

## A History of the USS Calvert - Research notes for the period November 22, 1960 to July 21, 1961

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### Far East Cruise - November 22, 1960 to July 21, 1961

1) "In November the Calvert departed San Diego, with Comphibron 5 aboard and returned to San Diego in July 1961. An overview includes stops at Pearl Harbor, Yokosuka, Iwakuni and many months spent at Buckner Bay in Okinawa. Other stops included Manila, Subic Bay, Hong Kong, Chinhae Korea, and troop exercises on an island in North Borneo. Comphibron 5 left Calvert in Yokosuka in early July, transferring to the Paul Revere before Calvert got underway for the States."

2) Composition of Amphibious Squadron Five (COMPHIBRON FIVE):

APAs:

USS Calvert (APA-32), Flagship  
 USS Magoffin (APA-199)  
 USS Montrose (APA-212)  
 USS Paul Revere (APA-248)

1) Cullen, pp 26-28

2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Amphib Squadron Five" section.

AKAs:

USS Seminole (AKA-104)  
 USS Skagit (AKA-105)

LSDs: USS Oak Hill (LSD-7), USS Catamount (LSD-17), USS Fort Marion (LSD-22), USS Monticello (LSD-35).

LSTs (part of Landing Ship Squadron Five): LST-758, LST-836, LST-1073, LST-1084, LST-1148

### Primary sources for this document:

- \* 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book | Online: <https://www.usscalvert.com/crew/1960-61-far-east-cruise-book/>
- \* 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:

- \* November 1960. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/182419305>
- \* December 1960. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/218818423>
- \* January 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/172362697>
- \* February 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/172362827>
- \* March 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/172362945>
- \* April 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/172363073>
- \* May 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/174030000>
- \* June 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/174030128>
- \* July 1961. Online: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/174030252>

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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>

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#### 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.

**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.

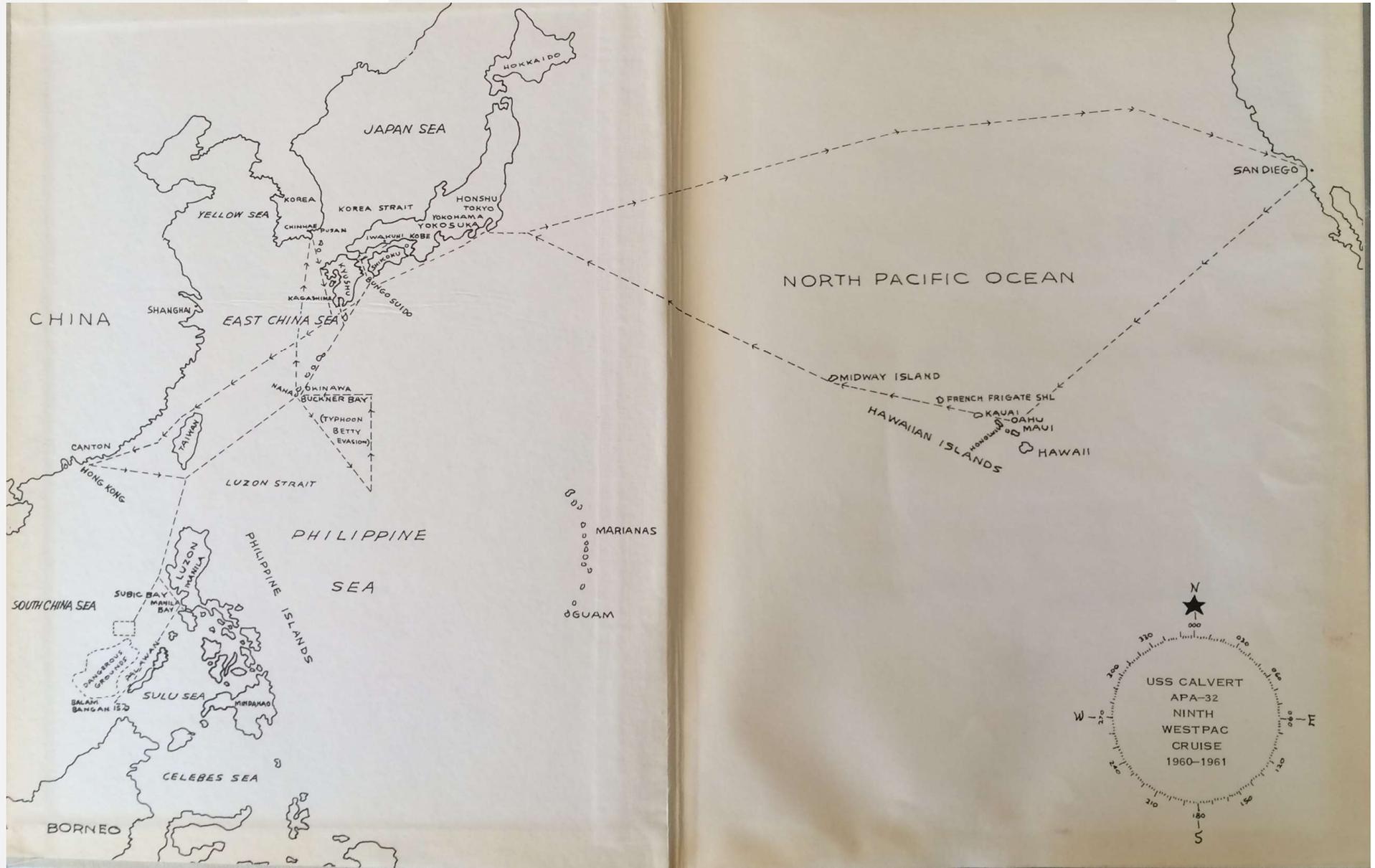
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USS Calvert WESTPAC Cruise Map: November 22, 1960 to July 31, 1963 | 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book | Full book available online: <https://www.usscalvert.com/crew/1960-61-far-east-cruise-book/>



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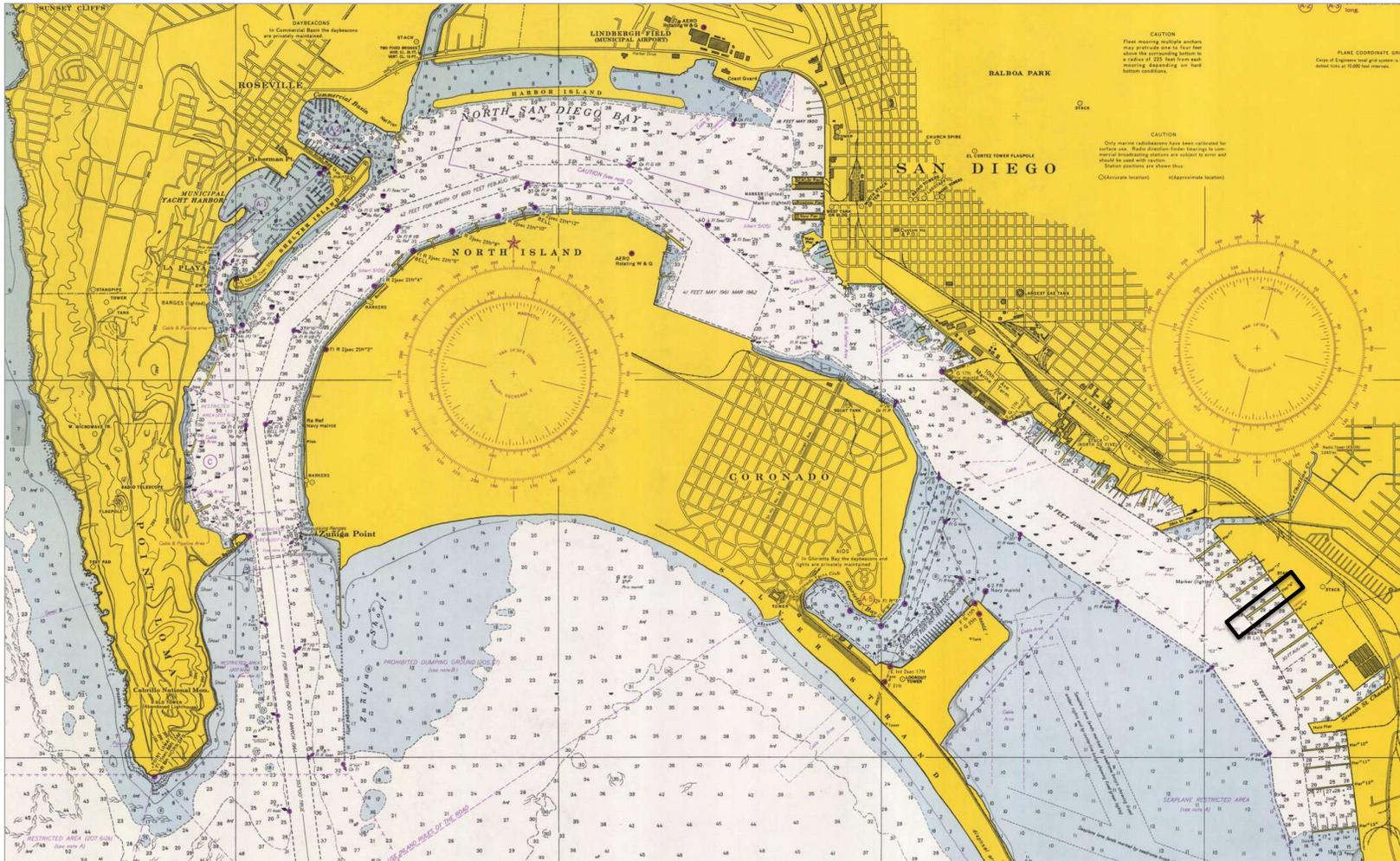
**Chronological highlights for the Calvert's Far East Cruise**

- \* Departure from the U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, for a Far East Cruise - November 22
- \* Pearl Harbor, November 29 - December 1
- \* Underway to Yokosuka, Japan - December 1 - 13
- \* Yokosuka, Japan - December 13 - 15
- \* Underway to Iwakuni, Japan - December 15 - 17
- \* Iwakuni, Japan - December 17 - 19
- \* Underway for Okinawa - December 19 - 21
- \* Buckner Bay, Okinawa - December 21 - January 24
- \* Underway for exercises off Okinawa - January 24 - 26
- \* Buckner Bay, Okinawa - January 26 - February 1
- \* Naha, Okinawa - February 1 - 3
- \* Underway to Chinhae, Korea - February 3 - 6
- \* Chinhae, Korea - February 6 - 8
- \* Amphibious exercises with ROK, Koje Do, Korea - February 8 - 10
- \* Underway for Yokosuka, Japan - February 10 - 13
- \* Yokosuka, Japan - February 13 - 22
- \* Underway for Hong Kong - February 22 - 27
- \* Hong Kong - February 27 - March 6
- \* Underway to Chimu Wan, Okinawa - March 6 - 10
- \* Exercises at Chimu Wan and Buckner Bay, Okinawa - March 10 - 18
  
- \* Underway to Kagoshima, Japan - March 18 - 20
- \* Kagoshima, Japan - March 20 - 23
- \* Underway to Buckner Bay - March 23 - 24
- \* Buckner Bay - March 24 - 26
- \* Underway to the South China Sea - March 26 - 30
- \* Underway in the South China Sea - March 31 - April 7
- \* Underway to Okinawa - April 8 - 10
- \* Buckner Bay, Okinawa - April 10 - 17
- \* Underway to Manila, Philippine Islands - April 17 - 20
- \* Manila, Philippine Islands - April 20 - 22
- \* Underway to North Borneo for Operation Pony Express - April 22 - 28
- \* British North Borneo, Operation Pony Express - Periods at sea and anchored - April 28 - May 6
- \* Underway to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands - May 6 - 8
- \* Subic Bay, Philippine Islands - May 8 - May 13
- \* Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa - May 13 - 16
- \* Buckner Bay, Okinawa - Anchored and moored, with several days at sea evading Typhoon Betty - May 16 - June 9
- \* Underway to Yokosuka - June 9 - 11
- \* Yokosuka - June 11 - July 5
- \* Underway to San Diego - July 5 - 21
- \* San Diego - July 21

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<b>Operation Handclasp - Delivery of humanitarian supplies and cultural goods to the Far East</b>					
				'1) Ship Plans Gift To Fund Before Sailing - "Operation Handclasp cargo for delivery to American missionaries in Hong Kong. It will be distributed to needy refugees in the Far East under President Eisenhower's people-to-people program. Now a full-time project of the Pacific Fleet, Handclasp has delivered overseas within the last 18 months more than 1,500,000 pounds of food, clothing, medical supplies and other necessities. ... San Diego's Amphibious Squadron Five will carry 500,000 pounds of cargo. It will include one million dollars worth of medical supplies.	1) San Diego Union. October 29, 1960. San Diego, CA. P18
				2) Area Gifts Due Orphans - "Children of the Little Flower Orphanage in Pohang, Korea, will receive 12,200 pounds of toys, clothes and dry food as Christmas gifts from San Diego County this year. The gifts were collected by Navy and Air Force men with aid of 30 youth organizations from Oceanside and Carlsbad. They will be transported by the attack transport Calvert to the First Marine Air Wing at Iwakuni, Japan, and flown from there to Pohang before Christmas."	2) San Diego Union. October 31, 1960. P13
				3) Navy Ship Loads Donations To Operation Handclasp - "an the estimated 150 tons of equipment and supplies being loaded ... are pianos, sewing machines, toys, lumber, books, clothing and medicine. ... via Amphibious Squadron Five, to leave San Diego, November 22nd."	3) Seattle Daily Times. November 4, 1960. P53
				4) Art Being Sent To Yokohama - "A gift of San Diego youngsters' art works will be loaded aboard the Navy attack transport Calvert today for shipment to San Diego's sister city of Yokohama, Japan. The art works - 45 paintings and poster - were executed by San Diego elementary school children under a program sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. They will be loaded aboard the Calvert at 10am at Pier 4, Naval Station. Yokohama has been designated San Diego's sister city under President Eisenhower's people-to-people international friendship program"	4) San Diego Union. November 17, 1960. P9
					5) Denton Journal. Denton, MD. July 28, 1951

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1960	November	22	San Diego	0000 Moored, Pier Four, Berth 46, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries

**Pier 4, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego - Indicated by black rectangle**



Extract of: North San Diego Harbor, #5107  
 1:20,000 scale. Soundings in feet.  
 US Coastal and Geodetic Survey, 1966

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<https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/ima-ge.php?filename=5105-10-1966>

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1960	November	22	San Diego to Pearl Harbor	<p>1) On 22 November 1960 the Calvert deployed from San Diego for the Western Pacific area as flagship for Amphibious Squadron Five.</p> <p>2) 22 November 1960: Calvert, with troops UDT and COMPHIBRON FIVE embarked left San Diego with five other ships of Amphibious Squadron Five enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.</p> <p>Note: UDT = Underwater Demolition Team</p>	<p>1) Cullen, Page 26</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1</p>
1960	November	22	San Diego, U.S. Naval Station Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>0000 Moored port side to Pier 4, Berth 46, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.</p> <p>0010 CDR David W. Boyd, USNR, was detached from duty on board as Executive Officer.</p> <p>0900 Commenced making all preparations for getting underway.</p> <p>0953 The Captain and the Navigator are on the bridge. Maneuvering at various speeds to clear Berth 46. Underway with COMPHIBRON FIVE for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.</p> <p>1124 Secured the Special Sea and Anchor Detail, set the Regular Steaming Watch, Condition VI, watch I.</p> <p>1200 Commenced sounding fog signals. 1204 c/s to 5 knots.</p> <p>1215 Turned on running lights. 1235 Secured fog signals and running lights.</p> <p>1300 Ships in company commenced maneuvering to stations in Formation 51, with USS Calvert as guide in station, USS SEMINOLE in station A1, USS SKAGIT in station A-3, USS OAK HILL in station A-5, USS FORT MARION in station A-2, USS CATAMOUNT in station A-4.</p> <p>1322 c/s to 10 knots. 1334 c/s to 12 knots. 1446 c/s to 13 knots. Shifted steering control to hand electric.</p> <p>1530 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1543 Set Condition ZEBRA throughout the ship. 1557 Exercised at abandon ship drill.</p> <p>1605 Remanned all Battle Stations. 1616 Secured from General Quarters. 1650 Darkened ship. 1745 Stationed fog lookouts. Visibility reduced to 150 feet. 1735 c/s to 10 knots. 1753 Commenced sounding international fog signals. 1810 Lighted ship. 1840 Secured fog signals. 1914 c/s to 13 knots.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries</p>
1960	November	22	San Diego, U.S. Naval Station Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>1) "So, one bright, cheerful day - 22 November 1960 - The men in Calvert realized they'd had enough of this plush, nagging home-life and decided to go on a cruise. Strangely enough there were several other ships in San Diego in whom the lust for adventure was aroused.</p> <p>It would be hard to describe the feelings of that morning when 400 sailors and 900 embarked Marines were leaving home for eight months. There were those who were glad to go (the minority of course) and those for whom the gangway had to be held. But leave we did and in the months that followed the Calvert did "sail from place to place" (as for pleasure??) and there were times when we didn't have a destination - at least not one that was tangible. But just a point in the ocean, a latitude and a longitude that meant little to anyone. There were times too when we wondered if we did "move at a speed fit for sustained travel." Let's accept the last definition: We did "Sail or journey over or about." All of us hope that our presence in the various oceans and world ports did some good - politically or otherwise. Many of us gained experience that will never be possible to convey to others. The man that came back with the feeling that nothing was gained personally or professionally missed a great deal."</p>	<p>1) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1</p>

