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Encl: (1) Command History for 1990  
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(3) Commanding Officer's Photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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Public Affairs Officer USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8)

Section One: Command Composition and Organization

USS DUBUQUE is a forward deployed amphibious transport dock (AUSTIN Class LPD) homeported in Sasebo, Japan. USS DUBUQUE served as the flagship for Amphibious Readiness Group Bravo, referred to as Commander, Task Group 76.4, consisting of all amphibious class ships homeported in Sasebo, Japan. DUBUQUE's immediate senior in command was Commander, Naval Surface Group Western Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC) with COMPHIBGRU ONE acting as operational commander. USS DUBUQUE's mission is to transport and land troops and their essential equipment and supplies by means of embarked landing craft or amphibious vehicles augmented by helicopter lift. The ship was commanded by Captain David L. Wetherell, USN, [REDACTED] until the change of command ceremony on 2 August when Captain Brian F. Boyce, USN, assumed command. Major department heads are as follows:

Executive Officer,	Terry E. Nolan,	LCDR
Operations Officer,	[REDACTED],	LCDR
Chief Engineer	[REDACTED],	LT
Supply Officer	[REDACTED],	LT
First Lieutenant	[REDACTED],	LCDR
Air Boss	[REDACTED],	LT
Medical Officer	[REDACTED],	LT
Dental Officer	[REDACTED],	LT
Chaplain	[REDACTED],	LT

SECTION TWO, PART ONE

Ship's Chronology:

01 JAN INPORT SASEBO, JA. VISITED BY RADM WHITE, CHC, USN  
02-26 JAN UPKEEP SASEBO, JA.  
27 JAN UNDERWAY TO BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA FOR ONLOAD.  
29 JAN INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA.  
30 JAN UNDERWAY TO SUBIC BAY FOR VALIANT USHER 90-4. RENDEZVOUS WITH  
USS TUSCALOOSA.  
01 FEB VALIANT USHER 90-4  
02 FEB PRECISION ANCHORAGE SUBIC BAY  
03 FEB INPORT SUBIC BAY  
05 FEB ANCHORED IN SUBIC BAY FOR REFRESHER TRAINING  
10 FEB PIERSIDE SUBIC BAY FOR REFRESHER TRAINING  
16 -22 FEB INPORT SUBIC  
23 FEB UNDERWAY TO OKINAWA  
26 FEB INPORT OKINAWA FOR TEAM SPIRIT 90 ONLOAD  
28 FEB UNDERWAY TO POHANG FOR TEAM SPIRIT 90  
05 MAR INPORT POHANG TEAM SPIRIT OFFLOAD/ONLOAD  
08 MAR UNDERWAY FOR TEAM SPIRIT 90  
12 MAR UNREP WITH USS SPICA AND USS WABASH  
23 MAR UNDERWAY ENROUTE OKINAWA  
26 MAR INPORT OKINAWA, ENROUTE SASEBO, JA  
28 MAR INPORT SASEBO, JA  
04 APR COMPLETED AMMUNITION OFFLOAD  
14 APR ENTERED SSK DRYDOCK #2  
15 JUL DSRA COMPLETED  
25-26 JUL AMMUNITION ONLOAD  
26 JUL AMMUNITION ONLOAD COMPLETED. INPORT SASEBO  
02 AUG CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
03 AUG UNDERWAY TO YOKOSUKA  
05 AUG INPORT YOKOSUKA  
17 AUG UNDERWAY TO SASEBO, JA.  
19 AUG AMMUNITION ANCHORAGE  
21 AUGUST ENROUTE OKINAWA  
22 AUG EMBARK RLT-4 PERSONNEL INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA  
24 AUG UNDERWAY TO SUBIC BAY WITH USS SAN BERNARDINO AND USS  
SCHENECTADY  
26 AUG INPORT SUBIC BAY  
27 AUG UNDERWAY TO NORTH ARABIAN SEA  
12 SEP UNDERWAY TO AL JUBAYL, S.A.  
13 SEP INPORT AL JUBAYL, OFFLOAD RLT-4  
16 SEP UNDERWAY TO BAHRAIN ANCHORAGE  
21 SEP ANCHORED BAHRAIN FOR PORT VISIT  
22 SEP UNDERWAY TO NORTH ARABIAN SEA FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT  
08 OCT UNDERWAY TO PHUKET  
12 OCT OUTCHOPPED CTF 150 TO CTG 76.4  
18 OCT INPORT PHUKET, THAILAND  
22 OCT UNDERWAY TO SINGAPORE  
24 OCT INPORT SINGAPORE  
28 OCT UNDERWAY TO SUBIC BAY, R.P.  
01-04 NOV INPORT SUBIC BAY, R.P.  
04 NOV UNDERWAY TO SASEBO, JA.  
09- 28 NOV INPORT SASEBO, JA  
27 NOV ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JA. ASSUMED CMD CTG 76.4  
29 NOV INPORT YOKOSUKA FOR OPPE

