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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"



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COMMENTS . . . .

. . . . from the

**Commander**

Every time that I start putting the newsletter together I wonder if I will have enough news items to fill ten pages. At the last minute someone always saves the day like Harry Underwood. In stead of keeping your papers locked up why not make a copy of them and send it to me. I never throw anything away, and others may enjoy them.... Well the Reunion is really shaping up. Billy has included a list of people who have signed up. They are listed below. Billy and Nina have been busy. It takes almost two years to get a Reunion put together. He told me that the Melvin Sloan Dancers will be there. They do Appalachian Style Square Dancing. Now all we need is for you guys out there to make up your minds. Also if you plan to attend we need door prizes. If your company has anything they want to get rid of bring it along. I always hit my VFW and they send along a bottle of cheer. Every body appreciates getting something to take home..... Dave Cullen has asked me to put in two adendums for the Ships History Book. Make a copy of each page and slip them into the book. On page four there is a short paragraph to cut out and add to page five. If you dont have a copy of the book, come to the reunion and ask Dave about it..... Before you know it it will be time to think of the 89 Reunion. If you guys want one we need some one to be the Host. If you have ever thought of having a reunion in your town, this might be the time. Its really a lot of fun and something to look back at..... I guess I have rambled long enough. I want to get this to the printer befor Memorial Day which is 5 days away. Have a nice summer and plan to join your buddies in Nashville in July.....j.l.cole

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# mail call

Dear John,



Greetings from a Calvert shipmate from Orangeburg, S.C. I'm writing to say hello & to give you my new change of address. I have signed a 3 year contract as an Engineering Consultant to a large steel Co., here in Orangeburg. Sure hope I haven't missed any communications, we moved here 3-15-37. Please pass on my regards to my former shipmates.