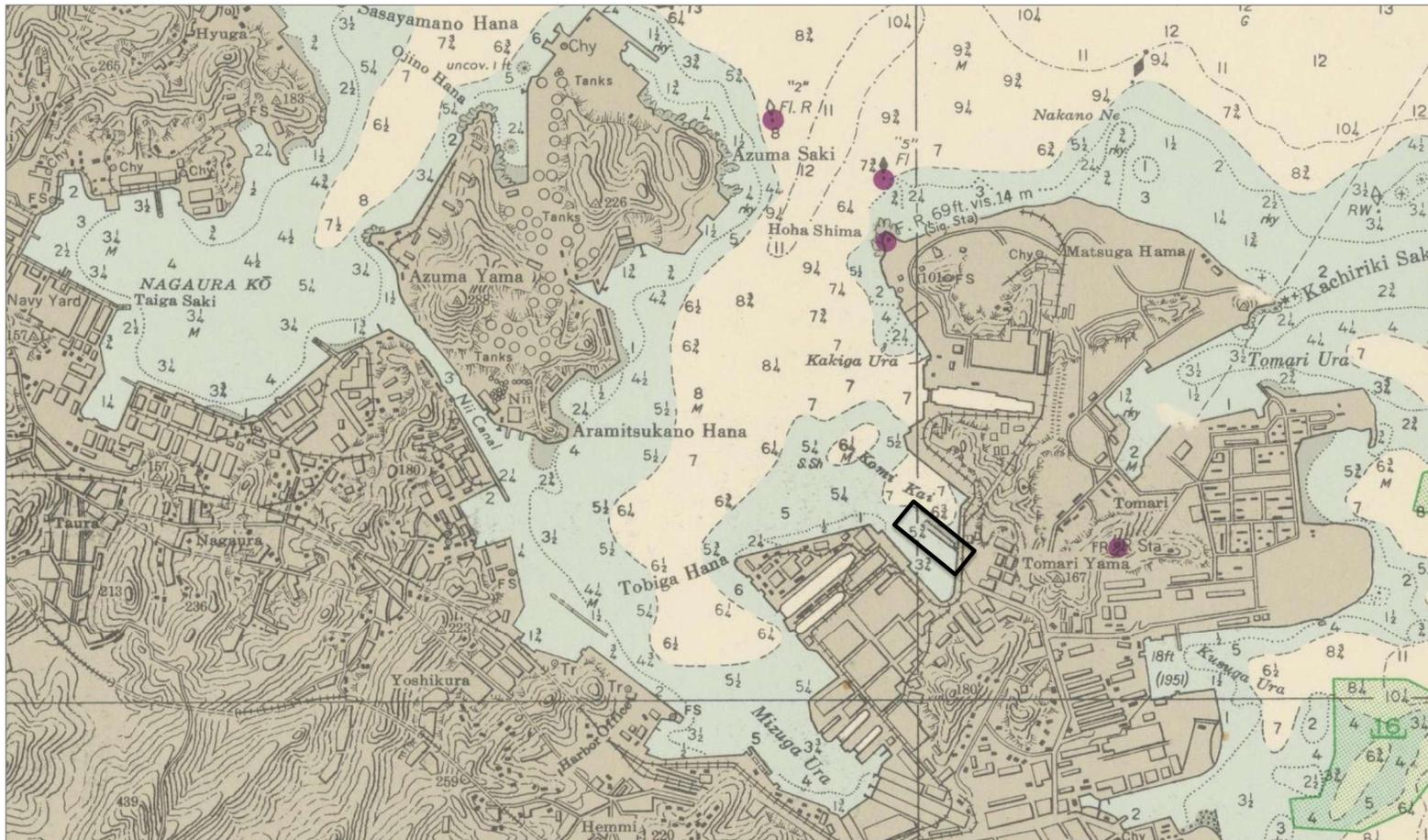
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1960	November	23	Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>0000 Steaming in company with elements of Task Unit 14.3.6 in the western sea frontier, enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor. Speed 13 knots. In Formation 51, as before.</p> <p>0830 Held General Quarters drill.  0835 Set Material Condition ZEBRA.  0850 Held abandon ship drill.  0923 Secured from abandon ship drill and remanned General Quarters stations, set Material Condition YOKE.  0935 Secured from General Quarters drill.  1100 Formation changed from 51 to 50. Formation guide is USS CALVERT.  1542 c/s to 10 knots. 1600 c/s to 13 knots.  1643 Fire reported in LCPL on No. 1 hatch, went to General Quarters. 1650 Set Material Condition ZEBRA. Shifted steering to hydraulic telemotor. Steering casualty reported. Shifted to after steering. 1651 Class A fire in LCPL on No. 1 hatch reported out.  1659 Steering control shifted to pilot house. Casualty restored. Casualty reported as slipping clutch. Shifted steering to hydraulic telemotor.  1700 Set Material Condition YOKE, secured from General Quarters.  2222 c/s to 13.6 knots.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November	24	Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>0000 Steaming in company with elements of Task Unit 14.3.6, 13 knots in Formation 50.</p> <p>0153 c/s to 10 knots to allow USS OAK HILL to investigate her sighting of unidentified object.  0250 c/s to 13.6 knots due to USS OAK HILL return to station, results of search, negative.  0932 Changed formation to Formation 51Z with USS CALVERT as guide in station 0.  1532 Entered rain squall. Visibility reduced to approximately one mile.  1542 Left rain squall.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November	25	Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>0000 Steaming in company with elements of Task Unit 14.3.6 in the western sea frontier, enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor. Steaming at 13.6 knots in Formation 51Z. USS CALVERT is the guide.</p> <p>0610 Entered rain squall, visibility two miles. 0657 Visibility normal. 0709 Visibility reduced to two miles. 0937 Passed through rain squalls.  1030 Energized degaussing to dry coils.  1044 Entering rain squall. Visibility decreased to 3000 yards. 1048 Passed through rain squall.  1105 Made weekly test of sprinkler systems. Conditions-satisfactory.  1625 Fire discovered in the bake shop in a bake oven, extinguished by personnel on scene. No alarm sounded.  1843 All hands were cautioned to stand clear of all weather decks due to choppy seas and swells causing the ship to take 5 to 25 degree rolls.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November	26	Underway for Pearl Harbor	<p>0000 Steaming as before. Formation speed 13.6 knots.</p> <p>0920 Formation changed from 51Z to 50. Guide changed from USS CALVERT to USS OAK HILL. Commenced making various course and speed changes to take station 21 in Formation 50.  2200 Darkened ship, turned off all running lights except blue stern light.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries

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1960	November	27	Underway for Pearl Harbor	0000 Steaming in Formation 50, speed is 13.6 knots. The ship is darkened with only the blue stern light burning. Steering various courses at various speeds to maintain station on the guide. 0930 USS CALVERT became the guide. 1343 c/s to 14 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November	28	Underway for Pearl Harbor	0000 Steaming at 13.6 knots in Formation 5V. 0500 Visibility decreasing due to rain and fog. Stationed fog lookouts. 0625 Commenced sounding proper fog signals for international waters. Visibility decreased to 1000 yards in light mist. 0627 Ceased fog signals. 0647 Secured the fog lookouts. Visibility normal. 0745 Stationed the replenishment detail. 0803 Secured from refueling exercise with USS FORT MARION. 0840 The Captain assumed the Conn. 0841 c/s to 15 knots. 0854 to 0927 Fueling exercise with USS FORT MARION. 0929 c/s to 16 knots. 0931 The OOD assumed the Conn. 0934 to 1114 Refueling exercise with USS SKAGIT. 1127 Maneuvering at various course and at various speeds to regain station 0 in Formation 5 VICTOR. 2200 Darkened ship, navigation lights left on.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November	29	Underway for Pearl Harbor Moored, Pearl Harbor	0000 Steaming at 13.6 knots in Formation 50. 0415 Sighted land on air search radar, range 130 miles, identified as island of Hawaii. 0959 Visually sighted Molokai Island, Hawaii, bearing 230, range 59 miles. 1540 Ships in formation commenced maneuvering to take station, when on station ships will be in a column in this sequence: CALVERT, OAK HILL, CATAMOUNT, SEMINOLE, FORT MARION, SKAGIT. CALVERT is guide. 1725 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Captain and Navigator are on the bridge. 1747 All ships proceeding independently. Steering various courses and speeds to conform to Pearl Harbor. 1928 Moored starboard side to Pier Kilo 8, Pearl Harbor. 2030 Department of Agriculture cleared the ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries
1960	November 29 to December 1		Pearl Harbor	1) The ship stopped at Pearl Harbor from 29 November until 1 December, then departed for Yokosuka, Japan. 2) "With only two days in Pearl we had to live fast if we were to see all the spots that the Old-Salts aboard had recommended to us. The Old Salts had to find new haunts to recommend next trip, or re-live their past voyages in the Old Navy." 3) Moored starboard side to Pier Kilo-8, Pearl Harbor Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor.	1) Cullen, Page 26 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1. 3) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, November 1960. Selected entries

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1960	December	1	Moored, Pearl Harbor Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Moored starboard side to Pier K-8, Pearl Harbor Naval Supply Center.</p> <p>1000 Underway, maneuvering to clear Berth K-8. 1004 Clear of berth, heading fair into channel. 1007 Lost steering control. All engines back emergency full. 1008 Regained steering control. Set speed 12 knots. 1048 Took departure from Pearl Harbor for Yokosuka, Japan. 1145 On signal from OTC in USS Calvert, formed column formation with USS Skagit, USS Oak Hill, USS Catamount, and USS Fort Marion. Formation 251, speed 10 knots. 1525 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1558 Set condition Zebra throughout the ship. 1543 Commenced Gunnery Exercises. 1651 Completed Gunnery Exercise, 122 rounds expended of 40MM ammunition. 1710 All ammunition struck below. 1750 Formation speed 13 knots.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	2 - 7	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Steaming in company with elements of Task Unit 14.3.6 for Yokosuka, Japan. Commander Task Group 14.3, COMPHIBRON V, embarked in the USS Calvert. Formation speed 13 knots.</p> <p>2nd - 0620 Class "C" fire in Radio Central. General Quarters sounded. Fire out at 0621. Damage negligible.</p> <p>6th - Crossed the International Date Line.</p> <p>7th - 0752 to 1038: Replenishment exercise with the USS Oak Hill. 1119 to 1149: Highline transfer with the USS Catamount for transfer of radar tubes.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	8	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in company with USS Catamount and USS Oak Hill. Both elements of Task Unit 14.3.6 enroute to Yokosuka, Japan. Steaming in Formation 50 (modified). Formation speed 13 knots. COMPHIBRON FIVE embarked in USS Calvert.</p> <p>0846 Formation dissolved, USS Oak Hill and USS Catamount proceeding to duties assigned. Calvert steaming independently to Yokosuka. Speed 15.5 knots.</p> <p>2140 Changed speed to 16 knots.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	9 - 12	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Steaming independently at varying speed, 16 knots maximum and 11 knots minimum. Several times each day the Calvert was forced to modify courses and speeds to avoid Japanese fishing vessels.</p> <p>Dec 9th: 2050 Smoke reported in forward boatswain's locker. Repair party and 1st Division sent to scene. 2100 Fire caused by electrical short. Power secured in the boatswain's locker. Fire out. 2057 Steering various courses to allow entry into No. 1 hold with minimal wave action.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries

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1960	December	13	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>1) 0000 Steaming independently, speed 11.2 knots.</p> <p>0756 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan. Put engines on four hour standby for getting underway.</p> <p>1635 Secured from taking on Navy fuel oil from YO-49, having received 187,441 gallons.</p> <p>2359 All sentry and damage control reports properly made.</p> <p>2) "Arrival Yokosuka. Hawaii was a state by this time so we saw our first foreign port. Complaints about liberty. The run on the exchange for stereos and portable radios, tours to Yokosuka and Tokyo. Commodore Shellabarger and the Staff assume the extra duties of Commander, Amphibious Group WESTPAC."</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1.</p>

Yokosuka Naval Base, Berth 10 indicated by black rectangle



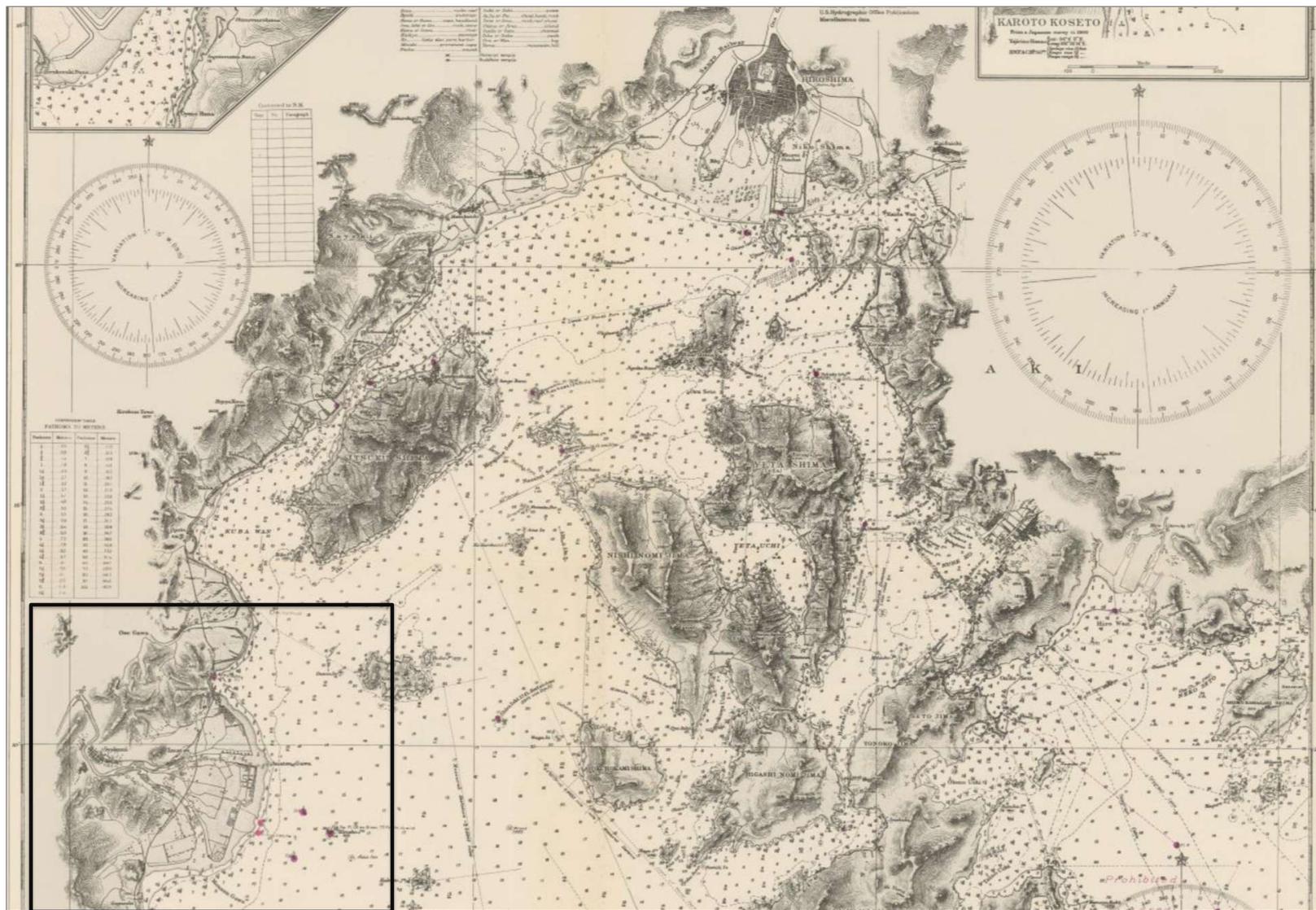
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1960	December	14	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before. Engine room on four hour notice for getting underway.  0000 Moored as before. Engine room on four hour notice for getting underway.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	15	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan  Underway for Iwakuni, Japan	1046 Captain and Navigator are on the bridge. 1104 Underway for Iwakuni, Japan. 1108 Speed 8 knots. 1242 Secured the special sea and anchor detail, set the regular steaming watch, Condition IV. 1745 Personnel accident report: Sailor had mouth full of lighter fluid and while spraying some out of his mouth it ignited causing severe burns to his face and neck. Treated by Medical Officer, returned to duty.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	16	Underway for Iwakuni, Japan	1) Steaming independently to Iwakuni, Japan. Speed 15 knots.  2) ""16 December 1960: ... A long and cold first look at Japan's Inland Sea."	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries  2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1.
1960	December	17	Underway for Iwakuni, Japan  Anchored, Iwakuni	0000 Steaming independently to Iwakuni, Japan. Speed 15 knots.  0920 Anchored in Anchorage ALFA, Iwakuni, Japan. Bearings: Crane 258.5 deg; Himelco Shima 115 deg; South Break Water 244.8 deg; Kabuto Jima 240.5 deg; Center Stack 326 deg.  1005 COMFLEETAIRWING SIX, Commanding Officer, Marine Corp Air Facility, Iwakuni, and the Mayor of Iwakuni, Japan come aboard to pay official call. 1045 Guests departed.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	November 22 to December 17		San Diego to Iwakuni, Japan	"As a 20 year old Marine, enjoying a 30 day cruise to Japan, paid for by Uncle Sam, this was a beautiful trip, the ship was excellent, the food was excellent, I know I worked in the Chow hall the whole cruise. Like a dummy I volunteered.... © Actually, the ships personnel were great, they treated us like guest. It was a great experience and all of the crew had to put up with all of us Marines. We intermingled together great."	Comment by Robert Presley , January 19, 2021: <a href="https://www.usscalvert.com/2021/01/17/uss-calvert-photograph-1965/">https://www.usscalvert.com/2021/01/17/uss-calvert-photograph-1965/</a>

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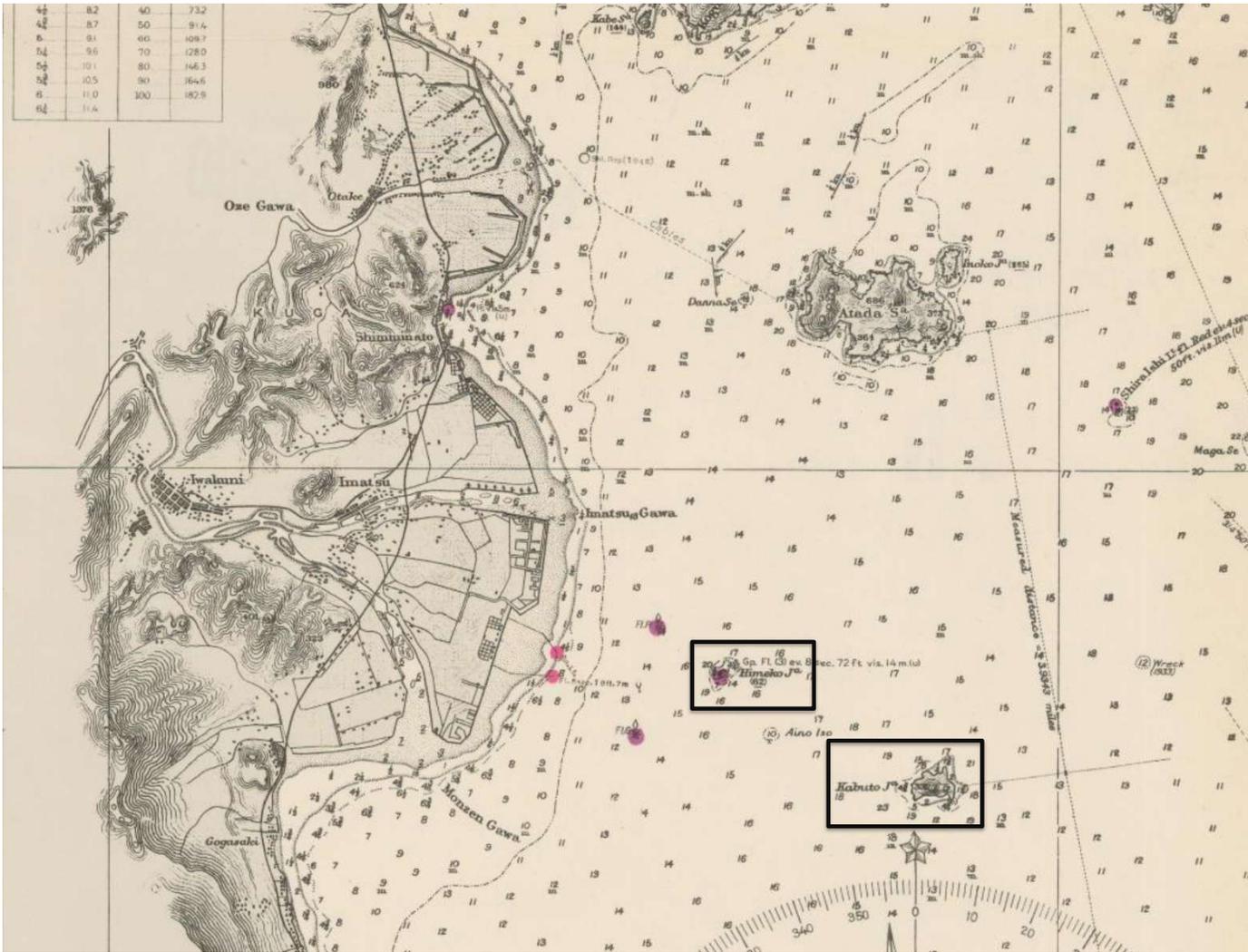


