

Because of the coral obstructions surrounding the landing area assigned to the CALVERT, all of the boats experienced difficulties in retracting, many of them incurring screw casualties, wrecked skags, damaged rudders and holes in the hull. Several boats became swamped to the sinking point when ramps were lowered to allow the troops to disembark. No members of ship's company were casualties, however.

This ship returned to Pearl Harbor on 2 December 1943 where it was detached from TransDiv 20, 5thPhib and assigned to TransDiv 28, 5th Phib. On 12 December departure was made from Pearl for San Diego and upon arrival, 19 December 1943, the CALVERT was tied up at Pier 1, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California.

On 1 and 2 January 1944, rehearsals were conducted for participation in the Marshall Island invasion off San Clemente Island, California. From 6 January to 13 January, the CALVERT was moored in the San Diego area. As a unit of TransDiv 30, TU 53.2.3 of Northern Attack Force, TF 53, departure was made for Lahaina Roads, Hawaii. Upon arrival, refueling and provisioning was accomplished in one day and the CALVERT left on 22 January for its objective in the Marshall Island Campaign.

This ship had embarked Landing Team 3 of Combat Team 23, 4th Marine Division; a total of 79 officers, 1170 men and 1045 tons of cargo and supplies, combat loaded, were embarked. The mission was to capture Roi Namur and adjacent islands comprising the Northern Group of Islands of Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall group. This vessel was to serve in a reserve capacity, on call to execute five possible contingencies or alternate plans.

In company with the "Main Attack Detachment" this vessel arrived at the objective at 1245, 31 January 1944. No boats were used by this vessel on D-Day as no troops or cargo or equipment were discharged. After maneuvering for the night the task force returned to the objective and the CALVERT discharged on D plus 1, 110 tons of cargo in 19 hours and 58 minutes. On D plus 2, 225 tons were discharged in 23 hours and 30 Minutes.

On 8 February 1944, after having been anchored in Kwajalein Lagoon since 1 February, the CALVERT departed for Pearl Harbor in company with TU 53.11.3, arriving at Pearl Harbor on 15 February. The balance of February, 1944 was spent in the area between Pearl Harbor and Kahului, Harbor, Maui, T.H. undergoing minor repairs, participating in training exercises and allowing personnel to attend various service schools available in that locality.

1 - 3 March 1944, was devoted to preparing for the training exercises in the Transport Area, Maalae Bay, Maui, T.H. which occurred from 3-8 March and 14-18 March 1944. The balance of March, 1944 was spent tied up to docks in either Hilo Bay, Hilo or Kawaihae Bay with minor training periods intervening between movements to each of the indicated locales.

The month of April, 1944 found the CALVERT in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard undergoing repairs and its personnel enjoying a period of recreation, attendance at service schools and preparing the vessel for participation in a quick succession of campaigns.