

A History of the USS Calvert - Research notes for the period January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963

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Introduction

This document includes chronologically ordered historical research notes for the period January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963.

Chronological highlights for this period include:

- * San Diego, in port and underway, for upkeep and training exercises - January 1st to March 11th
 - * Family cruise - March 1st
- * Long Beach, California - March 12th to March 28th
- * San Diego - March 29th to April 8th
- * Seal Beach - April 9th to April 23rd
- * Drydocked, Terminal Island, San Pedro, CA - April 10th to April 23rd
- * National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego - April 24th to July 7th
 - * Sea Trials - July 3rd
- * U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Seal Beach - July 8th
- * San Diego - July 9th to - September 16th
 - * A period of training new crew members and refresher training for seasoned crew.
 - * Followed by a period of progressively increasing intensity of at sea and amphibious training exercises.
- * Exercise Merit Badge - San Diego, San Clemente Island, and Camp Pendleton - September 17th to September 27th
- * San Diego Naval Station - Captain Edward R. Hunt, USN, relieved Captain David A. Merrill, USN, as Commanding Officer - September 28th
- * San Diego, Naval Station and Local Operating Area - A period of wet net training and ship upkeep - September 29th to November 3rd
- * Camp Pendleton - November 4th to November 7th
- * San Francisco, U.S. Naval Station, Hunter's Point - November 8th to 12th
- * Underway to San Diego - November 13th to November 14th
- * San Diego area - November 15th to November 17th
- * Camp Pendleton - November 18th to November 20th
- * San Diego Naval Station - November 21st to December 31st

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Primary sources for this document:

- * A History of the USS Calvert (APA-32), David B. Cullen
- * Calversion, various relevant editions
- * Archival materials, Calvert Marine Museum
- * Interviews, emails, and miscellaneous conversations with former crew members and family members

* Deck Log Books, USS Calvert. When available online at the National Archives Online Catalog:

- * Januay 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220439509>
- * February 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220439637>
- * Mary 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220439753>
- * April 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220439881>
- * May 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220440005>
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- * July 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220440257>
- * August 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220440385>
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- * November 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220440765>
- * December 1963. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/220440889>

Selected maps and charts:

- * NOAA Historic Map Locator: <https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/search.php>
- * USGS Historic Map Locator: <https://store.usgs.gov/map-locator>
- * UC San Diego Digital Collection, Pacific Basin Nautical Charts: <https://library.ucsd.edu/dc/collection/bb0786509m>

Notes:

Times: All times are in "24-hour" time. For example, 0000 is midnight, 0400 is 4am, ... 1200 is noon, 2000 is 8pm ..., and so on.

Condition One-Alfa refers to active amphibious activities by the crew of the Calvert and the employment of the ship's landing craft in these exercises. This condition is represented by a variety of uses of "one alpha" including: One-Alfa, One-Alpha, 1-Alfa, 1-Alpha, and similar. For the most part this document reflects these variations as written in the Calvert's official deck log book.

Material Conditions: "The US Navy uses three "material conditions", which dictate which doors and other fittings can be opened, balancing ease of use with the need to protect the ship. Each of these objects is labeled with an X, Y or Z, as appropriate to the condition it has to be closed under. Condition X-Ray is set during the day while in port or at anchor, and involves the least restrictions. Condition Yoke is typical while a ship is at sea, or at night while in port, while Condition Zebra is used during General Quarters, or at other times when flooding is a serious concern." Source: <https://www.navalgazing.net/Battle-Stations>

Accuracy: When possible the details are corroborated, and in some cases corrected, by official Naval records. However, not all personal recollections captured in this document are corroborated by official Naval records.

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1963	"January and February: Upkeep for the Calvert and training for the crew in the home port of San Diego."				Cullen, Page 30
1963	January	1	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	<p>0000 Moored to port are we, Berth two, pier three, At the U.S. Naval Station, all In San Diego, sunny Cal., Our lines are doubled fore and aft with standard by Bosn's craft. The USS Washburn (AKA-one zero eight) Moored outboard to starboard on this date. Our condition of readiness you can bet Is Material VI with modified Yoke set. The weather is cool, the wind blowing slow; There's clouds up high and clear down below.</p> <p>We're receiving all services from the pier with various ships and units here Including the Pac Fleet, those proud Men 'o' war And yard and district craft galore. SOPA is PhibPac at the Amphib Base Still in Diego, but Coronado's the place PhibRon Five is embarked for a tour. Everything's snug in our little moor We wish you the same and lots of good cheer With all best wishes for a Happy New Year. <i>signed, L.R. Rindal, Ens, USNR</i></p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
1963	January	2 - 14	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	<p>Moored as before, port side to Pier 3, Berth 32, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. COMPHIBRON FIVE is embarked in this ship.</p> <p>January 8th: Senior member of the Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific Section, reported aboard for two days inspection of Calvert.</p> <p>January 14th: Held dock trials.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries

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Chart of Piers, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego

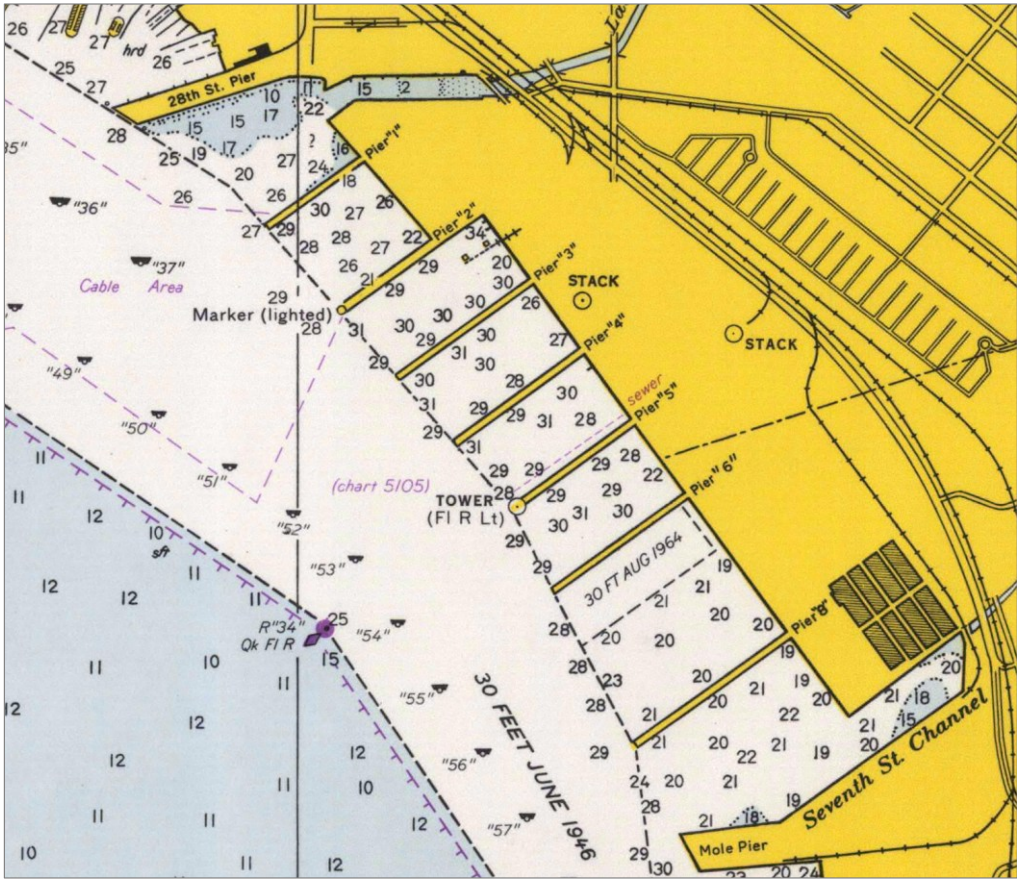


Chart is an extract of:
North San Diego Harbor, #5105,
1:12,000. Soundings in feet.
12th Edition, October 1966.
US Coastal and Geodetic Survey

Full chart online at:
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1963	January	15	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
				0530 Lit off #1 boiler. 0800 Underway for Anchorage 172, Coronado Roads. 0914 a/e/stop, maneuvering at various courses to load ammunition. 0921 Commenced loading ammunition. 0934 Completed loading ammunition. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds to Anchorage 172. 1003 Anchored.	
1963	January	15	Underway and anchored, Coronado Roads	1019 Secured steering engines and #1 boiler. 1020 Secured the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Set in port watch. 1130 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1140 Set Condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
				1201 Lowered away boats for ship-to-shore movement. 1430 Lit fires under #1 boiler. 1526 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail, commenced hoisting all boats. 1535 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1540 Underway from right flank of boat lane 4 of Red Beach 2 to buoys 8 and 9, San Diego. 1654 Moored fore and aft to Buoys 8 and 9. 1718 Secured main engines and #1 boiler; shifted to auxiliary plant.	
1963	January	16	Moored, San Diego Bay	0000 Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
				0833 Underway for Coronado Roads. 0918 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0931 Anchored, Anchorage 172, Coronado Roads. 0946 Secured main and steering engines. 0946 Let fires die under #1 boiler. 1010 Commenced ship-to-shore movement. 1138 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1230 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 1415 Lighted fires under #1 boiler. 1540 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa, set Special Sea and Anchor Detail, Section Two. 1551 Commenced heaving in anchor. 1601 Underway. Steaming at 7 knots.	
1963	January	16	Underway and anchored, Coronado Roads		Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
1963	January	16	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego		Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries

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Anchorage 172, Coronado Roads indicated by black circle.

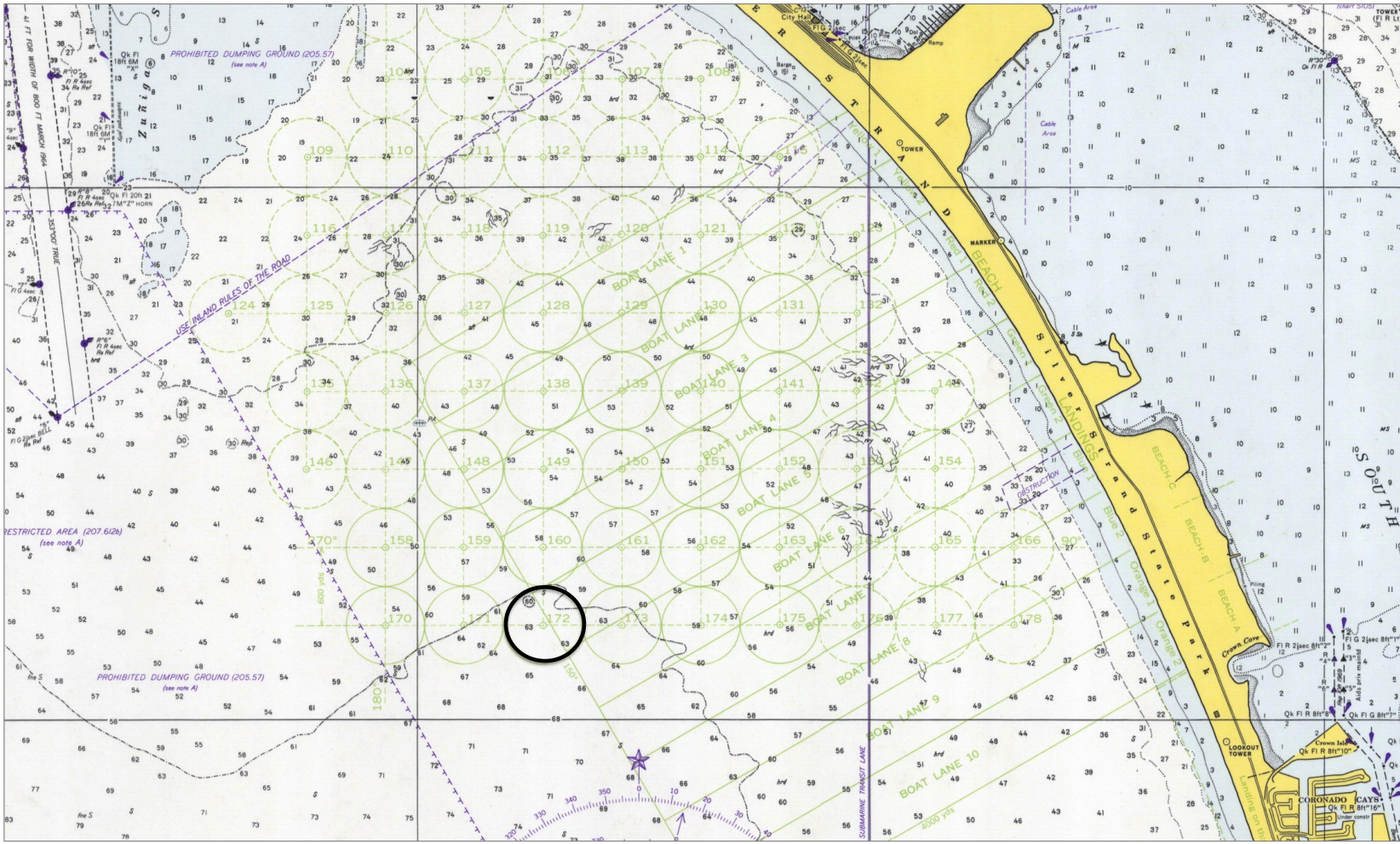


Chart of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches. Coronado Roads, Silver Strand, San Diego, CA. Extract of: San Diego Bay, #5107. 1:20,000 scale. Soundings in feet. US Coastal and Geodetic Survey, 1974. Editor's note: Presumed to represent the general location of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches of earlier decades.

Full chart online at: <https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/imag.php?filename=5107-5-1974>

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1963	January	17	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	<p>0000 Steaming independently on local training operations out of San Diego in local operating area MM 15 on various courses to remain within area, speed 7 knots.</p> <p>1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters for Gunnery Firing Exercises. Set speed 8 knots.</p> <p>1420 Commenced firing.</p> <p>1524 Secured from Gunnery Firing Exercises and General Quarters. Ammunition expended: Two rounds 5"38 VTFN, Seven rounds 3"50 VTNF, 83 rounds 30MM HET SD, 8 rounds 40MM BL&P.</p> <p>1530 Set speed to 15 knots.</p> <p>1825 Maneuvering in the vicinity of Bouy #5, San Diego Channel to lower Commodore's Gig.</p> <p>1834 ComPhibRon Five departed the ship. ComPhibRon Five Admin remained embarked this vessel.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
1963	January	18	<p>Underway in the vicinity of San Diego</p> <p>Moored, San Diego Bay</p>	<p>0000 Underway, steaming independently in San Diego Operating Area II-8, speed 7 knots.</p> <p>0800 Exercised the crew at General Quarters.</p> <p>0925 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>0932 - 0959 Held man overboard drill.</p> <p>1020 Set speed 15 knots.</p> <p>1310 Exercised the crew at In port Fire Drills.</p> <p>1336 Entering Port at San Diego.</p> <p>1516 Moored to Buoys #47 and #48, San Diego.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
1963	January	19	Moored, San Diego Bay	<p>0000 Moored as before, Buoys 47 and 48, San Diego.</p> <p>1139 Underway to Pier 3, Berth 32.</p> <p>1220 Moored, Pier 3, Berth 32.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
1963	January	20 - 27	Moored, San Diego Bay	<p>Moored as before, Pier 3, Berth 32.</p> <p>A the crew held a series of fire drills, rescue assistance drills, and collision drills during this period.</p> <p>One Branding Iron CPX was executed during this period.</p> <p>On January 21st, ComPhibRon Five returned from leave and broke his Broad Command Pennant aboard the Calvert. And a few hours later ComPhibRon departed the Calvert and shifted his Broad Command Pennant to the USS Paul Revere.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries</p> <p>Note: In the context of naval exercises, "CPX" stands for Command Post Exercise, a training event focusing on command and control functions, communication, and coordination between headquarters staffs, often simulating real-world scenarios.</p>
1963	January	28	<p>Moored, San Diego Bay</p> <p>Underway in the vicinity of San Diego</p>	<p>0000 Moored as before, Pier 3, Berth 32.</p> <p>0900 Underway to Local Operating Area YY 4.</p> <p>1116 Commenced exercise Z-2-CM ECM Calibration.</p> <p>1532 Set speed 15 knots.</p> <p>1725 Commenced circling to port while waiting for Comex on scheduled Z-10-CC with USS Fort Marion.</p> <p>1735 Commenced Z-010-CC drill, Calvert is tracking ship.</p> <p>2155 Completed exercise.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries

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1963	January	29	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	0000 Steaming independently in Op Area SS-5. Speed 8 knots. 0800 Anchored in Anchorage 172, Coronado Roads. 0822 Condition Zebra set throughout the ship. Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0837 Away all designated boats. 1024 Commenced hoisting all boats. 1106 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
			Moored, San Diego Bay	1230 Set Condition 1-Alfa, continued with Beaching Exercises. 1536 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1539 Underway to Buoys 8 and 9, San Diego. 1646 Moored to Buoys 8 and 9.	
1963	January	30	Moored, San Diego Bay	0000 Moored to Buoys 8 and 9, San Diego. 0756 Embarked 39 officers and 1 enlisted personnel for demonstration assault landing. 0835 Underway to Anchorage 172, Coronado Roads. 0900 Exercised the crew at General Quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
			Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	0909 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0919 Anchored in Anchorage 172, right flank to Red Beach II, Coronado Roads. 1140 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1230 Exercised the crew at Condition 1-Alfa. 40 students from Nav-PhibSchol P-1 Class were landed on Red Beach II via Assault Craft. 1511 Underway to Buoys 8 and 9, San Diego. 1559 Moored to Buoys 8 and 9.	
1963	January	31	Moored, San Diego Bay	0000 Moored to Buoys 8 and 9, San Diego. 0757 Underway. 0945 Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds while conducting Seamanship and Communication Exercises with USS Okanogan. 1213 Completed tactical exercises with Okanogan.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1963. Selected entries
			Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	1315 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Entered Op Area YY 4, commenced swinging ship to calibrate ECM D.F. Antenna. 1432 Secured from General Quarters. 1546 Enroute to Op Area II 8 for night steaming. Secured from ECM D.F. Antenna Calibration. Set speed 8 knots. 1939 Visibility decreased to about one mile, commenced sounding fog signals. 2001 Stationed Fog Lookouts on the Forecastle.	

