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*"The Ship and Men of Distinction"*

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## Comments from the Commander

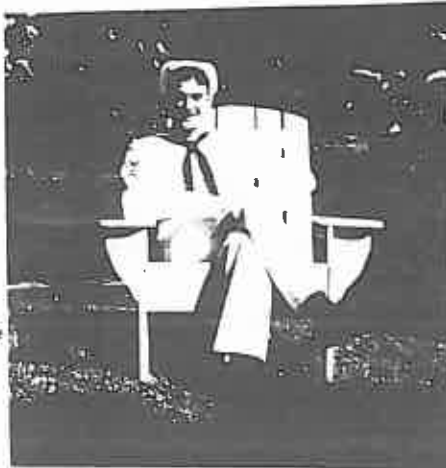
Some local news, In March 2000 four Calvert men of the 53-55 era and wives met for a mini reunion at the India Polare Resturant in Dallas. In attendance were Bill Russell, Robert Huff, Don Thoes and Bill Bridgford.....The Calvert Marine Museum acknowledges the donation of a navigation chart from Hal Winter and a 83"X 9" name board, with 6" brass letters, U.S.S.CALVERT APA 32 from the Calvert Associates.....Would like to thank the following for their nice letters W.R.(Roy) Banducci, Sterling Wesp, Sam McCoy, Guy Wine III, Glen Hilton, Ernest Christian and many notes from other shipmates.. ...John Groff the Lancaster Reunion Host has all the information on tours, etc. in the back of the newsletter. It sounds like another super time and I hope all who live close by will make it. If you have any questions on anything be sure and contact John.....In the year 2001 we will be going to Florida with Edward "Bud" Ruth as the host. In Lancaster we will be looking for someone to host the the 2002 Reunion. Are you that person if so give me a call.....There are some unidentified photos sent to me by Joe Evans son. If you know who any of the Calvert men are make a copy of the photo and list the names you know and send to me. Thanks.....I just sent in Form 180 along with a copy of my DD 214 and have received my Combat Action Ribbon. It took 49 years so I probably should apply right now for my Yokouska Beer Hall Fight Participation Unit Citation Ribbon.....The Ships Store still has some Luggage tags for sale at two for \$4.00 Postpaid. They may be obtained by writeing the storekeeper; Edward "Bud" Ruth, 1329 Valley Hill Dr., Lakeland, Fl. 33813-2283.....Had a request for info. on Bob Frye who was a store-keeper on the Calvert in 1944 or 1945. If you know anything about this person contact me with any information.....Will close for now but first I would like to thank everybody who sent me a letter. Also those who sent pictures and papers to use in the newsletter. It really helps me out especially if the letters are typed, they are more easy to put in the newsletter. I try to make it as intre-esting as possible and without your help it wouldn't be. So thanks again to all who contribute something to the newsletter.....See you in Lancaster.....j.l.cole



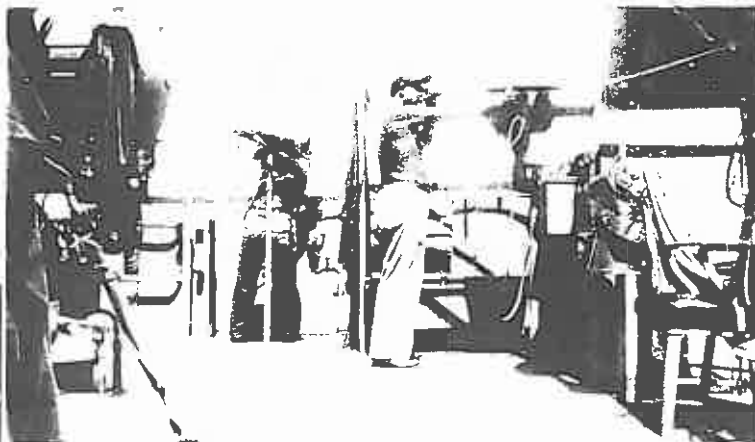
# the old crew

U. S. S. CALVERT (APA-32)

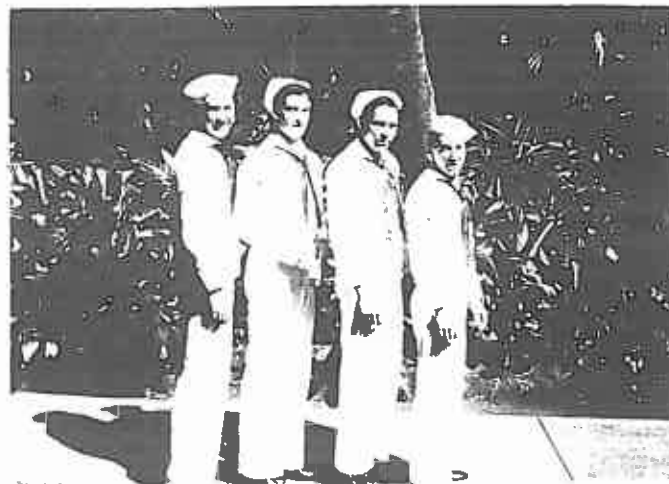
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(letter in Mailcall)



