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# **SECTION TWO:** Chronology

Event numbers (Evt#) correspond to paragraphs numbers from the Narrative in Section Three.

Status Guide:	Ipt	In Port	
	$\hat{\mathbf{U}}/\mathbf{w}$	Underway	
	CoC	Change of Command	
	Anc	Anchorage	
Location Guide:	Okinawa	Japan	
	Otaru	Japan	
	Sasebo	Japan	
	Yokosuka	Japan	
	Hong Kong	China	
	Sattahip	Thailand	
	Laem Chabang	Thailand	
	Vladivostok	Russia	
	Guam	Marianas	

Evt#	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Status</u>	Location	Synopsis
1	01Jan-07Jan	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep, Troop On-load
2	07Jan-09Jan	Ū/w	Philippine Sea	Transit to Yokosuka
3	09Jan-24Jan	Ipt	Yokosuka	Upkeep, Training
4	24Jan-27Jan	Ū/w	Pacific Ocean	Transit to Otaru
5	27Jan-01Feb	Ipt	Otaru	Port Visit
6	01Feb-04Feb	Ū/w	Sea of Japan	Transit to Sasebo
7	04Feb-07Feb	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep
8	07Feb-09Feb	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
9	09Feb-11Feb	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop On-load
10	11Feb-21Feb	U/w	Philippine Sea	Amphibious Workups
11	21Feb-24Feb	U/w	Philippine Sea	VALIANT USHER 94-3
12	24Feb-25Feb	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop Off-load
13	25Feb-26Feb	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Sasebo
14	26Feb-16Mar	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep
15	16Mar-18Mar	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
16	18Mar-20Mar	<b>Ipt</b>	Okinawa	Troop On-load
17	20Mar-23Mar	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Hong Kong
18	23Mar-28Mar	Ipt	Hong Kong	Port Visit
19	28Mar-31Mar	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
20	31Mar-01Apr	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop Off-load
21	01Apr-02Apr	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Sasebo
22	02Apr-06Apr	<b>Ipt</b>	Sasebo	Upkeep
23	06Apr	CoC	Sasebo	Change of Command
24	06Apr-29Apr	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep
25	29Apr-01May	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
26	01May-02May	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop On-load
27	02May-09May	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Sattahip Thailand
28	09May-10May	<b>Ipt</b>	Sattahip	Troop Off-load
29	10May-21May	U/w	Gulf of Thailand	COBRA GOLD '94

30	21May-24May	Ipt	Sattahip	Troop Back-load
31	24May-29May	Ipt	Laem Chabang	Port Visit Pattaya Beach
32	29May-04Jun	· U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
33	04Jun-07Jun	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop Off-load
34	07Jun-09Jun	Ū/w	East China Sea	Transit to Sasebo
35	09Jun-16Jun	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep
36	16Jun-18Jun	U/w	Sea of Japan	Transit to Vladivostok
37	18Jun-20Jun	Ipt	Vladivostok	Port Visit
38	20Jun-21Jun	U/w	Sea of Japan	COOPERATION FROM THE SEA '94
39	21Jun-23Jun	Ipt	Vladivostok	Port Visit
40	23Jun-25Jun	U/w	Sea of Japan	Transit to Sasebo
41	25Jun-05Jul	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep
42	05Jul-06Jul	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Okinawa
43	06Jul-08Jul	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop On-load
44	08Jul-15Jul	U/w	North Pacific	Transit to Guam
45	15Jul-22Jul	Ipt	Guam	Port Visit
46	22Jul-31Jul	U/w	North Pacific	VALIANT USHER 94-4
47	31Jul-03Aug	Ipt	Okinawa	Troop Off-load
48	03Aug-06Aug	U/w	East China Sea	Transit to Sasebo
49	06Aug-08Aug	Ipt	Sasebo	DSRA '94 Preparations
50	08Aug-10Aug	Anc	Sasebo	Fuel and Ammo Off-load
51	10Aug-22Aug	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep and DSRA Preps
52	22Aug-18Nov	<b>Ipt</b>	SSK Dry Dock 2	DSRA '94
53	18Nov-15Dec	Ipt	Sasebo	DSRA '94 and Upkeep
54	15Dec-16Dec	U/w	Sea of Japan	Sea Trials
55	16Dec-19Dec	Ipt	Sasebo	DSRA '94 and Upkeep
56	19Dec-21Dec	Anc	Sasebo	MOGAS and Ammo On-load
57	21Dec-31Dec	Ipt	Sasebo	Upkeep and Standdown