16 DEC UNDERWAY TO WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA. COMPHIBGRU ONE EMBARKED  
18 DEC INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA.  
19 DEC UNDERWAY TO SASEBO, JA  
20 DEC- 4 JAN INPORT SASEBO, JA

SECTION TWO PART TWO

EMBARKED UNITS:

Following units or elements of units were embarked on USS DUBUQUE:

1. BEACHMASTER UNIT DETACHMENT, CORONADO, CA  
1 JAN - 31 DEC
2. ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT-1 DETACHMENT  
1 JAN - 31 DEC
3. VALIANT USHER 90-4: DET HMLA-169, DET 3RD BN/12TH MAR, DET BTRY A/1ST LAAD BN, H&S CO 2ND BN/7TH MAR, COF 2ND BN/7TH MAR, BTRY G 3BN/11MAR, 1ST PLT/COC/3RD RECON BN, 1ST PLT/COC/3RD CBT ENGR BN, 1ST SECT AT PLT HQCO 9TH MAR, DET A HMM 361, CSSD-31, WPNS CO 2ND BN/7TH MAR 29 JAN- 3 FEB 90
4. SUBIC TRAINING REDEPLOYMENT: DET CSSD-31, 2ND PLT B CO 1ST AAV BN, DET HMM 361, DET 9TH ENGR SPT BN, DET 3RD CEB, DET GBTRY 3RD BN/11TH MAR, DET A SPEC WARFARE BOAT UNIT ONE.  
22 FEB - 25 FEB
5. TEAM SPIRIT 90: HQ CO 4TH MAR, H&S CO 3RD BN 5TH MAR, K CO 3RD BN 5TH MAR, G BTRY 3RD BN 11TH MAR, 3RD PLT HQ SEC B CO 2ND ARMD ASLT BN, 1ST/2ND PLT C CO 3RD RECON BN, 1ST/3RD PLT B CO 3RD CBT ENGR BN, A CO (REIN) BLT 1/1 1ST MEU, DET A SPEC WARFARE BOAT UNIT 1, DET ECHO BMU-1, AND KOREAN MARINES.  
26 FEB - 30 MAR
6. OPERATION DESERT SHIELD: HQ 4TH MAR, A CO 1ST BN 6TH MAR, WPNS CO 1ST BN 6TH MAR, H&S CO 1ST AAV BN, TOW PLT HQ 1ST AABN, DET H BTRY 3RD BN 12TH MAR, DET 1ST LAAD BN, DET CSSD-31, 3RD PLT CO B 3RD CEBN, EXPL ORD PLT H&S CO 8TH ENGR BN, H&S CO 1ST 6TH MAR.  
24 AUG - 15 SEP 90
7. OPPORTUNE LIFT TO OKINAWA: 2ND BN 3RD MAR, D BTRY 2ND BN 12 MAR, 3RD PLT C CO 3RD CEB.  
15-17 DEC

SECTION THREE  
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

January first found USS DUBUQUE at home port in Sasebo, observing holiday routine in honor of the New Year. RADM White, CHC, USN visited the ship as a gesture of concern for those away from home during the holidays. Upkeep in Sasebo continued, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day was also observed as a holiday, with a special service at the Base Chapel commemorating his birth. We remained in Sasebo until 27 January when we got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa in preparation for Refresher Training and Valiant Usher 90-4. After the onload at White Beach, Okinawa USS DUBUQUE was underway for Subic Bay as CATF rendezvousing with USS TUSCALOOSA (LST-1187) on 30 January. During this time we corrected TRE discrepancies and reviewed Refresher Training Exercises.