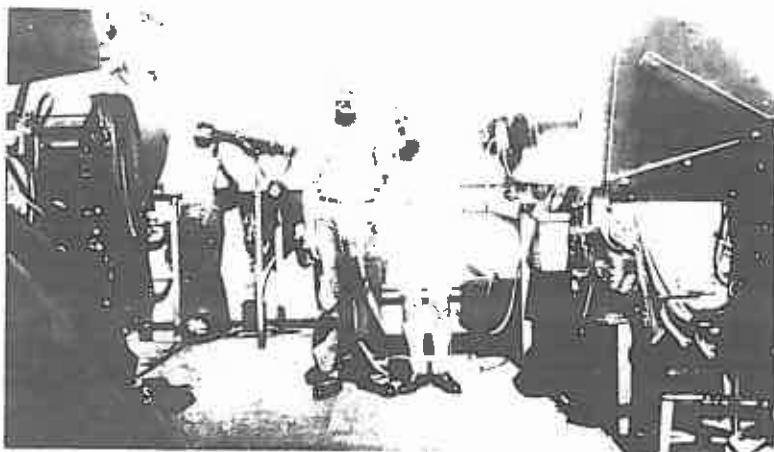
On the grounds of Royal  
Hawaiian, Honolulu.  
Wm. P. Marsh SM2/c



Hugh Mceilwee CSM



John Pilkington-Wm. Marsh  
J.B.Stoker-George Mackey



Jack Cleary SM1/c  
John Foley SM1/c



On Flag Bag  
Wm.Marsh-John Foley SM1/c

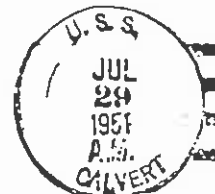


In Front of Theater  
Downtown Honolulu  
J.B.Stoker-Wm.R.Marsh

# mail call



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



I enjoyed the "Calversion" Vol. No. 41. and the stories about Makin. I was aboard at that time. Capt. Stark says that the objective "was secured without too much trouble." I do recall that when we were maneuvering at night, (to avoid Japanese submarines), the Liscombe Bay, a small carrier, was torpedoed off the Calvert's quarter. Lost aboard the carrier was Admiral Mullinix who, I believe, was the brother of Captain Mullinix?

Afterward, when Makin was secured, the Admiral in charge sent a message "Makin Taken." (I still have the original). Later, in the forties, I dined with Admiral Samuel Eliot Morrison who was also at Makin. When I showed him the wire with "Makin Taken" he laughed and said that if the originator knew the pronunciation of "Makin" he could have sent a much better wire! Admiral Morrison said that the correct pronunciation was "Muckin!"

Also, the article about "Crossing the Line, November 15, 1943." (I was made a "Shellback" at that time *I still have photos of that celebration! ...if I could find them?*) I remember that later that month, when we also crossed the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian, we had two Thanksgivings! (We were fed well for the first one, but not for the second one).

It was shortly after when we had secured Kwajelein, (Operation Galvanic), that I was commissioned "at sea."

Marian and I celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last December. Lawrence D. Copeland  
e-mail: eastgat2@aol.com

It's been awhile since I've written to you (sorry). I've enjoyed the Calverson's news letters, every time I've received them. just because the Calvert was a fine ship, and my first with such a fine crew. I would like to say I was sorry to hear about BM1 J. T. Brown. He was an outstanding shipmate, I know he will be sorely missed.

I'm impressed with all the Calverson's news letters keeping me abreast with all the old crew. I would like to say when I read your Calverson letter about Ken Kudsen's little spill, It was nice to know some of the old shipmates were still around. Ken and I were in the 1st division together, along with SN Hayngr, SN Denham, and SA Sparks in 1963. I'm sure Ken will remember us. I also remember Capt. Hunt. I wish I could have made the San Diego reunion. I will follow up with some pictures of Capt. Hunt's story and pictures about "Operation Ligtas" Thank you for the news letters.  
Robert Wallace

While going through some old slides, I found an old picture of the USS Calvert.  
Had a picture made for the Calvert history book. Everett R. Jones (1958-59) BMCS USN - Retired

Enclosed please find copies of pictures taken in 1944 either on board the Calvert or in Honolulu, Hawaii.  
I was aboard from August, 1943 until 1945 when I went to the Bremerton Naval Hospital for surgery on a locked knee.

While aboard the Calvert I served as guard mail petty officer and as a member of the ship's beach party. I

went ashore on all the ship's assaults on the Pacific Islands from the Gilberts to the second Phillipine attack at Linguayan Gulf. Of course we then returned to the States at Bremerton where the ship underwent changes to become a group control ship. William R. Marsh

# RETROACTIVE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON ELIGIBILITY FOR NAVAL VETERANS FROM 1941 to 1961 ANNOUNCED.

The Combat Action Ribbon is available to Calvert personal if they served during W.W.2 from Dec. 6,1941 to April 14,1946.

Korean war service between June 27,1950 and July 27,1954.

Write directly to; Chief of Naval Operations ( N09B33 )  
2000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington,D.C. 20350-2000

The following information must be provided. Form 180 (found on opposite page ), period of eligibility, unit assigned to, and mailing address. Also include a copy of Navel Personnel Form 553 or D.D. form 214.



The Combat Action Ribbon is awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel.



## Capt. Harry Boger Stark' USN(ret)

Captain Harry Boger Stark USN (Ret) passed away at the San Diego Hospice on July 15 after an extended illness. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor on the *USS West Virginia* and a World War II veteran.

He was born in 1914 in Boston, Mass., the son of Colonel and Mrs. Harry W. Stark, U.S. Army. Harry decided to forego the army life, and after a year at William and Mary College he entered the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1936. Upon graduation he immediately commenced his naval career at sea. His sea assignments were in destroyers, amphib ships and battleships. His duties included ship command, a destroyer

squadron command and staff assignments on two major fleet commands.

Captain Stark's shore duty was spent primarily in Washington D.C. in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and on the staff of the joint chief of staff. He retired from the Navy in 1966 as the Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor. For his wartime service he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Navy unit commendation in addition to area awards.

After he retired, Captain and Mrs. Stark resided in Coronado where he attended San Diego State University to obtain his masters degree in education. He taught in the San Diego City School District until his second retirement in 1976.

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