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Comments from the Commander

First of all that is not a RAT in the upper right corner of this page. It's a gopher, and since i'm from Minnesota and we are called the Golden Gophers I thought it was fitting to be on the front page. They say rats are the first to leave, I'm not.....Its been about twenty five years since I been to the Kennedy Space Center and I really excited to go. There have been a lot of changes and I want to see them. I remember Houston where we also went to the Space Center and its impressive too. This is one tour I hope no one passes up. Bud Ruth has things ready for the 2001 Reunion in Orlando and all he needs is your form and money. I think he did a super job on the room rate and also the same rate if you want to come early or stay over. I tried to stay over one night in Boston and the rate jumped 70.00 and that didn't include clean sheets. For those of you in the Florida area I hope you can make this one as we are going to Fort Mitchel Kentucky in 2002.....I have enclosed a letter from Ed Brisbois, who has the Amphibious Attack Boat group in Ft. Pierce, Fl. for those of you that are intrested. Ed keeps me informed but sends too much to print in the newsletter. He is doing a great job and just replaced a LCVP that vandals burned. Write, call or stop in and see what they have.....I have also had a lot of inquiries lately about the Calvert or about men who served on them. Most of the people I can help but some you can help me. I have included a couple letters that if you have any information for these people please contact them. Also if you hear of any of our shipmates passing away please let me know. I also have the Calvert on the web and am trying to get on more as long as its Free. Just sent out 20 some notices of the reunion to service related magazines. This is a free service but they only print it one time. If you don't look every month you could miss the notice.....The Ship Store is still open except we are out of cups. If we get any in I will let you know in the next Newsletter. We may have some new items in the future.....I am always ready to receive letters from you guys as to what you want me to put in the newsletter. I really appreciate letters that are typed as it makes my job more easy. Drop me a line.....Bill Bell book I have started reading. Its very good, but graffic language. If interested write or call him and let him know you want a copy. We may have some available at the Orlando Reunion if they (the Book) isn't sold out before.....Well I think thats all for now, see ya in Orlando.....j.l.cole



mail call



U. S. S. CALVERT (APA-32)
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the considerable effort you put into publishing the Calversion. Although I served after WWII, I almost always find a note that strikes a cord. In the last issue, the 1954 dispatch regarding the Vietnamese refugee evacuation was right on. I was on the Calvert during that time, we made several round trips in that effort. I'm sure we all remember those people and there obvious poverty. In that same time frame we went through a typhoon which flooded the anchor windlass, flattened the gun tub, etc.

My last visit to Vietnam was on a cruise. I thought it quite ironic to find that Admiral Zumwalt was on the same ship; he gave several talks to interested passengers regarding the war, his decision to use Agent Orange and the subsequent death of his son

Wes Zerbe, Ltjg, June '53-June '56)

My name is Robert Hepler Jr. the son of Robert Hepler Sr. who was a shipmate on the U.S.S Calvert 1943-45?. My father passed away 15 years ago and I am trying to put together some of his war experiences. I know that he was wounded while a crewman on a landing craft somewhere in the South Pacific. What I am looking for is possible photos of this time in the South Pacific. I know that this is not much information for you to go on but if you could be of any help it would be appreciated. I also would like to thank you for your interesting newsletter and think that you are doing a great job.

Robert Hepler
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I really enjoy your Calversion. How often do you send it out? When did you start this newsletter? The approximate times I was on the CALVERT was May or June 1945 until July 1946 - about 14 months.

How can I reach men that were on the ship during the period, I was on board? Especially Pharmacists Mates.

Perry G. Potiris PH 45-46
6460 Havenside Drive
Sacramento 95831 Calif



I served two tours of duty aboard the Calvert. The first tour was the invasion of Safi, Morroco. The second tour was in the invasion of the Gilberts, Marshals and Philippines.

Does any one remember these memories;

When Capt. Whitfield first came aboard his first words were " All liberty is cancelled."

While zig zagging across the Atlantic Ocean from Norfolk, Va. to Safi, Morroco the ship was darkened every night and " The smoking lamp was out."

I led 4 boatloads of soldiers into the beach at Safi while our forces fired over our heads to soften up the beach and the enemy on the beach was firing at us. Brown, Bruce, Kibbie and others led the wave of boats.

After the Safi beach was secured several officers walked through the streets wearing side arms and the little boys kept offering us their sisters.

