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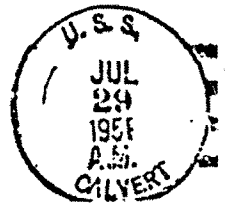
Comments from the Commander

I hate to start a letter with a problem, but here goes. I am running out of money to put out the newsletter. It cost me \$500.00 some to print over seven hundred copys and over \$200.00 to mail it. I do not charge for my service as its a labor of love. When I pay all the bills for this newsletter I will have less than \$100.00 in the account. I have never asked for money before but I need to now. If you like what I do please send me a donation so I can continue to put out a newsletter twice a year. Just a note, I send a copy to the Navel History Center in Washington DC so everything I put in print gets saved for posterity. Nuff Said.....As you will see later on in the newsletter we will be having a reunion in Des Moines, Iowa in September, 19-21 of 2013. I have talked to Sandy Seye and she has a lot planed for us to do. This is not just the land of corn fields but the home of some really nice people who know how to show you a good time. The July newsletter will have all the details. So mark your calender and make your hotel reservations now. Remember you guys from the Harry Lee are invited too.....Ships store still has hats and T-shirts for sale. Because of postage increases I had to change the postage rates. I used to charge \$3.00 per box full. Now I have to charge \$3.00 per item. So if you order a hat, postage is \$3.00. If you order a hat and a T-shirt its \$6.00 postage. As you know we sell everything we sell at cost. Its not a money maker but we don't like to loose money either. Our storekeeper Bud Ruth has done a great job getting things for us to purchase. Nothing shows your pride more than a hat that says "Calvert" on it.....Its funny but most of the people that I loose from my mailing list are not those who die but those who move and don't leave a forwarding address. I also have been getting some new members. Once a year I can advertise in fifteen service publications and that brings in a few new names. If you know of any former Calvert men please send me their address.....Well thats it for this issue. May 2013 be your lucky year. BEST to everyone.....j.l.cole

mail call



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



Received your Calversion this date and was so sorry to hear that William (Bill) Armstrong SK3 has left our ships company. To his family I am very sorry. Bill and I pulled a lot of libertys Together in San Diego, Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Oakland and etc.

I always think about our supply department 52-54 and all the cruises the Calvert partisipated in.

It seems so long ago that I set foot in NTC San Diego on June 12, 1951. Thank you all for your service years and God bless all those who have passed before us.

Stanley Edmonds SK3 51-54
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For many years I have been receiving your Calversion newsletter. You have done a fantastic job keeping alive the history of the USS Calvert and all who have served on her over the years under many different circumstances. It is a proud history and I wish to thank you for all your good work. I did attend two reunions over the years Rochester, Mn and San Diego (La Jolla) Ca.

I served on the Calvert in 1957-58 as a Medical Officer for the Calvert and the Flag of Phibron 5, interrepting my training in internal medican at the Mayo Clinic. I had a great Department of Medicine, serving with 13 Corpsman including a chief and two First Class. I was very proud of my dept. and all who served on the Calvert. The Korean war had ended, but we were busy training for operations in West Pac. I remember an anphibous training mission on the East coast of the Philippines. Another time our squadren served as the backup for the movie "South Pacific" in Hawaii. In 1958 our squadron had a severe outbreak of influenza and things kept us busy for a time.

My honorable discharge from the Navy was in December 1965 as LCDR (MC) USNR.

On the Calvert I met many fine Navy men and Marines. I am proud to have served on the U.S.S. Calvert and proud of all the men who served during WW2 and Korea.

Thank you for sharing so much history of the Calvert and the Pictures letters and information of those who served. You did the Calvert and the Navy a great service.

