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UNITED STATES NAVAL  
**EMERGENCY OCCUPATION**  
OMINATO GUARD DISTRICT AREA



COMMANDER NORTH PACIFIC FORCE AND AREA  
ABOARD THE USS PANAMINT (AGC-13)

9 SEPTEMBER, 1945

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY VICE ADMIRAL FLETCHER

By order of General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, the Forces under my command are making an emergency Naval occupation of the OMINATO Guard District Area. This is an advance of occupation forces which will take over control of designated areas in HOKKAIDO and that portion of HONSHU which lies north of Latitude Forty Degrees North.

The purpose of this conference is to provide the responsible Japanese officials with my orders implementing this Naval occupation. It is my understanding that you have been provided with and are complying with the terms of the Instrument of Surrender, signed on September 2nd in TOKYO Bay, General Orders Numbers One and Two, Military and Naval, issued by the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers.

I have given consideration to the requests presented by your emissaries at their preliminary discussion with my Chief of Staff on September 7th. Subject to your prompt execution of all my orders in complete good faith, you will be informed sufficiently in advance of any large scale movement of Forces ashore, in order that you may take necessary measures in order to evacuate your personnel from the designated territory and make necessary preparations to meet the requirements of our occupation forces.

I will maintain my headquarters on board my Flagship and will not require accommodations ashore. I have issued instructions to all personnel under my command to respect the person and properties of peaceful Japanese. I expect this occupation to proceed with the same discipline and order that has been evidenced in other parts of the Japanese Islands, and without any incident that would only increase the sufferings of the Japanese people.

Commodore Robinson, my Chief of Staff, will now read the text of my Emergency Occupation Order Number One.

UNITED STATES NAVAL EMERGENCY OCCUPATION ORDER NO. ONE

OMINATO GUARD DISTRICT AREA

1. That portion of the islands of HONSHU and HOKKAIDO between Latitudes Forty Degrees and Thirty minutes and Forty-two Degrees North and between Longitudes 139 degrees and 142 degrees East is hereby declared the OMINATO Guard District Emergency Occupation Zone.

2. Japanese Military, Naval and Civil Authorities in the OMINATO Guard District will be held strictly responsible for carrying out and performing the terms set forth herein, as well as the surrender terms set forth in the Instrument of Surrender signed on 2 September 1945 in Tokyo Bay aboard the USS MISSOURI by representatives of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government, the Imperial Japanese General Headquarters and the Allied Powers, and in General Orders 1 and 2, Military and Naval, and subsequent orders issued by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

3. All Japanese Military and Naval Forces, including aviation components in the OMINATO Guard District Emergency Occupation Zone will be instructed to:

- (a) Remain in the present position wherever they may be pending further instructions from this Command.
- (b) Lay down all arms and be prepared within twenty-four hours to deliver all weapons and equipment into Allied custody as may be directed by this Command.

4. Within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of this order by approved Japanese emissary(s) deliver to Commander North Pacific Force as follows with respect to the area defined above:

- (a) Lists of all land, air, and anti-aircraft units, showing locations and strength in officers and men.
- (b) Lists of all aircraft, military, naval and civil, giving complete information as to the number, type, locations and condition of such aircraft.
- (c) Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled naval vessels, surface and submarines and auxiliary naval craft in or out of commission and under construction, giving their position, condition and movements.

- (d) Lists of all Japanese and Japanese-controlled merchant ships of over 100 gross tons in or out of commission and under construction, including merchant ships formerly belonging to any of the United Nations which are now in Japanese hands, giving their positions, condition and movement.
- (e) Complete and detailed information accompanied by maps showing locations and lay-out of all mines, minefields and other obstacles to movement by land, sea or air, and the safety lanes in connection therewith.
- (f) Locations and descriptions of all military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, anti-aircraft defenses, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas, together with plans and drawings of all such fortifications, installations and establishments.
- (g) Locations of all camps and other places of detention of all United Nations prisoners of war.
- (h) In addition, furnish lists as indicated in paragraphs (a) to (g) with respect to the other areas outside of OMINATO Guard District Emergency Occupation Zone, as defined above, of that portion of the Island of HONSHU north of 40 degrees north, the Island of HOKKAIDO and other areas that are included in and controlled by the OMINATO Guard District.