01 February saw helicopters land and launch. DUBUQUE was enroute to San Miguel and arrived there 0400 on 2 February. We performed a precision anchorage and the helicopters lifted off the Marines. There was a welldeck assault launch with the AAV's. A reinforcement mission established an engineering platoon at Capis Tarlac. 3 February brought a flawless tactical withdrawal, with the backload being conducted in the afternoon. The offload was completed 04 February at Alava pier in Subic Bay. Valiant Usher provided valuable training and experience. BLT 2/7 and 4th Marines carried out the two day exercise.

5-22 February brought Refresher Training. Many drills were conducted during this two week period. General Quarters, mass conflagration and training for different scenarios was given.

23 February USS DUBUQUE returned to White Beach, Okinawa to onload Marines and their equipment for Team Spirit 90. 26 February we were pierside and on 28 February we were enroute to Pohang, arriving there 05 March. We steamed with USS FORT FISHER, KNOX, ST LOUIS, MECINA KEA and WABASH in the Eastern China Sea. During this time we conducted General Quarters and abandon ship drills. On 2 March we joined with BLUE RIDGE as we headed toward Pohang, and we conducted flight quarters. 05-07 March we were at Pier One in Pohang, Korea. COMPHIBRON THREE embarked on 05 March. A Project Handclasp distribution was conducted on 06 March to Dea Ja Won Orphanage, Ae Ga Won Mother/Child Home, and Sung Ae Won Orphanage/Senior Citizen's Home. On 07 March we set sail from Pohang to our modified location. We had a green deck and we entered a swept mine field. On 08 March we were underway headed for our Sea Echelon Area. 12 March we completed an underway replenishment with USS SPICA and USS WABASH and conducted flight operations. During Team Spirit USS DUBUQUE was CTG Seven Six Point Four. Exercise participants included commanders in sea, air and special forces. Destroyers and Cruisers supported the amphibious operations including advance force operations NGFS and overall defense of the area of assault. Conduct integrated ATF operations with a CVGB against a simulated enemy were also performed. On 23 March a Community Relations Painting Project was performed by several DUBUQUE sailors at Sin Rin Ae Yuk Won Orphanage in Pohang, and later that day USS DUBUQUE was underway headed for White Beach, Okinawa. The offload was conducted 26 March. Then we headed for Sasebo, Japan arriving there 28 March.

01 April we were at Berth 2 at India Basin in Sasebo, Japan. On 2 April we were underway and we anchored at explosives anchorage #39. The afternoon of 03 April we moved to Akasaki Fuel Pier and on 04 April pumped JP-5 and DFM. 05 April we were moored at India Basin #1 in Sasebo. 06 April we shifted to Berth #7. 09 April our crew moved onboard a berthing barge, and on 14 April we were underway for SSK DRYDOCK #2. Also on 14 April USS DUBUQUE sailors conducted a community relations painting project at Tenshin

Ryo Orphanage in Sasebo.

USS SAMUEL GOMPERS arrived in Sasebo on 9 May and provided additional assistance to USS DUBUQUE. During this time mainspace fire drills were conducted two times a week, a recreational fund audit board was conducted, and on 11 May a ship's party was held in Nimitz Park along with a Navy Relief Fund Drive. 25 May we conducted a Navy Relief raffle and on 29 May we had SAS team training.