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The Calvert's anchorage bearing landmarks, indicated by black rectangles



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1960	December	18	Anchored, Iwakuni, Japan	0000 Anchored in Anchorage Alfa, Iwakuni, Japan in 13 fathoms of water. Hime Ko Shima 115 deg, South Breakwater 244.8 deg, Kabuto Jima 240.5 deg, Center of Three Stacks 326 deg.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
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1960	December	17-19	Anchored, Iwakuni, Japan	1) "From 17-19 December 1960 the Calvert was at Iwakuni, Japan disembarking troops from the First Marine Air Wing, which were transported from San Diego." 2) "We off-loaded our troops and see the only snow for this winter season."	1) Cullen, Page 27 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1.
1960	December	19	Anchored, Iwakuni, Japan Underway to Okinawa	0000 Anchored as before. 1452 YFU-33 alongside. Commenced loading cargo. 1615 Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 1735 Underway for Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries
1960	December	20	Underway to Okinawa	0000 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Speed 15 knots. 2157 Surface radar failed, cause undetermined. Estimated time of repair, unknown. Lit off air search radar and set to short pulse. 2) "20 December 1960. All ready for the Christmas Season back in Yokosuka with plans for leave and a party for our orphanage. But -- trouble in Laos and instead of Yokosuka we make a hurried trip to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Buckner Bay -- Just a name then, but home to many before this cruise is over. Henceforth no one asks where we're going, we know it will all end in Buckner Bay. So the holidays are spent swimming from the hook at Buckner Bay and before its over we tally up 42 days there."	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1
1960	December	21	Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay	0000 Steaming independently to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Using air search radar on short pulse due to failure of surface search radar, cause unknown. ETR unknown. 1245 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. Let fires die under No. 2 boiler. Engine room is on a four hour notice for getting underway with one boiler. 1905 LCVF No. 14 left this ship for USS Hassymara (AO-145). LCM-2 departed to report to USS Graffias (AF-29) for delivery of stores ashore. 2100 LCM-2 returned. 2) "On 21 December 1960 the ship entered Buckner Bay, Okinawa where she stayed the remainder of 1960."	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries 2) Cullen, Page 27
1960	December	22 - 31	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	22nd - Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 26th - Moored, Pier B, Buckner Bay. Engineering plant placed on 24 hour notice for getting underway. 29th - Received 41,748 gallons NSFO. 31st - Received 18,256 gallons fresh water. Fire in electrical outlet on port passageway between frames 85 and 90, main deck. Fire duty extinguished fire.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, December 1960. Selected entries

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				<b>New Year Poem - Deck Log Entry - 0000 January 1, 1961</b>	
1961	January	1	Moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>The San JuNee Maru greets the New Year, Moored port side to Bravo Pier. In Buckner Bay, Okinawa with lines doubled fore and aft, 25 fathoms of chain to the stdb. Anchor, 21'05" is the mean draft. Boiler No. 1, DC generator No. 3 providing auxiliary power. At this late and most suspicious hour. In Condition of Readiness V and material condition modified YOKE, The engineering plant is on four hours notice, and that is no joke. SOPA is COMCARDIV V; RADM A.S. HEYWARD JR., USN in the USS CORAL SEA SOPA admin remains COMTAIWANPATROLFORCE; RADM J.W. GANNON in the USS PINE ISLAND the 12th AV. COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC in this ship is embarked. Present are ships of the 7th Fleet and those Army marked. 0310 Bell, J.F., RM2, USN, AWOL since 0030 this date returned. It is hoped that at most for him a lesson will be learned. Ullwell J.W., BM1, USN and his Shore Patrol came back at 0329, Because rounding up offenders and keeping the peace they had done just fine. No use staying any longer and tarryin',</p> <p>Signed: LTJG USN JAMES RUSSELL SIMSARIAN</p>	
1961	January	2-4	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>Jan 2: Moored port side to Pier Bravo, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC is embarked in this ship. 0630 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0900 Commenced holiday routine. 1004 Let fires die under No. 2 boiler.</p> <p>Jan 3: Moored as before.</p> <p>Jan 4: Moored as before. 0445 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0510 Commenced making preparation for getting underway. 0704 Underway. 0721 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
1961	January	5	Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>0000 Anchored in anchorage AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The engineering plant is on four hour notice for getting underway. Commander Amphibious Group Western Pacific (Commander Task Force 76) is embarked in USS Calvert.</p> <p>0540 Fire in ships galley. Sounded General Quarters. Cause of fire: Overheating of deep fry. 0547 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>0815 Held General Quarters Drill. 0825 Condition ZEBRA set throughout ship. Condition 1 ALFA. 0835 Ungripped all designated boats. 0900 Away all designated boats. 0951 Commenced receiving boats on port and starboard sides.</p> <p>1020 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1045 All boats aboard. 1100 Secured from Condition 1 ALFA, set regular inport watch. 1105 Set Condition YOKE.</p> <p>1245 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1254 Condition ZEBRA set throughout the ship. 1255 Set Condition 1 ALFA. Commenced Amphibious Exercises. 1305 Away all boats. 1552 All boats aboard and secure. Completed Amphibious Exercises, set Condition YOKE throughout the ship. 1559 Secured from General Quarters and Amphibious Exercise, set the regular watch.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries

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1961	January	6-8	Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0815 Exercised the crew at General Drills. General Quarters.</p> <p>0831 Set Condition 1 ALFA. 0920 Secured from 1 ALFA. Set Condition YOKE.</p> <p>0958 Fire reported in First Division head. General Quarters. 1002 Fire out. Secured from General Quarters. Reset Condition 1 ALFA (modified).</p> <p>1025 Remanned all 1 ALFA stations. 1034 Commenced hoisting boats.</p> <p>1107 All boats secured. Set Condition YOKE (modified) throughout the ship. Secured from Amphibious Exercises, set the regular inport watch.</p> <p>2000 Set Heavy Weather Bill, phase one (1). Established Quartermaster watch on Conn, commenced taking bearings and wind readings every 15 minutes.</p> <p>2200 Secured from Heavy Weather Bill, phase one (1).</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
1961	January	6-8	Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>Jan 7: Anchored as before. 1730 Commanding Officer left the ship.</p> <p>Jan 8: Anchored as before.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
1961	January	9-12	Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>Jan 9: Anchored as before.</p> <p>1100 Fire in electrical buzzer in pilot house. 1101 Fire is out.</p> <p>1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1305 Condition ZEBRA set throughout the ship. Set Condition 1-ALFA. Commenced Amphibious Exercise. 1535 Boats returning from beach, having completed Amphibious drills. 1600 Set Condition YOKE throughout the ship. 1623 Secured from 1-ALFA, set the regular port watch.</p> <p>Jan 10: Anchored as before.</p> <p>1000 Commenced Z-90-A drill. 1000 Commenced modified 1-ALFA. 1100 Secured from 1-ALFA.</p> <p>Jan 11: Anchored as before.</p> <p>0820 Walked out port anchor to 15 fathoms of chain on deck in accordance with Heavy Weather Bill. Winds in the high 20s to low 30s knots range most of the daylight hours. Temps in the low 60s.</p> <p>Jan 12: Anchored as before.</p> <p>0815 Exercised the crew at General Quarters (drill). Set material condition ZEBRA. 0824 Set Condition 1-ALFA, commenced Amphibious Assault Exercises. 1121 Secured from 1-ALFA Amphibious Exercises.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries

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1961	January	13-17	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Moored, Buckner Bay	Jan 13-15: Anchored as before. COMPHIBRON FIVE is embarked aboard. SOPA is COMPHIBPRUWESTPAC (COMPHIBRON FIVE) embarked aboard.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
				Jan 16: Anchored as before. 0715 Observed sunrise. 1330 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 1530 Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 1538 Engine room on standby to get underway on four hour notice. Let fires die under Boiler No. 2. Shift to pier delayed.	
1961	January	18-21	Moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	Jan 17: Anchored as before. 0800 - 0835 Shifted from Anchorage "AV", Buckner Bay to Pier B, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0835 Moored port side to Pier B, Buckner Bay. 1245 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Set Condition ZEBRA throughout the whip. 1307 Activated ship's salt water wash down system. 1315 Secured salt water wash down system. 1317 Set Condition YOKE throughout the ship. 1325 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
				Jan 18: Moored port side to Pier "B", Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0910 to 1125 Took on fuel from the pier, received 65,359 gallons of Navy special fuel oil. Jan 19: Moored as before.	
1961	January	22 - 23	Moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay	Jan 20: Moored as before. Took on 16,180 gallons of fresh water. 1615 Mustered the Section II Rescue and Assistance Detail for drill purposes. 1630 Secured the Rescue and Assistance Detail from drill.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
				Jan 21: Moored as before. Morning hours: Took on fresh water, 15,000 gallons; Commodore's Personnel Inspection and Messing and Berthing inspection.	
1961	January	24	Anchored, Buckner Bay Underway off Okinawa	Jan 22: Moored as before. Jan 23: Moored as before. 0500 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0651 Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 0733 - 0826 Shifted berths to Anchorage AV.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
				0000 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. 0815 Underway for local operations, with USS SEMINOLE and USS MAGOFFIN. Formation speed 10 knots. 1240 Exercised crew at General Quarters. Set Condition ZEBRA throughout the ship. 1305 Commenced Gunnery Exercises; ships in formation participating with tractor and sleeve. 1527 Completed Gunnery Exercises. Ammunition expended: 281 rounds 40MM H.E.T. No casualties. 2200 Darkened ship, except for running lights.	

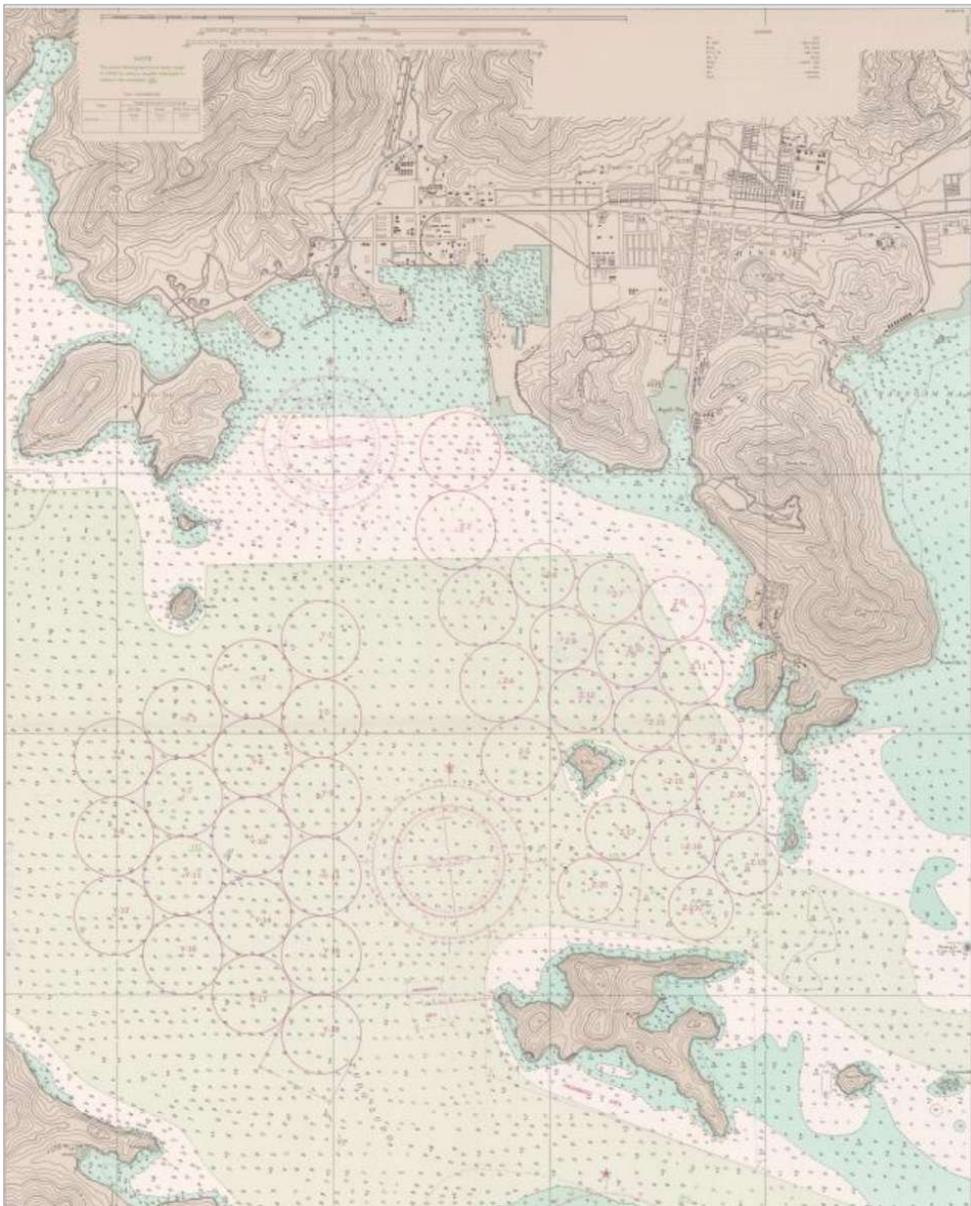
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1961	January	25	Underway off Okinawa	0000 Steaming in company with USS Magoffin. Conducting search, object of search is aircraft believed down south of Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
			Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0148 Sighted possible light in water passing close aboard to starboard. Right standard rudder. Executed Williamson turn. Retraced track. Negative results. 0212 Passed rain squall. Visibility normal.	
			Underway off Okinawa	1450 Anchored in Anchorage "AV", Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 2217 Underway for night steaming and scheduled exercises. 2315 Darkened ship.	
1961	January	26	Underway off Okinawa	0000 Steaming as before in company with USS Magoffin and USS Seminole off the southeastern coast of Okinawa. 0410 Completed Z-10-CC exercises. 0714 Observed sunrise. 0750 Formation broke. Proceeding independently to anchorage.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
			Anchored, Kimmo Beach, Okinawa	0829 Anchored in Anchorage of Kimmo Beach in Chimmu Wan. 0905 Condition ZEBRA set. Set Condition 1-ALFA. Commenced scheduled Amphibious Operations. 1143 Completed Amphibious Exercises. Commenced hoisting boats. 1235 Set Condition YOKE throughout the ship.	
			Underway for Buckner Bay	1311 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Formed column formation with USS Magoffin and USS Seminole.	
			Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	1424 Commenced man overboard drill. Man overboard port side. Maneuvering to clear man. 1425 Resumed base course and speed. USS Seminole designated to pick up man. 1440 USS Seminole reports man recovered and aboard. Secured from man overboard drill. 1600 Commenced steaming independently, c/s to 15 knots.	
				1709 Anchored in Anchorage "AV", Buckner Bay.	
1961	January	27 - 31	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	Jan 27: Anchored in Anchorage "AV", Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1961. Selected entries
				Jan 28: Anchored as before. 0915 to 1120: Captain's personnel, berthing and messing spaces inspection.	
				Jan 29: Anchored as before.	
				Jan 30: Anchored as before. 0655 Set Heavy Weather Bill, phase (1) one. 0800 Commenced offloading. 1530 Established quartermaster watch in accordance with "Heavy Weather Bill". Put surface radar in "Standby". 1945 Secured from offloading.	
				Jan 31: Anchored as before (Berth ALFA VICTOR), Buckner Bay. 0800 Commenced offloading fuel and supplies. 1038 Completed offloading all fuel and cargo.	