Stafford W. Gedge MD
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Unloading troops- 1953
Photo from Stanley Edmonds



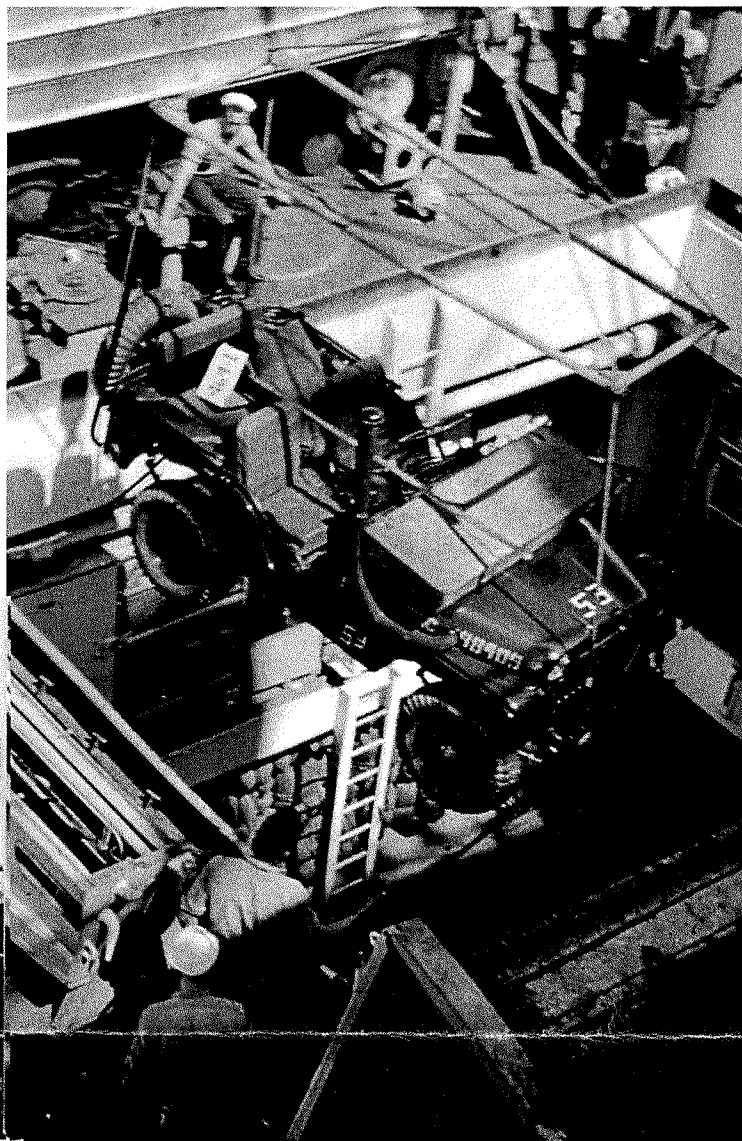
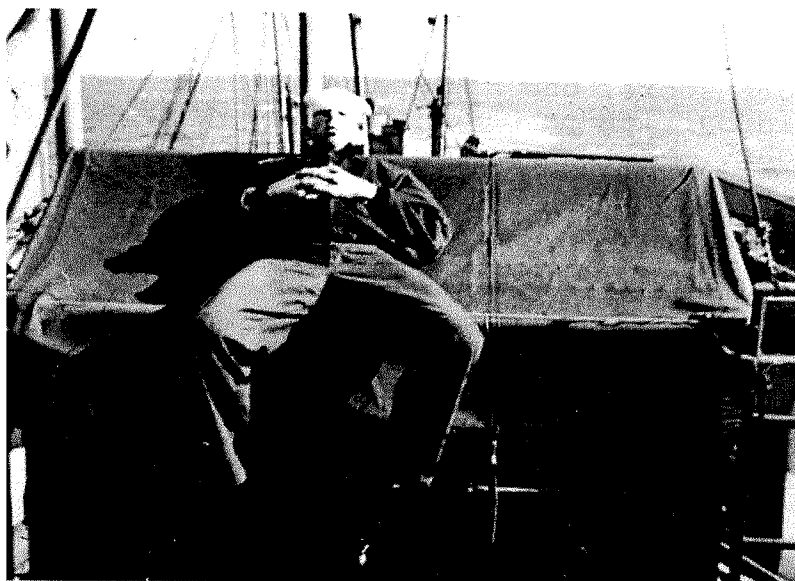
the old crew

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Hong Kong 1953. Smitty BM3
and Emerson Tyree.

William McGregor inroute to
Hong Kong doing what he does
best.



Loading Jeep for Dingalan bay
exercise in 1957.