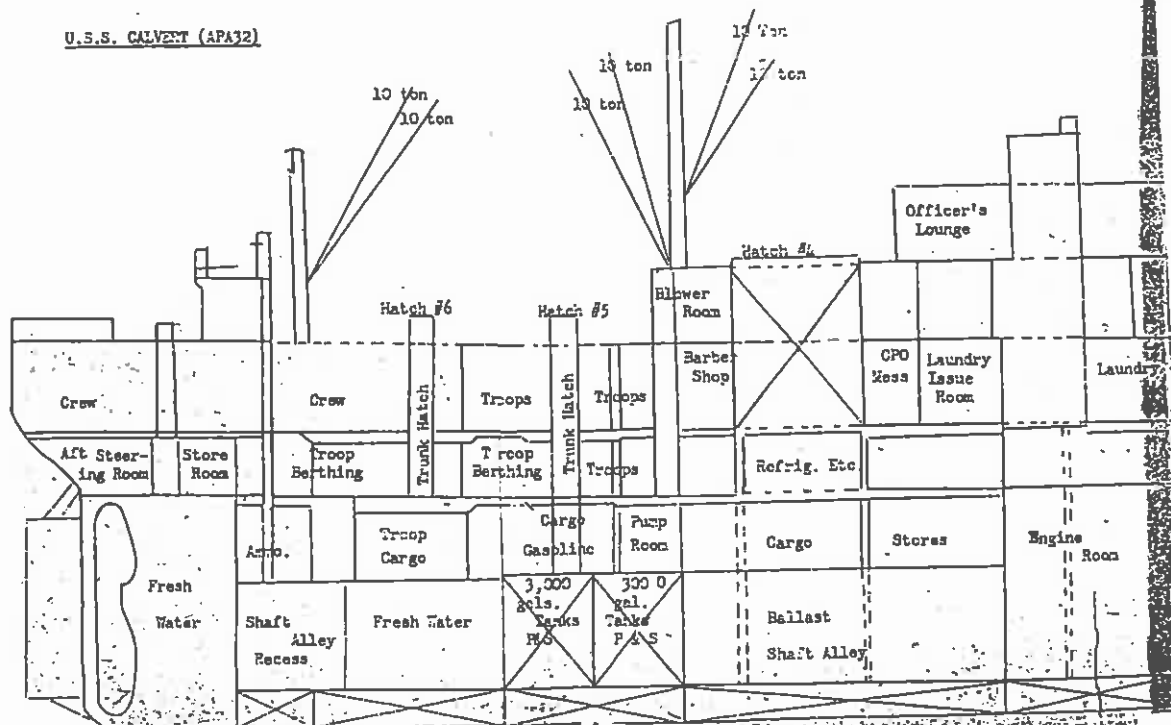
LESLIE H. JOHNSTON

Hi! Hope you and Lila are well and that you didn't have too bad a winter. We had our share of the white stuff!! Will be happy when Spring comes around. Thanks for news of Calvert Reunion - but I'M sincerely sorry we'll be unable to attend. Vincent is still getting oxygen around the clock, plus he fell, recently and broke his hip. The poor guy has had one thing after another happen to him the last 2 years. Wishing you well and we hope the reunion will be a huge success--P.S. We won't give up hope--Pray that we'll be able to make the next reunion!! ADELINE SIMON

Hi! Billie Trout said, that if I asked you would put me on the mailing list for the Calversion. I'M not sure if I'll be able to make the reunion in Nashville this year, but I'm still interested in the Calvert. I'm enclosing a copy of my discharge, all my time in the Navy, with the exception of Booth Camp Was on the U.S.S. Calvert, I boarded the ship at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in New York and left the ship in Seattle, Wa. On October 1, 1944, a Captain H.S. Cole was on the Calvert, any relation? (NO) HARRY G. UNDERWOOD

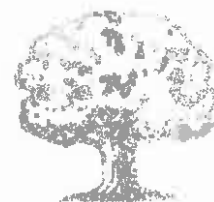
I received a copy of the newsletter the other day. I was surprised that there is a association. Some of the names in the letter I recogzized & I know them. In particular Ray (Skip) Steedman & Harold S. Sparks (sorry to hear about his passing). Please keep me posted on the latest dealings of the association & keep me on the mailing list, it was good to hear from you. I spent over 3 years on the Calvert & as you know it becomes part of you. I guess you can say I grew up on the ship. I've done good by the Navy & the Calvert, I've been a Police Officer for seventeen years now and will retire in a couple of years. Well, John time to sign off now. Keep in touch. BOB FILARDI

U.S.S. CALVERT (APA32)





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Another "late arrival" for the History, which I have enclosed, and ask that you incorporate this page in the Calversion so that those that already have the History can merely place this supplement in the proper place.....that makes two full pages.....

Meantime, I have also been advised that one factor with respect to Tom Glennon's medal had been overlooked.....the fact that he did receive the Silver Star Medal.....sooooo, will you please also include the instruction to replace the 3rd paragraph from the bottom of page 5, which will then indicate what decoration was awarded him.....to wit:

Ensign GLENNON's courage, determination, and outstanding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service. As a result of this, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

It so happens that he (Glennon) and File were in charge of boat crews in the Sicilian landings, and Hahn was a member of Bill Eisemann's crew in the same action.....so I am instrumental in getting them all together.....I understand that Bill COTT was the senior officer in the group but they lost track of him.....so, if you have any clue, I am sure that File would be most happy to contact him..... David B. Cullen, Jr.

#### CITATIONS AND AWARDS (CONT'D)

Following is an excerpt from a news item that appeared in "THE NEWPORT NAVALOG" dated Saturday, 4 November 1944:

For rescuing a shipmate from the twin perils of drowning and being crushed between two surging ships, Russell Amos GROCER, BM2c, USN, received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal on Saturday, 4 November 1944.

The U.S.S. CALVERT (APA 32) to which GROCER was attached, was laying to in the harbor of Eniwetok Atoll, having just participated in the invasion of Saipan. GROCER, noticing a man from a nearby ship fall into the water, instantly climbed down a line over the side and went to the aid of the drowning sailor.