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1963	February	1	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego Moored, San Diego Bay	0000 Underway, steaming independently in Operation Area II-3. Speed 5 knots. Visibility is approximately 200 yards, and the ship is sounding fog signals. 0245 Lookout reported visual contact. All engines stop. 0250 All engines ahead 1/3. 0814 Ceased sounding fog signals, visibility increased to 3 miles. 0825 Commenced holding Mooring Drills, Coronado Roads. 1230 Secured from Mooring Drills. 1417 Moored to Buoys 50 and 51.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	February	2 - 9	Moored, San Diego	Moored to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	February	10 - 20	Moored, San Diego	February 10th: Gale Condition One - Heavy Weather Measure; Charlie set. February 11th: Changed mooring to Pier 3, Berth 32. The engineering plant placed in a cold iron status. February 18th: Five LCVPs dispatched to USS Oak Hill to be used in amphibian operations.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	February	21	Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored to Pier 3, Berth 32. 0530 Lit fires under #1 boiler. 0700 Set material condition Yoke throughout the ship. 0800 Underway. 0836 Moored to Buoys 47 and 48.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	February	22	Moored, San Diego	Received message from SOPA warning that unidentified swimmers were attempting to board ships in this area. Increased topside security watch to 2 men and illuminated waterborne boats.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	February	25	Moored, San Diego Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	Moored as before. 0859 Underway. 1310 Anchored in Anchorage 148, right flank of Beach Lane Yellow II, Coronado Roads. 1324 Set condition 1-Alfa. 1346 The port vang on #2 boom parted while placing LCVP 6 in the water. #2 boom out of control and LCVP 6 is swinging out of control. 1349 LCVP 6 thrown against port stantion and a hole opened up in her starboard quarter. Boat and boom are under control. 1405 LCVP 6 placed in the skids. 1500 Fog closing in, recalled all boats. Commenced sounding fog signals. 1549 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 2140 Underway for San Diego Operation Area II-7.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries

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1963	February	26		0000 Steaming independently to Local Operation Area II-7. Speed 5 knots. Visibility is approximately 50 yards, sounding fog signals due to heavy fog.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
				0804 Visibility increased to 3 miles. Secured fog signals and fog lookouts.	
1963	February	26	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego	0900 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 0917 Maneuvering at various courses and speeds within Local Operation Areas II 6 and 7 for Exercise Z-1-G. 1108 Secured from General Quarters. Z-1-G cancelled due to poor weather conditions. 1425 Exercised the crew at General Quarters for Z-1-G Gunnery Exercise.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, Coronado Roads	1500 Commenced firing 40MM to starboard. 1559 Secured from General Quarters and Gunnery Exercise. Ammunition expended: 36 rounds of 40 MM HEIT SD, 4 rounds, 40MM BL&P. 1651 Visibility decreased to two miles in fog. Stationed Fog lookouts on the bow. 1724 Sighted unidentified object close aboard to port. Commenced maneuvering to come alongside the object. 1745 Recovered object with assistance of 2 swimmers. Object identified as tail section target drone. 1755 Set speed 15 knots.	
1963	February	26	Anchored, Coronado Roads	1950 Anchored in Anchorage 146-A off Point Loma, San Diego. 2000 Underway for Anchorage 148. 2020 Anchored in Anchorage 148.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries

Anchorage 146 and 148, Coronado Roads indicated by black circles.

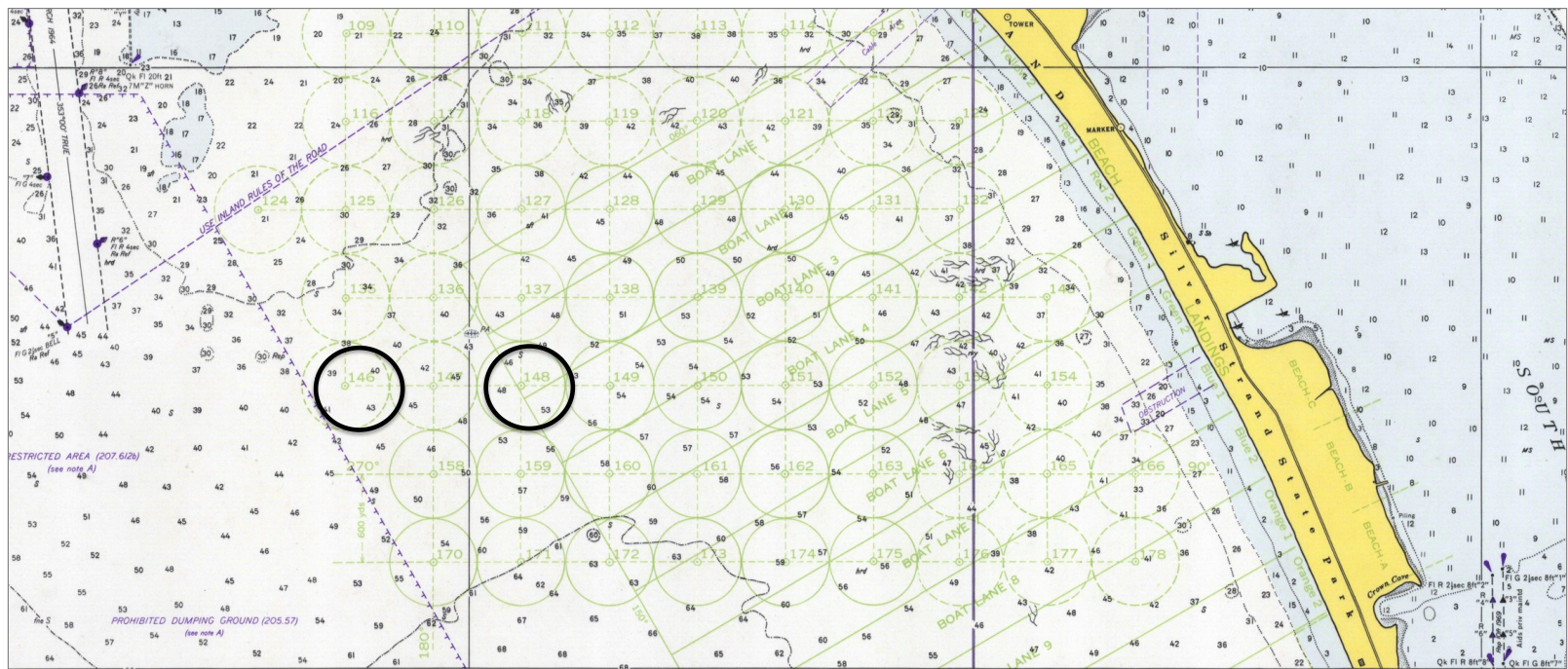


Chart of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches. Coronado Roads, Silver Strand, San Diego, CA.

Extract of: San Diego Bay, #5107.
1:20,000 scale. Soundings in feet. US Coastal and Geodetic Survey, 1974

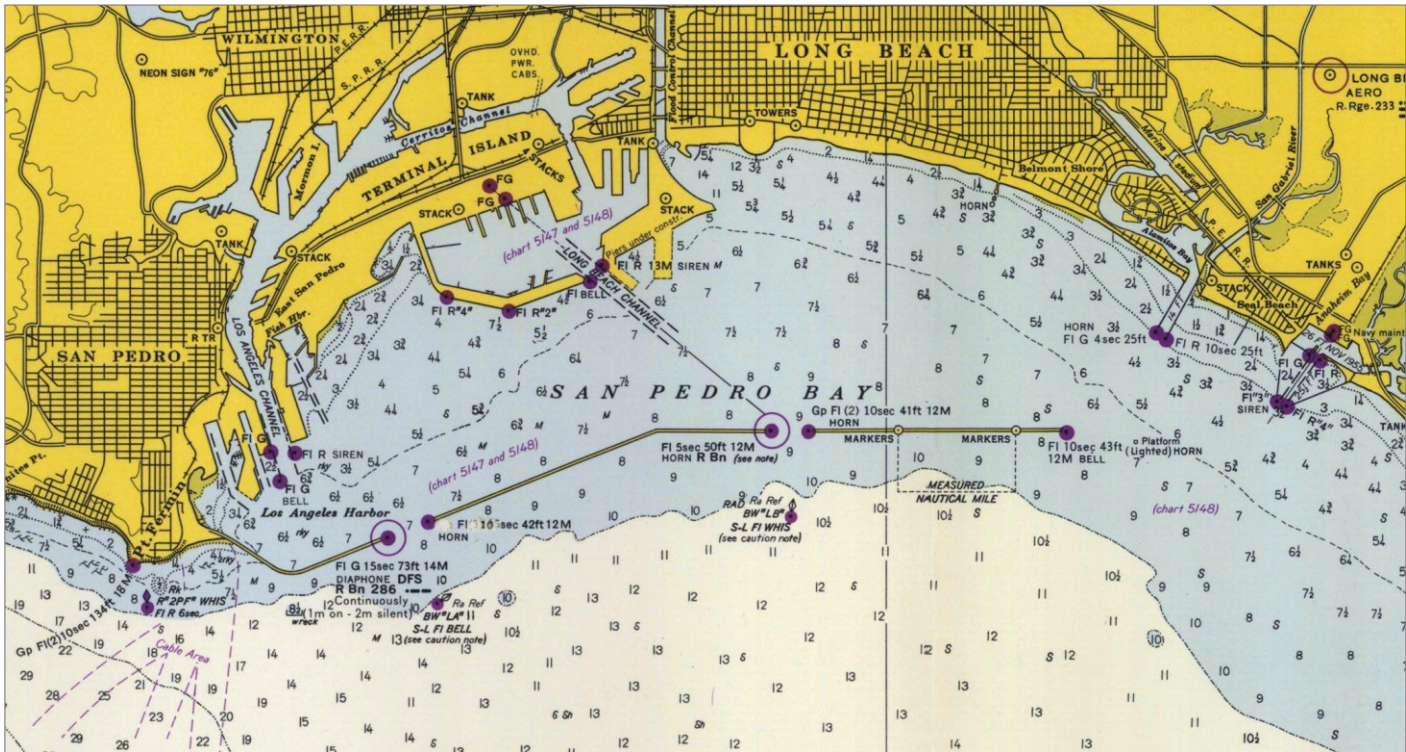
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1963	February	27	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored in Anchorage 148. 0730 Exercised the crew at 1-Alfa. 1035 Commenced hoisting boats. 1112 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1138 Underway from Anchorage to practice mooring buoys.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
			Underway in the vicinity of San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	1146 Commenced making practice approaches on mooring buoys. 1415 Completed maneuvering on buoys. 1500 Commenced maneuvering in local Operations Area YY-3. 1501 Exercised the crew at General Quarters for Atomic Defense Drill. 1506 Set Condition Zebra throughout the ship. 1607 Secured from General Quarters. Set Condition Yoke. 1855 Commenced approach in traffic corridor to San Diego Harbor. 2110 All stop. Moored to buoy 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor.	
1963	February	28	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1963. Selected entries
1963	March	1	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored as before, to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
			Underway in the vicinity of San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	Family Cruise 0836 Underway for local operating area YY-1 with 184 dependents and guests aboard for dependents cruise. 1040 to 1135 Demonstrated highline exercise for guests, with USS Manatee. 1244 Anchored, Anchorage 178, right flank Blue Beach 2, Coronado Roads. 1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Set Condition 1-Alfa. 1520 Underway from Anchorage to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego. 1624 Moored to Buoy 50 and 51.	
1963	March	2 - 6	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
1963	March	7	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
			Underway in the vicinity of San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	1008 Underway for local operation area II8. 1430 Exercised the crew at General Quarters; Set condition Zebra. 1535 Steaming at various speeds while conducting Z-1-G gunnery exercise. Commenced firing 40mm mounts. 1710 Secured from gunnery exercise. Expended 8 rounds of BL&T and 243 rounds of Heit 40mm. 2125 Moored to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor.	

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1963	March	8 - 10	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries Note: CPX: Command Post Exercise.
				March 8th: Took on fresh water and fuel oil. Captain's inspection of mess and berthing compartments.	
				March 10th: Executed Branding Iron CPX.	
1963	March	11	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway to Long Beach, California	Moored as before, to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego. The ship is in condition of readiness V with material condition Yoke (modified) set. The engineering plant is in an auxiliary status with number 2 boiler, number 1 and 3 D.C. generators and number 1 A.C. generator providing ship's power.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
				0645 Lit fires under No. 1 boiler.	
				0900 Underway. 1012 Set course for Long Beach, California. 1038 A/E/A Full. Set speed 16 knots. 1517 Set speed 10 knots.	

