 070 degrees, 17 knots
Sea: Slight to moderate sea, slight swell
Flying Cond: Average

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21 August 1945

Weather: Cloudy, few showers
Ceiling: Variable, 2000 feet to unlimited
Visibility: Average 8 miles due to light haze
Wind: 055 degrees, 20 knots
Sea: Slight to moderate sea and swell
Flying Con: Average to undesirable

22 August 1945

Weather: Cloudy, scattered showers and light rain
Ceiling: Generally 2000 feet
Visibility: Average 10 miles
Wind: 160 degrees, 26 knots
Sea: Rough sea, moderate southeasterly swell
Flying Con: Average to undesirable

23 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy, light rain
Ceiling: 1500 feet in morning, unlimited in afternoon
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 160 to 140 degrees, 18 knots
Sea: Moderate sea, slight to moderate swell
Flying Con: Average

24 August 1945

Weather: Partly cloudy, few showers
Ceiling: 4000 feet
Visibility: 10 miles
Wind: 170 degrees, 17 knots
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Con: Average

25 August 1945

The SAN JACINTO, in company with Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE, moved north to launch DCAP and search patrols over the HOKKAIDO-NORTH HONSHU area. Advection fog in the morning hours hampered and delayed flight operations.

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25 August Cont'd

Weather: Fog in patches and damp haze until 1100 (I), partly cloudy thereafter.
Ceiling: Unlimited, except to zero in fog.
Visibility: 0 to 3 miles in fog, 3 to 8 miles in haze, and unrestricted after 1200 (I).
Wind: 180 degrees, 10 knots.
Sea: Slight sea and swell.
Flying Con: Bad in morning, average after 1100 (I).

26 August 1945

Photo missions, DCAP, and Prisoner of War Missions were scheduled, but a few stratocumulus over the Empire prevented completion of the Photo and POW Missions.

Weather: Haze and occasional rain
Ceiling: 3000 feet to unlimited
Visibility: 3 to 8 miles
Wind: 160 degrees, 15 knots
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Con: Average to undesirable

27 August 1945

Photo, DCAP, and POW Missions were carried out successfully today. The Task Group also fueled and replenished provisions.

Weather: Haze and rain showers
Ceiling: 2000 feet to unlimited
Visibility: 10 miles
Wind: 200 degrees, 18 knots
Sea: Slight to moderate sea and swell
Flying Con: Average

28 August 1945

The Task Group retired to the south. Fueling and replenishing of provisions continued. Photo and POW Missions were again flown.

Weather: Partly cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 230 degrees, 20 knots
Sea: Moderate sea and swell
Flying Con: Average to undesirable

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From 29 August to 31 August, the SAN JACINTO continued to operate east of HONSHU and further Photo, POW Missions, and Patrols were flown.

29 August 1945

Weather: Cloudy
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 230 degrees, 15 to 25 knots
Sea: Moderate sea, slight swell from the southwest
Flying Con: Average

30 August 1945

Weather: Scattered clouds
Ceiling: Unlimited
Visibility: Unrestricted
Wind: 230 degrees, 20 to 25 knots
Sea: Moderate sea, slight swell from the southwest
Flying Con: Average

31 August 1945

The SAN JACINTO as Task Unit 38.1.17 in company with the destroyers BLUE and BRUSH as Task Unit 38.1.18 departed Task Group 38.1 at 1415 and headed southward for rendezvous with Task Group 30.8 and eventual return to the UNITED STATES.

Weather: Rain
Ceiling: Variable, from 500 feet to 3500 feet
Visibility: Variable in rain and light fog, from 1 mile to unrestricted
Wind: Shifting from southwest to north at 15 to 25 knots
Sea: Slight sea and swell
Flying Con: Bad to undesirable in the morning, improving towards close of day

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PHOTOGRAPHY

During the period covered by this report, a total of six (6) Photographic Missions was flown by the photographic plane, F6F-5P. A total of five (5) missions was flown in TBM's by photographer's mates who were attached to the photographic laboratory of the ship. All missions were flown after the surrender of Japan, the principal assignments being to photograph Prisoner of War Camps. The absence of AA opposition permitted the pilots to fly as low and as slowly as they chose, with the result that pictures were obtained which were of a large scale and with a sharpness at that scale that was almost unknown under combat conditions.

The K-17 6-inch and K-17 12-inch combination was used exclusively in the photographic plane. The photographer's mates carried F-8 15-inch cameras.



AN JAC 120-AV-152 AUG 25-45 1330(-9) K17 153.8mm 900' NAOETSU TOWN HONSHU 37°22'N 138°15'E CONF

This excellent view of the NAOETSU Prisoner of War Camp in Northern HONSHU was taken by a low flying SAN JACINTO photo plane on the first POW Mission, 25 August 1945.

An estimated 250 prisoners are visible within the compound and on the roofs of the barracks buildings. Occupants of the camp had just finished laying out the message "Food and smokes" when this picture was taken. Of special interest is the open gate near the lower right hand corner of the largest building.

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SAN JACINTO VT flying at roof-top level were accorded a warm welcome by members of the Iwaki Coal Mine Prisoner of War Camp in Central HONSHU, 27 August 1945.