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1961	February	1	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Underway Moored, Naha, Okinawa	0000 Anchored as before, Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay in 9 fathoms of water. Kanna Saki Light 956.5 deg, Tsugen Jima Light 135 deg, Taira Sone Light 203 deg. The engineering plant is on four hours standby for getting underway. 0600 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0800 Underway for Naha, Okinawa. 1215 Moored port side to Berth 5, Naha, Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	1	Buckner Bay to Naha, Okinawa	1) On 1 February 1961, the Calvert sailed around the island for a two-day visit to Naha, the capital of the islands. 2) 1 February 1961: The big shift, 38 miles around the Island to Naha City, capital of the Ryukyus Islands. This welcomed for two reasons, the Staff is relieved of COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC by COMPHIBRU III in ESTES, and it is no longer necessary to pay \$2.30 cab fare from White Beach to Naha or Kadena.	1) Cullen, Page 27 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1.
1961	February	2 - 3	Naha, Okinawa	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	4	Moored, Naha, Okinawa Underway to Chinhae, Korea	0000 Moored as before. 0745 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0930 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 0957 Underway for Chinhae, Korea. 1128 Sighted unidentified object in the water. Proceeding to investigate. 1145 Lowered LCVP 32-5 into water to investigate object. Object identified as a U.S. Army KDB-1 Drone. 1158 LCVP 32-5 has drone in tow and is returning to the ship. 1217 LCVP aboard and in gripes. Drone aboard.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries Photo: USS Calvert 1960-61 Cruise Book, page
					 <p>"THIS IS THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!"</p>
1961	February	5	Underway to Chinhae, Korea	0000 Steaming independently to Chinhae, Korea. Speed 15 knots. Periods of fog, rain, and low visibility throughout the day, and encounters with fishing fleet and fishing areas. Various courses and speeds and periods of sounding International fog signals.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries

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1961	February	6	Underway to Chinhae, Korea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 12 knots. 0800 Maneuvering through Pudo Sudo to assigned anchorage. 0911 Anchored in Tong Sudo, Chinhae, Korea. Mandang Beacon, 161.5 deg, Kamae Som 1000 yards, Chimney 053 deg. 1116 Changed anchorage.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
<b>Amphibious Training Exercise, South Korea, ROK Marines</b>					
1961	February	6-10	Chinhae, Korea	6 February 1961, "Time for some wet net training and after a quiet passage we arrive at Chinhae, Korea. Things have quieted just a bit in Laos and we spend five days training with ROK Marines. It is an experience for all of us. They tour the ship, run our boats and at the same time we learn what we can about them.  Captain M. A. Shellabarger, COMPHIBRON V, is relieved to assume duties in Washington, D.C. His relief, Captain R.B. Erly, comes to us from the staff of COMPHIBPAC and formerly commanded the Paul Revere. Change of command ceremonies aboard Calvert are attended by Flag officers of the Republic of Korea Navy."	1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P1.  See also article in Calversion, VOL 36, 1997, page 2
<u>Crewman Train Koreans In Amphibious Warfare</u>					
The attack transport Calvert helped strengthen the military arm of the free world recently by providing training in amphibious warfare techniques for units of the Republic of Korea Navy and Marine Corps. Chinhae Harbor was the scene of wet net and amphibious operations involving over 1100 men, during the period 6 - 10 February, 1961. Calvert, the flagship of Amphibious Squadron Five, is commanded by Captain W. J. Collum, and is presently serving with the Ready U.S. Seventh Fleet.					
1961	February	6-10	Chinhae, Korea	After an early morning arrival and pre-exercise conference on February 6, Calvert played host to 100 ROK Marine officers and 450 ROK Marines. Calvrt officers and petty officers provided tours of the ship which for a majority of ROK Troops was their first time aboard an APA.  Wet Net Training: The first two days of actual training were taken up by wet net training and LVP/LCVP transfer line operations. In addition to this training for Marines, Calvert's crack boat group was training Korean boat crews in the handling of amphibious craft.  The last two days of training were spent conducting full scale ship to shore movements. All phases of these operations are preformed by ROK personnel. Calvert's boat officers and boat crews acted solely in an advisory and supervisory capacity.  Improvement was marked from day to day and Calvret left Chinhae on February 10, satisfied that the benefits of the training had been substantial and mutual.	1) Calversion V 47, P3 - <u>Crewmen Train Koreans In Amphibious Warfare</u> - Article provided by Charles J. Pairis,  Article possibly from either the The Amphib magazine or All Hands magazine, circa 1961.

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Chinhae, South Korea



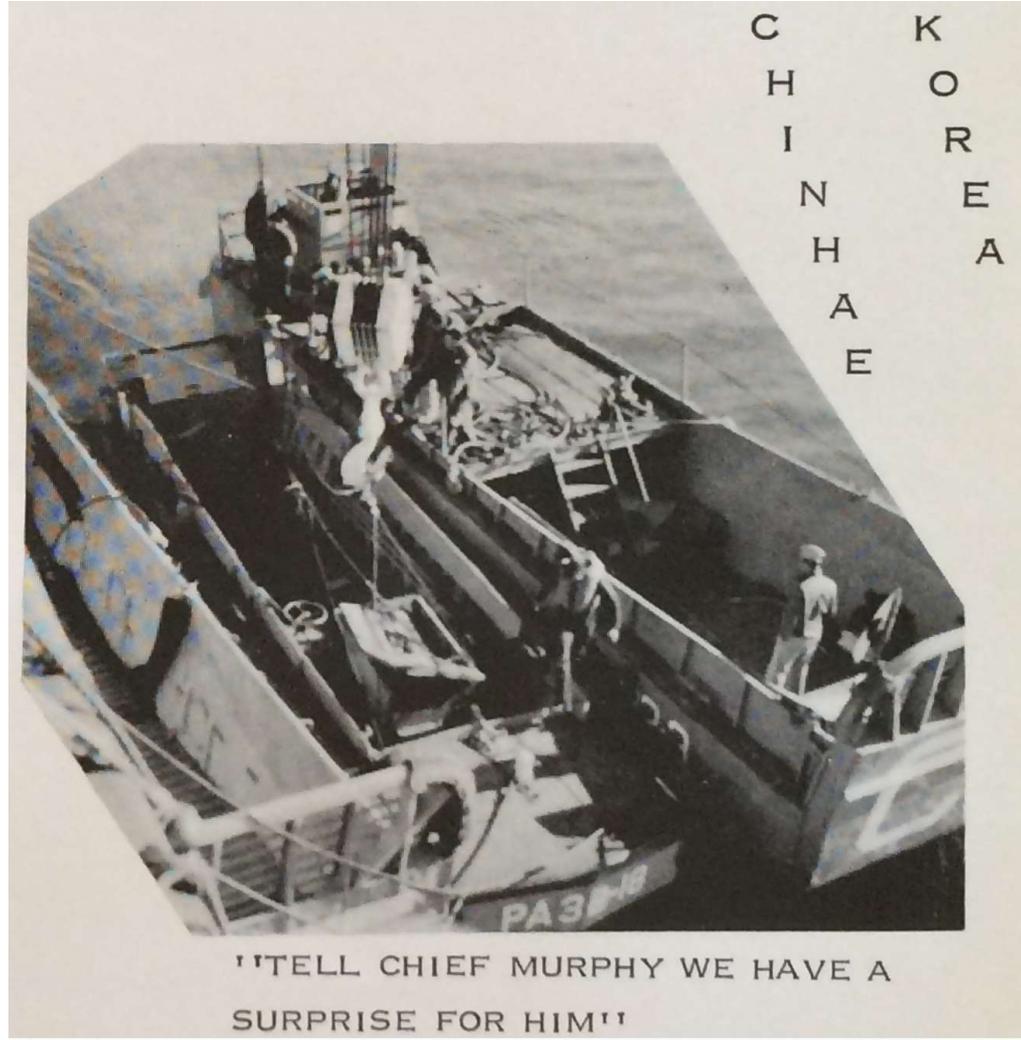
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1961	February	7	Chinhae Harbor, Korea	<p>0000 Anchored in Chinhae, Korea. Mandang So 126 deg, Toto Mari Iwa 161 deg, Hwa Sam 188 deg. COMPHIBRON FIVE is embarked in this ship.</p> <p>0745 Commenced wet net training of ROK Marines. 1300 - 1450 Commodore Chull Nam, ROKN COMPHIBFLOT 2 and staff officers came aboard for conference with COMPHIBRON V. 1710 Completed wet net training of ROK Marines.</p> <p>2330 Noted that ship's motorboat (L-23) was overdue approximately five minutes from liberty run. Crew of other liberty boat returned and stated that they had not seen the boat on their run to Fleet Landing. Commenced organizing search.</p> <p>2350 Republic of Korea Navy Papa boat brought coxswain L-23 back to ship. Coxswain reported he had collided with an unlighted, floating dock while proceeding to Fleet Landing, causing considerable damage to boat, including rupture of hull forward. Boat grounded atop floating dock. Commenced making preparations to salvage boat and pick up remainder of crew.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	8	Chinhae Harbor, Korea	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0045 LCVP with Ship's carpenter, Boat Group Commander, and Engineering Officer left the ship with two Ship Fitters to aid in repair of LCPL 32-23. 0300 Heavy Salvage boat returned to ship with LCPL 32-23 in tow, Chinese style. 0310 Hoisted LCPL aboard at Red Three and placed in skids.</p> <p>0320 Ship's Repair Officer investigated damages to LCPL 32-23: Stem to frame No. 4, bow and inner planking cracked. All 1st and 2nd frames cracked. Frames 7 and 8, port side are split; Deck pulled loose from deck framework; Head block cracked; Inner posts and bow knees cracked; Engine control bar bent; Strut and rudder brace loose; Strakes, starboard side amidships are leaking.</p> <p>0745 Commenced scheduled amphibious exercises with Units of the ROKN Marines.</p> <p>1200 - 1500 Change of Command Ceremonies, Commander Amphibious Squadron Five.</p> <p>2) On 8 February 1961, Captain Robert B. Erly, USN relieved Captain Martin A Shellabarger, USN as Commander Amphibious Squadron Five aboard the Calvert. The ceremony was attended by many flag officers of the Korean Navy.</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) Cullen, Page 27</p>

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1961	February	9	Chinhae Harbor, Korea	<p>0000 Anchored as before, Chinhae, Korea.</p> <p>0630 Commenced spinning main engines with steam.</p> <p>0653 Underway for new anchorage.</p> <p>0754 Anchored off North coast of Koje Do in 21 fathoms of water. Bearings: Chiori Som 005 deg, Chi Dori 035deg, Mangwa Sam 113 deg.</p> <p>0834 Set Condition 1-Alfa. LCM from ROKN LST 812 delivered personnel to this ship. Commenced scheduled amphibious exercises with US Navy and ROKN Marine personnel.</p> <p>1130 Secured from Amphibious exercises.</p> <p>1300 Continued scheduled Amphibious exercises.</p> <p>1513 Completed scheduled Amphibious exercises. Commenced hoisting all boats aboard.</p> <p>1602 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa; Set in-port watch.</p> <p>1715 All boats hoisted aboard.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	10	Chinhae Harbor, Korea	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0830 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Set condition 1-Alfa.</p> <p>0900 Away all boats. Commenced scheduled amphibious exercise with units of ROKN Marines.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries

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1961	February	10	Chinhae Harbor, Korea	1010 LCVP 21-18 while beaching with Wave 3 parted her ramp cable and ran over ramp. 1025 Emergency ramp-raising procedures utilizing heavy salvage unit failed. 1030 While attempting to retract LCVP 32-18 from beach with heavy salvage unit, LCVP 32-18 took water. Commenced pumping out LCVP 32-18 with heavy salvage equipment. 1035 Light salvage boat LCVP 32-20 left the ship with blankets, clothing, and a corpsman to assist men entering water to salvage attempt. Water temperature: 45 degrees F.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries  Photo: USS Calvert 1960-61 Cruise Book, page 39



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**ANY AMPHIBIOUS LANDING IS A COMPLICATED AFFAIR**

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1961	February	10	Chinhae Harbor, Korea  Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	1200 Completed amphibious exercises. Hoisted boats aboard. LCVP 32-18 remained at beach being pumped by heavy salvage crew. 1230 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 1445 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Made preparations for getting underway. 1445 Hoisting LCVP 32-18 aboard. Salvage completed. 1529 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
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1961	February	11	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently. Speed 15 knots. Boilers No. 1 and 2 are on the line. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 0745 - 0945 Replenishment with the USS Passumpsic (AO-107) having received 96,786 gallons of fuel.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	12	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	Steaming, independently. Speed 15 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	13	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka	0000 Steaming, independently. Speed 15 knots. 0830 Moored starboard side to Berth 3, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	14 - 22	Yokosuka, Japan	1, 2) February 14 - 21 was a period of upkeep for the ship. The crew enjoyed time exploring Yokosuka and Tokyo. 3) "Many of us have been looking forward to getting back to Yokosuka and this stay is un-interrupted. Giving us nine days. More buying, tours."	1) Cullen, Page 27; 2) Editor 3) 1962 Far East Cruise Book,

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1961	February	18	Yokosuka, Japan	"One Saturday we have all the children from the orphanage aboard for a tour, movies, lunch and a show for them. Many of the bachelors find themselves fathers for one day!"	1962 Far East Cruise Book, - Orphanage section (photos spread across three pages)

**THE ORPHANS SPEND A DAY ABOARD**



Editor's note: In late 1956 the Calvert began supporting the Aiji-no-ie Orphanage (aka, Home of Affection) in Tokyo, with a \$100 monthly donation. For the next decade, an item on the Calvert's far east cruise itinerary, while in Yokosuka and time permitting, included work party visits to the orphanage.



"HOME OF AFFECTION EATS ABOARD."



LTJG NICHOLS AT THE ORPHANAGE

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1961	February	20	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>1) Moored starboard side to Berth 3, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka.</p> <p>Loaded ammunition, by hand over the after brow. Station fire unit stood by. Gunnery officer supervised loading. Ammunition received: 864 rounds of 40mm, 44 rounds of 3"/50, 55 rounds of 5"/38.   Held inport collision drill.</p> <p>2) 20 February 1961: 19th Anniversary of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force.</p> <p>"Established by the late Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, the force is comprised of ships, landing craft and specialized units with the mission of landing troops in assaults on hostile shores. Under the command of Vice Admiral Howard A. Yeager, ships and units of the amphibious force throughout the Pacific will observe the anniversary in their operating area with formal military ceremonies and open house programs in honor of force personnel and the contributions they have made to national defense."</p> <p>3) "Clyde Sheffield Takes Part In Navy Ceremonies ... serving aboard the attack transport USS Calvert operating in the Western Pacific, took part in ceremonies, Feb 20, marking the 19th Anniversary of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force."</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) Mt. Vernon Register-News. Mt. Vernon, IL. February 24, 1961.</p> <p>3) The Enterprise-Tocsin. Indianola, MS. March 2, 1961. p5</p> <p>Editor's note: Official US Navy press releases to local newspapers regarding service members' participation in 20th anniversary ceremonies aboard their respective ships.</p>
1961	February	21	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Moored starboard side to Berth 3, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka.</p> <p>Conducted dock trials on main engines. Held inport collision drill.</p> <p>Captain William J. Collum, Jr., USN, departed the Calvert for hospitalization and Commander Harold D. Durham, USN, Chief Staff Officer of Phibron Five, assumed temporary command.</p> <p>2) "On 21 February, the night of our departure for Hong Kong, word gets around that Captain W.J. Collum our C.O. is suddenly to be relieved. There isn't a chance for it to start as a rumor, he's off the ship before then for hospitalization in Yokosuka with high hopes of meeting the ship in Hong Kong. His relief, Commander H.D. Durham, is not new to the ship - he is Chief Staff Officer for COMPHIBRON V. Commander Durham steps into the job wearing these two hats and for almost two months carries on this capacity."</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P2.</p>

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				0000 Moored as before.	
				0911 Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony.	
1961	February	22	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony	1008 A/E/Stop. Steering casualty. Shifted steering control to after-steering. Maneuvering with difficulty. Hoisted signal of two black balls and International Code Flag DELTA. Steering various courses and various speeds to conform to Uraga Suido to avoid contacts. 1120 Steering casualty caused by a broken piston in after steering. 1149 A/E/Ahead Standard, 15 knots. 1115 Secured the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Set the regular steaming watch. 1248 Shifted steering control from after steering to the pilot house. 1951 Had steering casualty. Shifted the after steering. 1956 Shifted steering from after steering to hand electric.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries 2) Cullen, Page 27
				2) On 22 February 1961 the Calvert sailed for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, arriving 27 February 1961 for a week of relaxation.	
1961	February	23	Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony	Steaming independently, speed 15 knots. COMPHIBRON V is embarked on the ship. Sea moderate to heavy. 0800 to 1200 Exercised at full power run. 1200 Set speed at 15.5 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	24 - 26	Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony	Steaming as before. 25th: Transit of Taiwan Straits.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries
1961	February	27	Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony Moored, Hong Kong	0000 Steaming independently. Speed 12 knots. 0715 Commenced maneuvering on various courses at various speeds to conform to Tathong Channel for entry to Hong Kong. 0759 Commenced maneuvering through Leiu Mun. 0837 Moored to Buoy A-29, Hong Kong, British Crown Colony. 2300 Hong Kong Harbor Police called to clear bum-boats from area around fantail.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries

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**Hong Kong Harbor and Sha Tin village highlighted.**



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1) Moored to Buoy A-29, Hong Kong Bay for the period February 28 to March 6

2) "27 February 1961: After a long trip through the Formosa Straits we arrive at Hong Kong. This is the highlight of the cruise. Mny have saved, borrowed and begged. Stories have been told and many of the Old Salts have filled us with tales of lurking villians, and unscrupulous businessmen. Then, something un-precedented, 0900 liberty for the length of our stay in Hong Kong!

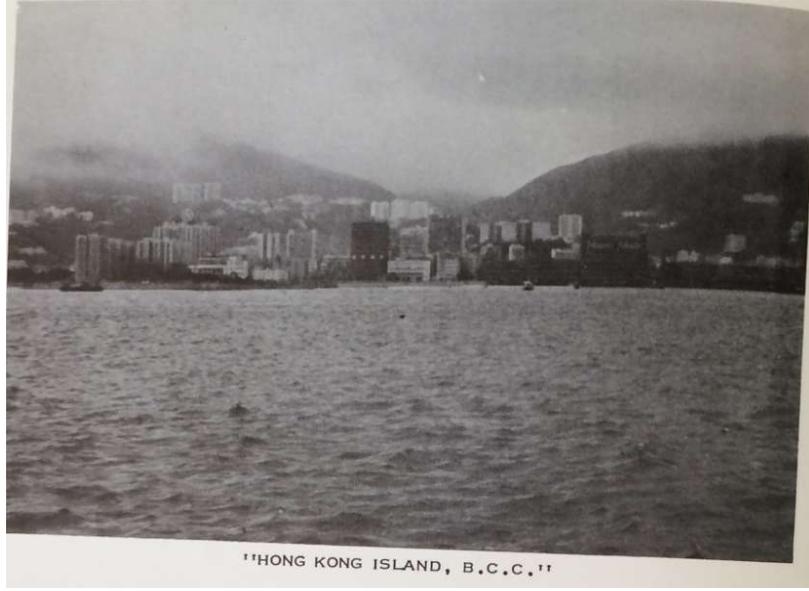
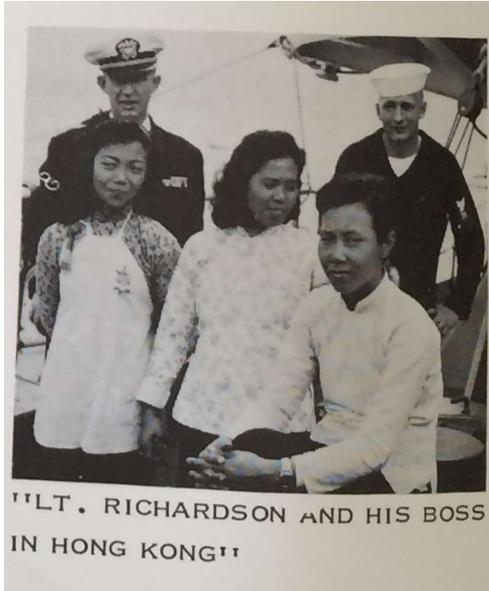
1961 February 28 - March 6 Hong Kong Harbor

1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, February 1961. Selected entries

2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P2.

Mary Soo starts chipping and each of us hope that she will do a little more than bargained for. Our draft increases as radios, stereo consoles, suits, chinaware, jade and other hard-bargained-for items come aboard. Sevrul names are on everyone's tongue: Tajmajal, China Fleet Club, Hong Kong Silk Mills. But on 6 March our money is gone so we leave. Now we have some new "Old Salts" and the stories that are told! The Hong Kong merchants really took a beating from the Men of Calvert ... So the stories go ..."

