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"The Ship and Men of Distinction"

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About our up coming reunion, I have a few things you should know. There will be a display room for any Calvert related mementos you wish to display. This room can be locked so no one will take your things. Also if you wish to contribute a door prize it will be most welcomed. Bring them when you come or send them to Hoyt at Cedartown.

I received a letter from Hoyt on April 27 and at that time the following people have sent in a down payment for the reunion. This is not a up to date list as of press time, I know more have come in. Please dont wait any longer to make your mind up. If you are not sure give Hoyt a call today and talk it over with him. His number is ac 404-748-4041. The wife and I are looking forward to see you all in Georgia in July.....j.l.cole

M/M Marshall Lee
" George Mackay
" Dave Cullen
" Charlie Noble
" Harold Love
" Rex Crowdes
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" Jack Simpson
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" Roy Holmes

Louise M. Blank
M/M James Tukich
" Hoyt Worthington
M/M Louis Lund
" Gerald L. Ford
" Edward F. O'Brien
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J. T. "Pete" Berry
M/M Richard R. Morse



Hoyt
~~UNCLE SAM~~
WANTS
YOU

mail call

Dear John,

Have made all the necessary arrangements for the big reunion in July. Enclosed is a zerox copy of a letter sent to me in 1949 awarding the Naval unit commendation medal for service in the U.S.S. Calvert. I notice this was never mentioned in copies of the Calversion. It might be of some interest to all. I have kept it through the years. This reunion would really be complete if all the old timers like Charles L. Schooler and S. Kennedy Tully also, John J. Dugan would be in attendance. Also, noted on copies of the Calversion no mention was made of Captain Sweeney. He was in command immediately after Sicily and on thru the operations of Makin Island, Eniwetok and Kwajalehm Islands also Saipan and Tiwain. John I appreciate the work you and Hoyt are doing to make this reunion possible. See you in July.
Marion A. COUVILLIAN

I received "Calversion" number 7 a couple of weeks ago, have pondered how best to write you. Harry died October 11, 1980 after a rather lengthy illness. July of 1947 he discovered a lump in his neck, a biopsy proved it to be a malignant growth, chemotherapy, surgery and radiation was used but by July of 1980 it was apparent the problem was growing worse. Watching the progress all down hill was a rather devastating experience. The boys and I felt helpless, but feel certain a merciful God ended his suffering. Although I would like to attend one of these reunions & perhaps see old friends, this is not the year. I do hope it is a great success and to be kept informed of future activities. Enclosed is a check to help defray cost of the news letters and hope to meet with friends one of these years. MILDRED LEVETT

Just received the spring edition of the Calversion and found it very interesting. Sorry I couldn't make it last year and am afraid I can't be able to make it this year. As you see we have a new address, we had to move after 7 years at our other apt. and of course, when you have to move the ones you can find in the neighborhood you want cost you more and the moving is high. Also our oldest daughter lives in Houston, 3 grandchildren, 1 great granddaughter in Tulsa. The youngest girl & her husband, a ret. Lt. Comdr. & 3 grand children live in Virginia Beach. He teaches at a College in Hampton, she is a school nurse. The way air fair has gone up we don't even get to visit them as often as we would like. I well remember the Jap prisoners, we had aboard because one day I fed them spanish rice, instead of plain rice and they liked to had a fit. I had a copy of "To all Hands", autographed by John Mason Brown, took it to the grandson that got married in Tulsa last year. You know when something happens to you most of the books etc. get sent to Salvation Army or something so I gave it to him as a keepsake. He is a manager of a jewelry store in Tulsa, the youngest manager they have. I have a picture of the original chiefs, taken shortly after Danca, Blank and a couple others made chief. They were sure a good bunch of guys. I am going to get a picture made from it to send for your collection so maybe a few days before this gets mailed. I had a very good friend, we were shipmates before the Calvert, he made warrent gunner, I have a picture of he & his wife and address here in San Diego but havn't been able to find out about him. His name was E. B. Bennett. Will mail this as soon as I have a picutre run off and thank you for the bulletin. You must put in a lot of work on it.
RALPH F. SHEELY