Holly Jones Sasebo, Japan
1952. Photos from Jim Morrow



the old crew

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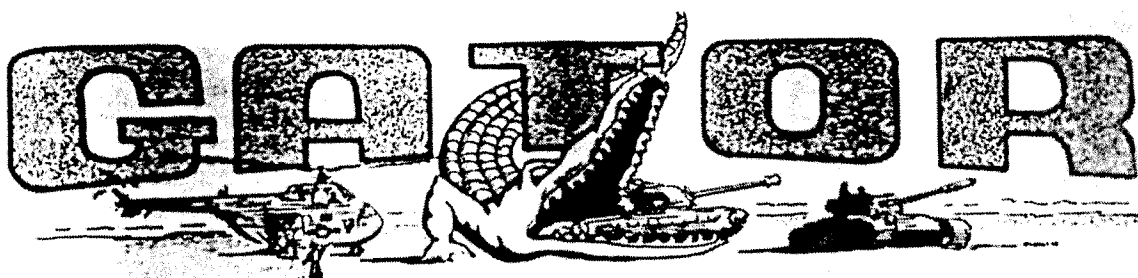
know the memorial was finished in 2007. Leyte and Luzon were the last two landings the Calvert made in WW2. Thats me in front of the memorial.

I was one of the 120 WW2 veterans picked to fly to Washington D.C. in May. Our bus took us all to the WW2 Memorial in D.C. As you know the memorial was finished in 2007. Leyte and Luzon were the last two landings the Calvert made in WW2. Thats me in front of the memorial.

Norman Durr
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Below is a copy of the heading of the base newspaper in Little Creek, Virginia. Its dated 1963. When I was on the Calvert in 1950 we made several landings prior to our removal to the Pacific Fleet at Little Creek. While anchored off shore, one night the serf was so bad we had to spend the night in barrics on base. I had a Matres but no blanket. It was a long night. J.L.Cole



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We would like to thank everyone who donated money for the newsletter
Thank You very Much.....Editor

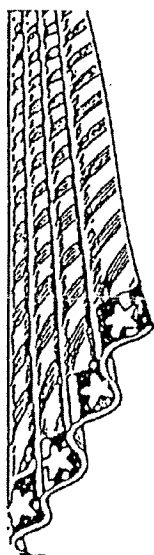
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Stafford W.Gedge.....	100.00

The following are
"In Memory Of".

50.00	Alicia Parker	IMO Elmer Parker
20.00	Jim Foley	IMO Jim Hagens
25.00	Clara Zerbe	IMO Westley Zerbe
25.00	Marietta Holmes	IMO Roy Holmes

25.00 Marion Simpson In Honor of my
Navy friends,
Harold Love
Guy Wine
Lt.Dave Cullen
Lt.Pete Berry
CPO John Zandawick

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WE MOURN THE PASSING OF THESE SHIPMATES

Elmer Parker BM3 50-54 May 2011

Charles Wilson 45-46 July 2012

James A. Hart LTCOM. 2012

Alvin B. Cundiff S1/c 2012

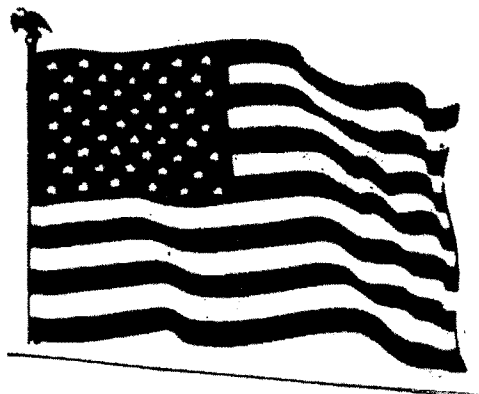
William W. Taylor August 2012

Wesley W. Zerbe LTJG 53-56 October 2011

Louis R.B.Smith GM3 44-45 October 2012



Captain E.J.Sweeney
1943-44, U.S.S. Calvert



Operation Lone Eagle

The article to the right appeared in the October 13, 1962 issue of Pacific Stars and Stripes paper. The ship in the background is the USS Calvert

Transport Calvert To Be Reactivated

The USS Calvert, a 14,247-ton transport which has been in the "mothball fleet" since the end of World War II, will be recommissioned today at noon during ceremonies at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth.

Capt. J. E. Baker, USN, commander of the Norfolk Group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, will read the orders reactivating the vessel.