There were heavy ground swells and a strong tide in the harbor causing the ships to plunge and toss. Both GROCER and the man in the water faced the danger of being caught between the ships for almost certain death. To add to the bos'n's troubles, the sailor he was trying to save became panicky and struggled violently. GROCER finally subdued the bewildered man and managed to haul him to safety.

The citation, made in the name of the President of the United States and Admiral C.W. NIMITZ, Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, read, "His heroic conduct performed in the face of great danger to himself, was outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service". The citation was presented by Commodore C.W. MAGRUDER, Commanding Officer of Newport Naval Training Station.

Upon return of the CALVERT to the United States several of the support boat crews were transferred from the ship prior to being sent to England, where they would eventually participate in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

While awaiting transportation to England, the following award was presented at a ceremony in Portsmouth, Virginia.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the LEGION OF MERIT to

LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE WILLIAM H. FILE, JR.  
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States while in command of a support boat Squadron during the amphibious assault on the Island of Sicily, July 9-10, 1943. With six of his twelve support boats either sunk or badly damaged by storms and high seas, Lieutenant Junior Grade File quickly organized and effectively disposed the remaining craft, conducting them to the line of departure and then to strategic positions off the beach. Skillfully directing the accurate and deadly fire of his boats, he silenced a hostile pillbox which was attacking the first wave of our landing units, and forced the enemy to retire from other gun emplacements. Lieutenant Junior Grade File's daring leadership and unswerving devotion to duty contributed materially to preventing loss of life or injury to our troops in the first four assault waves which landed in this area."

For the President,

/s/ Frank Knox

Secretary of the Navy.

SHIPMATES, since this will be the last issue of the Calversion before we get together in Nashville for the 5th Reunion of the U.S.S. Calvert, I am going to steal a small part of the Calversion to say, I was very proud when the crew voted at Denver, Colo. to hold the next reunion in Nashville, many thank's to all of you who have helped Nina and myself prepare for this important event, I wont try to remember names, but you know who you are and Thanks Again. I believe we have most everything in order, the entertainment, food, ect.- 44 couples have already confirmed their intent to be with us, we still hope to hear from many more, and any way we can be of service to you just let us know. Some shipmates want to bring children, or other members of their family, & I say fine to this. There is plenty to see and do in Nashville, come see, and have a good time. BILLIE & NINA