Enclosed please find my check to help with printing and distributing the newsletter. It's a worthy effort you're making and, as I'm sure many of our shipmates do, I appreciate it very much. I see in the Spring '81 issue (Vol.7) Charlie Schooler did a little history on the old Whisky Special. It should be noted that the first action she saw was in the European Theatre when she made the landing at Safi in North Africa in November of 1942. The next was Sicily in July of 1943. One of these days I'll verbally tape my memories of these actions and send you a cassette ... for what its worth. By the bye, Charlie Schooler was our First Lieutenant most of the time we shipped together and I can tell you he was the best of the "Can Do" bunch that I ever encountered. Ol' 32 can be proud of him. STEWART P. BROWN

Can you help us find other Crew Members ?

Well it sure has been a hell of a long time, but, last month I was looking through my American Legion Mag. & at the Reunions & damed near had a heart attack. The U.S.S. Calvert. I got right on the phone & called Hoyt. We sure had a long talk. Hoyt has been the first one I have talked to since I was put off the ship in the fall of 1944 & sent to the Hospital. I had T.B. & was in the Hosp. till May 3, 1945 & then Med. Sevaried out. I have a son that is in the Navy now. He has 10 years & is a 1 Class Petty Officer. I sure wish to hell I could come to Atlanta, but we are having a family reunion & I can't be in two places at once. It sure would be nice to see the old Gang again. I remember Phm. Price, as we were on the beach at Tiwian & I have a picture of him & a B.M. I often think about D.K. Clausen who was from Chicago & we were pretty good buddys. I was origionally from Montana but, came to Oregon in 1967 & have been here ever since. I drive a chip truck & am home every night & off on weekends. It surely beats the old over the road trucking. It is just about like retirement. HaHa. Hoyt sent me the forms for the reunion, so if something should change, that I can make it I will call for reservations. I got big kick out of talking to Hoyt. Well I better close & get to work. Sure look forward to the news letters. Maybe the next reunion I can make. ORVIN J. TORSKE

We have met only through the news letter so far. Hope to do it personally come July down South, that is if the good Lord wills it so-- So, Johny (The Mrs.) and I are looking forward to the trip. Enclosed small token to aid you in your good work. Just got note from O'Brien. He too is planning for a bit of reunion--when He, Vince and I (former room-ies) get together, batten down the hatches....Good Luck - see you later. LOU LUND

I just received your Calvert Newsletter today. John passed away last June. I am so glad he got to the last reunion and was able to see some of his old buddys. He talked about it for months and was so looking forward to going to the next one. MRS. JOHN WETED

Here is a couple of dollars to help you with the costs of the Calvert Newsletter. I for one do appreciate your efforts to keep the memory of the old girl alive. I just sent in my registration for the Atlanta reunion. Regret missing the first one in Rochester. CHARLIE SKILLMAN

Just a letter to let you know we lost another shipmate; John S. Weted Sr. BM2 passed away in June 1980. John was at the 1st reunion & really enjoyed the affair. That's all he talked about for months. John will be missed by his many friends. The good Lord willing we hope to see you at the Atlanta reunion. I've been looking forward to this 2nd reunion. It will be great to see all of the old shipmates again, plus some of the new ones who promise to make this second reunion. I'm writing to all of those I know so that our second reunion will be as successfull as the 1st. John one other thing that interest me is "Cannons" I don't know if you recall. But when we were in that little town with the wooden boardwalks I told you I was a cannon buff. I have a few dozen of various size cannons, from miniture desk size to some 2 foot long. Some fire with shot gun shells, others with black powder. You told me you received yours in a car deal. Are you interested in selling it. If you are let me know I may want to add it to my collection. If you'r at the 2nd reunion I'll talk to you there. I always look forward to your newsletter of the Calversion. I honestly believe that it truly was "The Ship and Men of Distinction". W.J. "HUNKY" HOBRAT

It is with deep regret that I must advise you that I will not be able to attend the reunion, which I had been looking forward to attending, for over a year. It happens to fall on the weekend of a wedding of a family member which I must attend. Please convey my regrets to all & my best wishes to them. I have enclosed a small check to help in regards to expenses. FRANK DANCO

