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10 September 1945.

From:  CMO Commanding Officer.  
 To:  The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Via: (1) The Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE (Captain H. B. Henchberger, USN).  
 (2) The Commander Task Group 30.1 (Captain Murray USN, Commanding Officer USS MISSOURI).  
 (3) The Commander THIRD Fleet (Admiral W. F. Halsey USN).  
 (4) The Commander in Chief, United States, Pacific Fleet (Fleet Admiral G. F. Nimitz, USN).

Subject: Action Report - Occupation of Sagami Wan and entrance into Tokyo Bay Terminating in Surrender Ceremonies, 16 August to 2 September 1945.

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations 1920, Articles 712, 874(6).  
 (b) Pacific Fleet Confidential letter 1GL-45.  
 (c) ComTHIRD Fleet despatch of 2 September 1945.  
 (d) ComTHIRD Fleet Standard Instructions 1-45, (Part Eight).

Enclosure:  (A) Narrative. P 2  
 (B) List of the United States and Allied Representatives onboard USS NICHOLAS 2 September 1945. P. 5

1. In compliance with reference (a), (b), (c) and (d), the report of this vessel's participation in operations in Japanese waters from the cessation of hostilities on 15 August to the surrender ceremonies on 2 September 1945 is herewith submitted as Enclosure (a).

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PART ONE - GENERAL NARRATIVE.

1. During the period from 16 August to 23 August, NICHOLAS, as a unit of Task Group 38.4 operated as a part of the screen for Task Group 38.4 patrolling in an area 200 miles southeast of Tokyo Bay awaiting the entrance of the THIRD Fleet into Sagami Wan. On 22 August Task Group 30.1 (Flagship Group) was formed, of which NICHOLAS was a unit. On 27 August 1945 this Task Group made initial contact with Japanese off O Shima Island and anchored in Sagami Wan until 29 August when the Task Group entered Tokyo Bay.

PART TWO - PRELIMINARIES.

1. NICHOLAS operated with Task Group 38.4 as a unit of the screen under CTV 38.4.5 (Commodore Higgins, USN) from 16 August to 23 August and as a unit of the screen for Task Group 30.1 under Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE (Captain H.B. Honeborger, USN) from 23 August to 2 September 1945.

PART THREE. (All times Zone minus 9 time).

16-22 August 1945.

Steaming in company with Task Group 38.4 in an area about 200 miles southeast of Tokyo Bay, Japan, conducting replenishment exercises daily. Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE hoisted his pennant in NICHOLAS on 20 August and the administrative control of NICHOLAS was shifted from CDS 57 to CDS 21.

23-26 August 1945.

1400 - In accordance with CentHIRD Fleet verbal transmission 121708 of August and CentHIRD Fleet operation order 10-45, Task Group 30.1 (Flagship Group), consisting of MISSOURI (OTC), NICHOLAS (CDS21), O'BANNON, and TAYLOR was formed and took departure from Task Group 38.4 CentHIRD Fleet is in MISSOURI. Task Group 30.2, consisting of HMS DUKE OF YORK, HMS WAGER, and HMS WHELP, followed movements of Task Group 30.1. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser RN is in HMS DUKE OF YORK. Task Groups 30.1 and 30.2 remained in an area about 175 miles southeast of Tokyo Bay prior to entering Sagami Wan.

27 August 1945.

- Task Group 30.1 steaming toward Sagami Wan, Honshu, Japan.
- 0722 - Sighted Japanese destroyer coming over horizon. Ship went to General Quarters.
- 0723 - NICHOLAS (CDS 21) proceeded ahead of formation to make contact with Japanese destroyer.
- 0726 - Japanese destroyer identified as HMAS HATUZAKURA.
- 0740 - HMAS HATUZAKURA hove to as directed by flaghoist, NICHOLAS closed to 200 yards and lowered boat.

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PART THREE. (Continued).

27 August 1945. (Continued).

- 0745 - Motor Whale Boat with Lieutenant (jg) Ernest G. Panning, USN., and Lieutenant (jg) Donald K. Anderson, USNR., (interpreter) proceeded to HILLS MATUZAKURA and transferred 2 Japanese representatives (Captain Takasaki of the Yokosuka Naval Station and Captain Yokashima from the Tokyo Naval District), 13 pilots, and 6 interpreters to NICHOLAS.
- 0845 - Transferred Japanese representatives, one pilot and one interpreter to MISSOURI.
- 1005 - Transferred 7 pilots and one interpreter to STOCKHAM (DD683).
- 1025 - Transferred 2 pilots and two interpreters to WALDRON (DD699).
- 1042 - Transferred 1 pilot and one interpreter to HMS WHELP (D33).
- 1440 - Received Japanese representatives and one interpreter from MISSOURI by boat for further transfer.
- 1507 - Transferred Japanese representatives and one interpreter to HILLS MATUZAKURA and directed Japanese destroyer to return to Tokyo Bay.
- 1550 - Anchored in assigned berth in Sagami Wan, Honshu, Japan, retaining one Japanese interpreter and two Japanese pilots on board. Secured from General Quarters.

28 August 1945.

- 0300-1416 - Underway to rendezvous with Task Groups 30.5 and 35.80.
- 0610 - Transferred one Japanese Pilot to CUMBERLAND SOUND (LVI7).
- 0740 - Transferred one pilot and interpreter to PROTEUS. Proceeded independently to Sagami Wan and anchored at 1416.