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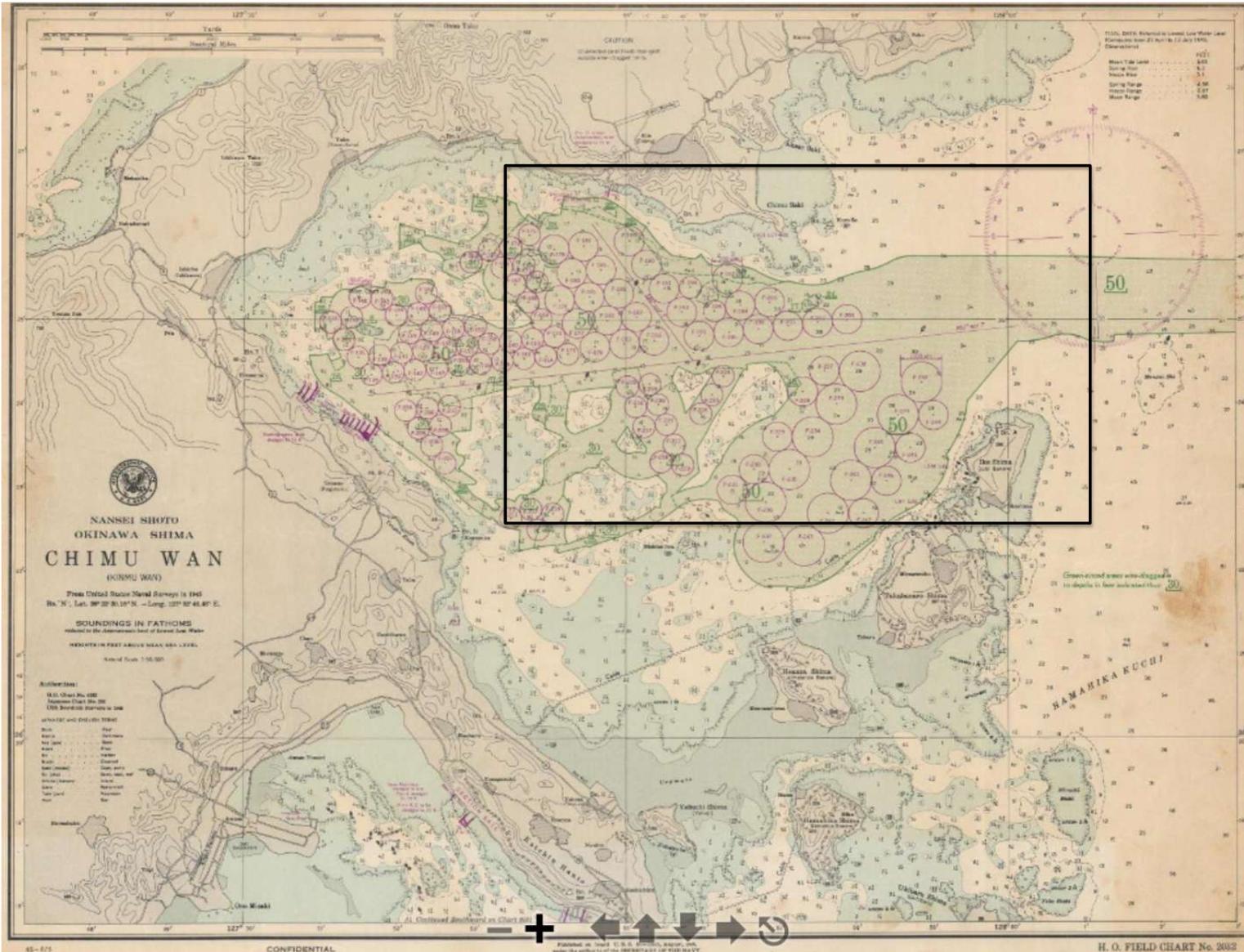
1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise"

1961	March	6	Moored Hong Kong Harbor Underway to Okinawa	0000 Moored as before. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 1230 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. Captain and Navigator are on the Bridge. 1252 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	7	Underway to Okinawa	0000 Steaming independently. 1301 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. All stations manned and ready. 1330 Commenced Battle Problem. 1425 Set Material Condition Circle William. Simulated Atomic burst. 1457 Exercised crew at Abandon Ship Drills. 1513 Secured from Abandon Ship Drills. Restored all casualties. Remanned all General Quarters Stations. 1516 Secured from Battle Condition. Secured from General Quarters.  Editor's note: See this article, circa 1964, regarding atomic warfare preparedness for U.S. Naval Ships Online: <a href="https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/1964/may/defense-against-nuclear-attack-sea">https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/1964/may/defense-against-nuclear-attack-sea</a>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1961	March	8	Underway to Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently. 13.4 knots.</p> <p>0840 Man overboard drill. Exercised the crew at Man Overboard Stations. R/F/r, a/e/stop. A/e/b full.</p> <p>0841 Commenced steering various courses and speeds to conduct exercise.</p> <p>0844 LCVP-19 in the water. 0848 Man in the boat. 0851 Man aboard ship. 0854 LCVP-19 hoisted aboard. 0927 Secured from Man Overboard Drill. Set speed 15 knots.</p> <p>0954 to 1015 Re-exercised the crew at second Man Overboard Drill. LCVP-5 on duty.</p> <p>1021 Set speed 15 knots.</p> <p>1300 to 1420 Exercised the crew at Battle Problem.</p> <p>1620 to 1643 Exercised the crew at Steering Casualty Drill.</p> <p>2000 Commenced Economy Run.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	9	Underway to Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently.</p> <p>0203 Concluded engineering economy run. Set speed 16 knots.</p> <p>0834 Anchored, Buckner Bay, AV Anchorage in 10 fathoms of water. Bearings: Pier Bravo 019 deg, Kanna Saki Light 055 deg, Tsugen Shima Light 136.5 deg.</p> <p>1518 Underway for Chimu Wan, Okinawa.</p> <p>1600 Formed column: Calvert, Catamount, Oakhill, Fort Marion.</p> <p>1608 to 2017 Exercised the formation at tactics drill following corpen movements.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	10	Underway to Okinawa Anchored, Chimu Wan, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming in company with Task Unit 76.1.2 off the east coast of Okinawa Jima in Formation 51. Speed 10 knots. The ship is at Darken Ship. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship.</p> <p>0720 Anchored at the right flank of Kin Blue Beach, Chimu Wan, Okinawa. Bearings: Kuro Se 032 deg, Left tangent of Ike Shima 104.5 deg, Reef 016 deg. Anchored in 19 fathoms of water.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

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Chimu Wan, Okinawa - Extent of black rectangle shown as inset below.



1945 U.S. Hydrographic Nautical Map of Chimu Wan, Okinawa

Published on board the U.S.S. Bowditch in August 1945 just before the end of World War II.

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Presumed location of Kin Blue Beach and anchorage based on anchorage bearings.				<p>1945 U.S. Hydrographic Nautical Map of Chimu Wan, Okinawa</p> <p>Published on board the U.S.S. Bowditch in August 1945 just before the end of World War II.</p> <p>&lt;-- Kuro Se</p> <p>&lt;-- Ike Shima</p>	
1961	March	10	Anchored, Chimu Wan, Okinawa	<p>0731 Set Condition Zebra. Set Condition 1-Alfa.                      0752 Away all boats.                      1045 Set Condition Yoke throughout the ship.                      1140 LCVP 32-6 sustained broken shaft upon landing with Wave One. Hoisted at No. 4 hatch for repairs.                      1511 Secured from scheduled exercises. Secured from General Quarters. Condition Yoke set throughout the ship.                      Set the regular in-port watch.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

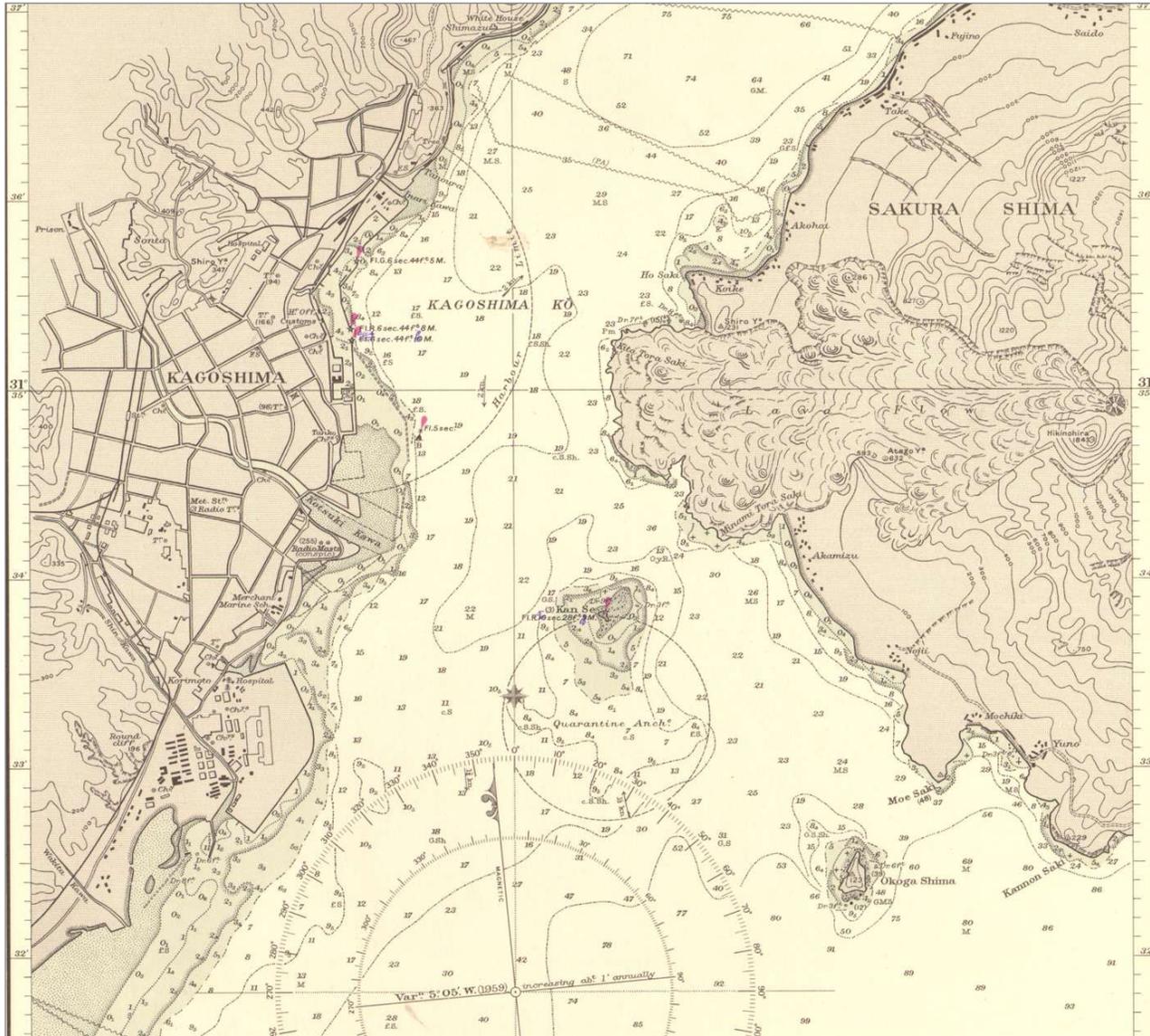
Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1961	March	10-18	Chimu Wan and Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>1) Upon arrival in Buckner we join other ships of the Squadron for exercises in Chimu Wan, a harbor about 20 miles north of BB (Buckner Bay). From the 10th of March until the 18th we conduct exercises with embarked Marines.</p> <p>2) SE Asia: Battalion Landing Team 3/9 embarked as the floating battalion for the Seventh Fleet serving on board the USS Thetis Bay, Paul Revere, Magoffin, Monticello, and the Fort Marion.</p> <p>Editor's note: Likely the Calvert was part of the embarkation as well, although unsubstantiated via USMC sources.</p>	<p>1) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P2.</p> <p>2) A Chronology of the United States Marine Corps, 1947-1964, Volume III, 1971, p49</p>
1961	March	11	<p>Anchored, Chimu Wan, Okinawa</p> <p>Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa</p> <p>Anchored, Buckner Bay</p>	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0800 Exercised the crew at General Quarters.</p> <p>0805 Set Condition Zebra throughout the ship.</p> <p>0810 Set Condition 1-Alfa. Commenced Amphibious Exercise.</p> <p>0900 Commenced ship-to-shore movements.</p> <p>1030 Completed ship-to-shore movements. Commenced hoisting boats aboard. All boats aboard.</p> <p>1129 Underway to shift anchorages.</p> <p>1151 Anchored, Chimu Wan.</p> <p>1350 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.</p> <p>1553 Anchored in Anchorage B-185, Buckner Bay, in 10 fathoms of water.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	12	<p>Anchored, Buckner Bay</p> <p>Underway to Chimu Wan, Okinawa</p> <p>Anchored, Chimu Wan, Okinawa</p>	<p>0000 Anchored as before, Anchorage B-185, Buckner Bay.</p> <p>0810 Set the Heavy Weather Bill. Shifted watch to the pilot house.</p> <p>0815 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail.</p> <p>0820 Anchor believed to be dragging. Navigator on the bridge.</p> <p>0830 Veered 95 fathoms on deck.</p> <p>0900 Standing by to get underway if necessary. Winds in excess of 35 knots.</p> <p>0915 Placed the Engineering Plant on 15-minute standby for getting underway.</p> <p>1130 Set the regular in-port watch. Engineering plant placed on one hour standby for getting underway.</p> <p>1600 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. 1620 Commenced heaving in the port anchor.</p> <p>1629 Underway, proceeding to Chimu Wan, Okinawa.</p> <p>1823 Anchored in Anchorage "E" in 30 fathoms of water.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

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				0000 Anchored, Anchorage E, Chimu Wan.	
1961	March	13	Anchored, Buckner Bay Underway to Chimu Wan, Okinawa Anchored, Chimu Wan, Okinawa	1125 Underway to shift anchorages using Duty Section III> 1204 Anchored in Anchorage Bravo, Chimu Wan in 22 fathoms of water. Bearings: Bluff 138.5 deg, Kure Se 034.5 deg, Rock 197.5 deg, Buoy No. 2 066.5 deg. 1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1304 Set Condition Zebra. Set Condition 1-Alfa. Commenced Amphibious Exercise. 1319 Commenced ship-to-shore movement. 1507 Remanned all 1-Alfa stations. Completed ship-to-shore movements. 1609 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. Maneuvering to shift anchorages.  1827 Anchored, Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. Put engines on 15 minute notice.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	14	Anchored, Buckner Bay Underway off Okinawa	0000 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship.  0731 Underway to conduct Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) and Night Steaming exercises.  0900 - 1143 Gunnery exercise. 238 rounds of 40mm HET fired. 1217 Set speed 16 knots to proceed toward Buckner Bay to render assistance to AVR aground. 1348 A/E/Stop. 1410 LCM 32-3 (heavy salvage) left the ship to render assistance to AVR. Fleet tug and other units assisting. 1450 LCM 32-3 returned to ship; AVR reported to be declared a total loss at 26-18.4N, 129-00.4E. 1545 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1549 Material Condition Zebra set throughout the ship. 1600 Maneuvering at various course and speeds to conduct Battle Problem. 1631 Commenced zig zagging, zig zag plan 30. 1641 Completed zig zagging. Set speed 16 knots. 1712 Exercised crew at Abandon Ship drill. 1722 Secured from drill. 1726 Commenced making all preparations for full power run. 1727 C/C to 120 AEA Flank. Secured from General Quarters and set Condition III. 1845 Darkened ship with exception of navigational lights. 1930 Completed full power run. Set speed 15 knots. 2135 Lighted ship. 2200 A/E/A two-thirds, 11 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	15	Underway off Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay	0000 Steaming independently in Area HH off the east coast of Okinawa with observers from USS Skagit embarked. Conducting Operational Readiness Inspection. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. Speed 15 knots.  0745 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.  1000 Exercised crew at General Quarters to conduct Visit and Search Drill. 1030 Secured from General Quarters. Set regular in-port watch. 1050 Held Repel-Boarders Drill. 1103 Secured from drill. 1403 - 1420 LCM 32-4 participated in Rescue and Assistance Detail drills with USS Skagit.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

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1961	March	16	Anchored, Buckner Bay Underway off Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay	0000 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 0515 Commence heavy rain; Wind 21 knots. 0540 Rain ceased. 0640 Observers from USS Skagit came aboard. 0726 Underway for replenishment off the east coasts of Okinawa with USS Skagit in company. 0802 - 1111 Several replenishment high-line transfers with the USS Skagit. 1309 Anchored, Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	17	Anchored, Buckner Bay	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	18	Anchored, Buckner Bay Underway for Kagoshima, Japan	0000 Anchored as before. 1800 Underway for Kagoshima, Japan.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	19	Underway for Kagoshima, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Kagoshima, Japan. Speed 14 knots. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 1227 - 1307 Ship swinging maneuver to photograph Yugoslavian M/V Triglav.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	20	Underway for Kagoshima, Japan Anchored, Kagoshima, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, speed 10 knots. Transiting Vincennes Straits. 0925 Anchored, Kagoshima, Japan, in 14 fathoms of water. 1629 Observed sunset. Turned on aircraft warning lights and anchor warning lights.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	21	Anchored, Kagoshima, Japan	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

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Kagoshima, Japan



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1961	March	22	Anchored, Kagoshima, Japan	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>1335 Members of the Kagoshima Businessmen's Association came aboard for a visit of the ship.</p> <p>1350 150 Orphans of Kagoshima came aboard for a visit to the ship.</p> <p>1500 Orphans and Businessmen left the ship.</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise"</p>	
						
1961	March	20-23	Kagoshima, Japan	<p>"Kagoshima, Japan. Upon arrival on 20 March we settle down for what we think is a five day stay. Kagoshima is a quiet town, though it is one of Japan's major ports. The big attraction is the Emperor's Summer Palace and live volcano just 4 1/2 miles from the ship that burps for the ship's camera bugs. The ship plays host to 150 orphans and 20 businessmen.</p> <p>Suddenly at midnight on the 23rd a message is received to quietly get underway for parts unknown. Trouble in Laos again. At 0200 we are underway and trying to get information from the mess decks as to where and why. It turns out to be Buckner Bay (You guessed it!) - for one day - to load troops and steam out with ships of the squadron for a spot in the South China Sea."</p>	<p>1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P2.</p>	
1961	March	23	<p>Anchored, Kagoshima, Japan</p> <p>Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa</p>	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0200 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.</p> <p>0645 - 0745 Passed through the Vincennes Straits.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries</p>	