I received the latest copy of the 'Calversion' the other day! It sure did wonders to help cure the Jan. blahs! I'm all hyped up about the coming reunion. This time my wife can come too. We're both excited about Atlanta in July 17-18!!! I'm trying to contact more of the people from my time on the Calvert, so hopfully we'll have a full crew aboard at Atlanta--the more the merrier, eh?! Thanks for the nice job you're doing with the news letter, I enjoy it immensely. Enclosed you will find a M.O. to help defray expenses. Keep up the good work! Here's hoping this finds you all in good health, and making plans for "All Roads to Atlanta" in July. See you then! GEORGE E. MACKEY

Got the message!!! On our return trip from the West Coast, we also stopped by to see Hoyt & Sarah Worthington and Pete Berry and they're raring to go to make a success of the Atlanta Reunion. I do want to wish you and your family the very best for 1981. Also hope that we see you in Atlanta. Aside from that, though, I wanted to contribute to your mailing expenses for the coming year and to let you know that I'll donate one door prize, for sure. However, I may be able to do better than that if my "contact" is still in the Advertising business. Some outfits love to give their stuff away for a good cause. We'll see if I'm right. Incidentally, a trip to Stone Mountain Park and the Inn there is worth making a special trip for. We enjoyed it immensely. Cheers!! DAVE CULLEN

Just received Volume No. 7 of the Calversion and did enjoy the News and letters from the old familiar names. I don't recall whether I gave credit to Mr. Bill Marks for the correct update contained in the last paragraph on page 3 or not, but at any rate as now he is the one whose memory held the names dates and numbers needed to make it a more complete story. I will not be able to attend the reunion in Atlanta as neither my wife or I will be in traveling trim for some time to come, unless by some miracle we can grow some new parts twixt now and then. Although I will not be there in body you can be assured that my heart will always be with the greatest group of people I have ever known. The enclosed may help a little toward your efforts to keep a memory alive. C. L. SCHOOLER

I was reading my Navy Times and seen that the U.S. Calvert is going to have a reunion in July '81, at Atlanta, and did drop a few lines to Hoyt Worthington, and he did send me the Registration forms that I need, he also said I should drop you a line so I am. John about 3 years ago when I was living in the State of Maryland I believe that we were or that I did write you and you sent me a Calvert newsletter, that was before my divorce. I moved to Florida in '78 and remarried one hell of a nice girl. John I was on board Calvert from 1959 to 1963, she was the best ship I was ever aboard, if you have any spare information on her I sure would like to have. JOSEPH R. Topolski

Enclosed is a check to help out a small way in the publishing and mailing of the "Calversion". I do look forward to receipt of this excellent publication and news about familiar names. Word of the reunion, in Atlanta, sounds great. I don't know whether or not the wife & I will make it but, in either case, look forward to news of the activities & attending crew members. I came aboard the Calvert with the motley, but efficient, crew from the Harry Lee in 1942 and left the ship in San Francisco in Nov. 1945 after returning from Japan. Most of my time was utilized in the 2nd Div. with ratings to BM1/c. For some unknown reason, I was made Warrant Bos'n just before the ship arrived in Seattle in the spring of '45. With two other Bos'ns aboard ship, at Bremerton, I did not have much to do so was probably ashore more than aboard ship and the trip to Japan was more of a tourist junket than a duty billet. Not that I ever complained. Schooler did a good job on his history article & brought back quite a few memories of that WWII period. Good luck on all the reunion efforts and all of your good work on the "Calversion". TOM SAWYER

Just a few words saying I have received your latest addition of the Calversion A.P.32. While reading the history of the ship Calvert, which was very nice to review again. It took me back quite some years ago that I served aboard 1943-1945. I was with the landing force. We did do quite a few landings, which were a lot of scary moments, but never the less it is nice to read about the ship again. It still brings things back that happened, which we have forgotten. Enclosed find a donation, hoping it will help you some to off set your expenses for the newsletter. I do appreciate it and thanks again. LAURENCE YACK

Good and bad news for nostalgic Navy and Army uniform buffs. The Navy is returning to the old bellbottoms and familiar "jumper" tops. Sailors may buy the uniform now and regular issue will begin soon. You can date yourself if you can remember how to tie the scarf. New recruits get directions issued with the equipment.

