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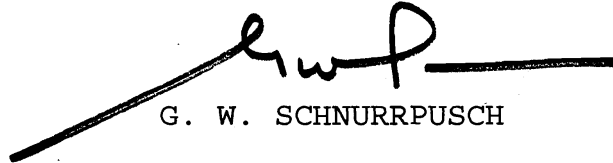
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
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1. USS BUNKER HILL's 1994 Command History is herewith forwarded. Reference (a) refers. Enclosures (1) through (4) document the ship's activities throughout the calendar year 1994. Future inquiries may be referred to the ship's Executive Officer.



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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSIONS: BUNKER HILL's mission areas include:

Primary:	•Anti-Air Warfare	(AAW)
	•Anti-Submarine Warfare	(ASW)
	•Anti-Surface Warfare	(ASUW)
	•Strike Warfare	(STW)
	•Electronic Warfare	(EW)
	•Command, Control, Communications	(CCC)
	•Mobility	(MOB)
Secondary:	•Intelligence	(INT)
	•Amphibious Warfare	(AMW)
	•Anti-Mine Warfare	(MIW)
	•Fleet Support Operations	(FSO)
	•Non-Combat Operations	(NCO)

ORGANIZATION:

USS BUNKER HILL served in the administrative command of Commander Carrier Group FIVE (CCG-5) and in the operational command of Commander Task Force 70/Battle Force SEVENTH Fleet, Commander SEVENTH Fleet, and Commander Task Force 154 in the Arabian Gulf during 1994. It served as an element of the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) Carrier Battlegroup. As such, BUNKER HILL operated as a major component of the Forward-Deployed Naval Force (formerly Overseas Family Residency Program) and was permanently deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDS:

During calendar year 1994, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 51 DET 4 was assigned to BUNKER HILL from 1 January - 17 March 94 with LCDR Roger Huff as OIC. No other detachments were assigned to the ship during 1994.

SUMMARY:

USS BUNKER HILL is one of the Navy's most capable warships, possessing some of the surface Navy's most advanced systems. It is a keystone of its battlegroup's offensive and defensive capabilities. BUNKER HILL is fully capable of providing broad area surveillance and protection to an entire battlegroup or surface action group in a multi-threat environment against the ever-changing threats in today's world. Whether littoral warfare operations, theater ballistic missile defense, or stand-off strike warfare, BUNKER HILL is ready.