01 June we held Navy Relief Khaki elections and also had a mainspace fire drill and a Zone Inspection. 06 June an Undocking Brief from SSK DRY DOCK #2 was held. Also on this day several volunteers from USS DUBUQUE participated in the J.N. Darby-E.J. King Field Day. 08 June we reenlisted OS2 Stinson and 11-12 June Gun Qualifications were held. On 09 June several USS DUBUQUE sailors helped renovate the Main Base Child Development Center in Sasebo. 12-14 June we had a CMS Standown. 15 June we had a Ship's picnic in Nimitz Park. 13-15 June we also conducted our semi-annual physical fitness training. On 16 June several DUBUQUE sailors visited Kodomo Noie Orphanage in Omura, Japan. They painted the playground equipment and provided a cookout. 18-22 June PLOE II was held. Also on 18 June we completed LOE and we commenced combat systems testing. On 19 June a Courts Martial was held for BM3 [REDACTED]. On 24 June the drydock was flooded and on 25 June we were underway from SSK DRYDOCK #2 and we headed deadstick to Akasaki Fuel Pier. On 25 June we moved to India Basin Berth Six starboard side II. We remained there until 24 July. 26 June SMTT began and RADM Sackette visited. Our Galley reopened on 27 June and on 3 July the LOE written exam was given along with SAS training. 4 July was celebrated and 5-7 July LOE was held. 08-14 July the sides of the ship were painted. 10-11 July the TAV was conducted and steam testing. A medical and Dental Readiness Evaluation was conducted and both were found to be in top readiness. On 14 July we had a community relations painting project at Tenshin Ryo Orphanage in Sasebo. Also on 14 July we moved to Akasaki Fuel Pier and pumped Mogas. 15-21 July we held an award's ceremony, painted the sides of the ship, held a fast cruise, safety standown, SRBOC Handling and sea trials. During the Fast Cruise of 19 July we held General Quarters, man overboard, One Alpha, emergency egress, steering casualty, abandon ship and emergency destruction drills. We were underway for sea trials and then went to ammunition anchorage #39 in Sasebo. 24 July we held evening fire drills and saw the completion of DSRA. During this time SN [REDACTED] received CFAS Volunteer of the Month award from the Japanese-American Society. 26 July we were underway in the morning to India Basin #1, and then 30 July moved deadstick to Berth 7. Friday 27 July was a field day, and Sat 28 July CAPT B.F. Boyce arrived. RADM Mauz (COMSEVENTHFLEET) also visited the ship. 28-29 July the Westpac Subregional Softball Tournament was held. 31 July RADM Conley visited USS DUBUQUE and a change of command rehearsal was held.

On 1 August privately owned vehicles were onloaded to the Landing Craft Unit 1665 in preparation for a trip to Yokosuka. 2 August saw the Change of Command with CAPT Wetherell being relieved by CAPT Boyce. 3 August USS DUBUQUE was underway to Yokosuka. While underway an SRBOC Loading Exercise was held along with Flight Quarters a 3" 50 gun shoot and an EMCOM Exercise. Arriving in Yokosuka on 05 August, USS DUBUQUE moored to USS PRARIE starboard side II at Pier 6 after performing North and South Degaussing Range runs. USS DUBUQUE sailors attended schools while different inspections and visits took place. Schools attended included Boiler Water/Feed Water, JP-5 Fuels, PACFLT RT USERS, Shipboard Air Conditioning and Fire Fighting, P-250 Workshop, Boiler Water/Feed Water Supply, PRP Administration, CMS Custodian, EAP/SAS and Second Class Swimmer, CBR Basic, and ADAMS Class. Navy Rights and Responsibilities was held 08-09 August. On 06 August an Air Assist Visit was performed and went well. From 06-10 August DUBUQUE received

a 3M Assist Visit. Other inspections and assists included ILO/SNAP II, our Print Shop (09-10 August) and MCA. During this time softball games, a bowling league and other off time activities were held. 10 August saw a Zone Inspection. On 13 August a Mass Casualty Exercise was held. A NIXIE Inspection was held on the 15th, and a planned loss of electrical power for cleaning switchboards was experienced overnight. 16 August NAVRESSO conducted an inspection aboard USS DUBUQUE.