On the other hand, the Army has put out instructions that the old tan summer shirt and trouser uniform will be a thing of the past in 1985. A new gray-green shirt will be issued to be worn with the green trousers, which will replace the tan uniform.

It comes with both short and long sleeves. The woman's shirt is still under review.

New Mexico V.F.W. News

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES:...

In this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!



COMMENTS

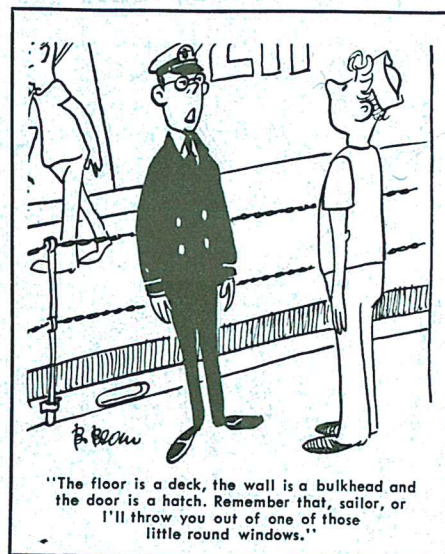
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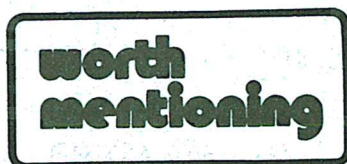
Sterling Wesp, Ships Barber will not make this reunion (made Rochester) as he will be in British Columbia area at that time... Robert Prickett found out about the newsletter from a old buddy..... Phillip Roddy has Waxhaw Wood Stoves as his retirement business... Les Johnston is a Process Engineer for IBM in Tuscon Arizona.... Eva Gardner sent me Toms old adress book in which I got at least 10 new address, Tom passed away in February of Cancer of the stomach after 3 month illness..... Eugene Hanson saw our reunion add in the American Legion Mag..... Ed O'B who supplied the map in this issue said- The invasion of Kwajlein Atoll, I will say we had beautiful weather, sunny days, Calm seas and a bit of rain now and then, always there was a trade wind blowing so we had ideal working conditions. ... Received Newsletter from the Wharton AP 7 Associates, George Howlett 110 Central Ave. Malden, Ma 02148 puts it out.... W.A. McGregor SMCM USN is stationed at Pensicola at the Exam Center, Sent 13 new address..... Earl Cheney is a barbor at Pensicola now and also on the "C"..... Robert McClure sent me info on Rear Admiral Frank B. Guest, and is trying to locate film on the Calvert from the Navy.... Liberty Cards good July 17 and 18 in Atlanta, Ga..... see you there.....

You're Getting Old When:

1. Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.
2. The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
3. You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.
4. Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
5. You get winded playing chess.
6. Your children begin to look middle-aged.
7. You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it leaning against the wrong wall.
8. You join a health club, and then don't go.
9. You begin to outlive enthusiasm.
10. You decide to procrastinate, and never get around to it.
11. You're still chasing women, but can't remember why.
12. A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
13. Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.
14. You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.
15. You look forward to a dull evening.
16. You walk with your head held high (trying to get used to your bifocals).
17. The favorite part of the newspaper is "25 Years Ago Today".
18. You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic.
19. You sit in a rocking chair, then can't get it going.
20. Your knees buckle, and your belt won't.
21. You regret all those mistakes you made resisting temptation.
22. You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 96 around the golf course.
23. You stop looking forward to your next birthday.
24. You think other people aren't having the fun you had.
25. After painting the town red you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
26. Dialing a long distance call wears you out.
27. You're startled the first time you're addressed as "Old Timer".
28. You burn the midnight oil at 9:00 p.m.
29. The best part of the day is over when the alarm goes off.
30. You can't stand people who are intolerant.
31. You remember today that yesterday was your wedding anniversary.
32. Your back goes out more than you do.
33. Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
34. A fortune teller offers to read your face.
35. The little gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
36. You get your exercise as a pallbearer for your friends who exercise.
37. You have too much room in the house, and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
38. You sink your teeth in a steak, and they stay there.