NASHVILLE

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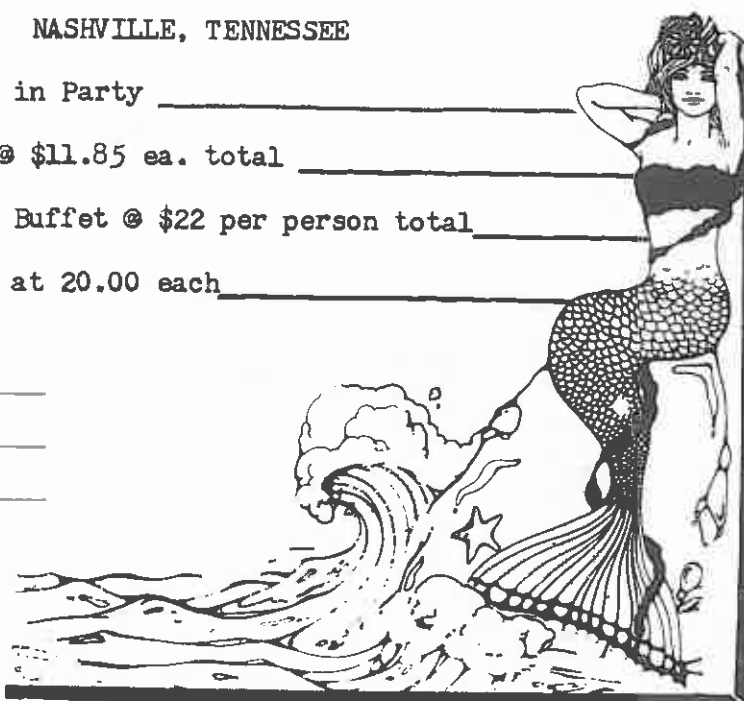
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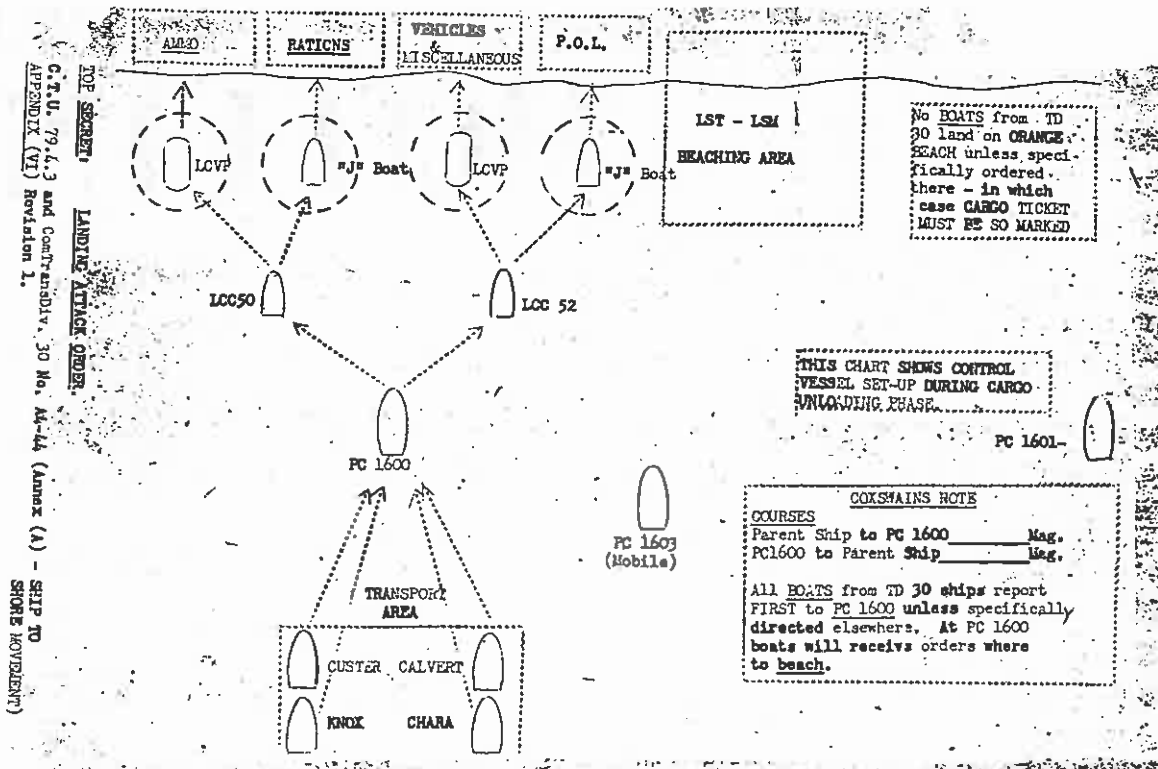
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ARMY AND NAVY ATTACK FORCES