After Safi, the Calvert returned to New York City and enroute Capt. Whitfield ordered a seaman who was wearing army shoes to dump overboard all the souvenirs he bought in Safi.

Everyone may remember Capt. Whitfield as a real sweetheart.

Abe Brian Weinberg (Oleary)

+GATOR NEWS+

It has been another successful year for the Attack Boat association. Not only have our numbers increased, but we also achieved our goals for the year 2000. With membership support we have met our goals and have exceeded them to the point, that we are a recognized part of Ft. Pierce, Florida history.

The Attack Boat Exhibit is a great tourist attraction, and people come to view our boats and the inside museum display. After a meeting with county officials, we now have a Gator Navy collection of Amphibious ships and boats on display. The center piece of the display is an LCVP model, I had a professional boat builder put together for us. Another nice model, is an LCI landing craft, that is on loan to the museum for six months.

At first I opposed the LCI being in the museum, then researching our USNATB history, became aware of the fact, we trained a contingent of boat crews, at the base 'ATTACK BOAT SCHOOL' for the LCI boats. (There was the LCI #570 attached to the Attack Boat school for training crews for general deck duties and navigational purposes.) If any member has a ship or boat model kit, if sent to me, I'll have it put together for display in the museum.

Attack Boat membership has increased from 163 members in 2000, to 186 men in 2001, to date. I am still receiving telephone calls from boat men, wanting info about our association. I guess we are good for another ten or more years.

Most of all I want to thank all the membership, for supporting me, here in Ft. Pierce, as I work on preserving our boat history, past and present. AWAY ALL BOATS- CAPTAIN ED COXSWAIN

AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK BOATS WW II, P.O. BOX 3328, FT. PIERCE, FL 34948

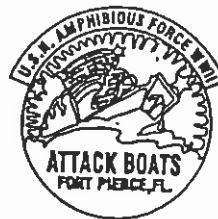
I was sent your name by Ty Jennings, who told me that you are the reunion coordinator for the USS Calvert, APA-32. My late husband, Verne R. Newman, Coxswain, USN, was assigned to the Calvert during WW II. I'm not positive how long he was on board, but he enlisted in Navy in Dec., 1942, and trained in San Diego, CA. Then was shipped out to Pearl Harbor in early Aug. 1943, where he was given additional training in landing craft school and gunnery school, before he began his actual participation in the invasions of several Pacific islands.

I have his little diary, which was badly damaged and just barely legible. In it he mentions the islands of Baker, Bougainville, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Roi, Apanama, and the hardest one of all, Saipan. In fact, he was knocked out of the war at Saipan. Seems like it was somewhere around a week after first assault, because the last entry in the diary was June 20, 1944. However, it could have been later, and he was just too busy to write in his diary. He was put aboard the USS Samaritan hospital ship, and sent back to the Naval hospital in Pearl Harbor, then on to Bremerton, WA, and later to Sun Valley, ID (the ski resort was converted to a Navy convalescent hospital during the war).

Verne was never very well, but held a job, and we raised our daughter, and two sons. He died in 1985, after a long illness. He never really talked too much about the war to me, but he would talk with relatives, who were also involved, and I would listen. I learned a little. So now I'm trying to get as much as I can together for his children, and grandchildren. I'm hoping you may help or direct me to someone who could. I might even be lucky enough to find someone who may have known him, or worked with him.

LCP(R)

Dorothy Newman
8235 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91605



Just a note of thanks for the brief mention of the Vietnamese refugee mission of 1954. If you know of any Sick Bay personal of that time, please ask them to contact me. Thanks.

R. Bruce Moore
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Reseda, Ca. 91335-2132

I am writeing you a note to let you know about Leslie Knight. He has been very ill since December. We hope he will get stronger and will be able to take treatment. He wanted his Calvert friends to know that he is staying with me at this time. He would love to hear from his buddies. Send letters to;

Willie Pearl Calson
1821 Ector Rd.
Jacksonville, Fl. 32211-4704

I have just received Vol.#43 of your newsletter. Its such a pleasure to hear news items about the Calvert.

Upon finishing Boot Training at Treasure Island, Co.#1-43. I was sent to Oceanside Ca. and given basic radio skills and sent to tent city Hawaii for further training and formation into JASCO units (I don't remember my number but it was 29_ something 293 or 294 or whatever.)