In addition to the required PW markings, the message "THANKS LAX" and a British flag may be seen on the roofs of the three large barracks buildings. A man with a paint bucket has just finished spelling out "CIGS" on the roof of the center building.

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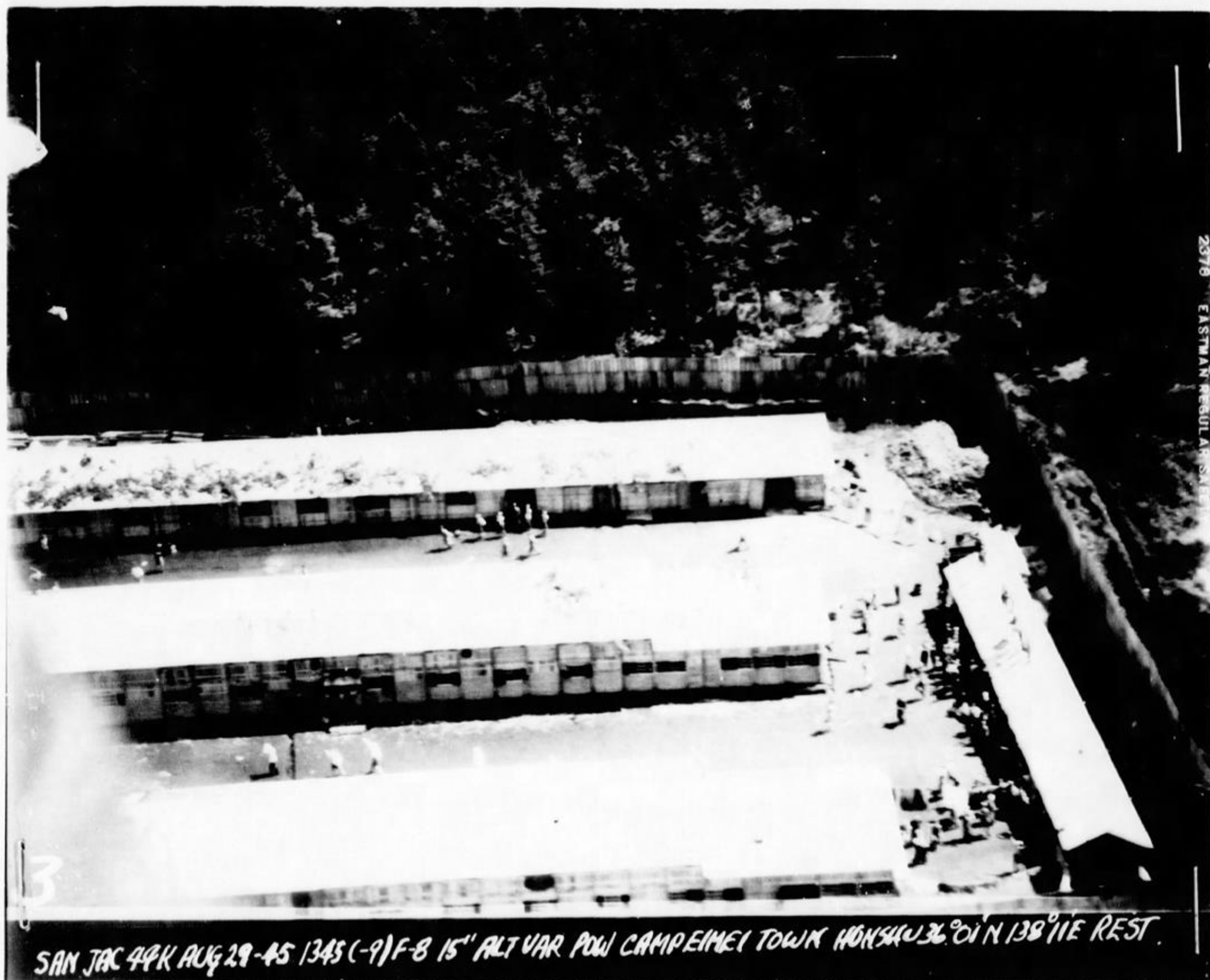
SAN JAC 47K-AUG. 27-45-1730(-9)FB-15"ALT. VAR. IWAKE POW CAMP-37°02'N-140°50'E (CON E

Another view of the IWAKE Prisoner of War Camp. At least seventy of the camps reported 1000 prisoners are clearly visible in this photograph alone.

The numerous Japanese civilians seen in the foreground were reported by pilots to be snatching up food and supply packages which fell outside the limits of the compound.

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SAN JAC 49K AUG 29-45 1345 (-9) F-8 15" ALT VAR POW CAMP EIMEI TOWN HONSHU 36°01'N 138°11'E REST

A dramatic moment at the EIMEI Prisoner of War Camp, Central HONSHU. Low level drops of food and medical supplies have just been made by SAN JACINTO VT, and prisoners may be seen running toward the parachute package visible on the extreme left.

This camp, previously unreported, was discovered by a SAN JACINTO POW Mission flying over the mountainous interior of HONSHU, August 29, 1945.

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