NUMERICAL DESIGNATION (NAVY)	DESIGNATION BY NAME NO. OF CP. PLAN OR ORDER.	TITLE OF COMMANDER. NAME OF COMMANDER. SHIP EMBARKED.	ARMY UNIT EMBARKED.	PLACE OF EMBARKATION.	DATE AND HOUR OF LANDING.	PLACE OF LANDING (BEACHES).
T.F. #77 LC-1 BB-14 WE-18 LA-8 IL-11 ID-79 E-9 LSC-96	Luzon Attack Force Op. Plan No. 17-44. (1 Copy).	CAMP - SHPA COM-7th Fleet. COM - T.F. #77. V. Adm. T.C. Kirkaid in Nasatch - AGC-9 V. Adm. Wilkinson in Mt. Olympus. AGC-8 is second in command.	SIXTH U.S. ARMY.	See lower echelons.	S - Day (1/9) J&H - Hour. (0930-1).	S to W Orange, Green, Yellow, Crimson in Lingayen Area. Blue 2 & 1, White 3, 2, and and Red in Damortis Area, (San Fabian).
T.F. #78 D Transports 6 IST's and SM's.	San Fabian Attack Force. Attack Plan 103-44. (1 copy).	Com. San Fabian Attack Force. Com. 7th Amphibious Force. Com. T.F. #78. R. Adm. Barbey in Blue Ridge AGC-2.	I Army Corps. (6th and 43rd Inf. Divs.).	5th Samsapor 3rd Aitape.	S - Day (1/9) H - Hour. (0930-1).	Blue 2 and 1 - 6th Div. in Dagapan Area. White 3, 2, and 1 - 43rd in Damortis Area.
T.G. #77.9 D Transports. 5 IST's and SM's.	Reinforce- ment Group.	Com. Reinforcement Group. Com. T.G. #77.9. R. Adm. Connolly in Appalachian AGC-1.	158th R.C.T. and SIXTH U.S. Army. Reserve (25th Div.) plus additional SIXTH ARMY & XIV Corps Troops.	25th Noumes.	S and 2 Day.	158th R.C.T. on White Beaches in Damortis Area. 25th Div. to be landed as directed by Com. Luzon Attack Force.
T.G. #79.2	Attack Group Baker Attack Order A605-44. (1 Copy)	Com. Attack Group Baker Com. Amphibious Group SIX. Com. T.G. #79.2 R. Adm. Royal in Rocky Mountain AGC-3.	None	Mounting at Gloucester.	S - Day J - Hour.	None
T.G. #79.4	Transport Group Baker. Trans. Div. 10-79.4.1 " " 18-79.4.2 " " 30-79.4.3 L.C.C. Unit - 79.4.4. Landing Attack Order A22-44. (4 copies)	Com. Transport Group Baker. Com. Transport Ron 12. Com. T.G. #79.4. Commo. Knowles in Cambria - APA-36.	40th Inf. Div.	40th at Gloucester.	S-Day J-Hour. (Less 2 BLT's of 108th R.C.T. to be landed in reserve as directed by Com. XIV Corps)	Orange and Green in Lingayen Area. TD10 (2/185 on Orange 1/185 on Orange TD30 (3/160 on Green 1/160 on Green TD18 = 108th as Corp Reserve.
T.U. #79.4.3.	Trans. Div. 30 Landing Attack Order No. A4-44 (3 copies) KNOX (F) APA46. CALVERT APA32. CLUSTER APA40. CHARA AK58. ASHLAND LSD1. LINDENHOLD-LSD-6. CLSA GRNDE-LSD-13.	Com. Trans. Div. 30. C.T.U. #79.4.3. Capt. E.T. Short.	160th R.C.T. of 40th Inf. Div.	160th R.C.T.  (1/160 in Calvert).	S - Day J - Hour.	Green 1 and 2. (Calvert on Green 2)



NOTE.. The map and chart on page 8, along with the side view of the ship showing all compartments were sent to me by Harry Underwood of Lunenburg, Mass. I would like to thank him and all who send in things that help make this newsletter more enjoyable for all. The history below is from the Calvert Book compiled by Dave Cullen. Through the efforts of Dave and Rich Morse we have a History Book.....

In the afternoon of 11 November, again escorted by USS STEMBEL, CALVERT departed Langemak Bay and that night made rendezvous with TU 79.15.1. This unit arrived off Bito Lake, Leyte, on 18 November and immediately started offloading operations. That night, the empty ships sailed back to Manus, arriving 24 November.

After completing a four day availability at Manus, CALVERT sailed with Transport Group BAKER, TG 79.4, for Borgen Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Guinea, to embark units of the 40th Infantry Division.

On 4 December, CALVERT loaded 487 tons of combat cargo and on 9 December embarked 1,117 members of the 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division. On 10 December the group departed Cape Gloucester and anchored at Seeadler Harbor the next morning.