Underway 17 August, USS DUBUQUE embarked the Landing Craft Unit and was underway to Sasebo. 18 August we conducted a 3" 50 gun shoot and we arrived at Sasebo Ammunition Anchorage. Launching LCU 1665, we later moored at India Basin Berth 2. After a deadstick move to Akasaki Pier, USS DUBUQUE was underway for Okinawa on 21 August. Wed 22 August DUBUQUE moored at White Beach after conducting Guard Force Training and a 3" 50 gun shoot along the way. 23 August we embarked RLT-4 personnel, unloaded Marines with their equipment, embarking Larks, AAV's and the LCU. Underway 0230 on 24 August with USS SCHENECTADY and SAN BERNARDINO we steamed to Subic Bay and conducted DLQ's and LVA's with helicopter landings and launches. Sunday 26 August we moored at Alava Pier, Port Side II in Subic Bay and CTF 73 visited our ship. Monday 27 August we were underway for the North Arabian Sea. 27 August we conducted flight quarters. Exercises conducted during the time period from 26 August to 13 September include bio-chemical attacks, ship handing, leap frogging, flashing light, challenge and reply, CIC Pubex, navigation in an EW environment, radio-telephone drills, teletype circuit procedures, set Condition 3, Flag signaling, General Quarters and Quick Draw Gun Exercises. 31 August we sailed around Singapore. On 1 September USS DUBUQUE assumed command of Task Group 76.4 consisting of USS SCHENECTADY (LST-1185) AND USS SAN BERNARDINO (LST-1189). We conducted a light line transfer and then transited through the Malacca Straights. 2 September atropine and 2-pam chloride were distributed and a Condition 3 drill was conducted. On Monday 3 September a MOPP Level progression was performed. 4 September saw a gun exercise with a U/W High Line transfer as we passed through the Bay of Bengal. 6 September we conducted an underway replenishment with USS HASSAYAMPA (TAO-145) in the Indian Ocean. HASSAYAMPA detached from our group 09 September. 11 September we entered the North Arabian Sea and performed a RAS with USS WHITE PLAINS. We also rendezvoused with ARG Alpha (MOD COC). Transiting the Straits of Hormuz on 12 September we entered the Persian Gulf and moored at Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia at Berth 12 on 13 September. Commencing the offload, 14 September a small crane tipped over near LCU 1665. 15 September USNAVCEN visited USS DUBUQUE. Underway 16 September we went to the Central Persian Gulf and anchored at Sitrah Anchorage, Bahrain on the same day. 17 September we proceeded to Bahrain Anchorage and we received mail through flight quarters and a run from our Landing Craft Unit 1665. 18 September we conducted a POW/MIA Service and on 19 September held a Rosh Hoshanah Jewish Service. 20 September we were underway to Sitrah Anchorage, Bahrain. 20-21 September DUBUQUE sailors were able to go on liberty. 21 September our new Chief Petty Officers MMC [REDACTED] and EMC [REDACTED] were initiated and a zone inspection was held. 22 September we were underway to Al Masirah, Oman. 24 September we arrived at Al Masirah, and underwent flight quarters anchoring on 25 September. Along with flight quarters, EDD drills, air crash and salvage drills and fire drills were performed. 26 September we proceeded back to Bahrain with CAPT Taylor of COMPHIBRON 8, TACRON 21, Navy Medical and Dental personnel, Marines, a Seal Team and Special Boat Unit. 27 September we conducted flight quarters and 50 caliber small arms fire. 28 September we anchored at Bahrain Bell-Sitrah Anchorage after conducting flight quarters for the Desert Duck. A Yom Kippur Service was held. 29 September we were underway to the North Arabian Sea.



Conducting flight operations (DLQ's and NVG DLQ's) 01-04 October, on 02 October we were underway again to the Central Persian Gulf, steaming around Bahrain Bell. 03 October we anchored at Sitrah Anchorage in the early morning and later got underway to steam around Bahrain. Flight Operations were conducted 02-04 October with USS WHITE PLAINS and USS DUBUQUE anchored in Bahrain on 05 October. Saturday 06 October ammunition was staged on the flight deck and offloaded on Sunday 07 October in Al Jabayl. On 08 October RADM Sutton visited USS DUBUQUE while underway to the North Arabian Sea enroute to Phuket, Thailand. 09 October we conducted an Air Crash Fire Drill and later crossed the Straits of Hormuz. 10 October we conducted General Quarters, CBR and Abandon Ship drills along with conducting an equipment transfer with USS IWO JIMA. 11 October we conducted a RAS with USNS SPICA and an OOD board for LTJG [REDACTED]. 12 October saw a CIC Watch Officer board for OS1 [REDACTED]. On Sunday 14 October a leak in the hull of LCU (1665) from being battered in the well deck precluded an operation with USS SAN BERNARDINO. We were able to transfer 10,000 gallons of water to her, however, via line to line transfer. Later that afternoon we had a steel beach picnic and a contest to see who could drive a golf ball the farthest off of the flight deck. Enroute to Thailand with USS SAN BERNARDINO and USS SCHENECTADY, we conducted a safety standown on 17 October and on 18 October we moored to Phuket Warf in the morning. 20 October many USS DUBUQUE sailors participated in a community relations painting project to a Nam Bor Elementary School. After a four day port visit to Phuket, Thailand we were underway on 22 October to Singapore, mooring to Sembawang Warf on 24 October. The evening of 24 October saw a Class C fire to 2A SSTG Circuit Breaker. There was a leak in the fuel oil service line to the #1 boiler. 28 October we were underway for Subic Bay, R.P. We passed through Palawa Passage to avoid rough seas.