I and my team was assigned T.A.D. to the Calvert as a Beachmasters communication team (4 navy radiomen-5 marine siglemen) and we went ashore at Sipan and the Phillipeans in about the 5th wave. Dug a fox hole and set up the radio equipment we backpacked ashore to allow the Beachmasters all necessary communications with the invasion forces.

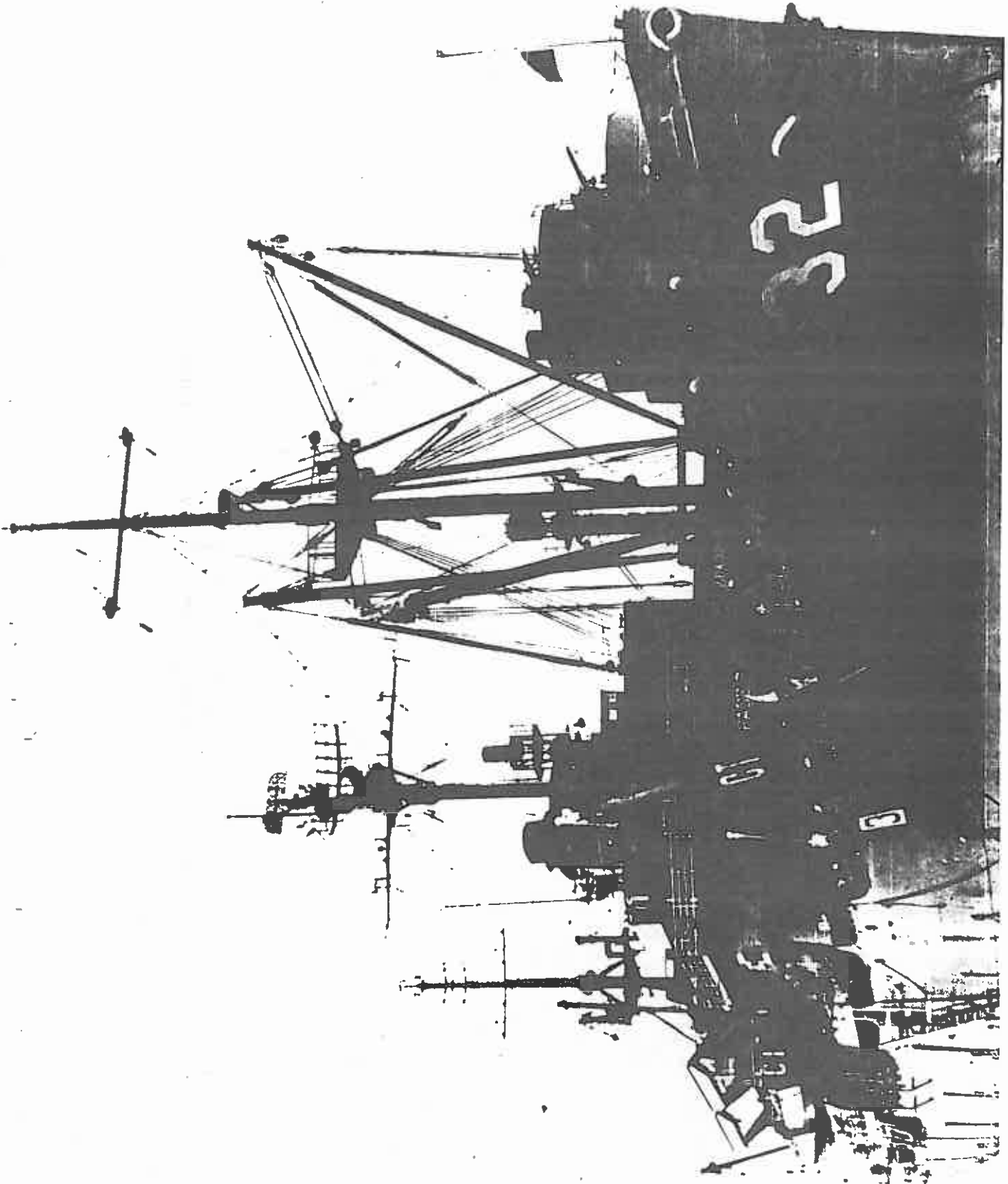
Of course I spent many hours copyinq encoded radio messages in the Calvert radio room between invasions. I was transfered after the Phillipeans invasion (Jan 1945) to Kwajelien Island Radio for setting up Rhombic Antennas and the radio teletvpe svstem which had direct contact with Pearl Harbor. I stayed untill my enlistment was over and they flew me out in June 1947 for seperation at Treasure Island, Ca.