## List of Embarked Units:

- 1 January 31 December (Attached to USS DUBUQUE except during DSRA '94): LCU-1665, Assault Craft Unit ONE (ACU-1), Det WESTPAC
- 5 January 9 February (Pre-workups/exercise embark):

Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BLT 1/1)

9 - 24 February (Workups, VALIANT USHER 94-3):

MEU Service Support Group THREE ONE (MSSG-31) Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BLT 1/1) Weapons Platoon, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BLT 1/1) Golf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (BLT 1/1) Echo Platoon, SEAL Team THREE Special Boat Unit TWELVE (SBU-12) RIB Det Bravo 3rd Marine Division Combat Engineer Battalion

# 25 February - 31 March:

MEU Service Support Group THREE ONE (MSSG-31) Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BLT 1/1) Echo Platoon, SEAL Team THREE Special Boat Unit TWELVE (SBU-12) RIB Det Bravo

#### 16 - 31 March:

Headquarters Company, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (31 MEU) MEU Service Support Group THREE ONE (MSSG-31) Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BLT 1/1) Echo Platoon, SEAL Team THREE Special Boat Unit TWELVE (SBU-12) RIB Det Bravo

## 20 - 31 March:

3rd Amphibious Assault Vehicle Battalion Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (HMM-262)

## 2 May - 4 June (Cobra Gold '94):

1st Battalion, 7th Marines (BLT 1/7)
Combat Service Support Detachment THREE FOUR (CSSD-34)
Headquarters Company, 4th Marines
Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron ONE SIX FIVE (HMM-165)
Marine Air Support Squadron TWO (MASS-2)
Echo Platoon, SEAL Team THREE
Special Boat Unit TWELVE (SBU-12) RHIB Det Bravo

## 8 - 21 June (Cooperation From the Sea '94):

Headquarters Company, 4th Marines
3rd Marine Division Combat Engineer Battalion
Combat Support Group detachment
12th Marines Artillery Battery
7th Communications Battalion detachment
3rd Marine Division Reconnaissance Company
Headquarters Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF)
Marine Corps Base detachment
3rd Marine Division Medical Battalion detachment
Helicopter Support Squadron SIX (HC-6)
Beach Master Unit ONE (BMU-1), Det Delta

# 1 July - 1 August (Guam World War II Commemorative Exercises, Valiant Usher 94-4):

Beach Master Unit ONE (BMU-1), Det Delta India Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (3/5) Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron TWO SIX TWO (HMM-262) MEU Service Support Group THREE ONE (MSSG-31) Echo Platoon, Seal Team THREE Special Boat Unit TWELVE (SBU-12), RHIB Det Bravo