Capt. Glenn W. Legwen, USN, will be the ship's new skipper. Comdr. George M. Winne, USN, will be the executive officer.

Captain Legwen, a Naval Academy graduate of 1927, comes to the ship from New Orleans, where he was Eighth Naval District Communications Officer. Prior to that duty, he held the same post in the Tenth Naval District, with headquarters at San Juan, P. R.

The Calvert's official designation is that of personnel-carrying attack transport. She was built at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, Sparrows Point, Md., and was commissioned in October, 1942.



A marine rests atop his tank at White Beach, Okinawa, after the 1st Tank Bn. made a 24-mile drive down dusty roads from Camp Hansen as part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet's amphibious exercise.

Operation Lone Eagle. Transports in the background loaded men and equipment for the simulated beach assaults and other maneuvers, "D" Day, 14 Oct. 18. (S&S Photo)

S&S Okinawa Bureau
BUCKNER BAY, Okinawa — Some 20,000 sailors and marines were to set sail from Buckner Bay about 5 p.m. Saturday in Operation Lone Eagle Task Force, the U.S. Seventh Fleet's biggest amphibious maneuver of 1962.

The Seventh Fleet will conduct anti-submarine, anti-air and resupply drills in waters surrounding Okinawa during the four-day sea phase of the operation.

The two-week training drill, commanded by Rear Adm.

Francis J. Bleiss, began Wednesday. It ends Oct. 25. Bleiss is commander, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Since Wednesday, marines and sailors have been loading tons of weapons, rations and supplies aboard more than 100 warships involved in Lone Eagle.

The submarine hunter-killer team is headed by Rear Adm. Thomas A. Christopher aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet. Eight destroyers will join the task force at sea.

The Hornet has two squadrons of S2F-3 Trackers and a squadron of HSS-2 Skyking helicopters.

Navy Patrol Sq. 4, based at the Naha NAF, will join in anti-sub

drills with its P2V-5 Neptune Patrol bombers.

The super-carrier Kitty Hawk and four destroyers will help provide protection next Thursday when some 4,000 Leathernecks of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade "storm" Okinawa beaches.

The brigade—the 9th Marines Marine Air Group 11 and other support units—is commanded by Brig. Gen. John F. Dobbin, assistant commander, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Iwakuni MCAS, Japan.

The landing will be followed by several days of guerrilla warfare in the mountainous and jungle-like terrain of northern Okinawa.

The above article from Kenneth Keen appeared in a Norfolk newspaper in 1950.

The photo below is from Kenneth Keen and shows church services on the USS Calvert in 1951



Stanley Edmond SK3, 1953



SHIP STORE

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Baseball hat

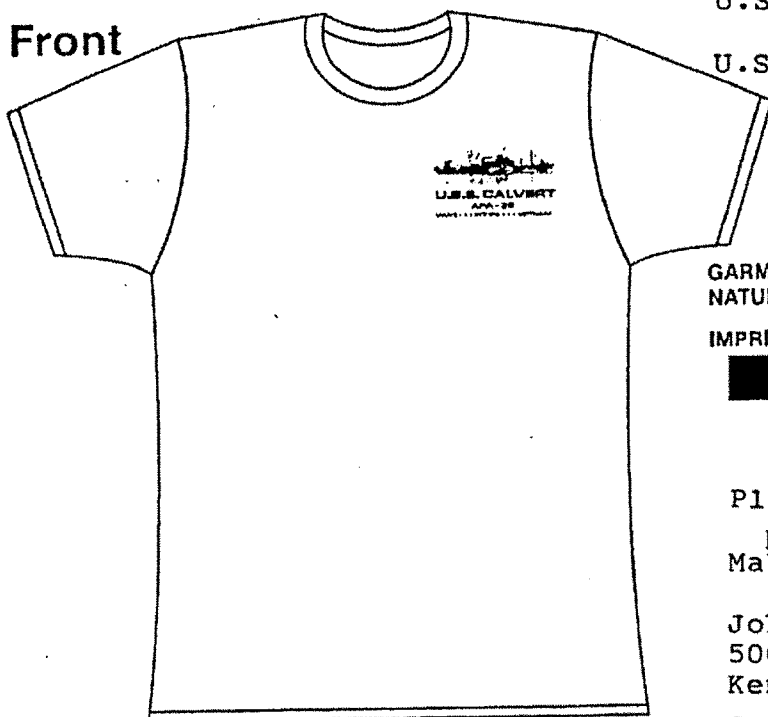
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U.S.Navy insignia on front