Im sorry I can't be more specific about shipmates or team mates, but maybe someone who gets the Calversion can fill in any blanks. Enough said, again thanks for the Calversion Memories.
James R Cobb RM2C

Many Thanks

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CALVERT FACT'S FROM THE PAST

This article ran in the Mpls. Tribune and was given to me by M.J. Latimer. Both Latimer and Carpenter were Calvert personal.

Aria From Rigoletto Assists Yank in Invasion of Sicily

SICILY—(UP)—Seaman Francis Carpenter, 41, a former Broadway actor who had been horseback riding nine years ago on the Sicilian beach which this task force assaulted, successfully accomplished a daring reconnaissance mission by reassuring a frightened peasant family with an aria from "Rigoletto."

He has been cited for heroism.

He went ashore with the first wave of shock troops, located a number of important roads, and narrowly escaped death when a land mine blew a companion to pieces.

He captured two Italian soldiers bare-handed, discovered a large minefield and wound up drinking wine with the peasants who gave him much information.

Carpenter volunteered for the mission when his recollection of conditions on the beach conflicted with the army's pre-landing information.

Navy officers made arrangements for the mission.

The first boat wave with which Carpenter went ashore was commanded by Ensign Myron J. Latimer, Minneapolis.

(Ensign Latimer, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Latimer, 2907 Polk street NE., is now in the United States and expected home on leave shortly, his mother said today.

(He is a graduate of University of Minnesota and married to Winifred Featherstone of Red Wing.)

Equipped with a Very pistol, Carpenter said he located a road leading to the beach and a few minutes later was joined by an Indian soldier.

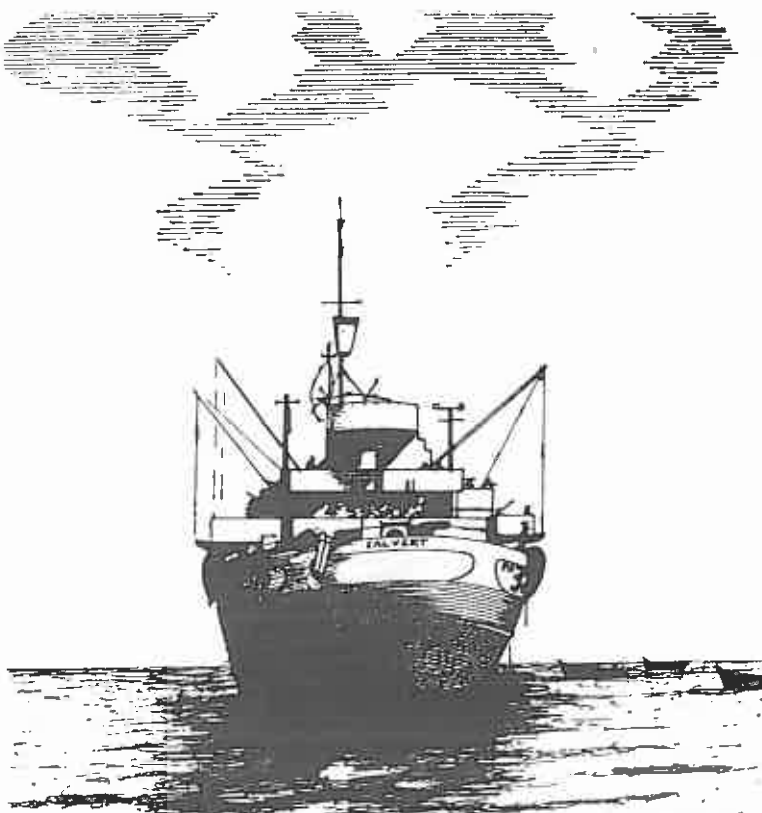
It was light by that time and I could see a place where the sand had been recently dug up.

his report said. I pointed it out to the soldier, but he ran ahead. It proved to be a mine and he was blown to bits. I was thrown quite a distance. Then he found the peasants hiding in a cornfield.

"They were very frightened. I gave them cigarettes, told them the Americans were their friends, sang 'Lo donna benedicta' from 'Rigoletto' and all in all put them quite at their ease," his report said.

There were three women, four men, a baby and a donkey. They could not understand why I was not armed.