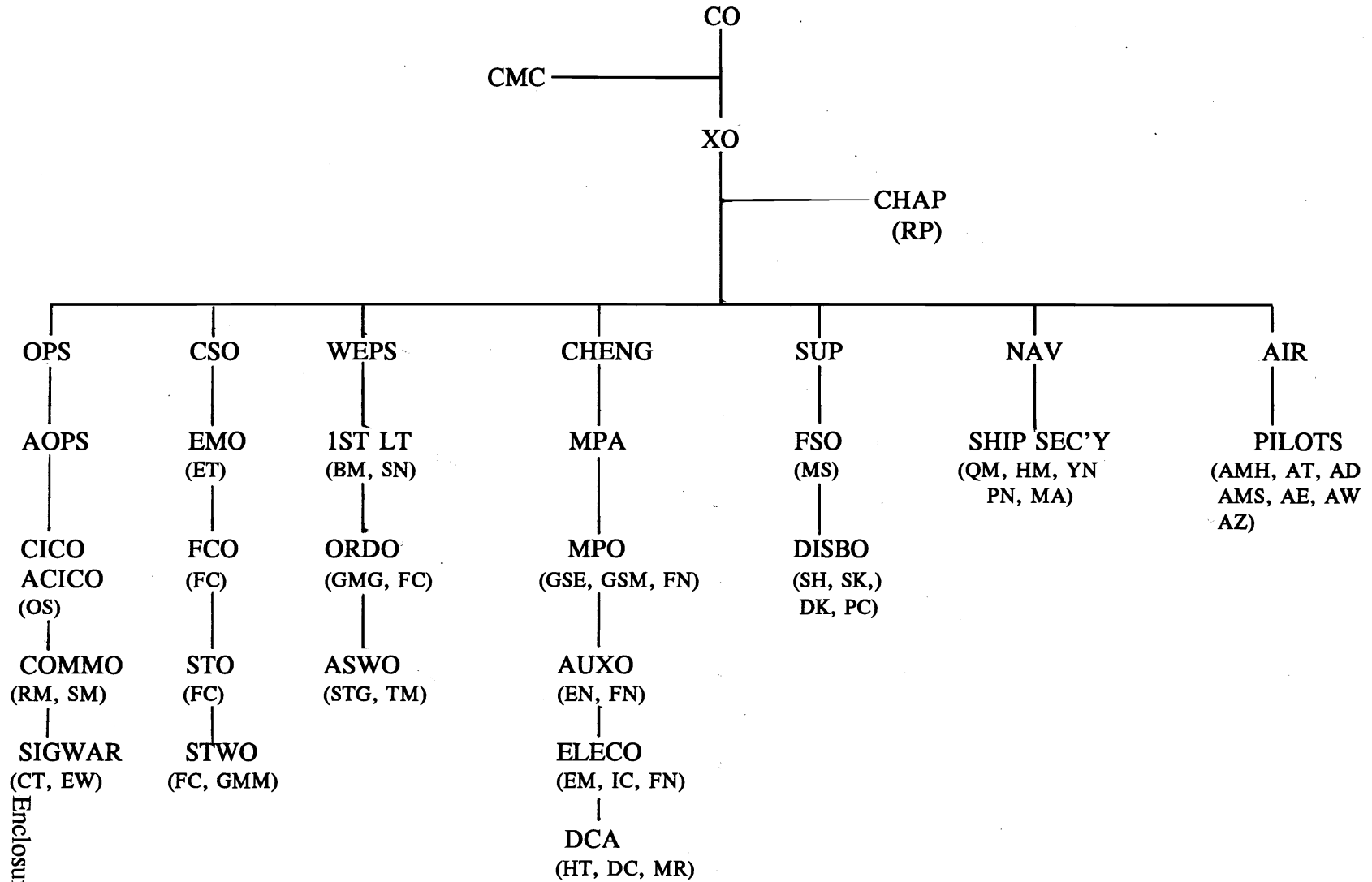
The state-of-the-art AEGIS Weapon System is an immensely capable detection, acquisition, tracking, targeting, and engagement system in all warfare areas. The AN/SPY-1A phased array radar can track over 250 air contacts at a range greater than 250 miles with nearly instantaneous fire control accuracy.

The embarked Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) helicopters expand BUNKER HILL's mission capabilities and sensor ranges considerably and provide greater control of the surrounding battlespace. With LAMPS, BUNKER HILL is capable of conducting medium- to long-range anti-submarine warfare via a two-way voice and information datalink. The LAMPS also expands BUNKER HILL's ASUW capabilities significantly by serving as a remote anti-ship targeting platform.

All contact information -- air, surface, and subsurface -- are channelled through AN/UYSK-7 computers to the AEGIS Display System, comprising of four large screen automated displays that provide real-time display of contacts which allow the Commanding Officer and embarked Commander to quickly and easily assess the state of battle and make timely and accurate command and control decisions. Targets can be detected, tracked, identified, evaluated and engaged automatically through the use of human generated logics called "doctrine." Normal operation of the AEGIS Weapon System employs a certain level of doctrine as well as integrated operator control to maximize the capabilities and reliability of the system.

Four LM2500 gas turbine engines, producing over 100,000 shaft horsepower, propel the ship through the water at speeds greater than 30 knots. Ship's electrical power is generated by 3 Allison 501-K17 gas turbine engines, each of which produces 2,500 kilowatts at 4,000 amperes.

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USS BUNKER HILL 1994 CHRONOLOGY