U.S.S.Calvert APA32 on back

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Front



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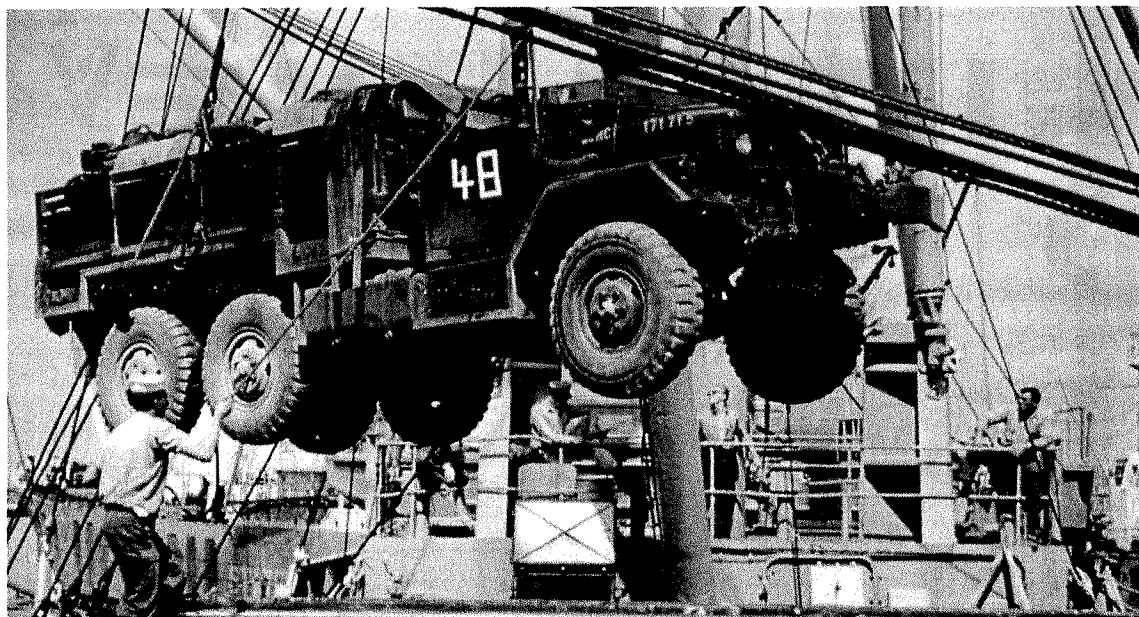
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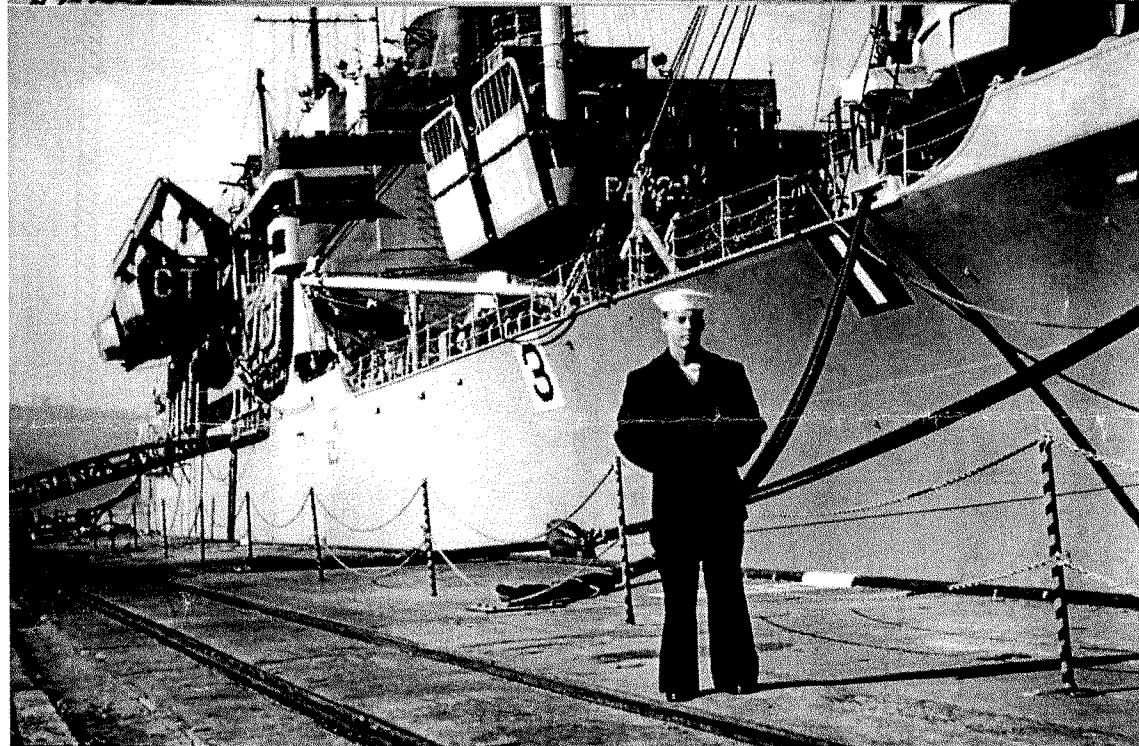