San Pedro Bay



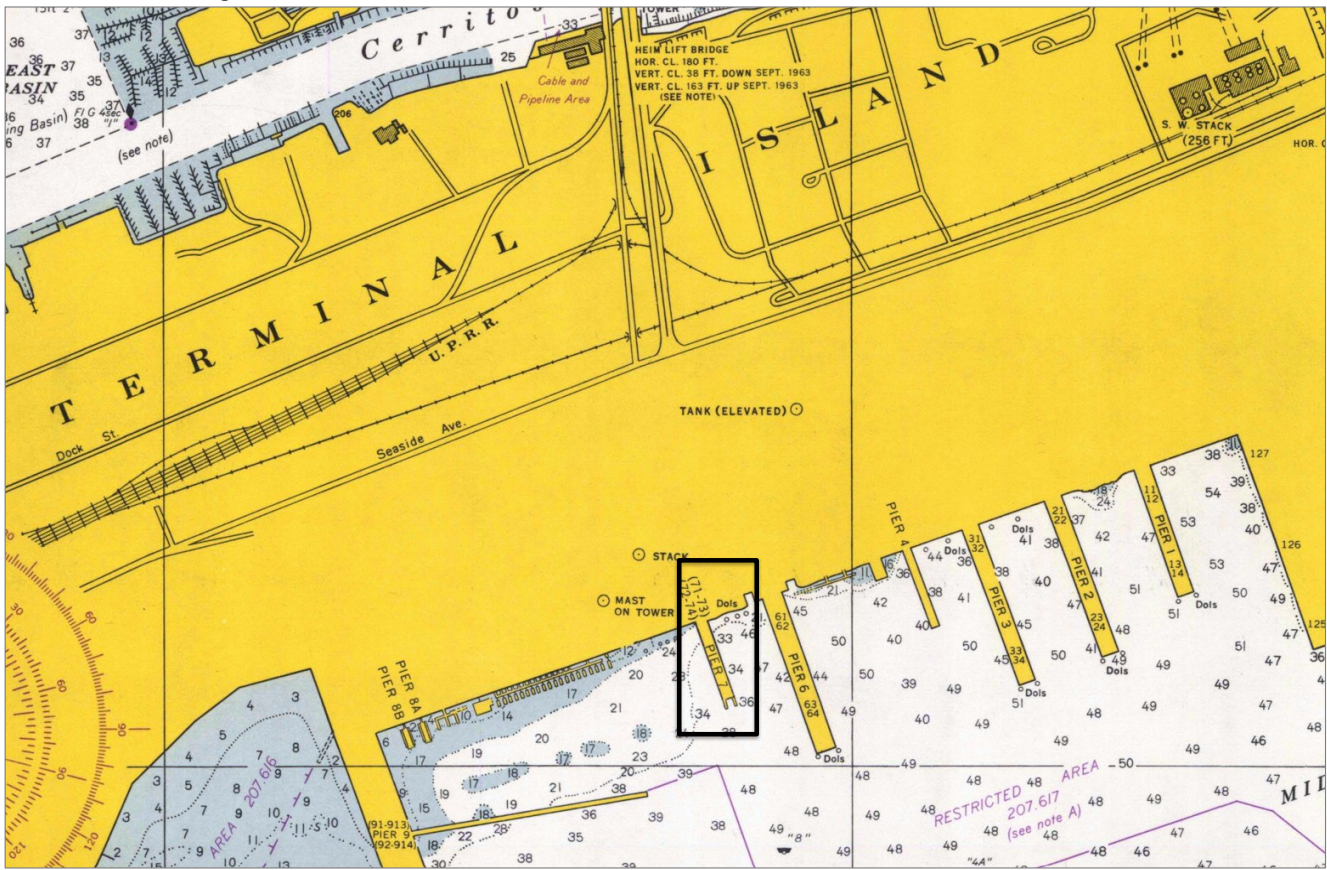
Extract of: San Pedro Channel, Chart #5143.
1:80,000 scale. Soundings in feet. US Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1958

Full chart online at:
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1963	March	11	Moored, Long Beach	1631 Moored outboard side to USS Delta (AR 9), Pier 7, U.S. Naval Station, Long Beach. 1655 Secured main engines and steering engines. Secured No. 1 boiler. 1658 USS Buckley (DD 808) moored to port side. 1810 Secured No. 2 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries

The piers at Terminal Island, U.S. Naval Station, Long Beach.

Pier 7 indicated by black rectangle.



Extract of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, Chart #5147
1:12,000 scale. Soundings in feet.
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map, 1966

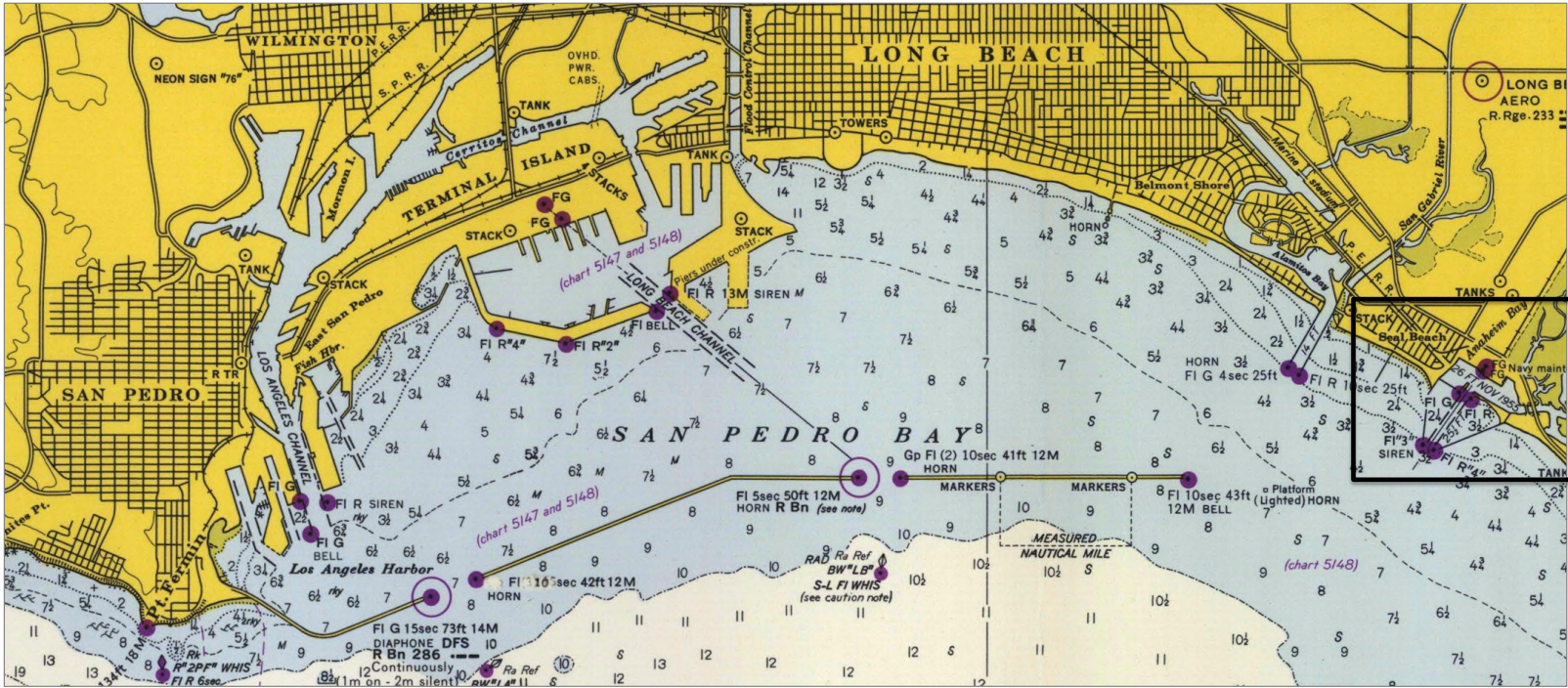
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1963	March	12 - 28	Moored, Long Beach	<p>Moored as before, Pier 7, U.S. Naval Station, Long Beach. The Engineering Plant is on 48 hours notice for getting underway. The ship is in Condition of Readiness V with condition Yoke (modified) set.</p> <p>March 16: 2105 Received heavy weather warning from COMPHIBPAC; Moved all boats to sheltered area.</p> <p>March 17th: Winds peaked at 12 knots at 1000 and by sunrise calm conditions returned.</p> <p>March 22nd: CPX Branding Iron.</p> <p>March 28th: FLEWEAFAC SDIEGO established small craft warnings for the Long Beach area. Mustered crew at foul weather parade. Winds peaked at 15 knots at 0600 and returned to calm conditions by 1200.</p> <p>During this period several officers and enlisted personnel returned to the Calvert upon completion of Amphibious Training at the Coronado Naval Amphibious School, San Diego and the U.S. Fleet Anti-Air Warfare School, San Diego.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
1963	March	29	<p>Moored, Long Beach</p> <p>Underway to San Diego</p> <p>Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego</p>	<p>0000 Moored as before. Boiler No. 2 and generators No. 2 and No. 3 D.C. and No. 1 A.C. are on the line.</p> <p>0530 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler.</p> <p>0800 Underway for San Diego.</p> <p>0843 Commenced using International Rules of the Road, set speed 15 knots.</p> <p>0915 Set speed to 16 knots.</p> <p>0945 Mustered crew at quarters for Captain's Personnel Inspection.</p> <p>1100 Secured from Captain's Personnel Inspection.</p> <p>1413 Set various speeds and courses to conform with San Diego channel.</p> <p>1548 Moored starboard side to pier 3, Berth 35, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.</p> <p>1600 Let fires die under No. 1 and No. 2 boilers. Secured main and steering engines.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
1963	March	30 - 31	Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before, starboard side to Pier 3, Berth 35, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1963. Selected entries
1963	April	1	Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego	<p>Moored as before, starboard side to Pier 3, Berth 35, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.</p> <p>0100 Wind force 11 knots.</p> <p>1200 Wind force 20 knots.</p> <p>1630 Put out and doubled up one 5 inch nylon line aft to the pier.</p> <p>1911 SOPA set gale condition one, measure Delta.</p> <p>1930 Put a 1.25 inch wire out forward to the pier.</p> <p>2300 Wind force 14 knots.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
1963	April	2	Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego	<p>0000 Moored as before. Gale condition one, measure Delta is set.</p> <p>0100 Wind force 13 knots.</p> <p>1200 Wind force 2.</p> <p>1235 Secured from gale condition one.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries

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1963	April	3 - 7	Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
				April 4th: Off-loaded 152,000 gallons of N.S.F.O fuel. April 5th: Transfer of the Calvert's boats to the U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, for storage, upkeep, and maintenance.	
1963	April	8	Moored, US Naval Station, San Diego	Moored, as before. 0600 Commenced loading vehicles. 0630 Completed loading seven vehicles onto No. 4 for transportation to Seal Beach, California. Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	April	8	Underway to Seal Beach, CA	Underway for Seal Beach, U.S. Naval Weapons Station 0900 Underway for Seal Beach. 1026 Set speed 16 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
			Moored, Seal Beach, CA	1030 Commenced brining ammunition topside. 1539 Set speed 5 knots.	
1963	April	8	Moored, Seal Beach, CA	1610 Moored Port Side to Ammunition Wharf, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California. 1616 Secured main and steering engines, let fires die under No. 1 boiler. 1645 Completed brining ammunition topside, forward. 1830 to 1945 Offloaded vehicles.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries

San Pedro and Seal Beach. Seal Beach Is located right center, indicated by back rectangle.

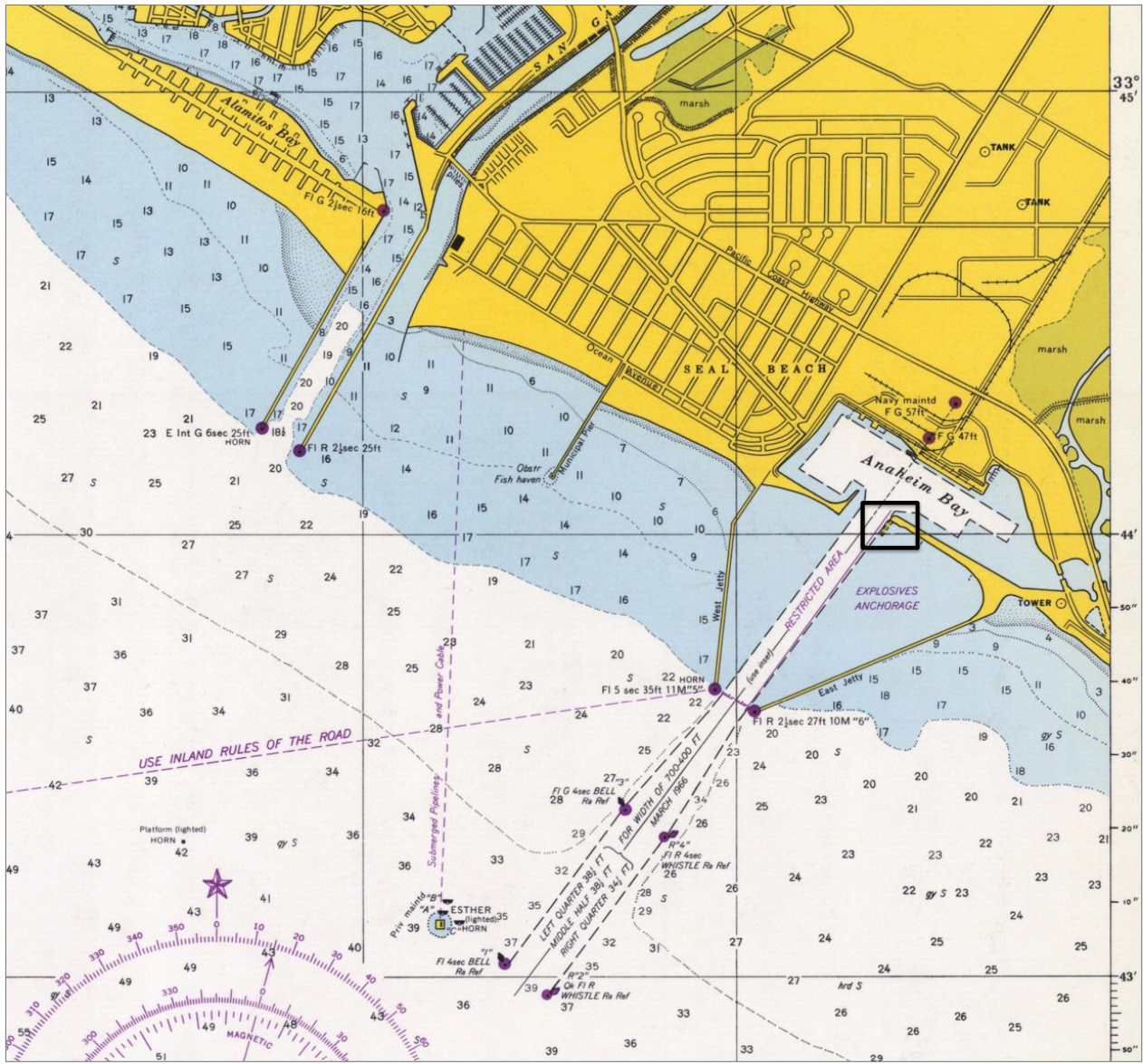


Extract of: San Pedro Channel, Chart #5143.
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Seal Beach, San Pedro Bay. Presumed location of Ammunition Wharf indicated by black rectangle.



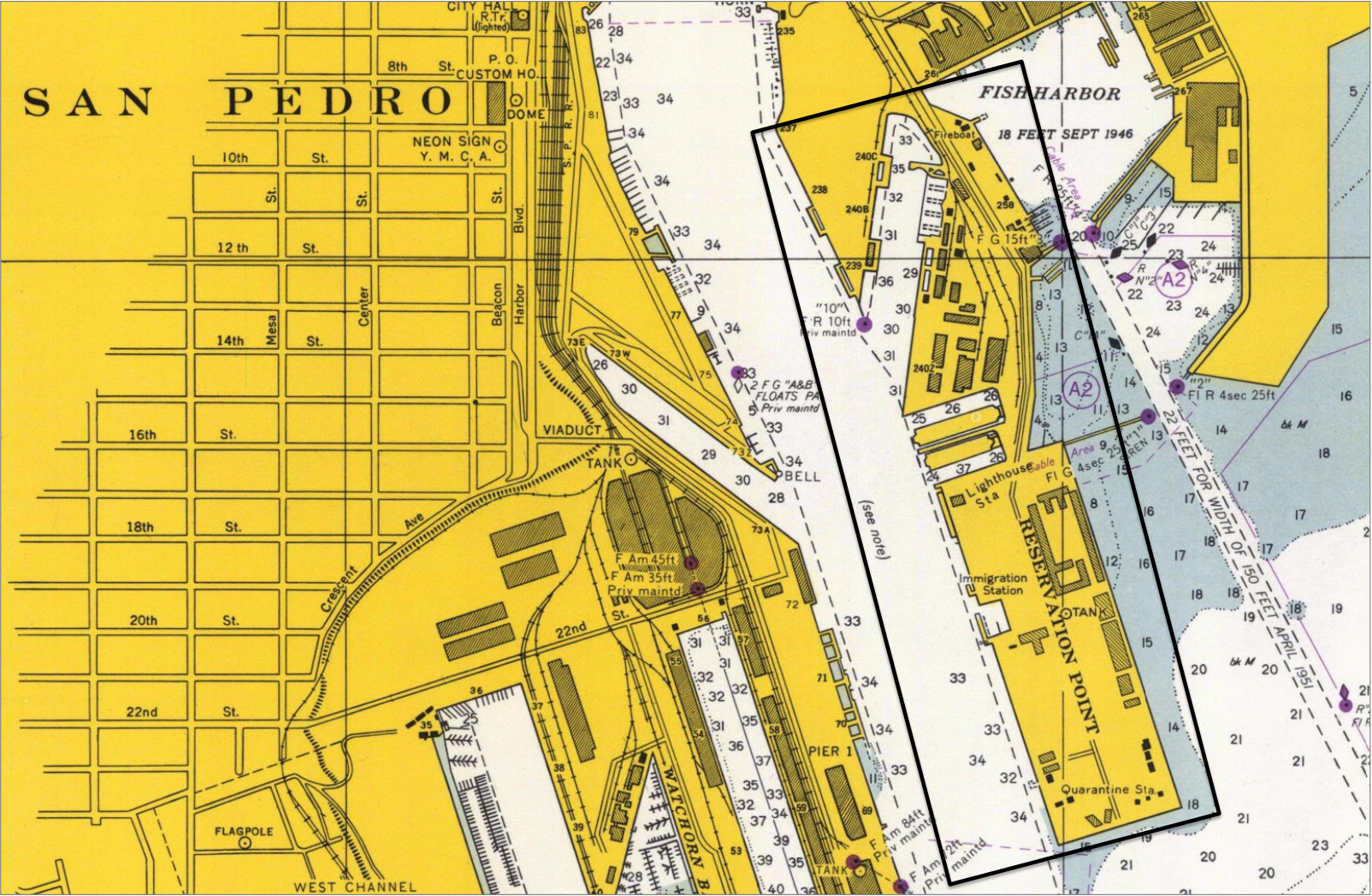
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US Coastal and Geodetic Survey, 1968

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Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	April	9	Moored, Seal Beach, CA	0000 Moored as before. All ammunition is top side on No. 2 and 6 hatches. 0820 to 1045 Offloaded ammunition. 1242 Electrical fire in the boat shop, compartment A-0-104. 1245 Fire out, no major damage.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
1963	April	10	Underway to San Pedro, CA Dry Docked, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California	0000 Moored as before. 0515 Lighted fires under boiler No. 1. 0520 Jacked over main engines. Underway to Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Terminal Island, San Pedro 0740 Underway from Ammunition Wharf to Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. 0758 Set speed 15 knots. 0834 Set speed 5 knots. 0845 YTB made up to port quarter. Drydocking 0853 Commenced swinging out to port into Channel maneuvering into position for stern first entry into dry dock No. 1, Bethlehem Steel Corp. shipyard. 0908 YTB cast off and came around to starboard bow to push. 0909 Stern passed over the sill of drydock and the docking officer assumed control of the ship. 0914 Secured main engine; Let fires die under No. 1 boiler. 0940 Commenced raising the drydock. 1005 Resting on keel blocks. 1045 Completed raising drydock.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries

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Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Terminal Island, San Pedro, CA. Shipyard indicted by black rectangle.