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1961	March	24	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa Moored, Buckner Bay	0000 Steaming independently for Buckner Bay. COMPHIBRON V is embarked. 0320 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. Placed engineering plant on 30-minute standby for two-boiler steaming. 1023 Shifted to starboard side, Pier Bravo, Buckner Bay. 1200 Disbursing Officer returned aboard with \$26,000.00. 1409 - 1635 Received 126,000 gallons of fuel.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	25	Moored, Buckner Bay	0000 Moored as before, starboard side, Pier Bravo, Buckner Bay. The ship is receiving 30,000 gallons of fresh water per day and telephone services from the pier. 0040 Commenced loading ammunition. Firefighting equipment is stationed on the pier. 0020 LT-529 moored port side to Pier Bravo and assumed fire guard. Secured fire fighting equipment on pier. 0710 Commenced loading ammunition with LT-529 acting as fire guard. 1640 Smoking lamp is out aft of the superstructure while loading bulk fuel. 2300 126 Marine enlisted personnel and six officers from the Third Marine Division reported aboard.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	26	Moored, Buckner Bay Underway to South China Sea	0000 Moored as before. The engineering plant is on 30-minute standby for getting underway. 0230 Completed loading ammunition forward. 0500 Completed loading U.S. Marine Corps cargo. 0955 Underway for assigned anchorage in Buckner Bay. 1041 Anchored. 2255 Underway, standing out of Buckner Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	27	Underway to South China Sea	0000 Steaming in company with units of CTU 76.0.1 in a single line formation with Calvert as guide. Catamount and Vernon County in formation. Speed 12 knots. 1300 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. 1312 Material Condition Zebra set throughout. Conducted abandon ship drill. 1324 Secured from drill. Set Material Condition Yoke throughout. 1329 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	28	Underway to South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 14 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	29	Underway to South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 14 knots. 1830 Captain is on the bridge. C/F/C by turn movement to investigate possible submarine contact. 1830 - 2231 Conducted submarine contact search. 2231 - 2257 Noise from shaft to be kept at minimum. Set speed 10 knots. Clearing area of contact. 2257 Set speed 13 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries

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1961	March	30	Underway to South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Enroute to South China Sea. 0642 -0707 Mail transfer with Catamount, via high-line. 0715 - 0739 Mail transfer with Vernon County, via high-line. 1043 - 1102 Light line transfer with Catamount for guard mail transfer. 1700 - 1755 Mail transfer with USS Estes, via high line.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	March	31	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before, in the South China Sea. Night steaming in area around rendezvous point. Speed 5 knots in formation 51. 1225 - 1421 High-line with Skagit: Mail and personnel transfer. LTJG J. M. Huntsman, USNR; CWO-2 W. L. Karl, USN 1500 - 1532 High-line transfer with Magoffin. Mail transfer.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, March 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	1	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as a unit of Task Group 76.1 in the South China Sea, at various courses around rendezvous point. In formation No. 51, speed 5 knots. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 1044 Received report of an electrical fire in boat group lazarette. Set Condition 1. Received report fire was in light switch and was put out when power was secured to it. Set Condition 3. 1154 Helicopter from Thetis Bay made fantail and picked up serum for hepatitis patient. 1230 Commenced exercising formation at tactical maneuvers. 1554 Ready to receive helicopter for transfer of US and guard mail. 1609 Helicopter over fantail. Commenced landing mail. 1611 Helicopter clear of the fantail. 1643 Fire in the ship's soda fountain. Cause an overheated belt. 1802 Turned on red aircraft warning lights, turned off range masthead and stern lights. 2204 Secured from lighting condition green. Turned on all navigation lights. 2231 Let fires die under No. 2 boiler and placed on 30-minute standby. Maximum speed available is 9 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	2	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 7 knots. 1000 Conducting helicopter operations for transfer of mail. 1410 Lighted fires No. 2 boiler. 1455 - 1550 Commenced helicopter operations on fantail.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	3	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 7 knots. 0730 Manned replenishment stations. 0745 -0835 Replenishment of personnel and mail with the USS Magoffin. 0930 - 1205 Exercised the crew at emergency drills: Man overboard drill, Fire drill, Anti-Mine gunnery shoot, Abandon ship drill, Rescue and Assistance Detail.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

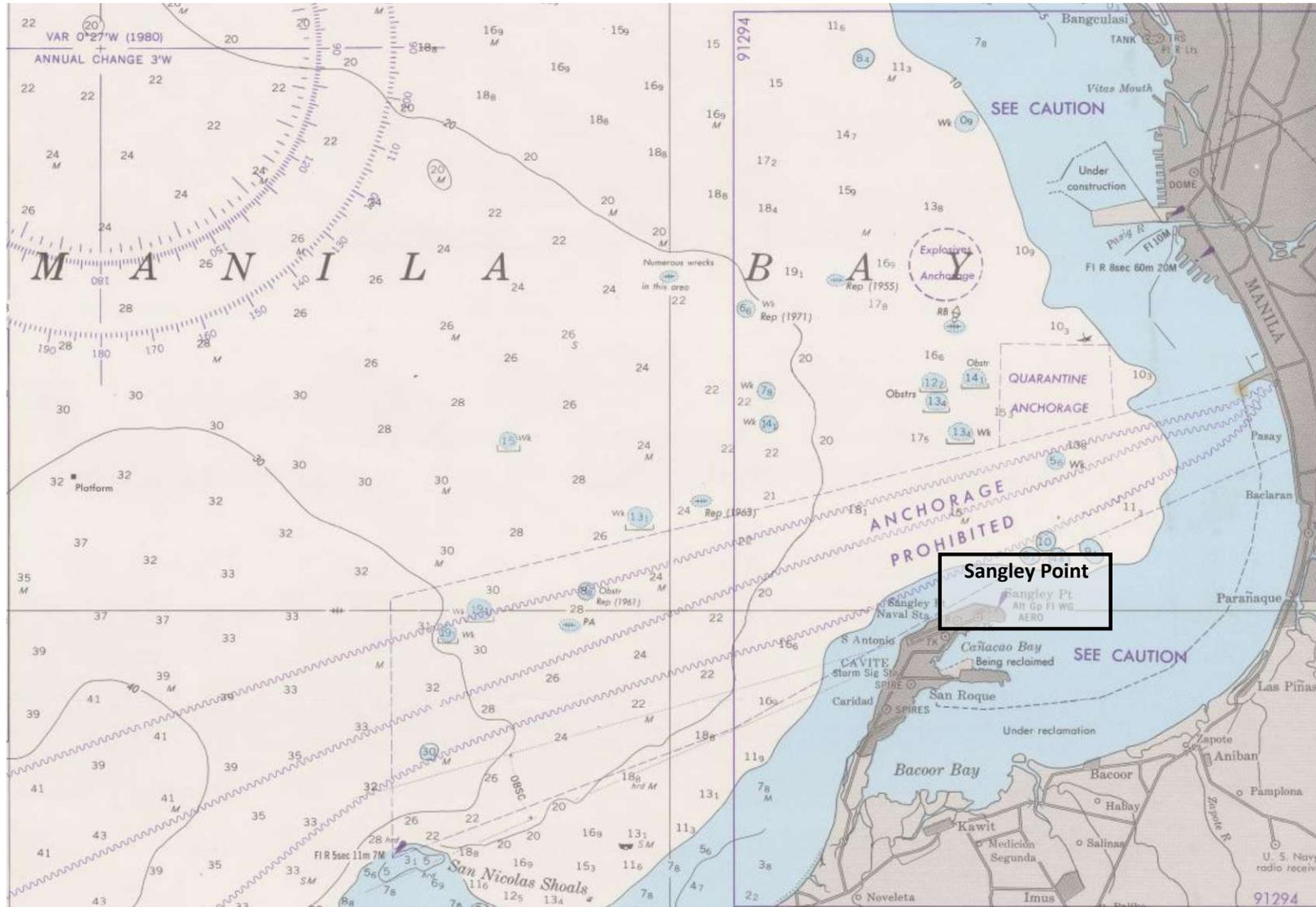
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1961	April	4	Underway in the South China Sea	<p>1) "While the ship steams in a twenty-mile square circle (you figure that one out) Captain John N. Renfro is high-lined from MAGOFFIN after chasing the ship all over the Western Pacific."</p> <p>1) "We now have an honorary certificate for those persons who are highlined to or from the Calvert. It is an engraved, colored, parchment signed by the Captain over the ship's seal and serves to inform all that the bearer is a member of the "Brave Order of the Highline". Captain Renfro, Ensign Zschau, and Chief Gunner's Mate Frazier are the first recipients of this certificate."</p>	1) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.
1961	April	4	Underway in the South China Sea	<p>0000 Steaming as before. Speed 7 knots.</p> <p>1015 - 1200 Exercised at transfer of mail and freight, and refueling with the USS Guadalupe. Received 84,874 gallons of fuel. Measure of 428,174 gallons on hand prior to refueling.</p> <p>1030 Helicopter operations on fantail.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	5	Underway in the South China Sea	<p><b>On 5 April 1961 Captain John Renfro, USN, relieved Commander Harold D. Durham, USN, as Commanding Officer, USS Calvert.</b></p> <p>2) On 6 April Captain Renfro relieves Commander Durham as Commanding Officer and Commander Durham goes back to one job as we all wonder what will our third skipper of the cruise be like?</p> <p>3) 0000 Steaming as before in the South China Sea. Speed 7 knots.</p> <p>0608 Commenced all ships scheduled exercises. All ships with scheduled exercises broke formation to proceed with exercises.</p> <p>0645 Mustered the crew at quarters for muster, Captain's Personnel Inspection and Change of Command.</p> <p>0800 Captain John N. Renfro, USN, relieved H.D. Durham, CRD, USN, as Commanding Officer in ceremonies aboard ship.</p>	<p>Cullen, Page 27</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p> <p>3) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries</p>
1961	April	5	Underway in the South China Sea	<p>0837 - 1115 Docking drill.</p> <p>1330 - 1455 Rubber docking drill.</p> <p>1749 - 1848 Helicopter transfer operations on fantail.</p> <p>1831 Modified the formation to move the ships in ALFA ring to 1500 yards and in BRAVO ring to 3000 yards from the guide.</p> <p>2001 Formation 51 rings closed to standard distance of 1000 yards.</p> <p>2003 Completed exercising formation at tactical maneuvers.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

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1961	April	6	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 7 knots. 0840 - 1455 Small arms firing off the fantail by embarked Marines. 0900 - 0930 Practiced at docking. 1340 - 1435 Highline transfer of guard mail with USS Buck. 1715 - 1809 All ships of the formation commenced closing USS Calvert to deliver mail by boat. 2000 Medical report: SKC sailor received wound in right thumb while rewinding movie film, not due his own negligence.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	7	Underway in the South China Sea	0000 Steaming as before. Formation speed 7 knots. 0300 Secured from transfer of mail.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	8 - 9	Underway to Okinawa	Steaming as before, enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Formation speed 13 knots. April 9th: 1702 - 1706 Lost power to forced draft blowers in the fire room. Changed speed to 5 knots until casualty was restored and regained speed to 13 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	10	Underway to Okinawa Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0000 Steaming as before, enroute from the South China Sea to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Formation speed 13 knots. 1333 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	10	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	1) "On 10 April 1961 the Calvert returned to Buckner Bay, Okinawa and disembarked the Marine units and embarked an 800-man Marine unit and equipment for South East Asia Treaty Organization Nations operation known as "Pony Express" to be conducted in British North Borneo." 2) "10 April 1961: Finally, after nine days of steaming in our circular square we return to Buckner Bay. During the Laotian Trouble we have missed visits to Kobe, Nagasaki and Sasebo, Japan. More important, the ship is beginning to feel the results of a lack of upkeep time. But perhaps our presence in the South China Sea did some good. It was hot ..." 2) "We off-load our troops, and the following day (11th) we load 800 troops and their vehicles for Operation Pony Express."	1) Cullen, Page 27 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.
1961	April	11	Anchored, then moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0000 Anchored in Anchorage AV, Buckner Bay. 1853 - 1916 Relocated to Pier B, Buckner Bay. The engineering plant is on four hours notice for getting underway.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

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1961	April	12 - 16	Moored, then anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	Moored as before, to Pier B, Buckner Bay. April 14th: Relocated to anchorage mid-point between anchorages B-188 and B-199. Later in the day, relocated back to Pier Bravo. April 16th: Marines of 3rd MAR DIV embarked. 756 Marines of 9th Marine Regiment also embarked.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	17	Moored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Underway for Manila, Philippine Islands	Moored as before, to Pier B, Buckner Bay. Marines of 3rd MARDIV embarked, COMPHIBRON V (Commander, Task Group 76.1) embarked. 0722 Commenced spinning the main engine with steam. 0743 Underway for Manila, Philippine Islands. 0831 Set regular Steaming Watch, set speed 14 knots. Formed column with USS Catamount. 1300 Exercised the crew and embarked Marines at General Quarters to conduct Abandon Ship Drills. 1310 Set Condition Yoke throughout the ship. Made preparations for abandon ship. 1325 Secured from drill. 1357 - 1358 Fire in the engine room uptakes, reported as overheated driver belt on air conditioning compressor located in uptakes.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	17 - 20	Buckner Bay, Okinawa to Sangley Point, Manila, Philippines	1) On 17 April 1961 the Calvert sailed to Sangley Point, Republic of the Philippines, to join up with other units for Operation PONY EXPRESS, a SEATO (South East Asia Treaty Organization) joint operation. Due to the Laotian situation many units originally scheduled to participate had to be withdrawn. 2) On 17 April we proceed to Manila P.I. to join forces and arrive at Sangley Point early on the 20th.	1) Cullen, Page 27 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.
1961	April	18	Underway to Manila, Philippines	0000 Steaming in company with USS Catamount for Manila, P.T. Speed 14 knots. 1200 - 1330 Exercised at Tactical Drill.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	19	Underway to Manila, Philippines	Steaming as before. 1200 - 1600 Tactical drills with the USS Catamount.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	20	Underway to Manila, Philippines Anchored, Manila	Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. 0531 Maneuvering to enter Manila Bay. 0745 Mustered the crew and embarked Marines on stations. 0925 Anchored in Anchorage M, Sangley Point, Luzon Island, P.I., in 36 feet of water. Bearings: Sangley Point Aero Bkn 222 deg, N. Breakwater (Fl. Green) 020 deg, Aero Beacon Manila 089 deg. 1930 Loaned LCVP-13 to USS Fort Marion to use as replacement for their liberty boat which is out of order.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

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Manila Bay, Sangley Point



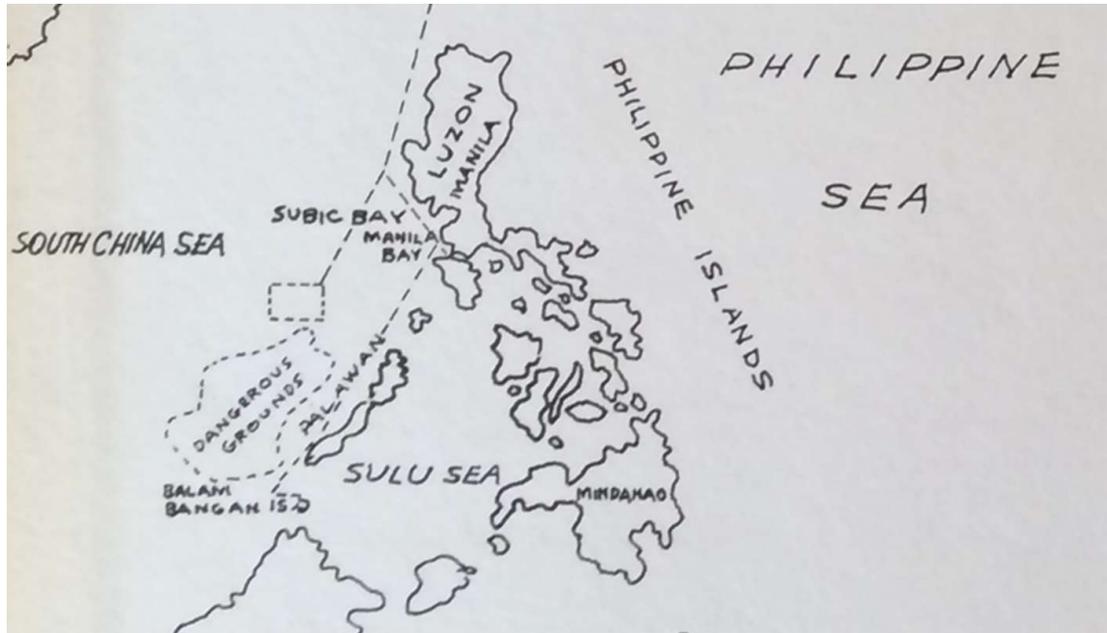
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1961	April	20 - 22	Sangley Point, Manila, Philippines	<p>1) "Awaiting orders to sail for British North Borneo, while the Laotian Crisis is navigated by SEATO diplomats and armed forces."</p> <p>2) Regarding the Laotian Crisis: "In early May 1961 the two Laotian factions sat down to negotiate another coalition arrangement. It has been suggested by some official U.S. histories that the impetus for the meetings by the Laotians was the possibility of U.S. military intervention. At the time, there was an ongoing Southeast Asia Treaty Organization exercise known as Pony Express, which was practicing an insertion of military forces in a notional country to meet an external assault. The combination of the announced possibility of U.S. intervention and the existence of SEATO forces practicing such a contingency may have impressed the Laotian factions."</p>	<p>1) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p> <p>2) Spartans In Darkness: American SIGINT and the Indochina War, 1945-1975 NSA.gov website</p>
1961	April	21	Anchored, Manila, Philippines	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	22	Anchored, Manila, Philippines  Underway to British North Borneo	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0757 Underway for rehearsal area for Operation Pony Express.</p> <p>0948 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Condition ZEBRA set throughout the ship.</p> <p>1021 Entered simulated mine field.</p> <p>1148 Secured from General Quarters. Set Condition Three throughout the ship.</p> <p>1403 Commenced zig-zagging.</p> <p>1700 Ceased zig-zagging.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
<b>Operation Pony Express, North Borneo</b>					
1961	April 22 - May 8		Sangley Point, Manila, Philippines  to  British North Borneo, Balambangan Island area	<p>1) On 22 April 1961 the Calvert sailed for Borneo, with the ships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and ships of the SEATO nations.</p> <p>2) Leaving Sangley Point on the 22nd, some 40 ships finally took part (Operation Pony Express). We, in company with other amphibious units under Rear Admiral Roeder in ESTES, proceeded to the rehearsal area off Balambangan Island in North Borneo.</p> <p>On 1 May 1961, the Joint Forces of the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Republic of the Philippines successfully land off Gasap Point, British North Borneo. The weather in Borneo is pleasantly cooler than we'd expected, but still, it is hot. There are laundry troubles with the number of persons aboard, and water problems. Two days of water hours help make people more aware of the water shortage. The problem, though not solved is somewhat eased.</p> <p>3) 2) Exercise Pony Express, conducted on the northern coast of Borneo by 60 ships and 26,000 personnel from SEATO member states between late April and early May 1961, prominently displayed U.S. naval power and allied military solidarity.</p> <p>4) The exercise also saw Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ships successfully escorting an international Amphibious Task Force from Manila to British North Borneo against attacks by a US nuclear submarine.</p>	<p>1) Cullen, Page 27</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p> <p>3) By Sea, Air and Land - Chapter 2 : The Era of Growing Conflict, 1959-1965 Online at <a href="https://www.history.navy.mil">https://www.history.navy.mil</a></p> <p>4) <u>SEATO 'Pony Express' Military Exercise in Kudat, North Borneo in 1961</u> <a href="http://www.northborneohistory.com/footage-of-seato-pony-express-military-exercise-in-kudat-north-borneo-in-1961/">http://www.northborneohistory.com/footage-of-seato-pony-express-military-exercise-in-kudat-north-borneo-in-1961/</a></p>