5. At his discretion, Commander North Pacific Force may establish military control zones as becomes necessary to insure the safety of our naval forces. Whenever such military control zones are established, Commander North Pacific Force will prescribe and publish to all Allied commands and to appropriate Japanese Agencies:

- (a) The boundaries of such zones.
  - (b) Regulations for removal of Japanese personnel.
  - (c) Regulations for control of Japanese personnel remaining within the Military Control Zone.
  - (d) Other established regulations.
6. Refrain from sabotage of Japanese weapons and equipment.

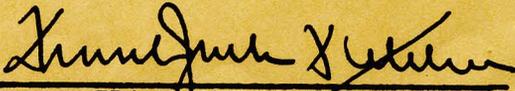
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7. The Commandant, OMINATO Naval Base will facilitate the occupation of the OMINATO Naval Anchorage by furnishing to Commander North Pacific Force, Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, U. S. Navy, local lists of:

- (a) (1) Operational naval craft.  
(2) Operational merchant craft.  
(3) Inoperational naval craft.  
(4) Inoperational merchant craft.
- (b) He will deliver within twelve (12) hours to Commander North Pacific Force detailed information concerning Japanese minefields, obstructions to navigation, defenses, naval and merchant shipping present, navigational charts, airfields, seaplane bases, fuel stock piles and ammunition storages.
- (c) If directed, arrange within twelve (12) hours for the withdrawal of all Japanese military, naval and civil personnel from the OMINATO Naval Anchorage Area, except such personnel as may be specifically excepted by Commander North Pacific Force after conference. This withdrawal to be completed within seventy-two (72) hours after the issue of such order.
- (d) Initiate minesweeping as directed by Commander North Pacific Force.
- (e) Prepare Headquarters at OMINATO for Commander North Pacific Force if directed by this Command.
- (f) Provide transportation when and where directed by Commander North Pacific Force. Provide and employ all facilities, labor and materials as directed by Commander North Pacific Force.
- (g) Furnish locations of all camps and other places of detention of all United Nations prisoners of war.

9 September 1945

  
FRANK JACK FLETCHER  
Vice Admiral, United States Navy  
Commander North Pacific Force and Area

NORTH PACIFIC FORCE AND AREA  
Headquarters of the Commander

Receipt of three (3) copies of "United States Naval Emergency Occupation Order No. One, Ominato Guard District Area" at 1035 hours (MINUS (-) 9 zone time), this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 1945, is hereby acknowledged.

NAME	RANK AND OFFICIAL TITLE
辛垣元 君	海軍中將、大連警備司令部司令官兼 第一航空隊司令官
星野利元	陸軍中將 青森陸軍防衛司令部司令官
L. Kanome	Rear Admiral, The Chief Staff Officer of Ominato Guard Station.
M. Kanai	Governor of Aomori Prefecture.

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Lt. Commander Yasun Osuke Okuma describes mine field locations and anchorage facilities of Mutsu Bay to Commodore Robert E. Robinson Jr., USN, ComNorPac Chief of Staff.



Rear Admiral Densuke Kanome, Ominato Naval Guard District Area Chief of Staff, signs the terms for the transfer of the Ominato Naval Base to the Americans.