DATE	EVENT
01JAN94	OPCON CTF 70 as TU 70.1.2 (IBG AC)
03JAN94	RAS with USNS PECOS (TAO-197)
04JAN94	Enter Singapore Straits
05JAN94	Exit Malacca Straits
06JAN94	Anchor Phuket, Thailand
09JAN94	Underway from Phuket, Thailand
09JAN94-12JAN94	NAVCENT NEMEAN LION
10JAN94	VBSS with USNS PECOS (TAO-197)
10JAN94	RAS with USNS PECOS (TAO-197)
13JAN94	SLAMEX
14JAN94	Inchop NAVCENT
16JAN94-17JAN94	Observe Iranian SSM Exercise
17JAN94	Transit Strait of Hormuz
18JAN94-24JAN94	Moor and upkeep outboard USS ACADIA (AD-32), Jebel Ali
25JAN94	Underway from Jebel Ali, enroute NAG
25JAN94	RAS with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
27JAN94	VADM Katz (NAVCENT) visits
28JAN94	Small boat transfer with HMS GLASGOW (D-88)
28JAN94-10FEB94	AAW Picket and Strike Patrol, NAG
29JAN94	RAS with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
01FEB94	Small boat operations
03FEB94	RADM Smith (CTF 154/CARGRU 5) visits
04FEB94	RAS with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
07FEB94	Anchor Sitra anchorage, Bahrain
08FEB94	Underway from Bahrain
08FEB94	Royal Saudi Naval Forces personnel visit
09FEB94	VERTREP with USNS MARS (TAFS-1)
10FEB94	Transit Strait of Hormuz
13FEB94	BUNKER HILL helps sailboats with fuel and some food
13FEB94	RAS with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
14FEB94	Inchop CTF 70
14FEB94	UNREP with USNS KILAUEA (TAE-26)
14FEB94	Outchop NAVCENT
17FEB94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
18FEB94	Small boat operations
19FEB94	Special national tasking
21FEB94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
24FEB94	SLAMEX 94-06
25FEB94	Thai LINKEX
26FEB94	Anchored Pattaya Beach, Thailand
03MAR94	Underway from Pattaya Beach, Thailand enroute Hong Kong
04MAR94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
06MAR94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)

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07MAR94	Moor Buoy A-51, Victoria Harbor, Hong Kong
08MAR94	Underway, Berth shift to North Arm, Prince of Wales Barracks, Hong Kong
12MAR94	Underway from Hong Kong, enroute Yokosuka
12MAR94-17MAR94	Tiger Cruise
13MAR94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
13MAR94	Outchop NAVCENT Tether
14MAR94	IBG Line of Death gunex
17MAR94	Moor pier six, Yokosuka, Japan
04APR94	VLS/Harpoon ammunition offload
08APR94	Underway for A-12 anchorage
08APR94	Anchored A-12 anchorage
08APR94	Torpedo/5"54/small arms offload
08APR94	Underway enroute pier six
08APR94	Moor pier six, Yokosuka, Japan
11APR94-30JUL94	SRA-5
15APR94	Personnel inspection
20APR94	Deadstick berth shift
21APR94	Deadstick berth shift
06MAY94	PNC Snyder Dies of a heart attack at Naval Hospital, Yokosuka
18MAY94	Deadstick berth shift
20MAY94	Change of Command CAPT Schnurrrpusch relieves CAPT Diamond
11JUL94-15JUL94	Navy Food Management Team visit
11JUL94-15JUL94	Combat Systems alignment verification
11JUL94-16JUL94	LTT
14JUL94-20JUL94	Combat Systems Alignment
25JUL94	Underway enroute R-116 south for post SRA shakedown
27JUL94	Moor pier six, Yokosuka, Japan
28JUL94	VADM Robinson (COMNAVSURFPAC) visits
28JUL94	VLS onload
02AUG94	Underway enroute anchorage A-12
02AUG94-04AUG94	Ammunition offload
03AUG94	Assume duties as CTU 70.1.2 (IBG AW/AF)
04AUG94	SLAMEX 94-13
04AUG94	Underway enroute R-116
05AUG94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)
10AUG94	UNREP with USS ROANOAKE (AOR-7)
11AUG94	Moor Yokosuka, Japan
13AUG94	Underway for Friendship Cruise
13AUG94	Moor Yokosuka, Japan
15AUG94-16AUG94	Cruise Missile Training Assist
18AUG94	Underway enroute Okinawa
22AUG94	UNREP with USNS A.J. HIGGINS (TAO-190)