Extract of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, Chart #5147
1:12,000 scale. Soundings in feet.
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map, 1966

Full chart online:
<https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/ima ge.php?filename=5147-4-1966>

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	April 24 to Mid May		Bethlehem Steel drydock, San Pedro, California	1) "The Calvert entered the Bethlehem Steel drydock in San Pedro, California for a two and one-half week overhaul period." 2) "\$134,982 for drydocking phase of regular overhaul of the attack transport USS Calvert."	1) Cullen, Page 31 2) <u>\$3 Million Navy Shipyard Work</u> . News-Pilot, San Pedro, California. April 19, 1963
1963	April	11 - 22	Dry Docked, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California	Drydocked, as before, resting on keel blocks in Dry Dock No. 1, Bethlehem Steel Corp. shipyard, San Pedro, California. 15th - Commanding Officer with Bethlehem Steel Representatives and Hull Board commenced hull inspection.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
1963	April	23	Dry Docked, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California Underway to San Diego Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	0000 Resting on keel blocks in Dry Dock No. 1 at Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. 0730 Lighted fires under boiler No. 2. 0800 Stationed the undocking detail. 0900 Inspection completed of all hull openings. Condition Yoke set throughout the ship. 1018 Commenced flooding the dry dock. 1042 Resting on keel blocks in 15 feet of water. Commenced inspection of lower decks and hull fittings for water tight integrity. 1110 Completed inspection, continued flooding drydock. 1126 Ship is clear of the keel blocks. 1157 Commenced moving ship clear of dry dock. 1209 Stern passed over the sill of the dry dock. 1210 Underway from Dry Dock. 1256 Tested the main engines with steam. 1345 Commenced using International Rules of the Road. Set speed to 16 knots. 2034 Moored starboard side to the North side of Pier 12, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego. 2050 Secured the main and steering engines. Let fires die under No. 1 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries
1963	A regular yard period at National Steel Shipyard, San Diego, for a regular yard, April 24th to July 7th.""				Cullen, Page 30-31
1963	April	24 - 31	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	Moored starboard side to the North side of Pier 12, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego. April 27th: Captain's personnel inspection and inspection of personnel, messing, and berthing spaces. COMPHIBRON FIVE broke his full broad command pennant aboard this ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1963. Selected entries

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San Diego Bay. National Steel Company Shipyard indicated by black rectangle.

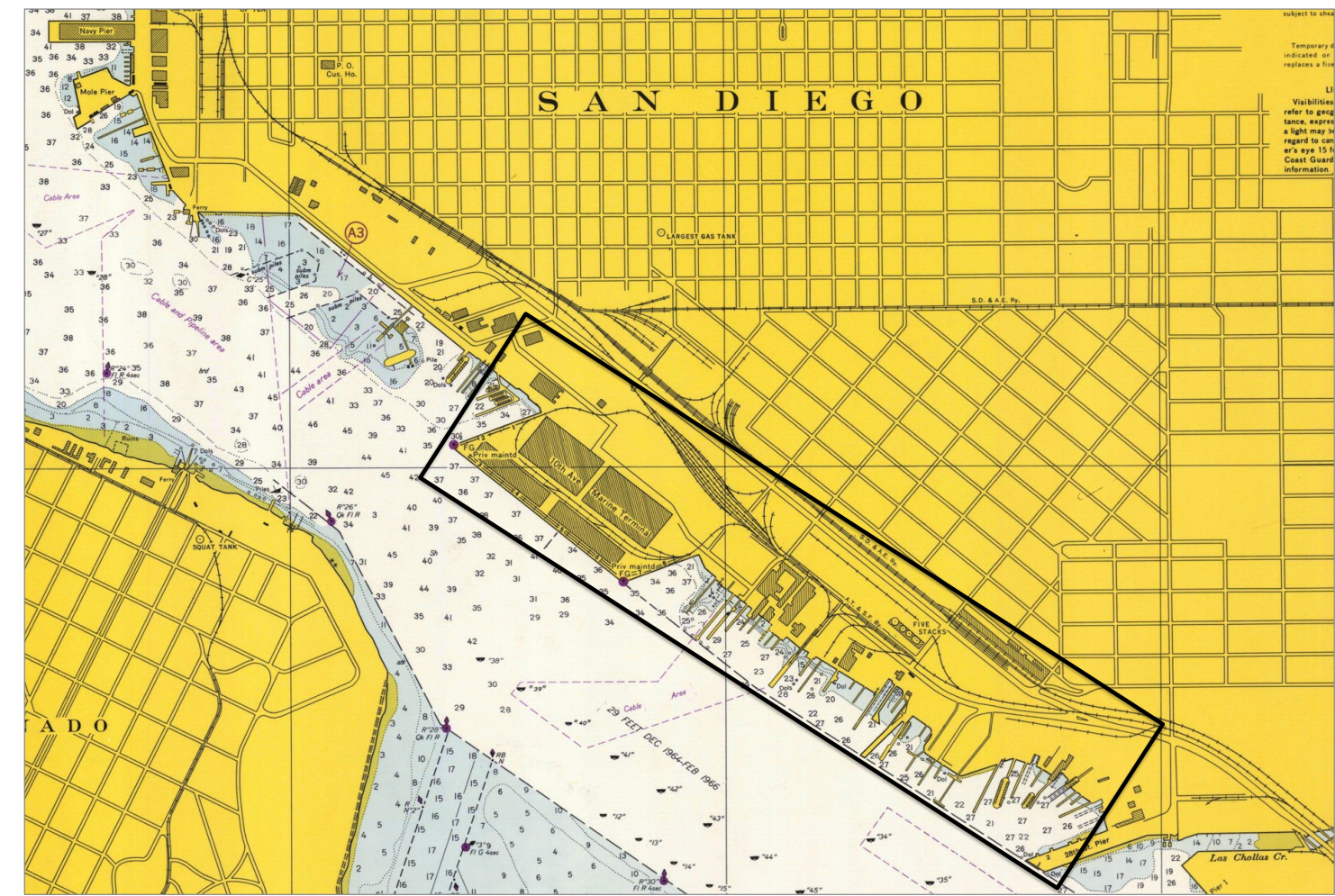


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12th Edition, October 1966.
US Coastal and Geodetic Survey

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1963	May	1 - 30	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	Moored starboard side to the north side of Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego. COMPHIRON FIVE embarked in this ship. May 2nd: 1807 to 1835 Conducted Fire Drill. May 3rd: 1500 to 1535 Captain's personnel inspection. May 25th: 0800 Captain returned from eleven days leave. Captains personnel inspection 0815 to 0915.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1963. Selected entries
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1963	June	1 - 23	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	Moored starboard side to the north side of Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego. COMPHIRON FIVE embarked in this ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1963. Selected entries
				June 11th: CPX Branding Iron executed.	
				June 13th: Tested safeties on Boiler No. 2.	
1963	June	24 - 30	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	June 15th: Captain's inspection of personnel, berthing, and messing compartments. Between the hours of 1630 and 1830 the Calvert was towed from Pier 12, and back, to make way for the launch of the USS Mars (AFS-1) to slide down the ways.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1963. Selected entries
				Moored as before.	
				June 24th: 0930 While operating No. 8 winch, Lazy Guy pad eye on head of boom jammed against face plate, before power could be secured head block parted resulted in boom drop of approximately 8 feet. There were no personnel casualties. 1220 to 1720 Received 19,824 gallons diesel fuel and 279,510 gallons fuel oil. Approximately 100 gallons fuel oil spilled into the bay due to valve being tagged wrong. Port Control Duty Officer notified. USS Prairie (AD-15) came alongside to clean up oil spill.	
				June 26th: 0840 to 1115 Exercised at Dock Trials.	
1963	July	1 - 2	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	June 28th: 1010 to 1150 Exercised at Dock Trials.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
				Moored starboard side to the north side of Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego. COMPHIRON FIVE embarked in this ship.	

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	July	3		0000 Moored as before, starboard side to Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego. 0515 Lighted fires under #1 boiler. 0530 Lighted fires under #2 boiler. Commenced jacking over main engines.	
			Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	Underway for Sea Trials 0810 A/E/Back 2/3, Underway for sea trials. 0821 Ship's whistle found to be out of commission. 0831 Receiving antenna on the open bridge parted. 0935 Commenced using international rules of the road. 1029 Set speed 10 knots. 1034 Set speed 12 knots. 1041 Set speed 15 knots. 1154 Set speed 16 knots. 1245 A/E/A flank. Set speed 18 knots. 1345 Steering by hand electric. 1408 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1425 Set speed 10 knots. 1435 Secured from General Quarters. 1519 Maneuvering on various courses and speeds to stand into San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	4 - 7	Underway in the vicinity of San Diego for Sea Trials	1634 Moored starboard side to the north side of Pier 12, National Steel and Ship Building Co., San Diego.	Editor's note: The 1245 to 1425 speed of 18 knots is the fastest recorded speed of the Calvert known based review of Deck Log entries (1940s, 1960s), where previous top speeds are logged at 16.5 knots.
			Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	Moored as before. July 4th: 1100 Rang ship's bell for four minutes in honor of the anniversary of our Nations Independence.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	8	Moored, National Steel Company Shipyard, San Diego	0000 Moored as before. COMPHIBRON FIVE is embarked in this ship. 0604 SPS-10 Radar Antenna removed. 0630 Fires lighted under #2 boiler.	
			Underway to Seal Beach	0905 A/B 1/3. Underway enroute to Seal Beach, California. 1104 Set speed to 16 knots. 1253 Fathometer out of order. 1418 A/E/A Flank. Set speed 16.5 knots. 1617 Moored port side to mole pier, U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Seal Beach.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries

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1963	July	9	Moored, Seal Beach Ammunition Depot Underway, San Diego local operating area	0000 Moored as before. 0745 Commenced loading ammunition. 1159 Secured loading ammunition. 1407 Completed striking ammunition below forward. 1540 Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 1604 Underway to local operations area II 13.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	10	Underway, San Diego local operating area	0000 Steaming independently in San Diego local operations area II-13. Speed 8 knots. 0550 Commenced practicing Williamson turns. 0630 Completed making practice turns. 1015 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1022 Steering various courses while conducting battle problem. 1106 Secured from battle problem and general quarters. 1506 Held man overboard drill. 1509 Commenced lowering life boat. LCVP-8 into water to retrieve man. 1519 Life boat came along side for pick-up. 1535 Electrical fire in ships fire alarm panel. Secured power to fire alarm panel. 1555 Fire reported in compartment A-202-L, Damage Control Central investigated fire and found to be electrical short in fan. 1557 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1559 Class C fire reported out. No apparent damage.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	11	Underway, San Diego local operating area Anchored, Coronado Road	0000 Steaming independently in San Diego local operations area II-13. Speed 12 knots. 0050 Departed OpArea II-13 enroute buoy 5 "SD" via OpArea boundary and traffic corridor. 0717 Lying to off buoy No. 5, San Diego while Chief of Staff, COMPHIBRON V debarked. 1604 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1700 Maneuvering at various courses and speeds to conduct test-firing on all guns. 1725 Commenced firing to starboard. 1828 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended was as follows: 5 rounds 3"38 cal., 15 rounds of 3"50 cal., 16 rounds of 40mm. No casualties. 1839 Secured from General Quarters. 2001 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2221 All stop. Anchored in anchorage 125, Coronado Roads. Set Engineering plant on 30 minutes notice of getting underway.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	12	Anchored, Coronado Road Underway, San Diego local operating area Moored, San Diego	0000 Anchored as before. 0700 Underway for local operating area YY4 for ECM Calibration exercise. 1140 Exercised at General Quarters. 1206 Secured from General Quarters. 1243 Standing into San Diego Harbor. 1433 Moored port side to pier 4, berth 42, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	July	13	Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored as before. 1103 - 1147 Shifted berths to pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company. 1400 - 1545 Commanding officer's inspection of berthing and messing spaces.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	14 - 17	Moored, San Diego	Moored, pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	18	Moored, San Diego Underway, San Diego local operating area Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored, Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company 0530 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0747 Underway to conduct sea trials. 1215 Set speed 16 knots. 1319 Left full rudder. 1335 All back full. 1343 All stop. 1404 Maneuvering at various speeds and courses to enter inland waters. 1428 Life raft accidentally released when turnbuckle on belly gripe struck hydrostatic release. Captain assumed the Conn. Lowered LCVP-7 into water to recover life raft. 1532 Moored starboard side to the North side of Pier 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company. 1621 Hoisted recovered life raft onto No. 4 hatch.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	19	Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored as before, starboard side to the north side of Pier No. 12, National Steel and Shipbuilding Company. 0930 - 1200 Captain's lower decks inspection.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	20-21	Moored, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	22	Moored, San Diego Underway, San Diego local operating area	0000 Moored as before. 0953 Underway for local operations area VV-6. 1116 Entered international waters. 1303 Arrival in Op area VV-6. 1415 to 1600 Exercised at measured mile runs, speeds 5 knots, 10 knots, 15 knots. 1600 to 1700 Exercised the crew at various drills.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	23	Underway, San Diego local operating area	0000 Steaming independently in San Diego local operating area. Speed 12 knots. 0400 to 1100 Exercised at full power run. 1615 to 1800 Exercised at light freight exercise and refueling with USS Guadalupe (AO-32). Received 42,294 gallons NSFO. 1820 to 1950 Exercised at radar calibration with USS Guadalupe. 1940 Set condition 1-Alfa. 2000 Secured from condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries

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1963	July	24	Underway, San Diego local operating area Anchored, Coronado Roads Underway	0000 Steaming in San Diego local operations area. 0709 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0725 Anchored at edge of Boat Lane 15. 0815 Secured from 1-Alfa. 1005 Remanned 1-Alfa stations. 1120 All boats aboard. 1126 Secured from 1-Alfa. 1135 Anchor aweigh. Underway for exercising at practice moorings. 1336 Secured from practice mooring exercise. 1520 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1640 Secured from General Quarters. 2030 to 2240 Exercised at Engineering Casualty Drills.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	25	Underway, San Diego local operating area	0820 to 1140 Exercised at ship handling exercise and OOD training. 1300 to 1445 Exercised at General Quarters and Battle problem. 1745 to 1900 Exercised at gunnery exercise. Mounts 41 and 42 each expended 16 rounds. Additional ammunition expended: 61 rounds 40MM HET and 8 rounds 40MM BLYP, 38 rounds of 3"50 VT Non-Fragment. 2050 Exercised at engineering casualty drills.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	26	Underway, San Diego local operating area Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming in local operations area. Speed 10 knots. Gun mounts 41 and 42 are manned. Exercising at engineering casualty drills. 0550 Completed engineering casualty drills. 0917 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Commenced battle problem exercise. 1116 Secured from exercise and General Quarters. 1420 Moored to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries
1963	July	27 - 31	Moored, San Diego Harbor	1) Moored fore and aft to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor. July 30th: COMPHIBRON Five shifted his pennant to the USS Calvert. July 31st: 1300 - 1415 Exercised at Condition 1-Alfa. 2) On July 29 the Calvert started her regular refresher training	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1963. Selected entries 2) Cullen, Page 31
1963	August	1	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored fore and aft to Buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor. 1300 Shifted berths to Buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor. 1440 to 1600 Loaded 322 rounds of 3"50 ammunition.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	August	2 - 4	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored to Buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor August 3rd: COMPHIBRON V shifted his flag from this ship to USS Paul Revere. 0855 to 1135 Exercised at condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	5	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored to Buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor 0530 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0828 Underway for local operating area YY4. 1004 to 1144 Exercised at engine room drills. 1320 to 1510 Exercised at battle problem. 1645 Moored to buoys 10 and 11, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	6	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway, San Diego Operating Area Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored to buoys 10 and 11, San Diego Harbor. 1122 Underway for local operating area SS-1. 1650 Moored to buoy 10, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	7	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway, San Diego Operating Area Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Moored to buoy 10, San Diego Harbor. 0615 Underway for local operating area SS-1. 0753 to 0943 Exercised at high line detail with the USS Taluga. 1222 Engine room lost main steam at the throttle. 1227 Casualty restored. 1311 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1414 Commenced firing mount #31 and #33, 3 rounds expended. 1509 to 1527 Exercised the crew at abandon ship drill. 1530 Secured from General Quarters. 1636 to 1648 Exercised the crew at man overboard drill. 1734 Anchored in anchorage No. 158, Coronado Roads.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries

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1963	August	8	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored in anchorage No. 158, Coronado Roads. 1121 Anchor away, underway for local Operating Area 11-8. 1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1310 to 1414 Exercised at battle problem. 1525 Commenced gunnery exercise.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	1645 Secured from gunnery exercise and general quarters. Ammunition expended: 20 rounds 40 MM BL&P, 96 rounds 40MM HET, 32 rounds 3"/50 VT-FRAG. No casualties. 2025 Exercised ship control team at general quarters. 2100 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. Commenced tactical exercises, in formation with USS Paul Revere, USS Monticello, USS Skagit, and USS Cavalier. 2351 Completed tactical exercise. All ships proceeding independently to assigned Operating Areas.	
1963	August	9	Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Steaming independently from Operating Area II, 1, 2, and 3 to sector of YY-4. Speed 10 knots. 0806 Maneuvering at various speeds and courses to clear San Diego Harbor. 0857 Sounded general quarters and set condition Zebra for drill. 0900 Maneuvered at various courses and speeds through simulated mine field. 0904 Set various speeds due to simulated engineering casualties.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, Coronado Roads Moored, San Diego Harbor	1208 Set speed 15 knots. 1210 Exercised the crew at general quarters for battle problem. Maneuvering at various courses and speeds while exercising battle problem. 1415 Completed battle problem. 1458 Anchored in anchorage 158, Coronado Roads. 1504 Underway enroute to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor. 1722 Moored fore and aft to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor.	
1963	August	10 - 11	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored as before to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	12	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor. 0530 Lighted fire under No. 1 boiler. 0842 All ahead 1/3, 5 knots for OP-Area MM 19. 0843 Maneuvering to clear San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area Moored, San Diego Harbor	0910 While hoisting LCM 4 on board at hatch #15, winch disengaged. LCM 4 fell about 15 feet to the water. Winch No. 11 O/C. LCM 4 left in San Diego. No personnel casualties. 0920 Ahead standard, 15 knots. 1301 Exercised crew at general quarters. Set condition ZEBRA set throughout the ship. 1342 Commenced Radar tracking exercise with the USS Skagit (AKA 105). 1510 Conducted phase II of radar tracking exercise with the USS Skagit. 1522 Set condition YOKE. 1528 Secured from general quarters. Completed radar tracking exercise. 1751 Moored to buoys No. 9 and No. 10. San Diego, California.	

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1963	August	13	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor. 0730 Underway for local operation area MM-15. 1010 Assumed guide of column formation with USS Paul Revere (APA 248) and Chung Nam (DE 73, Republic of Korea). 1150 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1250 Exercised crew at general quarters. 1254 to 1557 Exercised at gunnery practice. Expended 58 rounds of 3"50 AA and 6 rounds of 5"38 BL&P.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries Note: Republic of Korea, Chung Nam, DE 73 was formerly the USS Holt. More details at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Holt
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	1606 to 1617 Exercised at abandon ship drill. 1622 Reported Class C fire in compartment C-106-EL. 1629 Fire extinguished, set condition YOKE. 1646 Secured from general quarters, set regular underway watch. 1657 Conducted man overboard drill; secured at 1712. 1810 Conducted screening maneuvers with USS Paul Revere (APA 248), USS Skagit (AKA 105), and ROK Chung Nam (DE 73) in operation areas II-2 and II-3; Speed 5 knots. 1934 Turned on all navigational lights. 2000 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2050 Exercise completed; All ships detached to assigned duties. 2245 Visibility reduced to 800 feet due to fog; Stationed fog lookout and commenced sounding fog signals.	
1963	August	14	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming independently. 0034 Visibility increased to 7 miles; Secured fog signals and lookouts. 0206 Increased speed to 15 knots; Commenced engineering drills. 0524 Completed engineering drills. 0648 Encountered fog bank; visibility reduced to 500 yards, Commenced fog signals, adjusted speed to 5 knots. 0720 Increased speed to 15 knots; Ceased fog signals, visibility 5 miles. 0750 Exercised the ship at general quarters. 1037 Secured from general quarters. 1450 Set material condition YOKE.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	1507 Set Condition 1A. 1543 Secured from condition 1A. 1547 Secured from general quarters. 1638 All stop, right full rudder; Conducted man overboard drill, maneuvering for recovery. 1657 Secured from man overboard drill. 1710 Adjusted speed to 10 knots. 1715 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1800 Commenced exercise Z-10-CC with USS Galveston (CLG 3) in OPAREA II-2 and II-3. Adjusted speed to 6 knots, maintaining station with USS Galveston while exercising at engineering drills. 2315 Adjusted speed to 10 knots.	

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1963	August	15	Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Steaming independently 0130 Enroute to San Diego for fleet training group observer exchange. 0624 Anchored at anchorage 212, San Diego, California. 0630 All engines stopped. 0632 Anchor aweigh, maneuvering to leave San Diego Harbor. 0941 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1028 Set material condition YOKE. 1037 Secured from general quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Moored, San Diego Harbor	1452 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1453 Stationed replenishment details. 1456 Maneuvering to approach USS Taluga (AO 62) for replenishment in San Diego op-area MM 18. 1526 First line across, replenishment course 130°, speed 10 knots. 1630 Completed fuel transfer. 1639 All lines clear of USS Taluga (AO 62). 1759 Let go port anchor, anchored 212, San Diego Harbor. 1821 Shifted from anchorage 212 to mooring at buoys 9 and 10.	
1963	August	16	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 0220 At about 0210 this date, four (4) swimmers were observed swimming towards the ship from the direction of Shelter Island. After apparently noticing that they were being observed, the swimmers climbed atop Buoy 9 at which time they were recognized as sailors attached to this ship. A boat was dispatched to pick them up. Subject men were clad in swim suits and belt type life jackets. All four (4) men were confined in ship's brig for safe keeping by authority verbal orders of CDO.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area Moored, San Diego Harbor	0706 Underway. Set speed 15 knots. 0803 Exercised at maneuvering through simulated minefield channel. 1036 All stop; Conducted man overboard drill, maneuvering for recovery. 1102 Secured from man overboard drill; Exercised crew at general quarters. 1126 to 1137 Exercised crew at abandon ship drill. 1145 to 1203 Exercised at anti-mine gunnery exercise. Expended 42 rounds of 40mm HET. 1300 to 1549 Exercised at anti aircraft tracking drills. 1611 Adjusted speed to 10 knots. 1613 Set material condition YOKE and secured from General Quarters. 1737 Steering various courses and speeds to enter port. 1824 Moored to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego, California.	
1963	August	17 - 18	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored as before to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries

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1963	August	19	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Moored as before to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego Harbor. 0807 Underway from buoys 9 and 10 for local operation area SS 2. 0842 Engine room reported unusual noise in the reduction gear. Set the anchor detail and maneuvered to anchorage No. 171. 0909 Anchored in anchorage 171. The main engines are out of commission. Secured fires under No. 2 boiler. 1809 Main engine back in commission. Lit fires under No. 2 boiler. 1954 Underway for night steaming. 2047 Made various speed changes and fishtailed with standard and full rudder to test the main engine.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	20	Underway, San Diego Operating Area Anchored, Coronado Roads Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Steaming independently from anchorage 171, Coronado Roads, California, to San Diego local operation area MM 16. Speed 12 knots. 0510 Commenced testing main reduction gears. 0530 Lying at berth 170, Coronado Roads. 0603 Adjusted speed to 1/3, commenced approaching entrance to San Diego Harbor. 0645 Anchored in berth 212, San Diego Bay, for FLTRAGRU observer exchange. 0655 Underway, steering various courses and speeds while departing harbor. 0719 Passed buoy 5 abeam to starboard, commenced using international rules of the road. 0811 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 0819 All general quarters stations manned and ready, condition ZEBRA set. 0820 to 0934 Commenced practice battle problem. 1014 to 1132 Exercised at AA gunnery exercises. Expended 20 rounds of VT non-frag 3"50 and 95 rounds of 40mm HET. 1141 Secured from general quarters. 1430 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1437 All stations manned and ready, condition ZEBRA set throughout the ship. 1448 Conducted damage control exercises. 1530 Commenced anti-aircraft firing exercise. 1637 Secured from general quarters. Ammunition expenditure: 24 rounds of 3"50 VT frag, 11 rounds of 40mm HET, and 2 rounds of BL&T.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1963	August	21	Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Steaming independently in San Diego local op-area II-1, speed 8 knots. 0330 Adjusted speed to 10 knots. 0624 to 0854 Exercised at replenishment detail, for light freight transfer, highline, and refueling, with the USS Taluga (AO 62) to port. Received 59,388 gallons NSFO. 0911 Adjusted speed to 15 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, Coronado Roads	0933 Exercised crew at general quarters. 1024 Exercised crew at abandon ship drill. 1100 Secured from general quarters.	
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	1112 to 1136 Exercised crew at man overboard drill. 1315 to 1629 Exercised at anti-aircraft gunnery exercise. Ammunition expended: 13 rounds of 5"/38 VT non-frag, 13 rounds of 5"/38 non-flash powder, 51 rounds of 3"/50 VT non-frag, 16 rounds of AA common, 180 rounds of 40mm HET.	
			Moored, San Diego	1631 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1754 Anchored in anchorage 170, Coronado Roads. 1755 Underway for San Diego Harbor. 1842 Moored to buoys 9 and 10 with 10.	
1963	August	22	Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0645 Fire in charging outlet circuit #4 on battery charging circuit, starboard side 02 deck. 0650 Fire extinguished. 0705 Fleet Training Group, San Diego, came aboard to conduct battle problem. 0730 Underway, speed 5 knots.	
			Anchored, San Diego Harbor	0804 Exercised crew at general quarters; commenced Fleet Training Group final battle problem. 1000 Secured from general quarters. 1012 Commenced approach to San Diego Harbor, maneuvering at various courses and speeds.	
			Underway, San Diego Harbor	1039 Anchored in anchorage 212, San Diego, California. 1147 Fleet Training Group Commander departed the ship, hauled down his pennant. Underway clearing San Diego Harbor.	
			Moored, San Diego Harbor	1344 to 1621 Exercised at towing exercise with the USS Montrose. 1853 Moored to buoys No. 9 and 10, San Diego.	
1963	August	23		0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 9 and 10, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
				0745 Set condition 1A.	
			Moored, San Diego	0835 Away all designated boats. 1005 Commenced hoisting all boats.	
			Underway, San Diego Operating Area	1044 All boats aboard, secured from condition 1A. 1140 Underway for local op-area II-9. 1515 Commenced AA gunnery exercise.	
			Moored, San Diego Harbor	1625 Steered various courses and speeds for gunnery exercise Z-3-G. 1642 Secured from AA gunnery exercise Z-3-G; expended 222 rounds of 40mm HET, 36 rounds of 3"50 VT-frag, and 16 rounds of 5"38 VT-frag. 1645 Secured from general quarters. 1659 Increased speed to 16 knots, steaming for San Diego Harbor. 2004 Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor.	

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1963	August	24 - 25	Moored, San Diego	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor. 0900 Shifted berths to Pier 4, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	26	Moored, San Diego	1429 Commenced testing jumbo boom on #5 hatch. Static test of 134,400 pounds held for 10 minutes. Dynamic test of 100,800 pounds for 10 minutes. Working load test of 67,200 pounds for 14 minutes. 1450 Commenced loading dummy cargo into #2 and #3 holds. 1525 Testing of jumbo boom on #5 hatch completed. All tests satisfactorily performed. 1732 Shifted berths to buoys 50 and 51.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	27	Moored, San Diego Underway for Coronado Roads Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego. 0645 Set condition 1A. 0711 Away all boats. 0906 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1032 Secured from condition 1A. 1057 Underway en route to anchorage on the right flank of LOD, boat lane 5, Coronado Roads 1245 Anchored on the right sector of LOD, boat lane 5, Coronado Roads. 1432 Set condition 1A. 1452 Away all boats, commenced training exercises. 2030 Secured from condition 1A. All boats on board.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	28	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored on the right flank of Line of Departure, Boat Lane 5, Coronado Roads. 0700 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0715 Away all boats. Commenced exercising at amphibious drills. 1342 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa and amphibious drills. 1600 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 1615 Lowered all designated boats to the rail. 1625 Away all boats. 1815 Commenced hoisting all designated boats. 1845 Secured from condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	29	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored on the right flank of Line of Departure, Boat Lane 5, Coronado Roads. 0730 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0744 Away all boats. Commenced exercising at landing and cargo handling drills. 1845 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. All boats aboard.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries

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1963	August	30	Anchored, Coronado Roads Underway for Coronado Roads Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored on the right flank of Line of Departure, Boat Lane 5, Coronado Roads. 0815 Set condition 1-Alfa. Commenced amphibious landing exercises. 1214 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa and landing exercises. 1237 Underway. 1456 Moored to buoys 50 and 51.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	August	31	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, August 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	1 - 2	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	3	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway for Coronado Roads Anchored, Coronado Roads	Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Bay. 0934 Underway to Coronado Roads anchorage at the Line of Departure on the right flank of boat lane five. 1103 Anchored, right flank of boat lane five. 1315 Exercised the crew at 1A stations. 1330 Away all boats. 1546 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1625 Secured from condition 1A. 1830 Exercised the crew at condition 1A. 1846 Away all boats. 2101 Ship to shore movement exercise completed. 2105 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 2210 Completed hoisting boats aboard. 2216 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. Lighted ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	4	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored on right flank of boat lane five. 0340 Set thunderstorm condition 1 measure C. 0940 Set condition 1-Alfa. 1101 Away all boats. Commenced landing exercises. 1130 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1220 Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 1321 Set condition 1-Alfa. 1341 Commenced ship to shore movement, beaching and retracting and assisting beaching exercises. 1540 Exercised completed. 1545 Commenced hoisting boats. 1705 Completed hoisting boats aboard. 1710 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. 1830 Set Condition 1-Alfa. Exercised the crew at night boat handling and boat control drills. 2105 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 2240 Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 2310 Completed hoisting all boats.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries

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1963	September	5	Anchored, Coronado Roads Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Anchored on the Line of Departure, right flank of boat lane 5, Coronado Roads. 0220 Darkened ship. 0243 Exercised the crew at condition 1-Alfa. 0300 Away all boats. Exercised at landing drills. 0625 Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 0935 LCU 1484 made up to starboard side forward to take off cargo. 1140 LCU 1484 Under way from Starboard side. 1930 Anchor aweigh. Underway to conduct tactical maneuvers with USS Paul Revere, USS Skagit, and USS Monticello in local operating area. 2030 Formation commenced tactical exercises. 2204 Completed tactical exercises.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	6	Underway, San Diego Operating Area Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming in column formation. 0134 Commenced approach to anchorage at Coronado Roads. 0157 Anchored. 0230 Commenced amphibious ship to shore movement exercises. 0303 Away all boats. 0715 All boats aboard. Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 0720 Commander, Amphibious Operational Training Unit came aboard. 0746 Anchor aweigh. Underway for buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Harbor. 0905 Moored to buoys 50 and 51.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	7 - 17	Moored, San Diego Bay - Multiple locations	September 7th - 8th: Moored to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego Bay. September 9th: Shifted berths to Pier 12, National Steel and Ship Building Company, San Diego. September 13th: Shifted berths to Pier 4, Berth 5, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. September 16th: 1415 Commenced loading vehicles for Operation Merit Badge. September 17th: 0900 to 1120 Loaded #1 cargo hatch.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries

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Exercise Merit Badge, Camp Pendleton - Phases 1 and 2					
1963	September	16-23	San Diego, San Clemente Island, and Camp Pendleton	<p>1) "The Calvert commenced her participation in Operation Merit Badge, an Amphibious exercise held off Camp Pendleton, California. Navy Task Force Twelve landed the Thirteen Marine Expeditionary Force on the 23rd of September using a combined sea-air assault with COMPHIBRON 5 directing the landing portion of the exercise.</p> <p>2) "Marines embarked on Sept. 16 at San Diego and Camp Del Mar. The landing force Marines were comprised of the 7th Regimental Landing Team, Landing Force Artillery and the First Service Battalion.</p> <p>Units from Force Troops, Twentynine Palms: 1st 155 guns commanded by Capt. R. M. Cooper moved out from their Hi-Desert Base to the coast and boarded the USS Calvert, USS Stone County, and the USS Tioga.</p> <p>With the ships loaded the Task Force set to sea to conduct anti-submarine warfare exercises and a bombardment of San Clemente Island before the actual assault."</p>	<p>1) Cullen, Page 31; 1b) Calversion, Vol 41, P 6 - Captain David A. Merrill, USN</p> <p>2) <u>Exercise "Merit Badge"</u>, Observation Post, September 27, 1962, by Staff Sgt. Bill Rich</p>
1963	September	16	San Diego, San Clemente Island, and Camp Pendleton	<p>"Camp Pendleton - A majority of the 13,000 Marines involved in the amphibious exercise "Merit Badge" will board troopships in San Diego Wednesday (18th). A three-day operation loading heavy equipment such as tanks will begin today in Camp Del Mar boat basin for the biggest Navy-Marine maneuvers on the Pacific Coast this fall. Twenty-two warships of the US 1st Fleet will participate in the 10-day exercise, today through Sept 26.</p> <p>Navy maneuvers including antisubmarine warfare, and a landing rehearsal at San Clemente Island will precede an assault across the Camp Pendleton beaches Sept 23. Troops will land by amphibious craft and helicopters.</p> <p>The force approximates the size of the task force ordered last October to the Caribbean to support the Cuban blockade. ... Ships include the Attack Transport Calvert (APA-32) and Paul Revere (APA-248) and Magoffin (APA-199) ..."</p>	<p><u>Leave Wednesday. Marines Slated For Maneuvers.</u> San Diego Union. Monday, September 16, 1963. San Diego, CA. P25.</p>
1963	September	18	Moored, San Diego Harbor	<p>0000 Moored as before.</p> <p>1020 200 Marines embarked for Operation Merit Badge.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries

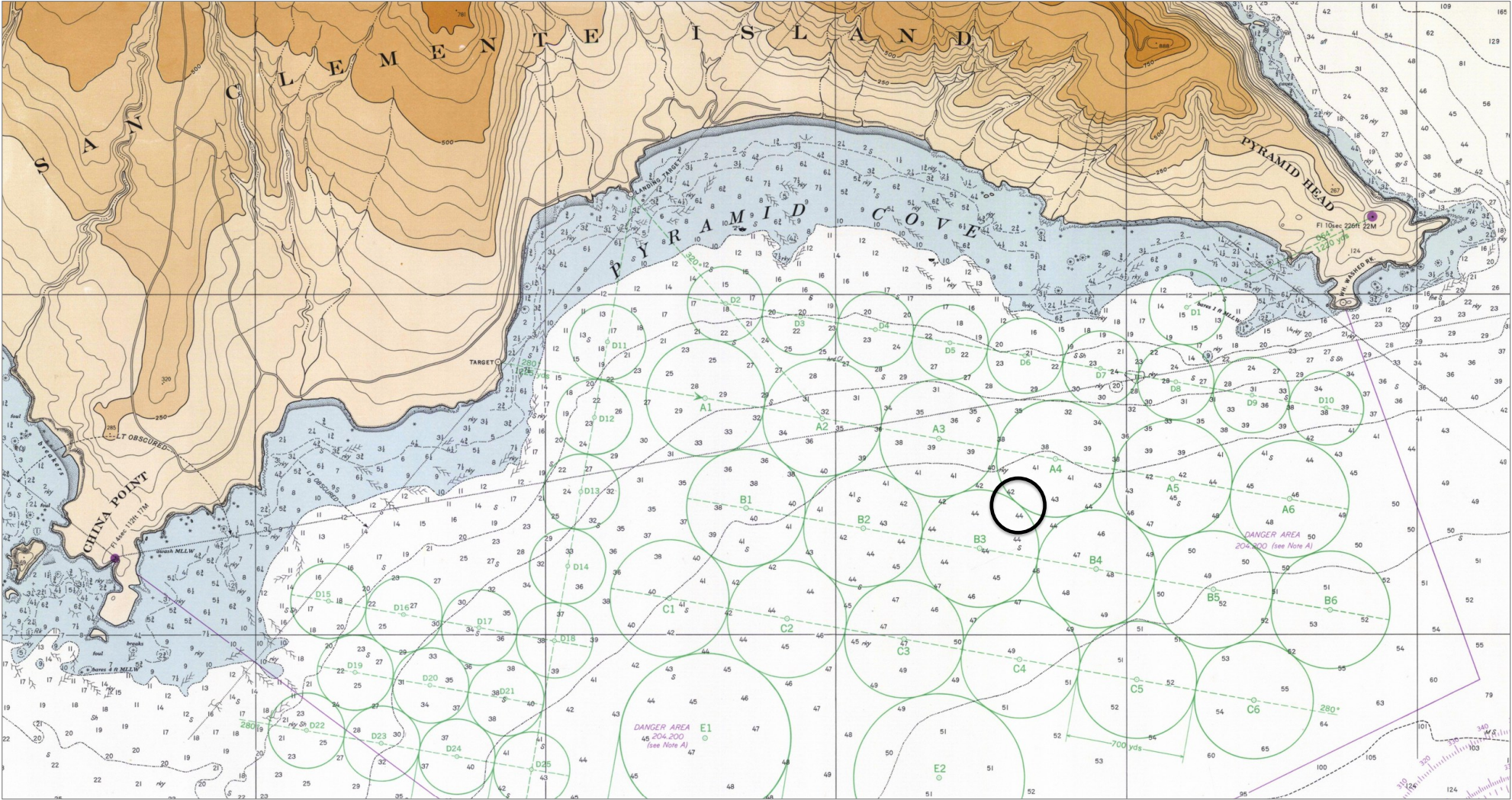
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1963	September	19	Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored starboard side to pier 4, berth 5, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. 0530 Lit fires under No. 1 boiler. 0746 Underway, enroute to conduct operation Merit Badge. 0907 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 0923 Took departure from San Diego with Amphibious Task Force Twelve for operation Merit Badge. 0945 - 1043 Exercised at sinuous course. Proceeded to maneuver with task force during opposed sortie. 1111 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
			Underway for San Clemente Island	1345 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1355 Commenced abandon ship drill. 1410 Secured from general quarters. 1455 USS Coontz commenced approach on starboard side for underway replenishment exercise and highline exercise. 1556 All lines clear of USS Coontz. 1912 Darken ship.	
1963	September	20	Underway for San Clemente Island	0000 Steaming in task unit 12.3.1 of task force 12. Speed 5 knots. Ships present are USS Estes, USS Paul Revere, USS Seminole, USS Skagit, USS Magoffin, USS Monticello. USS Coontz (DLG 9) and USS Robinson (DDG 12) screening units. The ship is in condition of readiness III, with gun mounts 41 and 42 manned, material condition Yoke and darken ship (modified) are set. 0303 Changed speed to 14 knots. 0320 EMCON condition 8 is in effect. 0945 - 1145 Exercised at formation tactics. 1249 Ship is under simulated air attack. Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1336 Secured from General Quarters. 1607 Exercised at Tactical Drills.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	21	Underway for San Clemente Island Anchored, San Clemente Island Underway off San Clemente Island	0000 Steaming in task unit 12.3.1 in formation 51C. Formation speed 10 knots. Ship is in condition of readiness III with darken ship except for navigational lights, with material condition Yoke set throughout the ship. Gun mounts No. 41 and 42 are manned. 0400 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 0421 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0537 Let go starboard anchor. Anchored on the intersecting tangents of Anchorage A-4 and B-3 San Clemente Island. 0540 Away all boats. 0600 Commenced rehearsal boat operations for operation Merit Badge. 1222 All boats are on board. Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 1255 Underway, enroute to firing exercise area off San Clemente Island. 1535 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1620 Commenced firing starboard conducting shore bombardment exercise in the vicinity of China Point, San Clemente Island. 1626 Ceased fire. Expended 31 rounds 3"50 AAC, 15 rounds 5"38 AAC and 15 rounds 5"38 non-flashless powder. 80 rounds of 40MM HET ammunition. 1634 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries

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Approximate location of the Calvert's anchorage, indicated by black circle.

Extract of Pyramid Cove and Approaches, Chart #5117
1:15,000 scale. Soundings in Fathoms.
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1966

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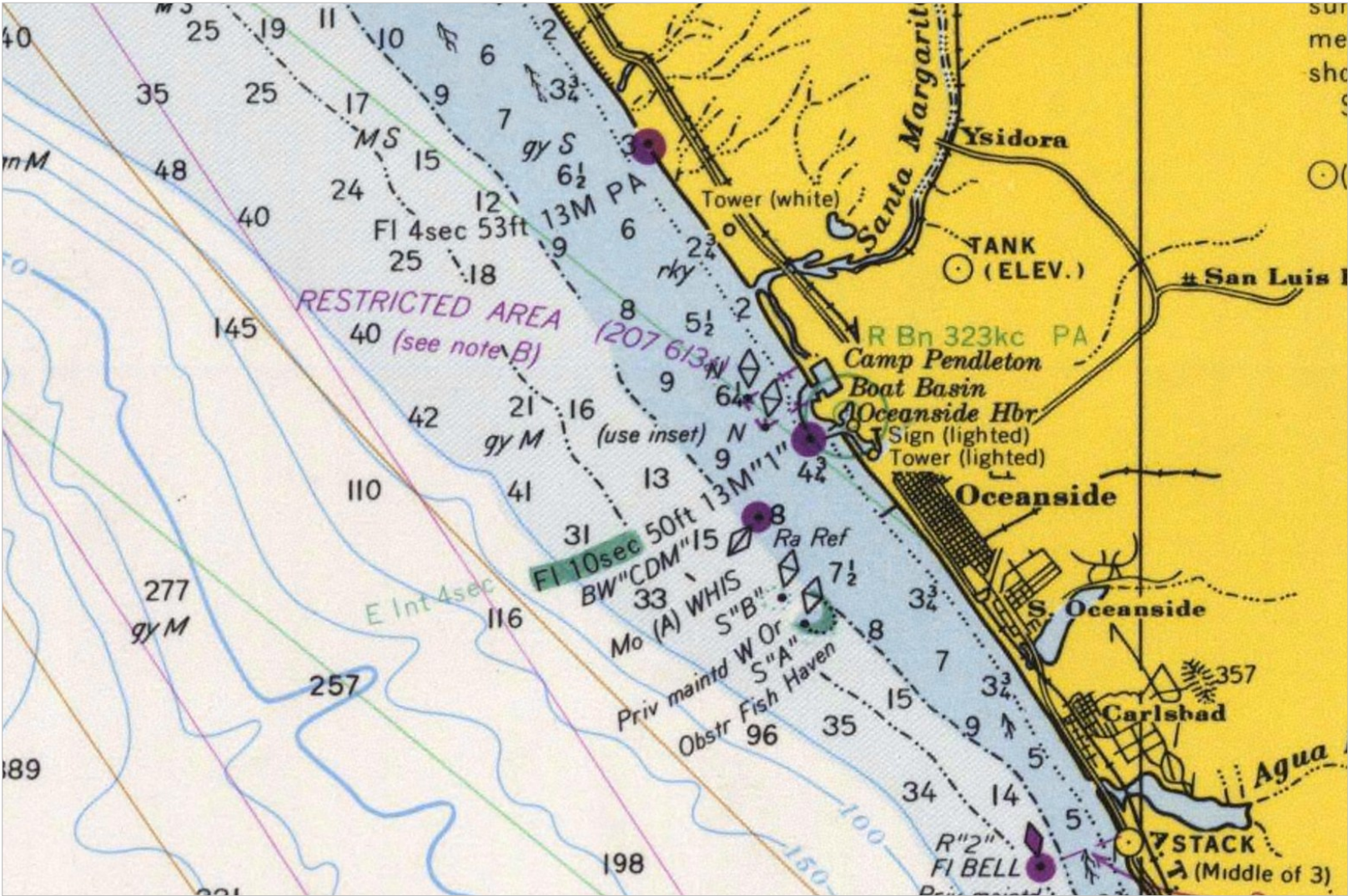
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1963	September	22	Underway off San Clemente Island	0000 Steaming in task unit 12.3.1 in formation 51C. Formation speed 5 knots. Gun mounts No. 41 and 42 manned.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, San Clemente Island	0559 Proceeding independently to rehearsal anchorage at San Clemente Island. 0716 Anchored: China Point Light, 268 degrees; Pyramid Cove Light, 388.2 degrees; Pyramid Head Light, 052 degrees. 1600 Underway to objective area for operation Merit Badge.	
			Underway for Camp Pendleton	2015 Set EMCON condition B. Put surface search radar in standby status. 2128 Turned on navigation lights. 2134 Turned off navigation lights.	
1963	September	23	Underway for Camp Pendleton	0000 Steaming in task unit 12.3.1 in formation 51C. Formation speed 6 knots. Gun mounts No. 41 and 42 manned. 0401 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 0448 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0525 Anchored off Camp Pendleton: Weather Station Aero Beacon Light, 114 degrees; Beach Marker Light 33 degrees, 15 minutes N; Beach Marker 33 degrees 18 minutes;	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0530 Away all boats. Commenced boat operations for D-Day landings in operation Merit Badge. 0709 Underway to shift to anchorage B-4. 0728 Anchored in B-4. Continued landing operations throughout the day and evening hours.	
1963	September	23	Camp Pendleton area	Exercise Merit Badge, Camp Pendleton - Phase 3 - Assault Landings	Exercise "Merit Badge", Observation Post, September 27, 1962, by Staff Sgt. Bill Rich
				"On Sept. 23 the 13,000 leathernecks stormed ashore in an amphibious assault. Once the landing forces had established a beachhead support equipment and reserve forces moved across the beaches.	
				Close air support was furnished by squadrons from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro coming in at speeds of hundreds of miles per hour at "tree top level" the small but mighty Douglas A4 "Skyhawk" attack jet, carried an array of weapons that raked the Aggressor positions which devastation accuracy. Had the simulated air attacks been real, with their concentrated bombs, rockets, and machine gun fire, the enemy would have realized fully the effect of Marine Close Air Support . . . a tactic that has grown from pre-World War II infancy to one of the most powerful of modern assault techniques.	
				On hand to observe the initial landings early in the morning were top ranking Naval and Marine officials."	