VFW/FEBRUARY 1980



From time to time I get a few things that I save to put in the newsletter. If you have anything you would like to contribute please do so. I do run out of ideas now and then.....j.l.cole

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NORTH END OF KWAJALIEN ATOLL-----Feb.1th. thru Feb.3rd.

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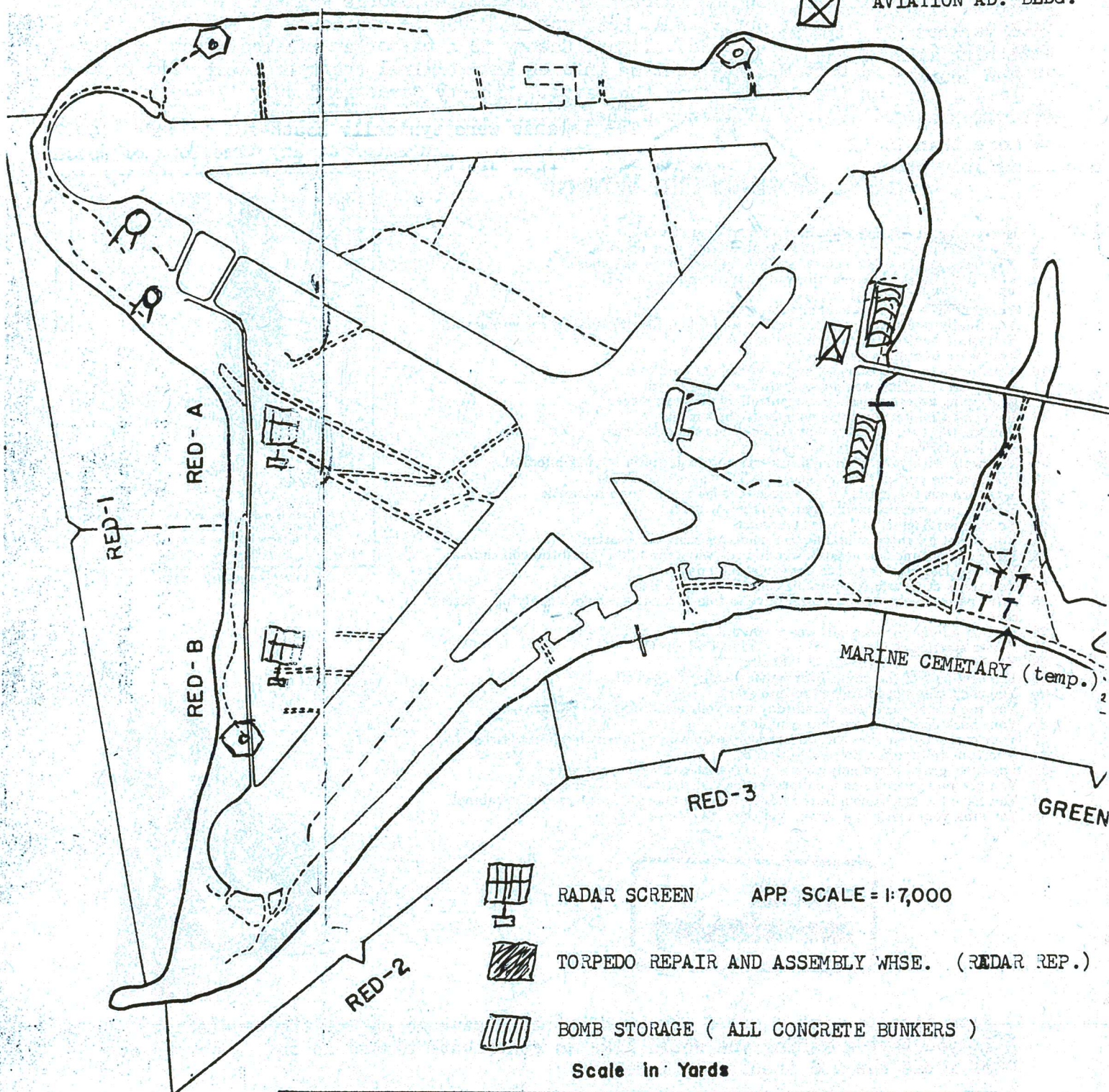
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Approx. 25 Prisoners
Over 50 Jap Plains Destroyed