"On our way to a peasant's home we ran into two Italian soldiers. They offered no resistance and came along with me. I took their guns away."

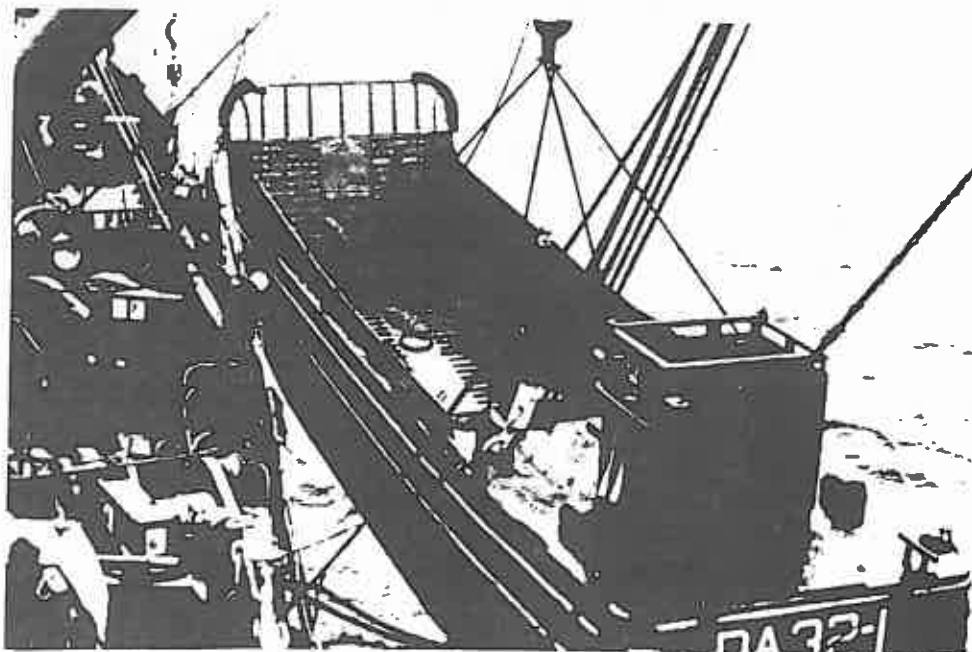


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Sam Pressley
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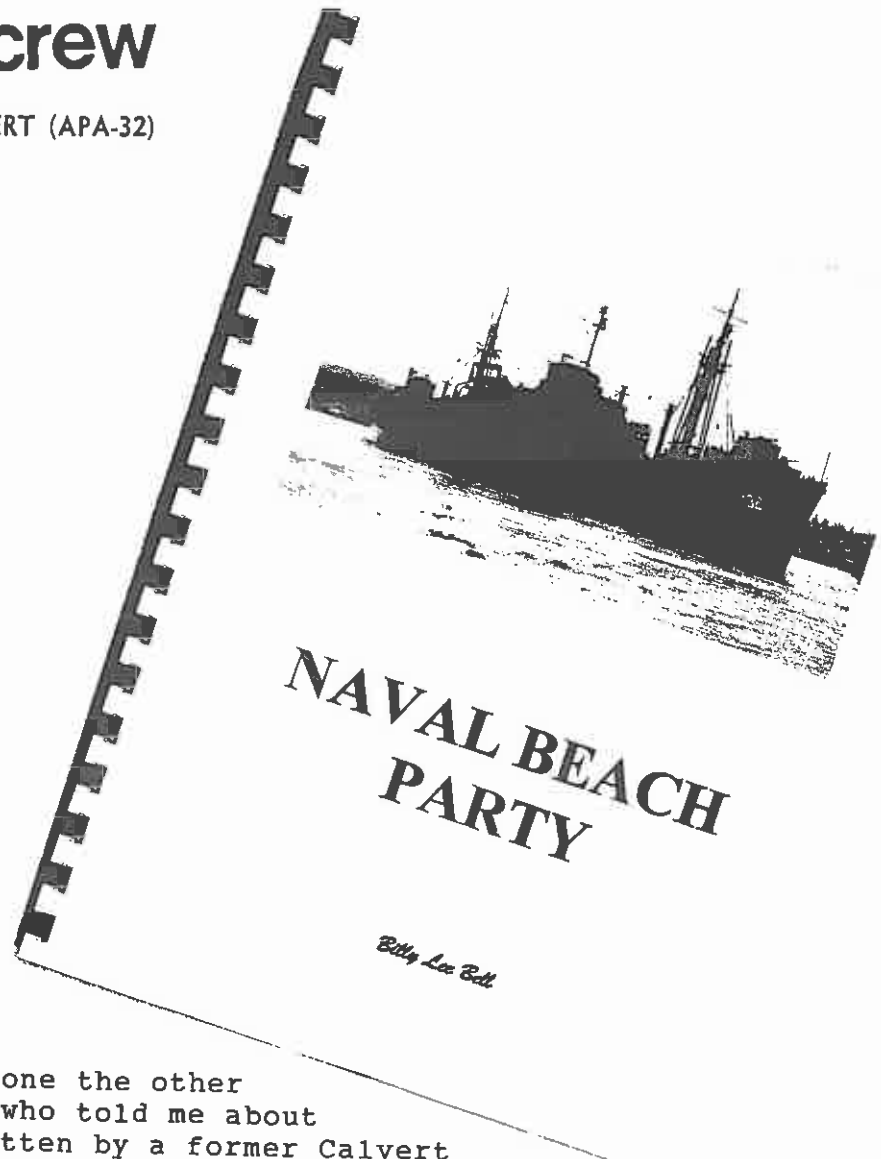
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the old crew

