

OPERATON SWIFT MERCY DATA SHEET

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Operation Swift Mercy was the name given to the joint US Army-Navy plan to quickly liberate all the military and civilian personnel held in Japanese prison camps during World War II. Given the acronym RAMP (Recovered American Military Personnel) these people would need to be tended to as promptly and efficiently as possible.

The following ships are specifically cited as being part of the evacuation process. It should be noted that the lack of deep-water port facilities, war damage, or non-existent facilities, many DDs, DEs, APAs and APDs used their small boats and landing craft to take off the RAMPs. The RAMPs were then transferred to the larger ships that sat off shore.

OPERATION SWIFT MERCY SHIP LIST - AUG - SEP 1945

BARR APD 39	LSM 489
BECKHAM APA 133	LSM 71
BENEVOLENCE AH 13	MAKIN ISLAND CVE 93
BLOCK ISLAND CVE 106	MARATHON APA 200
BUCHANAN DD 484	MC NULTY DE 581
CABILDO LSD 16	MONITOR LSV 5
CATON APA 71	MONTPELIER CL 57
CLEVELAND CL 55	NAOS AK 105
COFER APD 62	NICHOLAS DD 449
COLBERT APA 145	NOBLE APA 218
CONSOLATION AH 13	OCONTO APA 187
COWPENS CVL 25	OZARK LSV 2
DENVER CL 56	PANAMINT AGC 13
EUGENE E, ELMORE DD 686	PRISTER DE 327
EVANS DD 552	REEVES APD 62
FINCH DE 328	RENVILLE APA 27
FRANK E, EVANS DD 754	RESCUE AH 18
GARRARD APA 84	RUNELS APD 65
GILMER APD 11	SAN JUAN CL 54
GOODHUE AP 107	SANCTUARY AH 17
GREENE APD 36	SANTEE CVE 29

GOSSELIN APD 126
HARRY HUBBARD DD 748
HERNDON DD 638
HOPPING APD 51
HOWORTH DD 592
HYDE APA 173
KITKUN BAY CVE 71
KRETCHMER DE 329
LANDSDOWNE DD 486
LARDNER DD 487
LIDDLE APD 60
LOUISVILLE CA 28
LSM 208
LSM 252
LSM 420

TANEY CGC 37
TATUM APD 81
TAYLOR DD 468
THOMAS J. GARY DE 326
WANTUCK APD 125
WEAVER DE 741
WEBER APD 75
HMAS BATAAN D191
HMAS WARRAMUNGA D 123
HMS BARFLEUR D80
HMS SPEAKER D 90
HMS TENACIOUS R45
HMS WAKEFUL H88
HMS WIZARD R 72