

Period IV (1) – i. Documents showing the understanding of the Senkaku Islands by the U.S. Forces during the war

A document produced by the U.S. Forces during WWII which included the Senkaku Islands among the Ryukyu Islands

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Overview

This document was prepared (revised) by the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in 1944, and is an excerpt of items related to the Ryukyu Islands and Nanpo Islands from the gazetteer for the whole of Japan (*1).

The document shows the target area of this gazetteer in a map of south Japan, depicting Kuba Island (Kobi Sho), Taisho Island (Sekibi Sho), and Uotsuri Island (Uotsuri Shima) as a part of the Ryukyu Islands (RYUKYU RETTO) (Image 1).

The gazetteer contains index by alphabetical order on the location (longitude and latitude) of the places, as well as their characteristics. Kuba and Uotsuri Islands are described as “Island” (Images2, 4: Next page), while Taisho Island is described as “Rock” (Image3: Next page).

The information sources (maps and hydrographic charts) that were used as reference for these places and characteristics are also shown as codes.

*1 This document was found during research in FY2019 in The National Archives of the United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Japan Institute of International Affairs. The cover shows a stamp of receipt by the British Air Ministry, and it is believed that this document, which was prepared by the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office, was shared with the British Air Force.

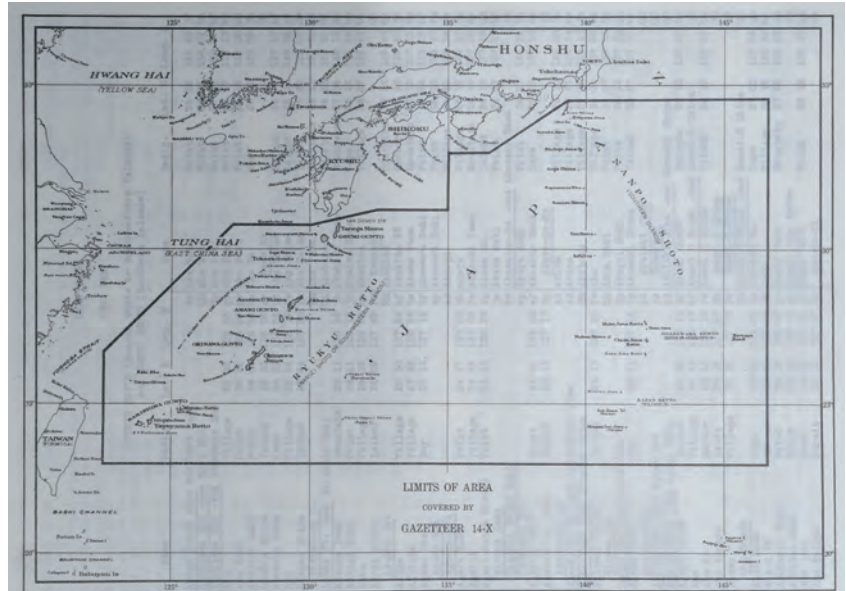


image1 (Area map)

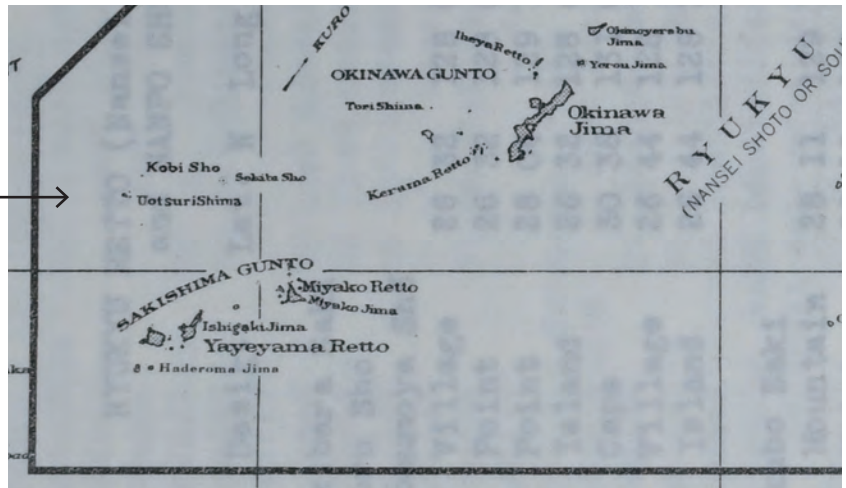


Image1 (Enlarged image of the relevant section(Lists Uotsuri Island, Kuba Island, and Taisho Island))

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Excerpt [English translation]

(Area map)
 NANPO SHOTO
 (SOUTHERN ISLANDS)
 RYUKYU RETTO
 (NANSEI SHOTO OR SOUTHWESTERN ISLANDS)
 Kobi Sho
 Sekibi Sho
 UotsuriShima

Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E	Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E
Kobatake-no-Si	Island	25 56	123 42	Kobatake-no-Si	Island	25 56	123 42
Kobi sho	Island	25 56	123 42	Kobi sho	Island	25 56	123 42
Kobushi Saki	Point	27 08	142 13	Kobushi Saki	Point	27 08	142 13

<u>Kobatake-no-Si</u>					zd
<u>Kobatake-no-Si -see Kobatakeno Saki</u>					zd
<u>Kobi sho</u>	Island	25 56	123 42		bh
<u>Kobushi Saki</u>	Point	27 08	142 13		dq

Enlargement of image2 (Kuba Island (Kobi Sho))

Image2 (Place name index: Kuba Island (Kobi Sho))

Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E	Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E
Sekibi Sho	Island	25 54	124 34	Sekibi Sho	Island	25 54	124 34
Raleigh Rk	Rock	25 54	124 34	Raleigh Rk	Rock	25 54	124 34
Sekimon Saki	Point	26 41	142 10	Sekimon Saki	Point	26 41	142 10
Semba Zi	Point	26 41	142 10	Semba Zi	Point	26 41	142 10

<u>Sekibi Sho</u>	Rock	25 54	124 34		jo
<u>Raleigh Rk</u>					jo
<u>Sekimon Saki</u>	Point	26 41	142 10		bn
<u>Semba Zi -see Senba Saki</u>					GM

Enlargement of image3 (Taisho Island(Sekibi Sho))
*Raleigh Rk (Raleigh Rock) is English name of Taisho Island

Image3 (Place name index: Taisho Island (Sekibi Sho))

Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E	Name	Design.	Lat. N	Long. E
Unteng, Port	Port	25 45	123 29	Unteng, Port	Port	25 45	123 29
Uotsuri Shima	Island	25 45	123 29	Uotsuri Shima	Island	25 45	123 29
Ura Saki	Point	24 36	124 20	Ura Saki	Point	24 36	124 20
Urabaru	Village	28 17	129 58	Urabaru	Village	28 17	129 58

<u>Unteng, Port -see Unten Ko</u>					HM
<u>Uotsuri Shima</u>	Island	25 45	123 29		bh
<u>Ura Saki</u>	Point	24 36	124 20		bh
<u>Urabaru</u>	Village	28 17	129 58		be

Enlargement of image4 (Uotsuri Island (Uotsuri Shima))

Image4 (Place name index: Uotsuri Island (Uotsuri Shima))