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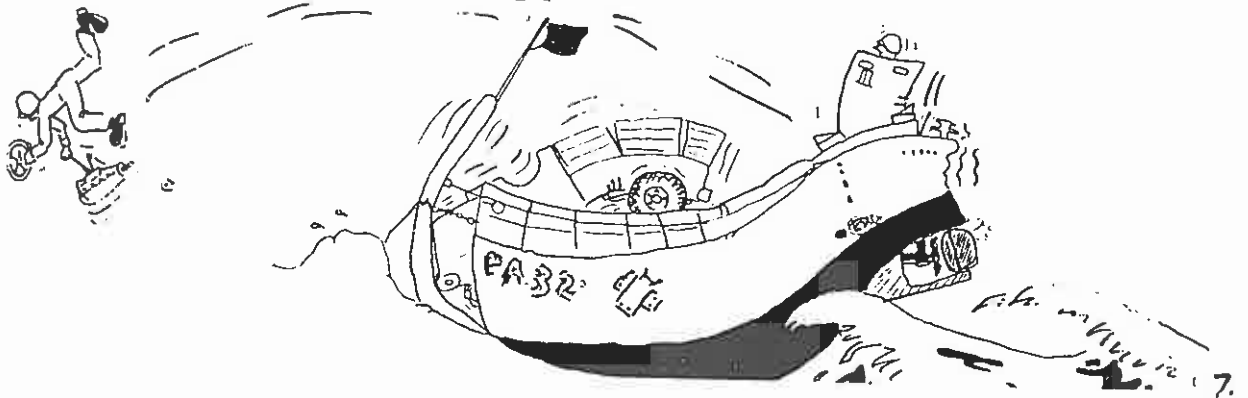


I got off the phone the other day with Don Moore who told me about a book that was written by a former Calvert sailor Bill Bell Sl/c. Bill served aboard the Calvert beginning in 1943 on the Beach Party.

The book which is spiral bound contains 115 pages where Bill gives blow by blow descriptions. It covers Liberty, battle scenes, burials at sea, fights aboard ship, injuries, death, and a detailed description of what the war was like in Bills own words. Words in the book are as Billy said, " In a sailor language."

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this book which is available in limited quantity, send \$12.50 plus \$1.50 postage to; Don Moore, Publisher
San Antonio Heights Publishing Co.
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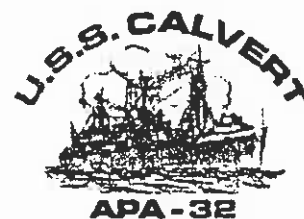
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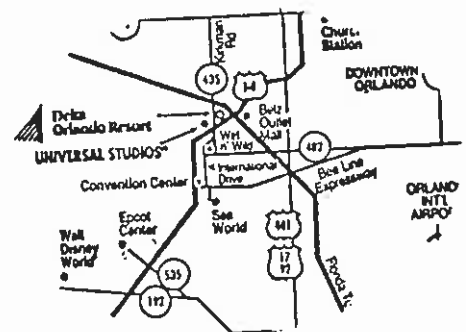
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U.S.S. CALVERT TOUR SUGGESTIONS