On 03 November a ship's party was held at the CPO Mess in Subic Bay. 05 November we were underway to Sasebo and we conducted NWAT/PTRI preparations along with a General Quarters Drill. Flight Quarters were conducted with VC-5 out of Cubi Point. A Combined Federal Campaign Tournament was held 06-08 November for Spades, Cribbage and Chess. A Unit Sweep urinalysis was also held. 07 November a swing ship evolution transpired along with continued training for the Guard Force, DCTT and Repair Locker training. 08 November brought Channel Fever Night with pizza, ice cream and Bingo. Manning the rails, we arrived safely home to a warm reception in Sasebo, Japan on Friday 09 November.

The three day Veteran's Day weekend was observed, with the ship back at full force Tuesday 13 November. The #2 circuit pump and #2 alpha feed pump were experiencing problems. An Equal Opportunity Reinspection also took place during this time. The aft line handling room was being repainted and all boats were removed from the Boat Deck. On 16 November CFC contributions were being collected and final preparations for the MTT III training on 24 November were being conducted. On 17 November a Community Relations Barbecue at Tenshin Ryo Orphanage was conducted. Several games were played, including softball. An Awards Ceremony was conducted 21 November and Thanksgiving was observed Thursday 22 November with many sailors being invited to homes in Sasebo. Saturday 24 November a Bowling Tournament was held at Silver Bowl in Hario.

27 November USS DUBUQUE was underway for Yokosuka, Japan after MTT finished hot checks. Arriving in port Yokosuka on 29 November for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE), there was an MTT debrief with COMPHIBGRU ONE on Saturday 01 December. Monday 03 December began the Industrial/Environmental Inspection, and repair of DUBUQUE's engineering plants continued with SRF Yokosuka. 07 December a load test of our B&A Crane was performed and AIDS testing along with tetanus, typhoid, PPD and yellow

fever shots were given. On Saturday 08 December USS DUBUQUE sailors visited Shunko Gakuen Orphanage in Yokosuka, bringing candy and fruit. Games were played with the children in the afternoon. Sunday 09 December was holiday routine and on 09 December OPPE commenced. Unable to get underway due to ongoing casualties, USS DUBUQUE conducted drills and training pierside. Friday 14 December RADM Conley embarked and firefighting training was conducted. 2/3 Marines from an exercise AT Camp Fuji were unloaded, and on Sunday 16 December USS DUBUQUE received permission to get underway to White Beach, Okinawa. On 17 December a main space fire drill was conducted. Inport White Beach on 18 December, 2/3 Marines were offloaded and USS DUBUQUE was underway for Sasebo on 19 December and arrived home on the 20th. On Saturday 22 December a Children's Christmas Party was held with Santa Claus arriving onboard. On 23 December DUBUQUE held a Christmas party at the Harbor View Club, and hundreds of dollars of door prizes were given away. 24 December through 26 December were holiday standown. A special Christmas Candlelight Service was held in the Library on 25 December and a special Christmas Dinner was served on the messdecks. On 28 December Tenshin Ryo Orphanage visited USS DUBUQUE and were toured through the ship and presented with Project Handclasp materials. New Year's was observed as holiday routine and USS DUBUQUE remained in Sasebo until 04 January 1991.