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Operation Pony Express - Operating Area



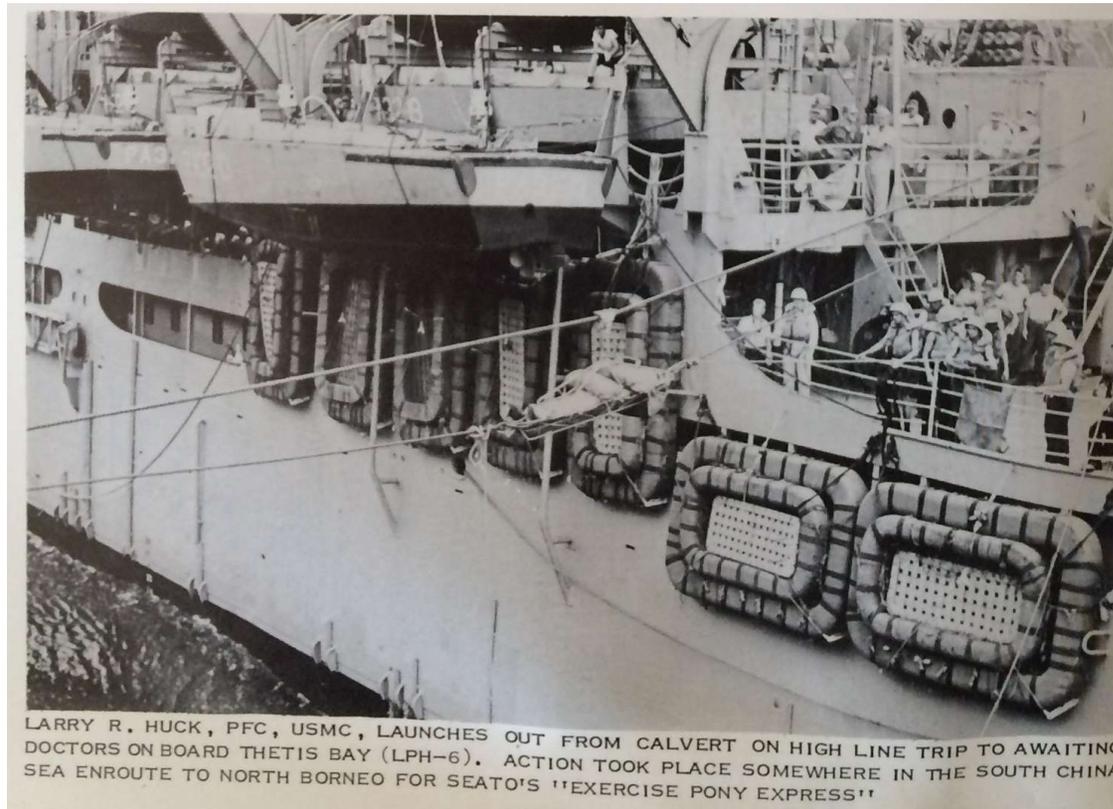
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1961	April	23	Underway to British North Borneo	<p>0000 Steaming in formation 57-C with units of transport unit Alfa (Task Unit 261.4.1) in the Palawan Passage. Formation speed 13 knots. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship.</p> <p>0730 - 0812 High-Line of personnel with the USS Estes.</p> <p>0918 - 0949 High-Line of personnel with the USS Estes.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	24	Underway to British North Borneo	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before, in the Palawan Passage.</p> <p>1005 - 1100 Exercised formation at Tactical Drills.</p> <p>1200 - 1233 Helicopter transfer of guard mail.</p> <p>1637 - 1655 Replenishment High Line with the USS Hanson (DDR-832)</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1961	April	25	Underway to British North Borneo	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before, in the South China Sea for Exercise Pony Express.</p> <p>0501 Exercised turn movement to avoid possible submarine contact.</p> <p>0508 Contact evaluated as non-submarine.</p> <p>0614 Commenced Zig-Zagging.</p> <p>0909 Ceased Zig-Zagging.</p> <p>1153 -1212 Transfer of stretcher patient from the USS Calvert to the USS Thetis Bay.</p> <p>1212 - 1226 Transfer of light freight.</p> <p>1329 Lost lube oil pressure to main engines. A/E/ Stop. Maneuvering to clear formation and hoisted Breakdown Flag.</p> <p>1334 Casualty repaired. Maneuvering to regain station. One lube oil pump is out of commission.</p> <p>1534 Ship's whistle and siren temporarily out of commission.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

Highline Transfer - April 25th



LARRY R. HUCK, PFC, USMC, LAUNCHES OUT FROM CALVERT ON HIGH LINE TRIP TO AWAITING DOCTORS ON BOARD THETIS BAY (LPH-6). ACTION TOOK PLACE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ENROUTE TO NORTH BORNEO FOR SEATO'S "EXERCISE PONY EXPRESS"

1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise"

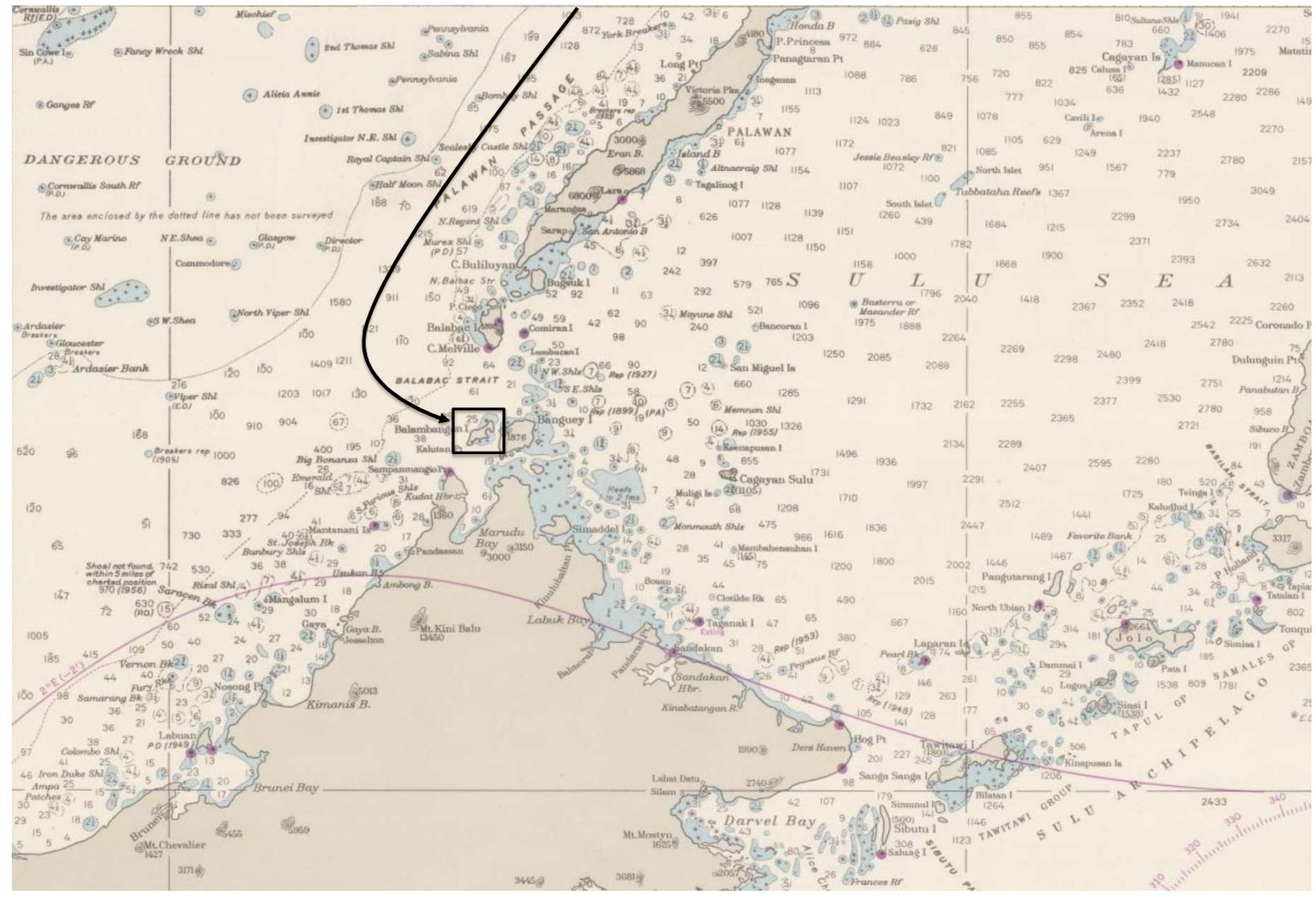
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1961	April	25 - 26	Underway to British North Borneo	The Calvert and crew earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the period April 25th and 26th for participation in the Vietnam Advisory Campaign.	Navsource online: <a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm">http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm</a>
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1961	April	26	Underway to British North Borneo	<p>Steaming as before.</p> <p>Exercised at formation zig-zagging several times throughout the day.</p> <p>1300 - 1435 Mustered the crew at quarters for Captain's Personnel Inspection.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	27	Underway to British North Borneo	<p>0000 Steaming as before in company with units of JTF 261 in the South China Sea.</p> <p>0800 Set General Quarters, exercising the embarked Marines at debarkation drills.</p> <p>0908 Secured from drills.</p> <p>1119 USS Calvert, USS Magoffin, and USS Fort Marion all left formation to perform transfer of troops and cargo. All engines stopped.</p> <p>1130 Set Condition 1-Alfa.</p> <p>1200 Laying to as before.</p> <p>1200 - 2400 Engines and rudder used throughout the watch to maintain position.</p> <p>1300 Commenced transfer of troops and cargo from USS Magoffin.</p> <p>1655 Main Control reported casualty in electric jacking gear. Spinning engines with steam when necessary.</p> <p>2136 Loading completed. All boats aboard.</p> <p>2137 Proceeding independently for Pony Express Rehearsal Area.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	April	28	Underway to British North Borneo Anchored off West Coast of Balambangan Island, British North Borneo	<p>0000 Steaming independently enroute to Pony Express Rehearsal Area. Speed 15 knots.</p> <p>0832 Off the West Coast of Balambangan Island.</p> <p>0846 Anchored in Anchorage R-7. Main and Steering Engines placed on four hour standby.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries

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Approximate route of Joint Task Force 261, steaming to Balamangan Island, North Borneo



Extract of chart: Eastern Archipelago : Borneo to New Guinea Chart No. 5592, 1st edition (1959). Scale 1:2,920,000.

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Note on "Dangerous Ground" east of the Palawan Passage and North Borneo: "Dangerous Ground is a large area in the southeast part of the South China Sea characterized by many low islands and cays, sunken reefs, and atolls awash, with reefs often rising abruptly from ocean depths greater than 3,300 ft. ... certain shoals and reefs may appear on one chart, but not on another regardless of the scales involved. Charted depths and their locations may present considerable error in the lesser known regions of this area. Avoidance of Dangerous Ground is the mariner's only assurance of safety."

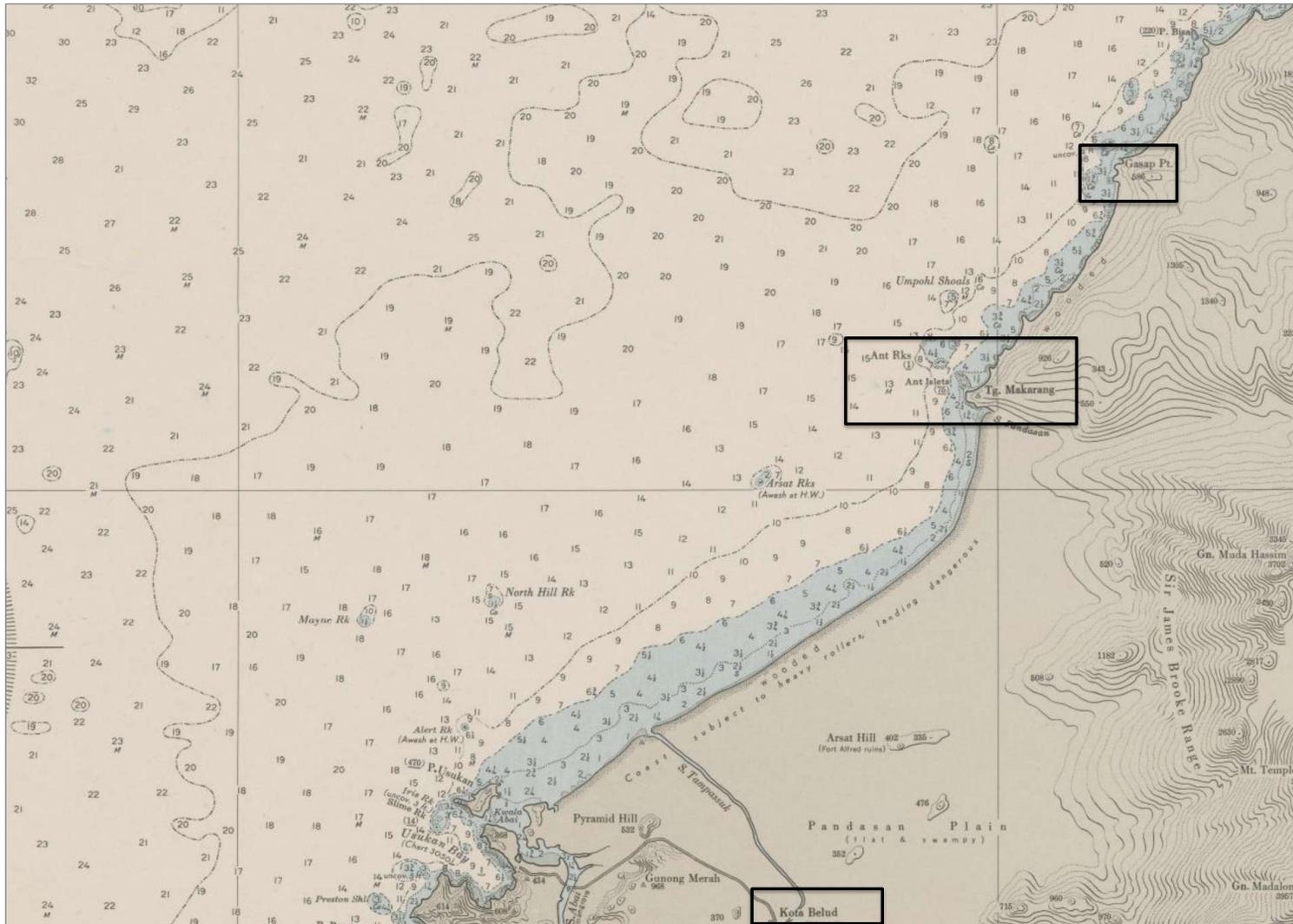
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1961	April	29	Anchored off West Coast of Balambangan Island, British North Borneo  Underway off the coast of North Borneo	0000 Anchored in Anchorage B-7 off the West Coast of Balambangan Island in 30 fathoms of water with sand, mud, and shell bottom. Bearings: Kalutan Island 196 deg, Banguey Peak 124 deg, Siagut Point 13,300 yards. The ship is in Condition of Readiness Five with Material Condition Yoke set. The engineering plant is on 4 hours standby for getting underway. COMPHIBRON V is in this ship.  0715 USS Terrell County (LST-1157) alongside port side. 0730 Commenced off-loading cargo and Marine Troops. 0930 Secured from off-loading troops and cargo. 1015 Embarked personnel of the Marine TACP.  1302 Underway. Maneuvering to form column formation. 1702 - 1825 Refueling with USS Kawishiwi. Received 62,873 gallons of NSFO.  2) "At the last moment the rehearsal, planned for the area of Balambangan Island, is cancelled. "	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries  2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.
1961	April	30	Underway off the western coast of North Borneo	0000 Steaming in company with ships participating in Operation Pony Express off the West Coast of North Borneo. Ships in company are at darken ship.  0745 - 0814 Highline of personnel and light freight with the USS Estes. 0940 - 0958 Highline of personnel and light freight with the USS Estes. 1627 - 1638 Transfer of guard mail via helicopter. 1831 Set darken ship.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, April 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	1	Underway off the western coast of North Borneo  Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo	0000 Steaming as before, participating in Operation Pony Express, off the West Coast of North Borneo. Formation speed 9 knots.  0400 Maneuvering to approach Red Beach, Kota Belud, North Borneo. 0422 Broke formation, proceeding to assigned anchorage for assault Operation Pony Express. 0430 Exercised the crew at General Quarters. Navigator relieved the Deck and Conn. Captain assumed the Conn.  0504 Set Condition 1-Alfa, set Sea and Anchor Detail. 0532 Anchored, Green Beach, Kota Belud, North Borneo in 18 fathoms of water. Bearings: Ant Islets 6.7 miles, Pulau Sisa 3.0 miles, Gaspar Point 1.1 miles, Point Mantanani 293 deg. Secured the main and steering engines. Engines on two-hour standby.  0605 Commenced off-loading troops and equipment. 0750 Commenced ship-to-shore movement. Underwater telephone cable laid to USS Catamount. 1105 Commence moderate rain, visibility 5.0 miles. 1150 Wind increased to 14 knots. Visibility decreased to 2.5 miles. 1320 Rain ceased. Visibility increased to 5 miles. 1415 Commenced hoisting boats as operations permit. 1900 Darken ship, anchor lights out, aircraft warning lights burning. 2020 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. Set modified condition III watches.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1961	May	1-7	Gasap Point area, British North Borneo	1) On 1 May 1961 troops were landed at Gasap Point, British North Borneo, and the exercise was concluded on 7 May 1961. 2) Pony Express practiced amphibious assault landings, and established a beachhead.	1) Cullen, Page 27  2) <u>Ambig War Game Is Not Play</u> , All Hands, November 1962, p 5

Vicinity of Kota Belud, North Borneo. Kota Belud indicated by rectangle, bottom of chart. Ant Islets indicated by rectangle, mid-chart. Gasap Point, upper rectangle.