## 3 - 5 August:

Beach Master Unit ONE (BMU-1), Det Delta

## Narrative:

- 1. (1 7 January) USS DUBUQUE began 1994 pier side at Berth India 6, Fleet Activities Sasebo. On 5 January, the ship embarked Bravo Company of BLT 1/1, which had flown up from Okinawa. Bravo Company was a boat raiding company and its equipment included CRRCs. On 7 January, prior to beginning a transit to Yokosuka, the ship on-loaded fuel at Motofune Fuel Pier.
- 2. (7 9 January) After fueling, USS DUBUQUE was underway enroute Yokosuka in company with USS SAN BERNARDINO.
- 3. (9 24 January) In the afternoon of 9 January, USS DUBUQUE entered Tokyo Bay and moored at Harbor Master Pier, Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The ship commenced a two week long Training Availability (TRAV) conducted by Afloat Training Group (ATG) WESTPAC. ATG instructors also came aboard to conduct a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) Phase I. The ship's training program received a thorough review during CART. The embarked Marines of Bravo Company conducted training of their own, including pier side CRRC operations. In tandem with TRAV and CART, USS DUBUQUE also went through a mini-availability conducted by Ship Repair Facility (SRF) Yokosuka. The submarine tender USS HOLLAND (AS-32) also provided repair assistance.
- 4. (24 27 January) On 24 January, USS DUBUQUE departed Yokosuka and headed out of Tokyo Bay, steaming independently. After conducting magnetic compass checks in Sagami Wan (Bay), the ship proceeded north along the east coast of the Japanese main island of Honshu enroute Otaru, Hokkaido. During this transit, USS DUBUQUE commenced Phase I of the Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA). Embarked instructors from ATG evaluated numerous operational evolutions. On 26 January, the ship made its transit through the Tsugaru strait between Honshu and Hokkaido.
- 5. (27 January 1 February) USS DUBUQUE entered Otaru Harbor on the morning of 27 January. The ship moored at Pier 3, Berth 16 in near blizzard conditions. During the five day port visit, the crew and embarked Marines enjoyed Otaru and nearby Sapporo.
- 6. (1 4 February) On 1 February, USS DUBUQUE was underway enroute Sasebo via the Sea of Japan. During this transit the ship concluded TSTA Phase I.
- 7. (4 7 February) USS DUBUQUE entered Sasebo Harbor on 4 February and moored at Berth India 6.
- 8. (7 9 February) On the morning of 7 February, USS DUBUQUE got underway from India Basin and proceeded south to Okinawa in company with USS SAN BERNARDINO.
- 9. (9 11 February) On 9 February, USS DUBUQUE moored at Army Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa and commenced the onload of elements of the 31st MEU. The ship embarked MSSG 31 plus Golf Battery and Weapons Platoon from BLT 1/1. In addition, the ship on-loaded Echo Platoon of SEAL Team THREE and its SBU-12 Detachment of two RIBs. USS DUBUQUE also embarked one lieutenant commander and three lieutenants from Naval Hospital Okinawa as part of the Navy's "Women at Sea" program. The four officers (from the Nurse Corps and Medical Service Corps) would ride the ship for the upcoming amphibious workups and Exercise VALIANT USHER 94-3.

- 10. (11 21 February) On 11 February, USS DUBUQUE got underway from Army Pier and commenced two weeks of Blue/Green Amphibious Workups with elements of the 31st MEU. The ship conducted numerous exercises off the east coast of Okinawa, including LCU, AAV, CRRC, helicopter, and Primary Control Ship (PCS) evolutions. USS SAN BERNARDINO and USS BELLEAU WOOD conducted similar exercises. On several occasions, USS DUBUQUE entered Buckner Bay and spent the night at anchorage. On 15 February, USS DUBUQUE conducted alongside refueling with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193). On 18 February, the ship conducted vertical replenishment with USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3). USS DUBUQUE also practiced Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) with the maritime pre-positioning ship MV 1ST LT JACK LUMMUS (TAK-3011) as target vessel
- 11. (21 24 February) On 21 February, the three ships of the ARG rendezvoused off the east coast of Okinawa and commenced Exercise VALIANT USHER 94-3. Captain J. C. McKinley, Commander, Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN was embarked aboard USS BELLEAU WOOD for the exercise. VALIANT USHER 94-3 was a Special Operations Capable Exercise (SOCEX) which tasked the combined MEU/ARG team to respond to a crisis in an imaginary Third World country. The MEU had to qualify semi-annually due to regular turnovers in its ground and air elements. During VALIANT USHER 94-3, USS DUBUQUE focused on supporting SEAL missions ashore while other elements of the MEU/ARG team conducted an airfield seizure and non-combatant evacuations operations (NEO). The exercise concluded on 24 February and 31st MEU was once again certified as Special Operations Capable (SOC).
- 12. (24 25 February) On 24 February, USS DUBUQUE entered Buckner Bay and moored at Army Pier. This ship off-loaded all elements of 31st MEU with the exception of Bravo Company. On 25 February, Commander, Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN and his staff embarked USS DUBUQUE for the upcoming transit to Sasebo. USS DUBUQUE assumed duties as ARG flagship from USS BELLEAU WOOD.
- 13. (25 26 February) USS DUBUQUE got underway from Army Pier at White Beach, Okinawa, and headed to Sasebo.
- 14. (26 February 16 March) USS DUBUQUE was moored to I-6 in India Basin in Sasebo. Ship training and general upkeep was conducted.
- 15. (16 18 March) On 15 March, USS DUBUQUE got underway from Sasebo, in company with the USS BELLEAU WOOD, enroute to White Beach, Okinawa. On 16 March, DUBUQUE was given a Navigation Check Ride by representatives from AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON ELEVEN and was awarded a grade of outstanding.
- 16. (18 20 March) Moored to the East side of Army Pier at White Beach, Okinawa. Conducted an onload of elements of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, MEU Service Support Group-31, Seal Team 3, and Special Boat Unit-12.
- 17. (20 23 March) Underway from White Beach, Okinawa enroute to Hong Kong. Arrived at Oura Wan to embark 13 Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAVs).
- 18. (23 28 March) On 22 March, DUBUQUE moored to a buoy in Hong Kong Harbor. On 27 March, the ship's rescue swimmer and the Marine Officer of the Day rescued a young man who had fallen off a Star Ferry as it crossed Hong Kong Harbor. The victim was treated by DUBUQUE medical personnel and transferred to local medical services.