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Camp Pendleton Area



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San Diego to Santa Rosa Island, 1966
1:234,270 scale

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1963	September	24	Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Anchored in Anchorage B-4, Camp Pendleton. The ship is darkened with lighting condition B set. The ship is in condition 1-Alfa with all boats in the water. Continued landing operations throughout the morning and into the evening hours.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
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1963	September	25	Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Anchored in Anchorage B-4, Camp Pendleton. The ship is darkened with lighting condition B set. The ship is in condition 1-Alfa with all boats in the water. 0031 Completed all unloading with the exception of 30 ship's platoon personnel. 0230 Apprehended 2 UDT swimmers conducting sneak attack exercise.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	26	Anchored, Camp Pendleton Underway for San Diego Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Anchored in Anchorage B-4, Camp Pendleton. All anchor lights are on and burning brightly. 0615 Underway, speed 15 knots. 0709 - 0805 Refueling with the USS Estes. Received 63,336 gallons of NSFO. 0935 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 0926 - 0938 Combat Information Center operating without power. 1027 Arrived in San Diego Operating Area MM-17 Commenced gunnery exercise. 1109 Completed gunnery exercise. Expended 26 rounds of 3"50 VT fragmentation, 156 rounds of 40 HET, and 8 rounds of 40MM BL&P. 1114 - 1128 Exercised the crew at abandon ship drill. 1130 Secured from General Quarters. 1512 Moored starboard side to Pier 4, Berth 41, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	27	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored starboard side to Pier 4, Berth 41, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. Air temperature, 80 degrees F. 1000 Moved 480 rounds of 40MM ammunition from A-0101-M to the forward magazine, to be returned to original stowage as temperature permits. 1200 Air temperature, 100 degrees F. 1600 Air temperature, 104 degrees F.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	28	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Captain Edward R. Hunt, USN, relieved Captain David A. Merrill, USN, as Commanding Officer. 1) "I was relieved by Captain Edward R. Hunt in San Diego on a blistering-hot Santa-Anna day." 2) The Calvert was notified that she had received the Amphibious Assault Boat Award from COMPHIBRON FIVE. 3) 0000 Moored as before. Temperature 78 degrees F. 1000 Captain R.B. Erly, USN, COMPHIBPAC Chief Staff Officer arrived on board. Commanding officers of Amphibious Squadron Five vessels arrived on board. 1046 Captain E.R. Hunt, USN, relieved Captain D.A. Merrill, USN as Commanding Officer USS Calvert (APA-32) at ceremonies on board this ship. 1130 Captain D.A. Merrill, USN, departed ship, as did commanding officers of Amphibious Squadron Five vessels. 1200 Temperature 102 degrees F. 1300 Temperature 105 degrees F.	1) Cullen, Page 31 2) Calversion, Vol 41, P 6 - Captain David A. Merrill, USN 3) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries
1963	September	29 - 30	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, September 1963. Selected entries

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1963	October	1	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored starboard side to pier 4, berth 1, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. Engineering plant is in a cold iron status. The ship is in condition of readiness V with material condition Yoke (modified) set throughout the ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
				Moored as before.	
1963	October	2	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	1300 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 1522 Cut steam into number 3 D.C. generator. 1604 Shifted from shore to ships A.C power, No. 1 A.C. motor generator supplying A.C. power. 1800 Energized master gyro. 2100 Yard workers disconnected steam, air, and electrical lines from pier.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
				0000 Moored as before.	
1963	October	3	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego Underway for Coronado Roads Anchored, Coronado Roads	0445 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0717 Underway, enroute to anchorage 152, Coronado Roads. 0823 Set condition 1A. 0852 Anchored, anchorage 152, Coronado Roads. 0856 Away all designated boats. 0858 Secured No. 1 boiler. 1100 Commenced conducting COMPHIBPAC Type "B" Training for 250 Marine personnel. 1445 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 1610 Commenced hoisting boats. 1714 Underway. 1831 Anchored, anchorage 152, Coronado Roads. 1842 Engaged jacking gear. Secured steering engines. Let fires die under No. 1 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	4	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored, anchorage 152, Coronado Roads. 0700 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 0710 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0730 Away all boats. 1005 All boats aboard. 1010 Underway. 1137 Moored fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51. 1203 Let fires die under No. 1 boiler. Engaged jacking gear. 2230 to 2250 Exercised Branding Iron CPX.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	5	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored as before. 0815 to 1035 Captain's inspection of personnel, berthing, and messing spaces.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	6	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries

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1963	October	7	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored as before, fore and aft to buoys 50 and 51. 0417 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0920 Underway for local operating area SS-4. 1058 Lost lube oil pressure. Locked the shaft. Hoisted five flag and two black balls. 1106 Casualty is restored. A/E/A 1/3 hauled down five flag and two black balls. 1113 A/E/A standard. 1232 Exercised the crew at general quarters. 1242 Maneuvering to take station on sled towed by USS Apache (ATF 67) for surface gunnery shoot.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
			Underway, San Diego Local Operating Area	1300 Commenced Z-27-G Surface Gunnery Shoot. 1318 Commenced firing to starboard. 1341 Ceased firing. Completed gunnery exercise having fired 18 APT rounds of 3"50, 6 target rounds of 5"38 and 6 rounds of 5"38 non-flashless powder. 1353 Abandon ship drill. 1408 Remanned all general quarters stations. 1412 Secured from general quarters. 1553 Commenced assisting USS Ronquil in calibration of ECM equipment. 2023 to 2044 Sighted a satellite the size of Jupiter bearing 170 degrees altitude 20 degrees traveling on a southwest course.	
1963	October	8	Underway, San Diego Local Operating Area	0000 Steaming with the USS Ronquil (SS-396) and the USS Laws (DD-558) in Operating Area SS-9. 1014 Fire reported on mess decks in ship's soda fountain. Sounded General Quarters. 1016 Fire extinguished. Fire caused by overheating fan belt on ice cream machine. 1021 Secured from General Quarters. 1126 Arrived on station, standing by to commence Target Ship Exercise with USS Ronquil, USS Laws and TR-2 assisting.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
			Anchored, Coronado Roads	1201 Maneuvering at various courses and speeds while acting as target ship for USS Ronquil. 1405 Sighted torpedo wake bearing 320 degrees relative. Left full rudder. 1406 Rudder amidships. 1407 Torpedo passed under the bridge. 1430 Completed Submarine target exercise. 1714 Anchored anchorage 172, Coronado Roads, left flank boat lane 5.	
1963	October	9	Anchored, Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored in anchorage 172, Coronado Roads. 0650 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 0703 Set condition 1 Alfa. 0725 All boats away. Commenced boat seamanship, Control and Beaching Exercises. 1305 Secured from condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries

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1963	October	10	Anchored, Coronado Roads Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored in Anchorage No. 172, right flank of boat lane No.5. 0730 Away all boats commenced boat seamanship, control and beaching exercises. 1130 All boats on board secured from condition 1-Alfa. 1305 Underway, enroute to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego. 1435 Moored to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	11	Moored, San Diego Harbor Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored to buoys 50 and 51, San Diego. 1630 Underway enroute to Pier 1, Berth 5, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. 1649 Moored starboard side to USS Magoffin, Pier 1, Berth 5, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	12	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0000 Moored starboard side to USS Magoffin, pier 1 berth 5 U.S. Naval Station, San Diego. 0930 to 1030 Commanding Officer's personnel inspection, messing and berthing inspections.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	13	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before. 0637 Received tidal wave message. Made all preparations for heavy weather. 0935 Secured from heavy weather.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	14	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	15	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before. 1000 PHIBPAC Force Medical Officer arrived on board for inspection of Calvert. 1037 Received 47 L.F.T.U students on board for familiarization instruction. 1259 Students departed the ship. 1355 Force Medical Officer departed the ship. 1824 Let fires die under boiler number 2. 1852 Secured steam stops on number 2 boiler. Receiving steam from the pier.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	16 - 27	Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries

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1963	October	28		0000 Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
			Moored, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	0630 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0850 Underway, enroute to Coronado Roads for precision anchorage exercise. 1000 to 1003 Exercised at degaussing run.	
			Underway, vicinity of San Diego	1019 to 1109 Exercised at precision anchoring exercise. 1314 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1335 to 1403 Exercised at gunnery exercise.	
			Moored, Coronado Roads	1412 Secured from General Quarters. 1927 Commenced maneuvering to proceed to anchorage 148, using only recommendations from CIC in compliance with the provisions for precision anchoring drill. 2002 Anchored in anchorage 148.	

Anchorage 148, Coronado Roads indicated by black circle.

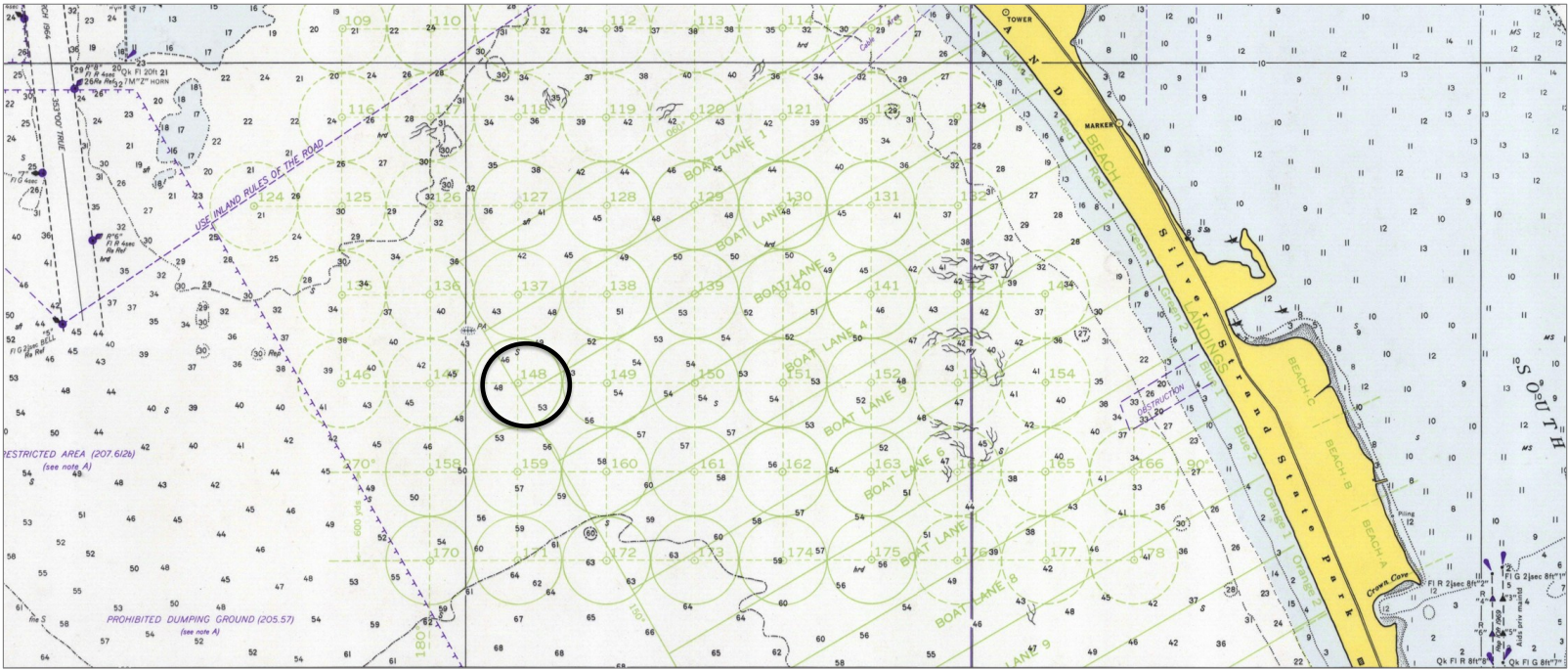


Chart of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches. Coronado Roads, Silver Strand, San Diego, CA.

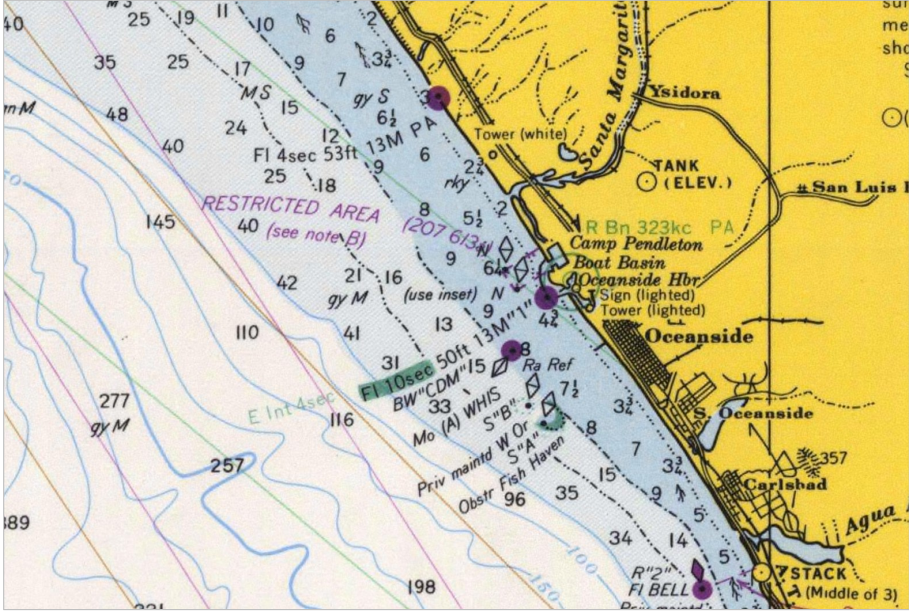
Extract of: San Diego Bay, #5107.
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Editor's note: Presumed to represent the general location of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches of earlier decades.

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1963	October	29	Moored, Coronado Roads Underway, vicinity of San Diego	0000 Anchored as before. 0445 Fog reduced visibility to 1/2 mile. Commenced sounding fog signals. 0755 Visibility increased to over 2 miles. Ceased sounding fog signals. 0825 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0840 Away all boats, commenced assault boat exercises. 1515 All boats aboard. 1205 Underway for full power runs. 1206 Secured from 1-Alfa. 1245 Commenced engineering casualty drills. 1327 Secured from engineering casualty drills. 1500 Commenced full power run. 1900 Completed full power run. Changed speed to 15 knots. 2030 Commenced engineering economy run.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	30	Underway, vicinity of San Diego Moored, Coronado Roads	0000 Steaming independently, conducting engineering economy run. Speed 12 knots. Enroute to anchorage 148, Coronado Roads. 0709 Anchored left flank beach lane 2. 0732 Set condition 1 Alfa. 0747 Away all boats. Commenced assault boat exercises. 1114 All boats aboard. 1118 Underway, set speed 15 knots. 1145 Set speed 16 knots. 1425 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1445 Commenced antiaircraft gunnery exercise for award. 1518 Completed gunnery exercise. Ammunition expended: 6 rounds BL&T and 200 rounds of HET cartridges with no casualties. 1525 Secured from General Quarters. 1851 Anchored in anchorage 148, Coronado Roads. Placed engineering plant on 4 hour notice to get underway.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	October	31	Moored, Coronado Roads Underway, vicinity of San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored, anchorage 148, Coronado Roads. 0710 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 0720 Set condition 1-Alfa. 0737 Away all boats. 0752 All boats in the water. Commenced amphibious assault exercise for award. 1020 Underway enroute to local operations area SS4. 1702 Moored fore and aft to buoys 42 and 43, San Diego.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, October 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	1 - 3	Moored, San Diego Harbor	Moored fore and aft to buoys 42 and 43, San Diego. Boiler No. 1 and No. 2 and No. 3 D.C. and No. 1 A.C. generators are on the line providing ship's power. The ship is in condition of readiness V with Material Condition Yoke (modified) set. November 1st: 1010 to 1130 Received 63,840 gallons of NSFO. November 2nd: 0845 to 1125 COMPHIBRON V and Staff arrived aboard for a surprise personnel and material inspection.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