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23AUG94	Moor White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
23AUG94	Onload BQM DET
23AUG94	Underway enroute W-183
23AUG94-25AUG94	MISSILE-EX '94 BUNKER HILL is Range Safety Officer (RSO) and BQM launch platform
26AUG94	Moor White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
27AUG94	Underway enroute Yokosuka, Japan
31AUG94	Moor pier eight, Yokosuka, Japan
01SEP94	Underway berth shift: pier eight to pier six
01SEP94	VLS offload
01SEP94	Underway berth shift: pier six to pier seven
01SEP94	SLAMEX 94-14
07SEP94	Underway berth shift
12SEP94-16SEP94	CART IIA
14SEP94	CMS assist
15SEP94	Underway Enroute Sagami Wan (CART IIA)
16SEP94	Moor Yokosuka, Japan
20SEP94	Underway Enroute Pusan, Korea
23SEP94	Moored Pusan, Korea
29SEP94	Underway Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
01OCT94	Moor Yokosuka, Japan
03OCT94-07OCT94	CART IIB, 3M LMA
03OCT94	RADM Hutching (PMS400) visits
06OCT94	RADM Coyle (CINCPACFLT DCOS) visits
07OCT94	Underway berth shift
10OCT94-11OCT94	SESI
12OCT94	CCC-27-SF Comprehensive Communications Assessment
14OCT94	Secretary of the Navy, John H. Dalton visit
17OCT94-21OCT94	TSTA I/CSOSS Stage II
18OCT94-26OCT94	Upkeep with USS CAPE COD (AD-43)
21OCT94	VLS onload
28OCT94	Underway for INSURV rehearsal
28OCT94	Sonar Dome rupture
29OCT94	Moor outboard USS O'BRIEN (DD-976) Yokosuka, Japan
09NOV94	Harpoon offload
10NOV94-31DEC94	Drydock five for sonar dome replacement
16NOV94	SLAMEX 95-02
08DEC94	SLAMEX 95-03
23DEC94	Undock from drydock five, deadstick berth shift to pier five

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USS BUNKER HILL 1994 NARRATIVE

Following are highlights of BUNKER HILL's activities in 1994. Included in the year was BUNKER HILL's receipt of its fourth Battle "E" Award, its third consecutive award.

DEPLOYMENT TO ARABIAN GULF

The beginning of the year found BUNKER HILL transiting to the Arabian Gulf after having completed a highly sensitive and successful National Tasking mission in the Sea of Japan. BUNKER HILL stopped in Phuket, Thailand, for four days of liberty, after which she continued on to the Arabian Gulf. Just days before BUNKER HILL was to enter the Arabian Gulf, Iran issued a Notice to Mariners, closing a part of the Gulf of Oman to shipping traffic due to a pending missile exercise, and BUNKER HILL was the only unit capable and available to gather information on this important event. BUNKER HILL responded quickly and efficiently and was able to capture the spectacular launch and re-entry of the Iranian missile. The information gathered has been useful in evaluating the developing military capabilities of Gulf nations. Upon arrival in the Gulf, BUNKER HILL headed into Jebel Ali for an eight-day tender availability with the USS ACADIA (AD-32). After completion of the availability, BUNKER HILL set sail for the North Arabian Gulf to take station as strike patrol unit and AAW picket while the other units of the Independence Battlegroup pulled into Jebel Ali for a tender availability of their own. After three weeks, BUNKER HILL joined the rest of the Battlegroup on the transit home to Yokosuka, Japan. The transit home was uneventful except for two port visits: one to Pattaya Beach, Thailand for five days and one to Hong Kong for four days, where BUNKER HILL picked up her "Tigers" for the remainder of the trek home.

SAILBOAT ASSISTANCE

On the evening of 13FEB94, as BUNKER HILL was homeward bound in transit to the Straits of Malacca, near the west coast of India, one of two sailing vessels contacted BUNKER HILL's embarked LAMPS helicopter, HELLFIRE 04, on bridge-to-bridge radio. After HELLFIRE's commander, LCDR [REDACTED], determined that the vessels TROPICA and RAMA claimed distress, BUNKER HILL diverted from track to intercept the hapless vessels. At first, communications with the vessels was limited to simple phrases because the vessels occupants spoke very little English. This limitation was soon overcome as LTJG [REDACTED] came forward as a French linguist to assist in communicating with the vessels. Amicable conversation took the place of stilted phrases and the needs of crews of TROPICA and RAMA were seen to as BUNKER HILL provided fuel and a small quantity of food to tide them over until their next port of call.

NATIONAL TASKING

As if in counterpoint to the National Tasking mission which took place in late 1993 near the beginning of her deployment, BUNKER HILL on the return journey, was once again

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called on to carry out a very similar mission. This time in the Bay of Bengal, this time, with an Indian TBM system. BUNKER HILL and her crew performed superbly during this second very sensitive mission. Taking both missions in hand from beginning to end, BUNKER HILL was able to provide a wealth of information on evolving TBM systems in two very important developing military theaters.

SRA

The months of April, May, June and July saw BUNKER HILL engaged in a very intensive Selective Restricted Availability (SRA) during which she underwent numerous improvements and repairs. Job packages were as varied as wholesale replacement of the NIXIE torpedo countermeasures system, strengthening of ammunition elevator supports, 400HZ electrical system improvements, overhaul of various pumps and motors, and preservation of voids and tanks. Close coordination between BUNKER HILL and SRF Yokosuka personnel ensured maximum usage of resources and manpower which contributed to a very successful availability. A total of 448 jobs were verified complete by SRF personnel amounting to 148,400 manhours at an estimated cost of 4.65 million dollars. Probably the most important item of the SRA was that after 120 days "in the yards" BUNKER HILL and SRF proudly reported an accident-free availability.