Friday, September 14, 2001

Kennedy Space Center
 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Follow in the footsteps of some of our nation's greatest explorers at the Kennedy Space Center, where the dreams of America's space pioneers took flight. Embark on your adventure aboard a special shuttle motorcoach at the main Visitor Complex. Your first stop is the Launch Complex 39 Observation Gantry where you see a 360-degree spectacular panoramic view of the space center. Along the way, you get up-close views of current space program hardware and facilities. Continue on to the Apollo/Saturn V Center where you will get a first hand look at the massive 363-foot Saturn V moon rocket, the most powerful rocket ever built. Experience history in the Firing Room Theater as the countdown reaches zero and you hear and feel the enormous blast as Apollo 16 leaves for the moon. Once again, board the motorcoach that will take you to the International Space Station Center. Here you will see the actual processing bay as technicians prepare components for the Space Station, the most ambitious space project ever.

The Visitor Complex has two new attractions that should not be missed: the Astronaut Encounter, meet and greet a real astronaut; and the Exploration in the New Millenniums, IMAX film, displayed on a gigantic five-and-a-half story screen, the next best thing to actually being in space. Drive time is approximately one hour each way.

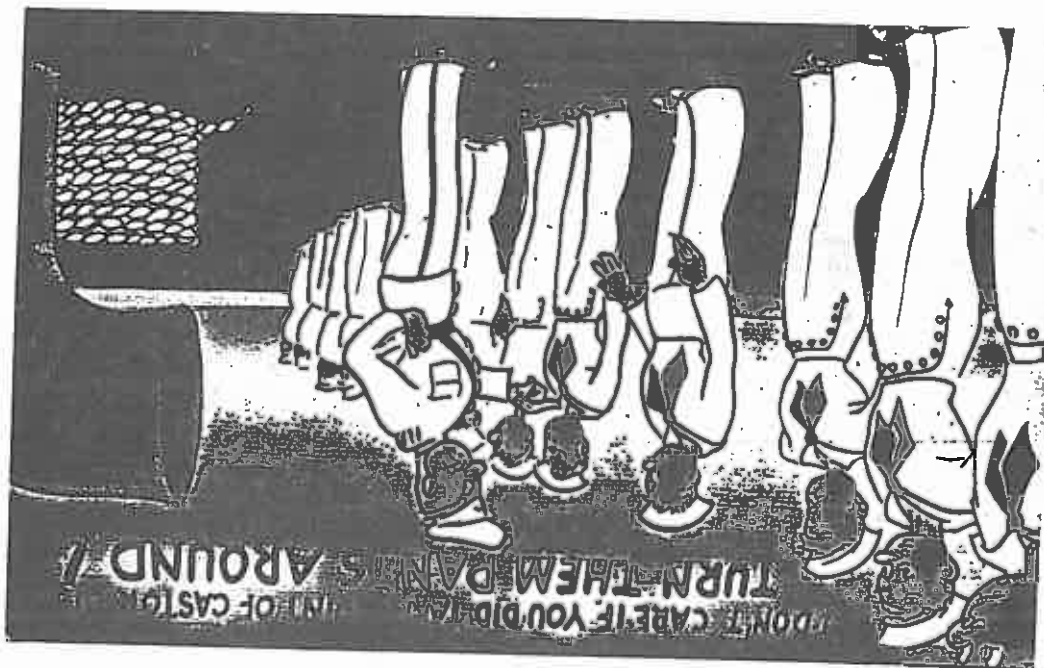
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Saturday, September 15, 2001

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Program Length: 4 1/2 hours



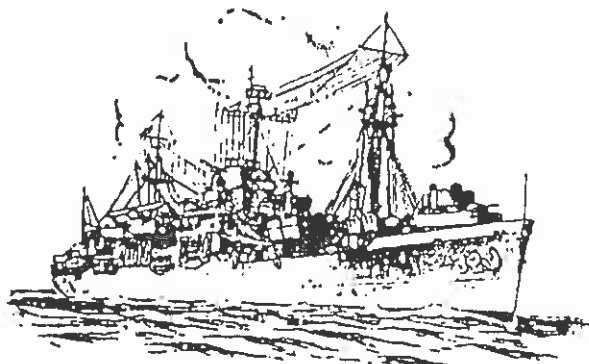
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