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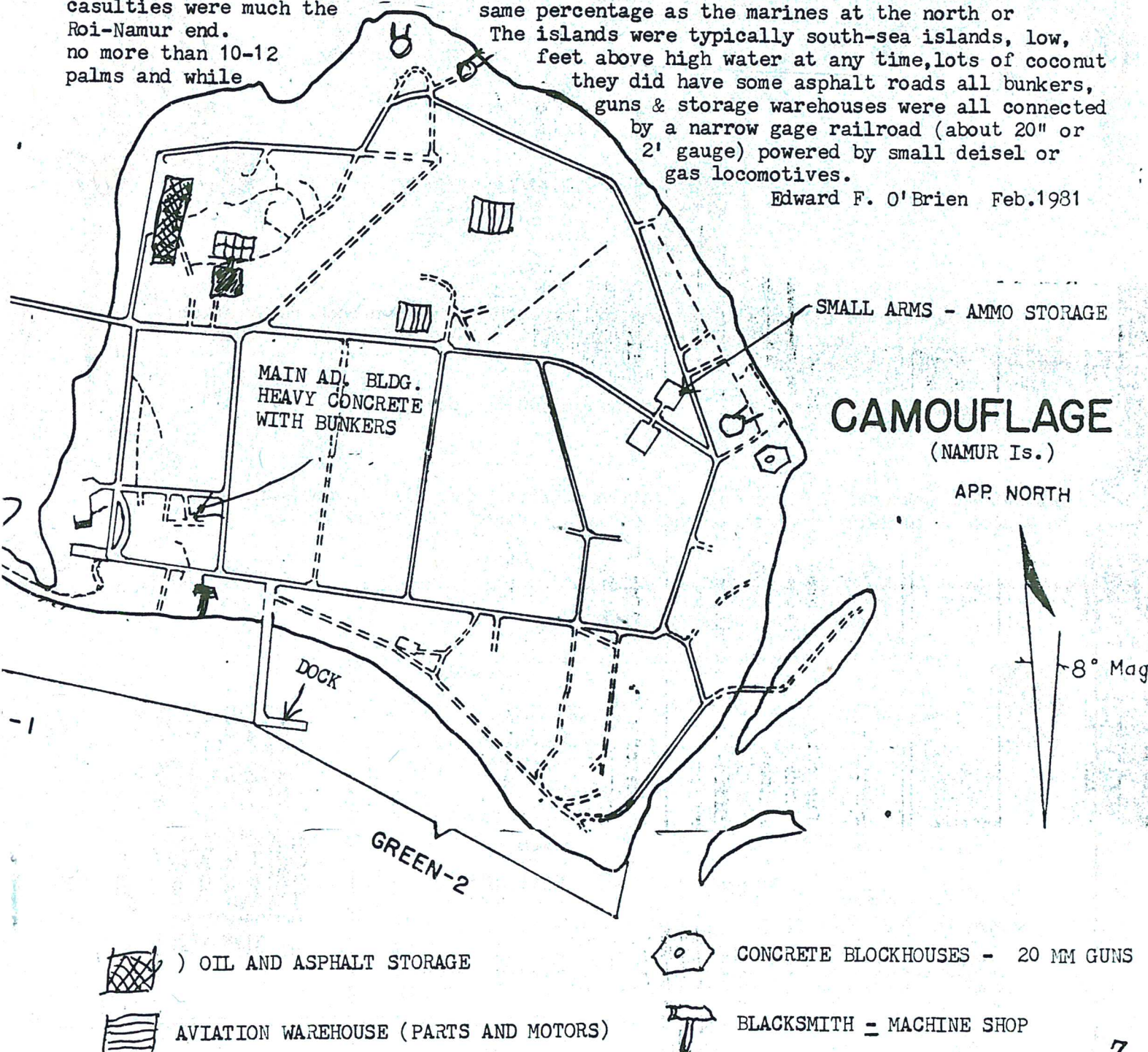
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(Ed Note. Ed O'Brien sent me a map of the Kwajalien Islands of Roi and Namur with the following info.) I did go ashore a day or so after D day to salvage a couple of our landing craft and pick up as many dual-tube life belts we could (we had the name of the ship stenciled on all belts we issued to the marines). You will note a few additions to the map's detail, as we went over the two islands picking up our gear I noticed some odd things here and there, made note on my log I have also transferred some of this dope to the map I'm sending you. the twin mount guns were about 4-5 inch(that would be 100 or 125 MM) they were navel type guns brought from either Singapore or Hong Kong and were mounted on a concrete base. I'm not a mapmaker or draftsman but I've noted several things not detailed on the map. All of the main structures were reinforced concrete and after the heavy bombing and shelling prior to the marines going ashore they were really beat up. The two large hangers were of typical hanger construction, steel truss with a corrugated sheet metal sheath, about all that was left of them was a lot of twisted beams and girders. The marine cemetery had about two dozen graves as I recall with the temporary head markers with the marines dog tag secured to it. Our casualties were not heavy- something like 50 killed and 2 or 3 hundred wounded (this was only for the marines). At the southern end of Kwajlein Atoll the army did the work ashore and I believe their casualties were much the same percentage as the marines at the north or Roi-Namur end. The islands were typically south-sea islands, low, feet above high water at any time, lots of coconut they did have some asphalt roads all bunkers, guns & storage warehouses were all connected by a narrow gauge railroad (about 20" or 2' gauge) powered by small deisel or gas locomotives.