- 19. (28 31 March) DUBUQUE departed Hong Kong enroute to White Beach, Okinawa. A Fueling-at-Sea with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) was conducted on 28 March. On 29 March, DUBUQUE completed successful full power run logging 204 rpm for 19 knots. DUBUQUE conducted deck landing qualifications with AV-8B Harriers from the USS BELLEAU WOOD. On 31 March, 13 AAVs were debarked at Oura Wan, Okinawa.
- 20. (31 March 1 April) Moored at East Army Pier in White Beach, Okinawa and began debarkation of all embarked elements of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.
- 21. (1 2 April) Underway from Okinawa enroute the East China Sea to Sasebo. Conducted general shipboard training and upkeep while underway.
- 22. (2 6 April) Arrived Sasebo and began preparations for Change of Command.
- 23. (6 April) At 1000, CAPT Kenneth E. Golden, USN, relieved CAPT Ronald Christenson, USN, of command of USS DUBUQUE. Guests in attendance included: RADM John Sigler, USN, Commander AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE SEVEN SIX; CAPT J. C. McKinley, USN, Commander, AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON ELEVEN; and CAPT Mitchell Highfil, USN, USS BELLEAU WOOD.
- 24. (6 28 April) Conducted general upkeep and training inport Sasebo.
- 25. (29 April 1 May) Departed Sasebo for Okinawa. Conducted Engineering Casualty Control Drills, General Quarters, and other shipboard training during the transit.
- 26. (1 2 May) Moored East Army Pier, White Beach, Okinawa, and conducted an embarkation of elements of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.
- 27. (2 9 May) Underway, enroute Thailand after embarking amphibious assault vehicles at Oura Wan, Okinawa. Embarked LTCOL Keenan, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion/7th Marines as CO of troops. Also embarked four CH-46 helicopters from HMM-165. Conducted a Freedom of Navigation exercise off the coast of Cambodia and executed a refueling-at-sea with the USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193). HMM-165 debarked and shore-based.
- 28. (9 10 May) Moored at Sattahip, Thailand, and began troop off-load.
- 29. (10 21 May) Underway in the Gulf of Thailand conducting Cobra Gold '94. Conducted an amphibious demonstration at Hat Yao and Rayong, Thailand. The assaults included elements from US and Thai Navy and Marine Corps amphibious forces. Conducted DLQs with aircraft from USAF 31SOS, HCS-5, and the Royal Thai Navy (Bell 212). FAS with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) on 12 May. USS FIFE (DD 991) and USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) also participated in the exercises.
- 30. (21 24 May) Moored at Sattahip, Thailand and conducted troop back-load.
- 31. (24 29 May) Moored at Laem Chabang for a liberty port visit of Pattaya Beach, Thailand. Embarked the four aircraft from HMM-165 while pier side Laem Chabang.
- 32. (29 May 4 June) Underway from Laem Chabang, Thailand, enroute to White Beach, Okinawa. Conducted the following training evolutions during the transit: deck landing qualifications, engineering casualty control drills, damage control and General Quarter Drills, CIWS Pacfire, 25mm and small arms shoots. Debarked HMM-165 on 4 June.