PNC SNYDER'S DEATH

On May 6, 1994, PNC John Snyder died of a heart attack at Yokosuka Naval Hospital. He was thirty eight years old, survived by his wife and two children.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

In keeping with long-established Naval tradition, BUNKER HILL experienced a Change of Command on 20 May 1994. This, her fourth change of command and fifth Commanding Officer, was an auspicious event attended by many of the Commander Fleet Activities resident commands, the present afloat commands, as well as numerous local Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force commands. After 27 months CAPT E. Richard Diamond relinquished command of BUNKER HILL to CAPT G. W. Schnurpusch who seamlessly continued the already well-established positive reputation BUNKER HILL enjoyed.

MISSILE-EX '94

Two days off the coast of Okinawa in late August saw the awesome capabilities of several ships and aircraft from the INDEPENDENCE Battlegroup. While steaming in the warm, blue waters of oparea W-173, USS BUNKER HILL, USS FIFE (DD-991), USS CURTS (FFG-38) and USS MCCLUSKY (FFG-41) all participated in an anti-ship missile defense exercise. Though BUNKER HILL didn't fire a single missile from her vertical launch system, she was actively involved in every missile shoot as the drone launching platform and Range Safety Officer. CURTS, FIFE and MCCLUSKY repeatedly engaged drones

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with surface-to-air missiles and anti-air guns. The drones, simulating enemy missiles, are steered at high speeds directly towards each of the defending ships.

POST-SRA TRAINING

SRA 5 significantly improved the ship's material condition, but the four months in port saw a large personnel turnover and the time inport didn't help warfighting skills much either. The Navy knows well that yard periods do affect warfighting skills and has developed a series of training availabilities that focus on building layers of skills and training the entire crew as a whole. Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) Phase I starts the process and consists of an evaluation of the ship's basic level of knowledge, training and personnel warfighting capabilities. Following closely is CART Phase II where off-ship training teams come aboard to evaluate and train the shipboard training teams. Total Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) Phase I follows CART and has the individual training teams working in their own areas to improve ship's readiness. BUNKER HILL worked up through this TSTA Phase I in 1994 and continued on with TSTA Phases II and III and FEP in 1995.

VIP VISITS

Throughout the year of 1994, BUNKER HILL had the pleasure of welcoming aboard several high ranking Naval officials. The first was VADM Katz, Commander Naval Forces, US Central Command, who came aboard to welcome BUNKER HILL to the Gulf and address issues relating to the continuing Naval presence in that theater. Later, while still deployed, RADM B. J. Smith, Commander Carrier Group Five visited to talk with the crew and discuss the continuing battlegroup Arabian Gulf operations. In July, BUNKER HILL welcomed VADM Robinson, Commander Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet. The beginning of October saw the arrival of RADM Coyle, CINCPACFLT, DCOS (logistics) who was touring the fleet gathering first-hand information on maintenance difficulties and parts acquisition problems fleet units were experiencing. Later in October, Secretary of the Navy, John H. Dalton came aboard while touring WESTPAC units and bases gathering information on quality of life issues that affect all members of the Navy, and especially those forward-deployed.

DRYDOCKED

On 28 October, early in the morning as BUNKER HILL was preparing for the upcoming INSURV inspection, she ruptured her sonar dome while conducting a full power run in moderate to high seas. This unfortunate event caused BUNKER HILL to postpone her INSURV because she had to be drydocked to carry out a complete sonar dome changeout. On 10 November, BUNKER HILL headed to drydock five, where she would spend the next 31 days. As soon as BUNKER HILL was safely on the blocks, SRF moved in to prepare the ship for what would turn out to be a time record for wholesale sonar dome changeout.

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What made this repair different from other repairs is that a different style dome was being put on in place of the old one, and the new one had to be flown out specially for this repair. All this meant that SRF welders had to make very precise cuts, changes and additions over a very large area. The final product was nothing short of amazing and prompted the Goodyear technical representative to comment that he had never seen such a perfect fit for this kind of changeout. The combined effort of all involved was the winning solution, and the dome was mated to its bead seat and final cosmetic work was completed in a record 31 days, beating the old record by six days.

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