Edward F. O'Brien Feb. 1981





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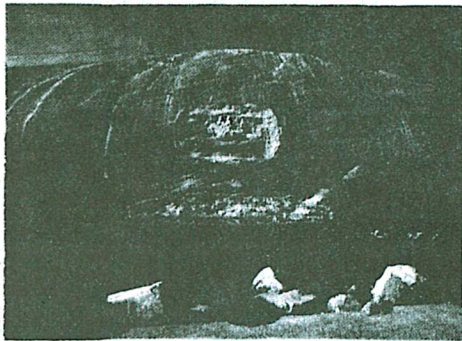
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday July 17

U. S. S. CALVERT 1981 REUNION * * * *

Morning-----Registration

Noon-----Dutch Lunch (in group)

Afternoon---Pool Party -Get Acquainted

Early Evening----Memorial Service at Pool

Evening-----Get Acquainted (again) Party in Ballroom

Cash Bar - Hor Dovers (little snacks, finger food)

JULY 17th & 18th - ATLANTA, GA. *

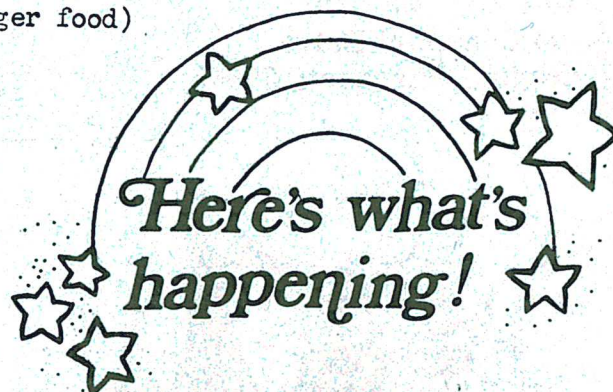
Saturday July 18

Morning---Business Meeting

After meeting board busses for Stone Mountain

Evening---Banquet-Photo taking

9 to 12 Dance Music by the Georgiaals



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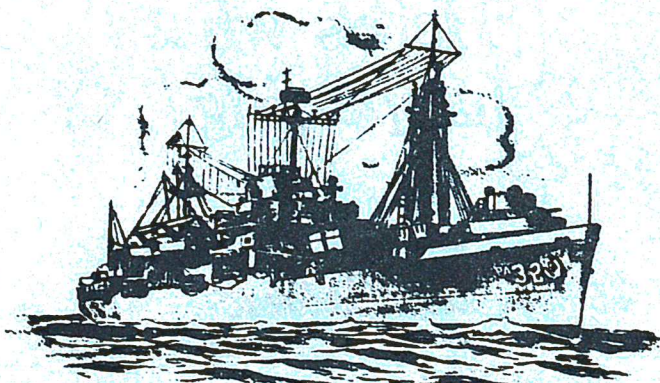
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