29 August 1945.

- 0500 - Task Group 30.1 underway to enter Tokyo Bay. Went to General Quarters.
- 0917 - Anchored in assigned berth in Tokyo Bay. Secured from General Quarters.

30-31 August 1945.

Patrolled in Tokyo Bay to the westward of the non-of-war anchorage.

1 September 1945.

- 1500 - In accordance with instructions from COMTHIRD Fleet, NICHOLAS (CGS 21) proceeded to Yokohama and moored to Gaston House Pier at 1730.

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PART THREE. (Continued)

2 September 1945.

- 0615 - Japanese delegation for surrender ceremony crossed NICHOLS dock and embarked in LAUSDOME.
- 0630 - 0700 - United States Army delegation and representatives of the Allied powers boarded NICHOLS (CDS 21) for transportation to MISSOURI. (See Enclosure B).
- 0715 - Underway proceeding down Tokyo Bay to MISSOURI.
- 0808 - Moored to MISSOURI and transferred all United States Army delegation and representatives of Allied Powers. Cleared side of MISSOURI at 0822 and anchored in vicinity.
- 1009 - Moored alongside MISSOURI to re-embark United States Army delegation and representatives of the Allied Powers upon completion of surrender ceremony.
- 1028 - Cleared side of MISSOURI and proceeded to Yokohama.
- 1111 - Moored alongside BUCHANAN at Custom House Pier and disembarked United States Army delegation and representatives of Allied Powers.
- 1130 - Got underway and returned to anchorage in lower Tokyo Bay.

PART FOUR. None.

PART FIVE. None.

PART SIX. None.

PART SEVEN. None.

PART EIGHT. None.

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U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD449)

The following distinguished guests came aboard the NICHOLAS at Yokohama, Japan on September 2, 1945, and were transported to the U.S.S. MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay, for the formal Japanese Surrender Ceremony.

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES

General J. W. Stilwell  
General F. Krueger  
General C. Spaatz  
General G. C. Kenny  
General C. H. Hodges

Lt. General A. E. Percival  
Lt. General J. W. Wainwright  
Lt. General H. L. Eichalborger  
Lt. General R. C. Richardson, Jr.  
Lt. General J. H. Doolittle  
Lt. General E. McK. Giles  
Lt. General N. F. Twining  
Lt. General W. C. Styer  
Lt. General C. H. Gardner  
Lt. General E. C. Whitehead

Maj. General J. H. Swing.  
Maj. General J. L. Frink  
Maj. General S. J. Chamberlin  
Maj. General C. P. Stivers  
Maj. General S. B. Alkin  
Maj. General H. J. Cassy  
Maj. General C. E. Lemay  
Maj. General W. F. Marquat  
Maj. General W. B. Keen  
Maj. General E. J. Valdes  
Maj. General F. O. Ryan  
Maj. General L. J. Whitlock  
Maj. General L. J. Sverdrup  
Maj. General V. E. Bertasadies  
Maj. General U. A. Willoughby  
Maj. General P. S. Wurtsmith  
Maj. General F. D. Merrill  
Maj. General C. E. Byers

Brig. General L. C. Beebe  
Brig. General W. E. Chambers  
Brig. General T. D. White  
Brig. General B. F. Fellars  
Brig. General J. L. Holman  
Brig. General W. E. Crist  
Brig. General G. R. Dault  
Brig. General D. R. Hutchinson  
Brig. General E. M. Fitch  
Brig. General C. H. Bartwell  
Brig. General H. E. Reestwood  
Brig. General L. A. Diller

Brig. General C. Whitney  
Brig. General E. R. Turner  
Brig. General F. S. Bowen

Colonel H. B. Wheeler  
Colonel D. Kerr  
Colonel S. F. Mashbir  
Colonel H. B. Whipple  
Colonel F. C. Adams  
Colonel R. O. Egeberg  
Colonel Q. S. Lander  
Colonel J. R. Pugh

Lt. Colonel W. E. Rhoades  
Lt. Colonel I. Dooley

Sgt. H. Carroll

## ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES

### CHINA

General Heu Yung-Chang  
Vice Admiral Yang Hsuan Chang  
Lt. General Chu Shih Ming  
Maj. General Wang Chih  
Colonel Li Sze Cheng  
Colonel Wang Pei Chang

## UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Lt. Gen. Kuzma Nikolaevich Derevyenko  
Maj. Gen. Nikolai Vasilevich Varenov  
Rear Adm. Andrey Mitrofanovich Stoitsenko  
Capt. Nikolai Mikhailovich Karanishov  
Lt. Nikolai Nikolaevich Tulinov

## AUSTRALIA

General Sir Thomas Blaxey  
Lt. General P. H. Berryman  
Rear Admiral George D. Moore  
Air Vice Marshal Jones  
Air Vice Marshal Postock  
Comodoro J. A. Collins  
Captain J. Balfour

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CANADA

Colonel L. Moore Cosgrave

FRANCE

General B. J. Le Clerc  
Lt. Colonel Repiton-Frenaut  
Major Langlois  
Major Musse

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Lt. Gen. L. M. Van Oyen  
Colonel C. Giebel  
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