- 33. (4 7 June) Arrived and moored at White Beach, Okinawa, and commenced troop off-load. On-loaded elements of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit for the upcoming Cooperation From the Sea '94 exercise.
- 34. (7 9 June) Underway from Okinawa for transit to Sasebo. On 7 June, loaded amphibious assault vehicles at Oura Wan, Okinawa.
- 35. (9 16 June) Moored at India-6 in Sasebo to begin upkeep for Cooperation From the Sea '94. Began a Tender Availability with the USS JASON (AR-8) on 10 June. On 16 June, embarked Commander Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet, RADM Sigler and Commanding General Third Marine Division, Brigadier General Bice, and their respective staffs. Also embarked the Seventh Fleet band.
- 36. (16 18 June) Departed Sasebo for the transit to Vladivostok, Russia, to conduct a joint, non-combative, disaster relief exercise with elements of the Russian Navy and Naval Infantry.
- 37. (18 20 June) Arrived Vladivostok. Executed and received a 21-gun salute at the entrance to Vladivostok harbor. Conducted a mediterranean moor to the pier in downtown Vladivostok. RADM Sigler, BGen Bice and CAPT Golden made official protocol visits to the Honorable Konstantin Tostoshin, Mayor of Vladivostok, the Honorable Yevgeniy Nazdratenko, Governor, Fleet Commander VADM Khmen'nov, Pacific Fleet. Conducted ship tours for members of the Russian Naval Infantry, while US Marines visited a local Russian Naval Infantry base. Hosted the following Russian dignitaries: KADM Alexander Klinmenok (Commander Pacific Squadron), KADM Nikolay Kochergin (Commander Pacific Fleet Amphibious Squadron), Colonel Vitaliy Kholod (Commander 55th Naval Infantry Division) and Captain Second Rank Victor Cherkov (Commander Admiral Vinogradov). In addition the US Naval Attache, CAPT Galbraith, USN, was also onboard. Conducted general ship tours for the civilian populace of Vladivostok.
- 38. (20 21 June) Underway from Vladivostok and anchored in Desantnaya Bay to conduct Cooperation From the Sea '94. Recovered 12 Russian BTR-80s onboard DUBUQUE. Twelve US Marine Corps Amphibious Assault Vehicles conducted similar inter-operability training on the Russian LST, RS Ropucha LST-077. Hosted a static display of US Marine Corps equipment onboard DUBUQUE for members of the Russian Naval Infantry. Conducted simultaneous Russian/American amphibious vehicle landing on Russian soil and conducted disaster relief exercises on Klerk Peninsula. The exercise contained the following exercises: medical attention to approximately 20 injured personnel; fire containment; road clearance; water purification; and food delivery. DUBUQUE received personal messages of congratulations from: VADM Wright, COMSEVENTHFLT; Admiral R.J.Kelly, CINCPACFLT; and ADM Michael Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations.
- 39. (21 23 June) Moored downtown Vladivostok for the conclusion of the Vladivostok port visit and the final exercise press conference. Conducted ship tours for the civilian populace. RADM Sigler and BGen Bice hosted a luncheon for the Mayor of Vladivostok and other government officials. DUBUQUE hosted a reception for officers of the Russian Navy and civilian dignitaries.
- 40. (23 25 June) Departed Vladivostok and made a transit through the Sea of Japan enroute to Sasebo. Conducted a picnic on the flight deck for the crew and all embarked Marines.
- 41. (25 June 5 July) Arrived Sasebo for upkeep and general training.
- 42. (5 6 July) Underway from Sasebo enroute to White Beach, Okinawa, in company with USS BELLEAU WOOD, USS GERMANTOWN and USS SAN BERNARDINO. Conducted damage control, General Quarters and combat systems training.