The group remained at Manus until 16 December, when it sailed for New Guinea where training operations were conducted in the Huon Bay area on the 18th and 19th, after which the group returned to Manus to prepare for a full-scale rehearsal.

The rehearsal was conducted on 26 December at Los Negros Island in Seeadler Harbor. Condition I-A was set at 0520 and the ship secured at 2135. In this rehearsal, all troops and cargo were boated and landed. The total debarkation took seven hours. Backloading took 7 hours 16 minutes. This performance was deemed to be a "peak performance for this type of ship in connection with an amphibious landing".

At 0700 31 December 1944, TG 79.2, Attack Group BAKER, commanded by Rear Admiral Forrest B. ROYAL, USN, of the Lingayen Attack Force, plus screening units, and TG 79.4, the Lingayen Carrier Group, commanded by Rear Admiral Calvin T. DURGIN, USN, a force of some 160 ships, sailed to land units of the SIXTH U.S. Army in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon at J-Hour (0930) on S-Day, 9 January 1945, in execution of Operation MIKE III.

During the transit to the objective area, the force was harassed by four submarine contacts and five attacks from the air, including Kamikazes, one of which hit the USS KITKUN BAY (CVE-71). The final approach to the assault anchorage was made on time despite several air attacks, including a bombing run on CALVERT which caused no casualties or damage.

At 0730, 9 January, CALVERT commenced boating operations, which were briefly interrupted 18 minutes later by an air attack. The 1st Battalion of the 160th Regiment was scheduled to be landed on GREEN TWO Beach in Waves FOUR, FIVE AND SIX, which was accomplished on time.

About noon, CALVERT moved in closer to the beach and commenced general offloading. At 1625 CALVERT was completely offloaded, all troops (1,117) and 527 tons of cargo. Time to unload the ship: 8 hours, 35 minutes, including time required to shift berths.

That evening under smoke screen and air attacks, CALVERT and the other empty transports withdrew from Lingayen and set course for Leyte. During the landing at Lingayen, the CALVERT's gunners repelled three separate air attacks. Two personnel casualties were experienced by the CALVERT. They were Melvin A. MOSHER, GM3c, USNR and Otis D. McNAULTY, SN, USNR, who received chest wounds when the sight of their gun, mount 21, was hit by a stray 20MM projectile from another ship during the air attack.

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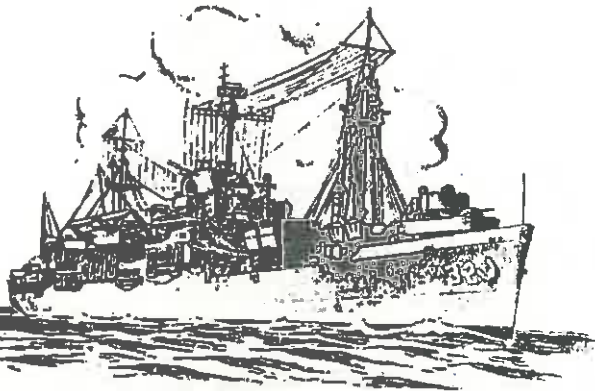
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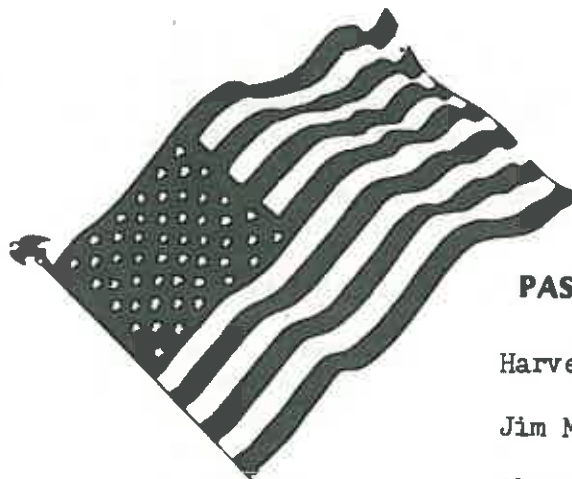
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