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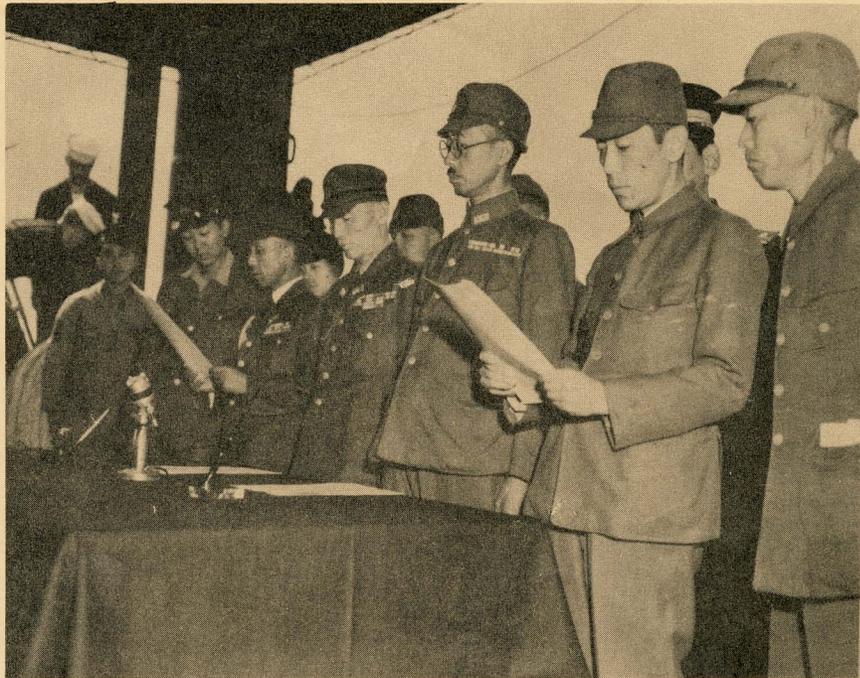


Vice Admiral Kanji Ugaki, Commandant of the Ominato Naval Guard District Area and Rear Admiral Densuke Kanome, Ominato Naval Guard District Area Chief of Staff at the Occupation Conference.

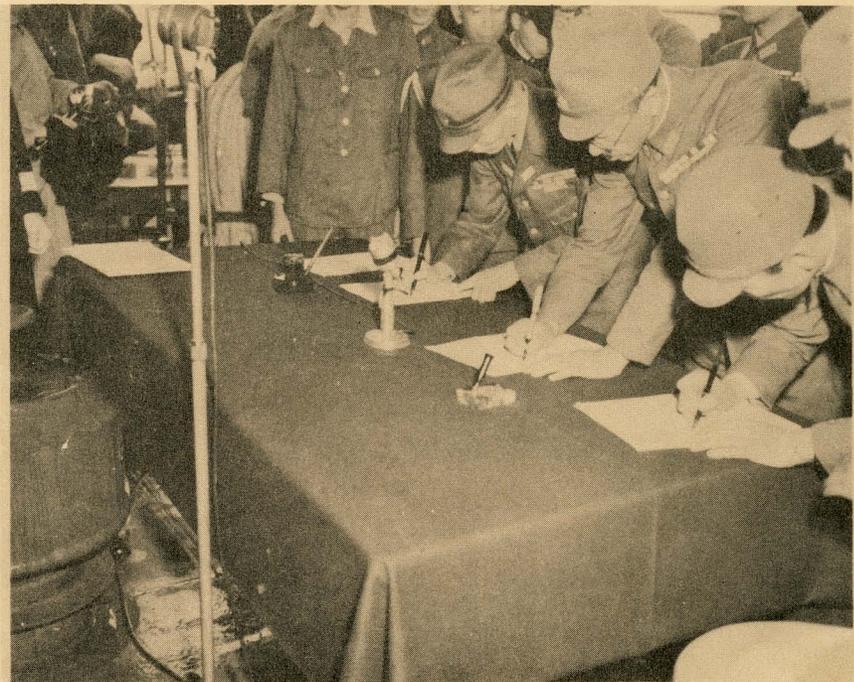


Commodore Robert E. Robinson Jr., USN, ComNorPac Chief of Staff, reads the terms for the Emergency Occupation of the Ominato Naval Guard District Area for Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, Commander North Pacific Force and Area.

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The Japanese Emissaries hear the terms for the Emergency Occupation of the Ominato Naval Guard District Area.



The Japanese Emissaries sign the terms for the Emergency Occupation of the Ominato Naval Guard District Area.