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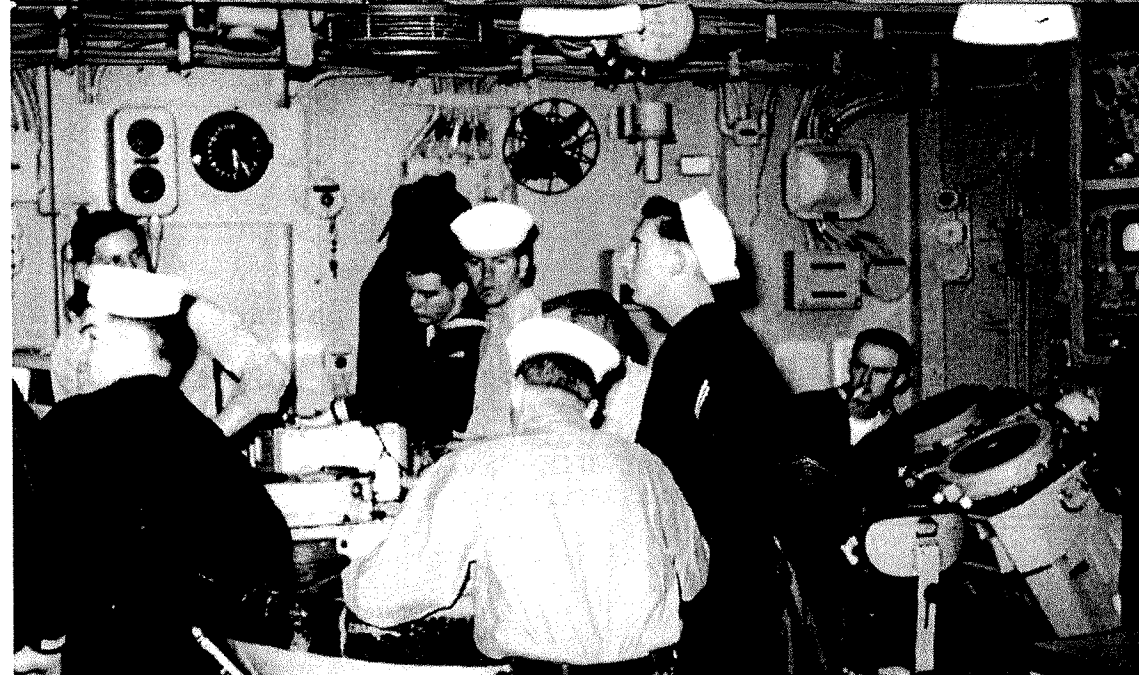
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Loading truck for
exercise with Marines
at Dingalan Bay in
Luzon, Philippines.
1957
all photos this page
Carl Munson



Seaman Sargent on
dock in Yokosuka,
Japan



The Calvert CIC
room.