- 43. (6 8 July) Arrived Okinawa, moored East Army Pier, White Beach, and commenced on-load of elements of 31 Marine Expeditionary Unit. Embarked members from Afloat Training Group WESTPAC to conduct a TSTA II evaluation on 8 July.
- 44. (8 15 July) DUBUQUE, and BELLEAU WOOD ARG, underway in the Northern Pacific enroute to Guam for the World War II commemorative ceremonies and conducting TSTA II evaluation. Conducted the following training evolutions: deck landing qualifications, damage control, General Quarters, combat rubber raiding craft launches, CIWS Pacfire, and leapfrogs. Anchored off the coast of Tinian on 12 July and off-loaded MEU Service Support Group 31 via LCU. Once underway, conducted a recovery/launch evolution of an LCAC from the USS GERMANTOWN. On 13 July, conducted a CONREP with the USS WHITE PLAINS and executed an airfield seizure exercise.
- 45. (15 22 July) Arrived in Guam to participate in the World War II Commemorative Ceremonies. Conducted general ship tours on 16-17 July. Conducted upkeep and maintenance on the ship as well as shipboard training. On 20 July, held the DSRA '94 Specification Review Conference.
- 46. (22 31 July) Underway from Guam with a transit through the North Pacific to Okinawa. Anchored off Tinian to back-load MEU Service Support Group 31 via LCU. Rendezvoused with USS BELLEAU WOOD, USS GERMANTOWN and USS SAN BERNARDINO to commence Valiant Usher 94-4/Special Operations Capable Exercise (SOCEX). While in-transit to Okinawa, conducted general shipboard training to include: CBR exercises, General Quarters, damage control exercises, engineering casualty control evolutions, deck landing qualifications, search and rescue exercises, and a small arms qualification. On 26 July, TSTA II was completed and DUBUQUE received a passing evaluation.
- 47. (31 July 3 August) Moored inport White Beach, Okinawa, for off-load of the embarked elements of 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.
- 48. (3 6 August) Departed Okinawa enroute to Sasebo. Embarked a detachment from Afloat Training Group WESTPAC to conduct a Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). DUBUQUE successfully completed the FEP on 5 August.
- 49. (6 8 August) Moored India-6, Sasebo, and began preparations for DSRA '94.
- 50. (8 10 August) Underway from India basin at Fleet Activities Sasebo, anchored at Anchorage 39 in Sasebo Bay and commenced off-load of all ammunition for DSRA '94. On 9 August, got underway from Anchorage 39 and proceeded to Yokose Fuel Pier and moored. Commenced off-load of all F-76 (DFM) and JP-5. On 10 August, underway from Yokose Fuel Pier to Akasaki Fuel Pier and off-loaded all MOGAS (Automotive Gasoline); underway from Akasaki and moored at India-6, Sasebo.
- 51. (10 22 August) Inport Sasebo for upkeep, training and DSRA '94 preparations. Embarked a detachment from Afloat Training Group WESTPAC to conduct a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) with DUBUQUE. On 19 August, successfully completed the LMA.
- 52. (22 August 18 November) Underway from India-6, Sasebo, for dead-stick move to SSK Dry Dock 2 to commence DSRA '94. Over 200 contractor work package and 500 ship's force rehabilitation jobs were completed during DSRA '94. Major jobs included: rehabilitation of the ship's screws and rudders; resurfacing the flight deck: sandblasting and repainting the entire ship's hull; and rehabilitation of the ship's mast. Major ship installations included an SPS-40E Air Search Radar, a Furuno Navigation radar, SPS-67 Surface Search Radar, and Low-Cost Link 11.

- 53. (18 November 15 December) Underway from SSK Dry Dock 2 for dead-stick transit to moor India-6, Sasebo, for continuation of DSRA '94. Successfully completed a Light Off Assessment evaluated by COMPHIBRON ELEVEN on 30 November. An Aviation Facilities Certification was completed on 12 December, granting DUBUQUE full certification for air operations.
- 54. (15 16 December) Underway from Sasebo for independent steaming in the Sea of Japan to conduct sea trials as part of DSRA '94. Completed a full power run achieving a speed of 21.8 knots.
- 55. (16 19 December) Inport Sasebo. Completed DSRA '94 on 18 December. Conducted general upkeep, maintenance and training. DUBUQUE successfully completed an Aviation Readiness Evaluation on 19 December.
- 56. (19 21 December) DUBUQUE underway from India basin at Sasebo and moored at Akasaki Fuel Pier for receipt of MOGAS allowance. DUBUQUE proceeded to anchorage 56 in Sasebo harbor and anchored. The CFAS Ordinance Department from Maebata arrived to on-load all required ammunition. DUBUQUE got underway on the afternoon of December 21, and proceeded back to India basin and moored at berth India-6.
- 57. (21 31 December) USS DUBUQUE conducted general upkeep and a holiday standdown during the last days of the year. A Tender Availability (TAV) was conducted with the USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD-37). DUBUQUE had over 550 repair jobs accepted by GOMPERS. Various holiday activities were scheduled including Christmas services, caroling and Christmas Day dinner for the watch section. DUBUQUE also participated in the CFAS Christmas Ship Lighting Competition.