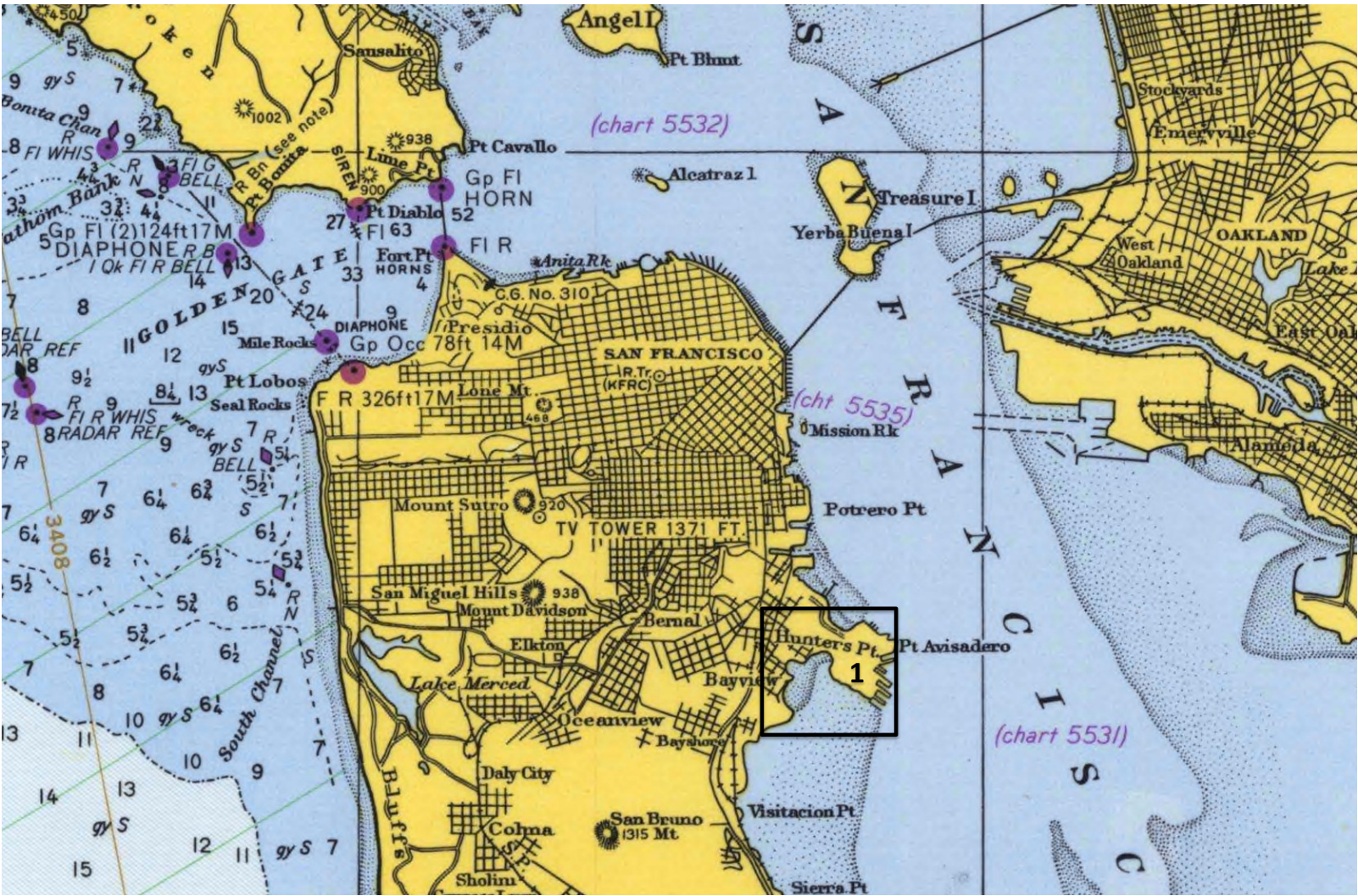
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1963	November	4 - 15	San Diego, Camp Pendleton, and San Francisco	1) The Calvert sailed on November 4th for independent operations and a visit to the city of San Francisco.	1) Cullen, Page 31
				2) "A two-week amphibious training exercise off the coast of Southern California will begin tomorrow (4th) for 10 ships of Amphibious Squadron 5 ... The ships are scheduled to begin leaving San Diego Naval Station at 8am. ... The exercises include amphibious landing by Marines from Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms. When the exercise is completed the squadron will visit San Francisco to take part in celebrations of the Marine Corps 188th anniversary Nov 10. and Veteran's Day Nov 11. The Squadron is scheduled to return to San Diego Nov. 15."	2) Amphibious Unit Plans Two-Week Exercises San Diego Union. Friday, Nov 1, 1963
1963	November	4	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway to Camp Pendleton Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys 42 and 43, San Diego. Boiler No. 1 and No. 2 and No. 3 D.C. and No. 1 A.C. generators are on the line providing ship's power. The ship is in condition of readiness V with Material Condition Yoke (modified) set. 0530 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0840 Underway for Camp Del Mar, Anchorage B-3. 0942 Set speed 10 knots. 0953 Entered swept channel of simulated minefield. 1013 Cleared swept channel. Commenced maneuvering at various courses to effect a broad wave. In formation with the following ships: USS Seminole, USS Fort Marion, USS Montrose, USS Skagit, USS Magoffin, USS Oak Hill, USS Catamount, USS Floyd County, USS Monticello, USS Molala, USS Paul Revere (guide). 1204 Maneuvering to carry out broad weave. 1212 Completed exercise SORTIE. 1445 Exercised column open order. 1502 Ships ordered to proceed independently to assigned anchorages. 1550 Anchored at anchorage B-3 off Camp Joseph H. Pendleton Naval Reservation on the following bearings: Squat Tank, 047; Aero Beacon, 019; 3 Gas Tanks, 060; Light, 338; Pier, 118.5.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

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			Camp Pendleton area		<p>Extract of: Extract of: U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map #5101 San Diego to Santa Rosa Island, 1966 1:234,270 scale</p> <p>Original online: https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/ima ge.php?filename=5101-1-1966 </p>
1963	November	5	<p>Anchored, Camp Pendleton</p> <p>Underway off Camp Pendleton</p>	<p>0000 Anchored as before, Anchorage B-3 off Camp Joseph H. Pendleton Naval Reservation.</p> <p>0900 Commenced embarking Marines.</p> <p>1100 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.</p> <p>1105 Completed embarking 600 Marines of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division, USMC for amphibious assault exercises.</p> <p>1358 Underway enroute to local operating areas.</p> <p>1432 Exercised the crew at General Quarters and Abandon Ship exercises.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	6	<p>Underway off Camp Pendleton</p> <p>Anchored, Camp Pendleton</p>	<p>0000 Steaming as before, formation speed 7 knots. EMCON is in effect and the radars are in standby. The ship is in condition of readiness IV with material condition Yoke set.</p> <p>0500 All ships detached to proceed independently to assigned anchorages.</p> <p>0536 All stop. Anchored.</p> <p>0538 Set Condition 1-A. Commenced ship-to-shore movement.</p> <p>0925 Commenced loading of boats.</p> <p>1000 All embarked troops have left the ship.</p> <p>1128 All boats aboard secured from Condition 1-Alfa.</p> <p>1200 Underway for Red Beach.</p> <p>1241 Anchored at Red Beach.</p> <p>1301 Let fires die under No. 1 boiler. Secured port steering engine.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

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1963	November	6-7	San Francisco	<p>1) "... The San Diego-based group, Amphib Group Five, has been practicing assault landings carrying Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force Pacific on the beach at Camp Pendleton, Calif."</p> <p>2) "... the exercise was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of ships and units in amphibious warfare operations. Amphibious Squadron Five included ten of the ships, and led the training exercise."</p>	<p>1) 10 Warships Arrive in SF The Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, CA), Nov 10, 1963, Sunday</p> <p>2) Samuel Parker On USS Calvert The Call-Leader (Elwood, IN), Nov 21, 1963. p6. Samuel G. Parker, Electrician's Mate 3rd Class</p>
1963	November	7	<p>Anchored, Camp Pendleton</p> <p>Underway for San Francisco</p>	<p>0000 Anchored in Anchorage C-2, Camp Pendleton Naval Reservation. Ship is in condition of readiness V with material condition Yoke (modified) set.</p> <p>0830 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.</p> <p>0959 Underway, enroute to San Francisco.</p> <p>1000 A class C fire is reported on the O2 level port side. Fire reported to be a battery charger. Exercised the crew at General Quarters.</p> <p>1002 Fire is out; Secured from General Quarters.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	8	Underway for San Francisco	<p>0000 Steaming in company with Task Group 53.6, enroute to San Francisco. Formation speed 12 knots.</p> <p>1658 Fire in the ships store, set General Quarters.</p> <p>1705 Fire reported out. Electrical unit for refrigerating soft drinks was area of fire. Local damage to the unit only. Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>2010 Magoffin and Monticello departed the formation to act as target ship for radar tracking exercise.</p> <p>2334 CIC secured from radar tracking exercise.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	9	San Francisco	<p>"Amphibious Squadron Five will arrive here at 1pm tomorrow (9th) to help celebrate the Marine Corps 188th birthday on Sunday.</p> <p>The ships will enter the Bay in line, with the flagship Paul Revere in the lead. Squadron commander Captain J.A. Bogley is aboard the Revere, which will berth at Pier 46. The Navy's newest amphibious assault vessel, the Monticello, will berth at Pier 43, Fisherman's wharf. Both she and the Paul Revere will hold open house tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday afternoons. Other vessels in the squadron will not be open to the public inspection."</p>	<p>10 Navy Ships Due Here San Francisco Chronicle, Saturday November 8, 1963, San Francisco, CA, p13</p> <p>Note: Saturday, Nov 9th to Tuesday, Nov 12th</p>
1963	November	9	<p>Underway for San Francisco</p> <p>Moored, San Francisco Naval Station, Hunters Point</p>	<p>0000 Steaming as before. Formation speed 12 knots.</p> <p>1007 Maneuvering to enter San Francisco Bay.</p> <p>1620 Moored port side to berth 7, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point, San Francisco.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

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Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, indicated by box



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Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco - Berths #7 indicated by blue rectangle.



Extract of: Metal Map of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco - circa 1960s

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1963	November	9	San Francisco	<p>"Ten warships of Navy Amphibious Squadron Five felt their way carefully through a fog blanket and past scores of small boats to berth in San Francisco yesterday (9th) for the weekend. The ships were delayed 90 minutes in docking by a fog layer that hung over the Golden Gate. Their progress was also slowed by numerous small boats moving in and out of the fog area, the Navy reported.</p> <p>Some of the 3,395 officers and men with the squadron will participate in ceremonies marking the Marine Corps 188th birthday today. They also take part in Veteran Day activities."</p>	<p>Warships Fight Fog, Arrive Here San Francisco Chronicle, Sunday November 10, 1963, San Francisco, CA, p7</p>
1963	November	10 - 11	Moored, San Francisco Naval Station, Hunters Point	<p>Moored as before, Berth 7, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.</p> <p>November 11th: Observed one minute of silence in honor of Veterans Day.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	12	<p>Moored, San Francisco Naval Station, Hunters Point</p> <p>Underway for San Diego</p>	<p>0000 Moored as before.</p> <p>0630 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler.</p> <p>0745 Quarters for muster and inspection.</p> <p>0929 Underway for San Diego.</p> <p>1115 Formation 51 was executed. Set speed 14 knots.</p> <p>1300 to 1525 Exercised at two highline transfers with the USS Montrose.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	13	Underway for San Diego	<p>0000 Steaming as before, in formation with Task Unit 53.6.2. Formation speed 12 knots.</p> <p>0011 to 0156 Exercised at radar tracking exercise.</p> <p>0800 to 0905 Exercised at tactical convoy exercise.</p> <p>0905 to 1200 Exercised at replenishment detail and highline with the USS Pictor (AF 54).</p> <p>1500 to 1606 Exercised at refueling with USS Kennebec (AO 36).</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	14	<p>Underway for San Diego</p> <p>Anchored, Coronado Roads</p>	<p>0000 Steaming as before, in formation with Task Unit 53.6.2. Formation speed 12 knots.</p> <p>1010 Proceeding independently to assigned anchorage.</p> <p>1046 All Stop.</p> <p>1051 A/B 2/3 Let go port anchor. Ship is anchored right flank of boat lane 3, Coronado Roads.</p> <p>1055 Let fires die under No. 2. boiler.</p> <p>1300 Set Condition 1-A.</p> <p>1306 Lowered all boats to the rail.</p> <p>1308 Away all designated boats.</p> <p>1315 Debarked the Ship's Landing Party.</p> <p>1707 Commenced hoisting all boats, Ships Landing Party on board.</p> <p>1807 Secured from 1-A.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

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1963	November	15 - 17	Anchored, Coronado Roads Underway for San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored right flank of beach lane 3, Coronado Roads. Ships present include all ships of Amphibious Squadron Five. 0715 Set condition 1-A. 0723 Away all boats. 0900 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 1015 Commenced hoisting boats. 1119 Heaved in the anchor and underway for San Diego Bay. 1137 Secured from condition 1-Alfa. 1318 Moored fore and aft to buoy 42 and 43 in San Diego Bay. 1505 Let fires die under No. 2 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	18	Moored, San Diego Harbor Underway to Camp Pendleton Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoy 42 and 43 in San Diego Bay. 1115 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 1324 Underway, enroute to Camp Del Mar. 1433 Set speed 15 knots. 1724 Anchored off Camp Del Mar.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	19	Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Anchored as before, off Camp Del Mar. 0715 Set Condition 1-Alfa. 0800 Commenced wet net training. 1600 Completed wet net training. 1610 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	20	Anchored, Camp Pendleton	0000 Anchored as before, off Camp Del Mar. 0705 Set condition 1-Alfa. 1201 Commenced hoisting all boats. 1320 All boats aboard. 1328 Secured from Condition 1-A. 1500 Completed cleaning firesides on number one boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	November	21	Anchored, Camp Pendleton Underway to San Diego Moored, San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored as before, off Camp Del Mar. 0845 Underway for San Diego. 1520 Moored forward to buoy 42 and aft to buoy 43. 1540 Let fires die under No. 2 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries

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1963				The Calvert returned to San Diego for a leave period for the crew and a period of upkeep period in preparation for her forthcoming deployment to Westpac scheduled for the end of January 1964.	Cullen, Page 31
1963	November	22 - 30	Moored, San Diego Habor	<p>Moored fore and aft to buoys 42 and 43, San Diego. Boiler No. 1, and generators No. 2 and No. 3 D.C. and No. 1 A.C. are on the line providing ship's power. The ship is in condition of readiness V with Material Condition Yoke (modified) set throughout the ship. ComPhibRon FIVE is embarked this vessel.</p> <p>November 25th: Half-masted colors in memory of President John F. Kennedy.</p> <p>November 26th: PHIBRON V Staff arrived onboard for Pre-Deployment Material Inspection. COMPHIBRON V came aboard and broke his broad pennant on this vessel. Received 39,000 gallons fresh water.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1963. Selected entries
1963	December	1 - 31	Moored, San Diego Habor Moored, U.S. Naval Repair Facility, San Diego	<p>December 1st: Moored fore and aft to buoys 42 and 43, San Diego. Boiler No. 1, and generators No. 2 and No. 3 D.C. and No. 1 A.C. are on the line providing ship's power. The ship is in condition of readiness V with Material Condition Yoke (modified) set throughout the ship. ComPhibRon FIVE is embarked this vessel.</p> <p>December 2nd: Relocated to Pier 5, Berth 51, U.S. Naval Repair Facility, San Diego. Let fires die in boilers, the Engineering Plant entered a state of cold iron status.</p> <p>December 5th: Exercised the crew at rescue and assistance detail.</p> <p>December 6th: Conducted satisfactory test of general and chemical alarms and degaussing system. COMPHIBRON V shifted his broad command pennant from USS Calvert to USS Paul Revere.</p> <p>December 9th: COMPHIBRON V broke his broad command pennant aboard this vessel.</p> <p>December 13th: COMPHIBRON V shifted his broad command pennant to USS Paul Revere.</p> <p>December 18th: Daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples resulting in a report of unsatisfactory conditions due to water discovered in compartment C-304-M. Water due to a leak in the BG, 2nd Division shower drainage system. All water was removed and a temporary repair made to the drainage system.</p> <p>December 30th: 0600 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. Shifted from shore steam to ship's steam until 1350 at which time shifted to shore steam. Let fires die under No. 1 boiler. 1530 to 1545 held in-port rescue and assistance drill. 1605 to 1625 Held collision and fire drill.</p> <p>December 31st: 0625 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1963. Selected entries
End of VOLUME for the period January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963					