Extract of chart: South China Sea : Borneo-northwest coast : Ambong Bay to Tanjung Sempang Mangayau. Chart No. 2121. 1:146,750 Scale, Soundings in Fathoms. United States Hydrographic Office, 1945

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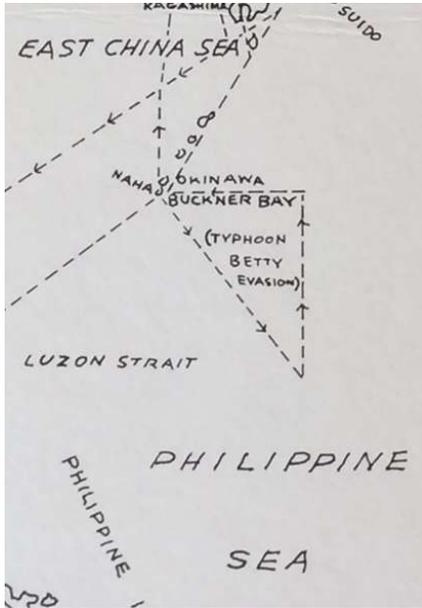
Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1961	Early May		Gasap Point area, British North Borneo	<p><b>Borneo: SEATO Exercise "Pony Express"</b> - News reel notes:</p> <p>"Background: The South East Asia Treaty Organisation's biggest military exercise, code-named "Pony Express", began May 1 when a squadron of helicopters took off from the British Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS 'Bulwark' and landed Royal Marines of the 42nd Commando on the beach at Kota Belud, North Borneo.</p> <p>Operating a shuttle service between beach and carrier, the helicopters landed 500 British and Australian troops. These were quickly joined by U.S. Marines brought in by helicopters from the US carrier 'Thetis Bay'. After the beaches had been 'secured', more troops and supplies were ferried ashore efficiently by landing craft.</p> <p>Fighters and bombers from aircraft carriers off-shore swept the coast in mock attacks, as tanks and artillery rumbled ashore in support. On the beach, S.E.A.T.O. troops were dug in to simulate enemy defence forces. Quickly establishing a beach-head, the allied marines moved through the jungle towards their 'target' - a ridge five miles inland.</p> <p>Nearly 20,000 naval personnel, 6,000 assault troops, 81 ships, fighters and bombers from Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the USA, are taking part in "Pony Express", which was designed to illustrate how quickly member nations would come to the aid of the ally."</p>	<p>1) <u><a href="#">BORNEO: S.E.A.T.O. EXERCISE "PONY EXPRESS"</a></u> Reuters Limited.</p> <p>Video footage of the USS Calvert, 16 second mark to 22 second mark - <a href="https://www.britishpathe.com/video/VLVA9IO3X8KGR6G6A2B16C2H3UF1G-BORNEO-SEATO-EXERCISE-PONY-EXPRESS">https://www.britishpathe.com/video/VLVA9IO3X8KGR6G6A2B16C2H3UF1G-BORNEO-SEATO-EXERCISE-PONY-EXPRESS</a></p>
1961	May	2	Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo	<p>0000 Anchored as before. The ship is in Condition of Readiness IV with the Anti-Sneak Attack and Fly Catcher Plan set with modified darken ship. COMPHIBRON V is in this ship. Ships present include ships of nations participating in Operation Pony Express. The ship is currently handling cargo.</p> <p>0615 Secured the Sneak Attack Patrol Boat.</p> <p>1500 Winds averaging 20 knots. Bringing all boats available aboard.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	3	Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	4	Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>0830 Commenced backloading of troops and equipment.</p> <p>1930 Completed backloading of troops and equipment.</p> <p>1945 Secured from Condition 1-Alfa. Set inport watches.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	5	Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo	<p>0000 Anchored as before. The ship is on two hour notice for getting underway.</p> <p>1300 Commenced making preparations for getting underway. Ship on 30 minute standby for getting underway.</p> <p>2048 Went on two-hour standby for getting underway. Let fires die under No. 1 boiler.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries

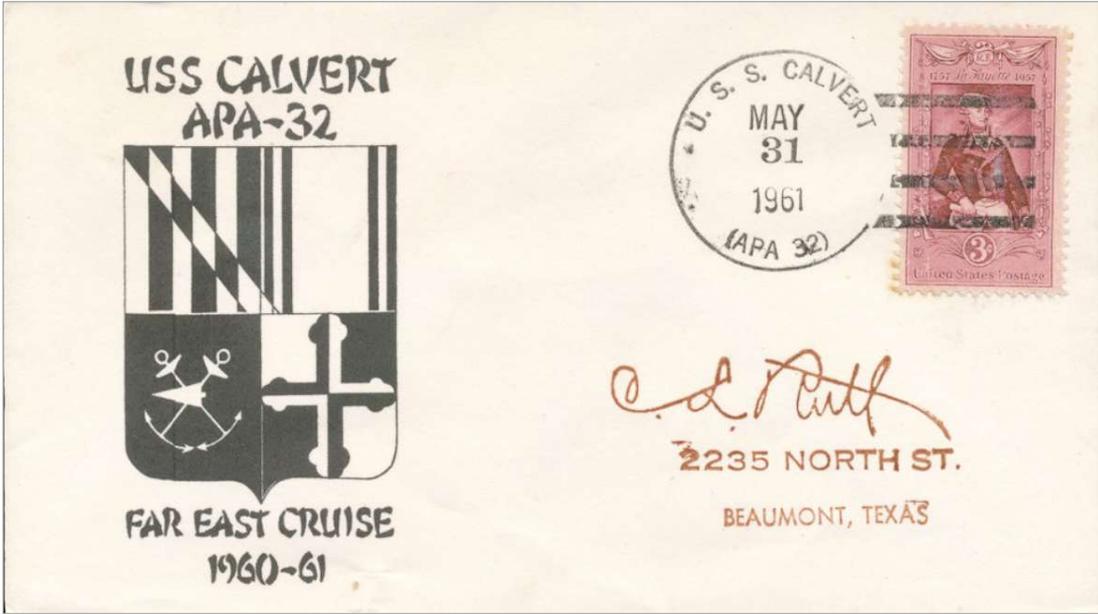
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1961	May	6	Anchored off Kota Belud, North Borneo Underway for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands	0000 Anchored as before. The ship is on two hour notice for getting underway. 0820 On 30 minute standby for getting underway. 1146 Underway for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 1215 Formed formation 51: USS Calvert, USS Terrell County, USS Skagit, USS Vernon County, USS Westchester County. Speed 11 knots. 1315 - 1343 Repairs to Fathometer casualty. 1348 Set formation speed 13 knots. 2, 3) After addressing salvage problems on the beach, on May 7th the Calvert sailed with several units of Phibron Five (Amphibious Squadron Five) and Landing Ship Squadron Nine for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries 2) Cullen, Page 27, 28 3) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.
1961	May	7	Underway for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands	0000 Steaming in company with PHIBRON V. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 0807 - 0857 Fathometer out of commission. 1605 Report of fire under No. 4 davit had been extinguished. Fire caused by spontaneous combustion of oily rags.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	8	Underway for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands Moored, Subic Bay	0000 Steaming as before. 0707 Dissolved formation, proceeding independently to enter port. 0822 Moored starboard side to USS Estes at Alfa Wharf, U.S. Naval Station, Port Olongapo, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 0829 Secured steering and main engines. Secured No. 1 boiler and placed engineering plant on 21 hours notice for one boiler operation.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	9	Moored, Subic Bay	Moored as before. 1340 - 1416 YFU-13 came along side to pick up jeep and personnel.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	10 - 13	Moored, Subic Bay	Moored, Subic Bay May 12th: 1353 - 1522 Change of mooring, to N.S.D. Pier, Subic Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	13	Moored, Subic Bay Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0000 Moored as before, N.S.D Pier, Subic Bay. COMPHIBRON V embarked. 1500 - 1512 Fire in aft Battery Chargin House. Cause due to personal gear stowed behind electrical switch board which overheated. 1657 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries

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1961	May	14	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Steaming off the West Coast of Luzon on course 350 deg T. at speed 15 knots. Boilers No. 1 and No. 2 are on the line for steaming. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship.</p> <p>0330 Planet Saturn brightly visible, bearing 085 deg T, position angle 10 deg.</p> <p>1243 Shifted steering control to steering aft. 1249 Shifted steering control to the Pilot House. 1306 Wind is from 080 deg T., 25 knots. Secured ship for heavy weather.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	15	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently, as before. Speed 15 knots. Transiting the Bashi Channel.</p> <p>0900 Tested the ship's whistle, siren, general and chemical alarms. 1004 - 1050 Passed through rain showers, during which visibility reduced to 5 miles. Visibility increased to horizon at completion of rain showers. 1607 - 1740 Exercised at steering casualty drills.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	16	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa  Anchored, then moored, Buckner Bay	<p>0000 Steaming independently, as before.</p> <p>0628 Maneuvering to enter Buckner Bay</p> <p>0813 Anchored in Anchorage B-148, Buckner Bay. 0923 - 0937 Relocated to Pier BRAVO. 0956 Secured the main and steering engines. The ship is on 12 hours standby for getting underway.</p> <p>2145 Windy with gusts to 25 knots.</p> <p>2) Arriving 16 May. The most difficult task upon arrival is getting the troops to leave the ship. After much persuasion they decide they might be more comfortable in their quarters ashore.</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p>

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1961	May 16 to June		Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p><b>Buckner Bay: A time of repair, awaiting orders, evasion of Typhoon Betty and prelaring for Operation Blue Ox and Operation Purple Cow, both of which are cancelled</b></p> <p>1) "During this visit to Buckner Bay, the Calvert's schedule was changed and the ship remained there on indefinite operations, remaining on short notice standby but having a chance to get some important repairs completed and preparations for Operation Blue Ox, to be held with Korean forces. "</p> <p>2) "Operation Blue Ox now faced us: A Korean-United States Amphibious Exercise scheduled off the east coast of Korea. It was still in the planning stages. Three Korean Naval Officers came aboard for a week to take part in the planning with the staff. Thus, a brief reprieve after several months gives us a few days for needed cleaning up and boiler-work that is long overdue. There are quite a few ships in Buckner which have spent quite some time on "Indefinite Operations." We join them and use the time for upkeep and training. The only interruption during these few weeks is four days at sea, running away from Typhoon Betty. Both we and Okinawa are lucky: Betty died off the Northwest Coast of Taiwan. This all coincides with the changes of governments in Korea (military coup, per Cullen). And one day Operation Blue Ox is quietly cancelled."</p> <p>1) "The few days lengthen into several weeks, all of which are spent in hopes of departure for Yokosuka. In the place of Blue Ox a lesser operation called Purple Cow is planned but never gets passed the planning stages. During this period there are a large number of men rated and advanced in rate and the stay in Buckner gives them a chance to celebrate. The Staff kept busy with inspections of their ships and "Green Vertigre" came to be immediately associated with valve stems as the inspections progressed."</p>	<p>1) Cullen, Page 27, 28</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p>
1961	Mid May to Early June		Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>"All during this time there seemed to be something in the air, both in Laos and in Korea. As a result, the ship's visit to Shimoda, Japan for the Black Ship Festival is cancelled and instead we are put on "indefinite operations" in Buckner Bay. Fortunately, we are not without rumor as to where we are going and when we will leave. All this time too, tally is being kept of the number of days until we arrive in San Diego. Upon arrival in Buckner Bay the count is down to 66 days. But between news reports of troubled areas in WESTPAC and cancelled schedules it is awfully easy to get rumor started, hinting at the fact that our tour could be extended."</p>	<p>1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p>
1961	May	17	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p>Moored as before.</p> <p>0130 Boats forward broke loose, taffrail on Commodores' Gig damaged. Boats secured.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p>
1961	May	18	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p>Moored as before.</p> <p>0800 - 1100 Quarters for muster and surprise personnel and limited administration by COMPHIBRON V. Critique followed.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p>
1961	May	19	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p>Moored as before.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p>
1961	May	20	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p>Moored as before</p> <p>2200 COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC shifted from Rear Admiral Roeder in USS Estes to COMPHIBRON V in this ship.</p>	<p>Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p>

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1961	May	21	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p>1) Moored as before. COMPHIBRON V and TACRON 13 are embarked in this ship.</p> <p>0611 Placed the engineering plant on one hour standby for getting underway, due to high winds.</p> <p>1215 Broke fresh water connection to the pier. High winds continuing. Doubled lines fore and aft, removed after brow.</p> <p>1330 Commenced liberty for off-duty sections. Engineering plant remains on 1 hour standby for getting underway at full boiler power.</p> <p>1500 Remaining component of 3rd MARDIV left the ship having completed duty in this ship.</p> <p>1615 Engineering plant placed on four-hour standby for getting underway on two boiler steaming.</p> <p>2) "With the re-assumption of COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC by the Staff when ESTES departs. TACRON 13 under Commander Manger is embarked in the Calvert."</p> <p>3) "Commander Amphibious Group Three departed for CONUS and Commander Amphibious Group Western Pacific was again assumed by Commander Amphibious Squadron Five in the Calvert. Tactical Air Control Squadron Thirteen, commanded by Commander M.M. Manger, USN, USN, embarked."</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3.</p> <p>3) Cullen, Page 27, 28</p>
1961	May	22 - 23	Moored, Buckner Bay	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	24	Moored, Buckner Bay	<p><b>Typhoon Betty</b></p> <p>1055 Set Typhoon Condition Four.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	25	Moored, Buckner Bay Underway, evading Typhoon Betty	<p>0000 Moored as before, Pier B, Buckner Bay.</p> <p>1200 Commenced making all preparations for getting underway for typhoon evasion.</p> <p>1351 Underway, standing out of Buckner Bay.</p> <p>1504 Executing formation 51, formation speed 8 knots. Formation comprised of Calvert, Renville, Skagit, Catamount, Oak Hill, Vernon County, Washoe County, Green County, Terrell County, and Seminole.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries

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1961	May	25 - 28	Typhoon Betty Evasion Route		1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" - Excerpt of cruise chart
1961	May	26	Underway, evading Typhoon Betty	<p>0000 Steaming in company with ships of Task Force 76 in the Philippine Sea, engaged in typhoon evasion, Typhoon Betty. Formation speed 12 knots. Visibility 3 miles due to rain.</p> <p>1440 - 1635 Exercised at formation tactics and steering casualty drills.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	27	Underway, evading Typhoon Betty	<p>Steaming as before.</p> <p>1225 - 1505 Exercised at the following drills: Steering casualty, Rescue and assistance, Plan in distress, Fire and collision,</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	28	Underway for Buckner Bay Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>Steaming as before, enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, having evaded Typhoon Betty. Speed 13 knots. COMPHIBRON V embarked in Calvert.</p> <p>1325 Anchored in Anchorage B-176, Buckner Bay in 10 fathoms of water. Let fires die under No. 1 boiler.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries
1961	May	29 - 31	Anchored, Buckner Bay	<p>Anchored in anchorage B-176, Buckner Bay, Okinawa with 90 fathoms of chain at the waters edge to the port anchor in sand and shell bottom with 10 fathoms of water under the keel. Anchored on the following true visual bearings: Pier Bravo 059 deg, Kanna Saki Light 073 deg, Taira Sore Light 174 deg, The ship is on four hours standby for getting underway. COMPHIBRON V and TACRON 13 are in this ship. The ship is on four hours notice for getting underway.</p> <p>May 30th: USS Salisbury Sound (AV-13) designated as saluting ship for Memorial Day honors.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, May 1961. Selected entries

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1961	May	31			USS Calvert envelope cachet stamp, Far East Cruise, and cover cancellation.  Online: <a href="https://www.navalcovermuseum.org/wiki/USS_CALVERT_APA-32_Covers_Page_1">https://www.navalcovermuseum.org/wiki/ USS CALVERT APA-32 Covers Page 1</a>
1961	June	1	Anchored, Buckner Bay	Anchored in anchorage B-176, Buckner Bay, Okinawa with 90 fathoms of chain at the waters edge to the port anchor in sand and shell bottom with 10 fathoms of water under the keel. Anchored on the following true visual bearings: Pier Bravo 059 deg, Kanna Saki Light 073 deg, Taira Sore Light 174 deg, The ship is on four hours standby for getting underway. COMPHIBRON V and TACRON 13 are in this ship. The ship is on four hours notice for getting underway.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	2	Anchored, Buckner Bay	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	3	Anchored, Buckner Bay	Anchored as before. 1000 - 1120 Captain's inspection of messing and berthing spaces.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	4 - 6	Anchored, Buckner Bay	Anchored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	7	Anchored, then moored, Buckner Bay	Anchored as before. Changed from Anchorage B-176 to Pier Bravo, Buckner Bay.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	8	Moored, Buckner Bay	Moored as before.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries

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1961	June	9	Moored, Buckner Bay Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before, Pier Bravo.  1631 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan. 1728 Set speed 16 knots. 1935 Trouble in main thrust bearing indicator. Sustaining 16 knots. 2148 Set speed 12 knots due to hot bearing in the main turbine. Set speed 10 knots. 2244 Set speed 15 knots. Engineering casualty restored.  2) "At long last on 9 June we receive message allowing us to proceed to Yokosuka for an availability period. This is badly needed. Inasmuch as we'd had less than one-third of the availability time due us. There are restrictions - 24 hour notice - but it is a welcomed message. Departing late in the afternoon (Friday, June 9th) it was a quiet passage. During the weekend there were skeet-shoots and ping-pong matches on number four hatch. "	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries  2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3, P4
1961	June	10	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Japan. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship.  0236 Commenced gradual increase of speed to 16 knots.  0845 - 1050 Captain's inspection of messing and berthing spaces. 1204 Visibility decreased to 500 yards due to rain and light fog. Commenced sounding fog signals and posted fog lookouts. 1221 Visibility increased to 5 miles. Ceased sounding fog signals. 1300 Exercised the Crew at General Quarters for Engineering and Damage Control Drills. 1416 Secured from General Quarters and drills. 1800 - 1946 Exercised at steering casualty drills. Shifted steering between after steering and pilot house.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	11	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	1) 0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Japan. COMPHIBRON V is embarked in this ship. 2) "Entering Tokyo Wan late on Sunday the ship clipped along at better than 19 knots for about four hours."  1) 2137 Moored starboard side to Berth 8, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka. The ship is on 24 hours notice for getting underway.  2) "Upon arrival liberty was granted as soon as the new series of MPC's were available."	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries

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Yokosuka Naval Base, Berth 8 indicated by black rectangle					
1961	June	12	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Moored as before.</p> <p>1125 Ship went on cold iron status at 24 hour availability.</p> <p>1210 Members of UDT-12, embarked for transportation from Buckner Bay to Yokosuka, left this ship.</p>	<p>1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries</p> <p>2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3, P4</p>

Extract of: Yokosuka Ko Including Negishi Wan and Uruga Ko. Chart #6352, 2nd Edition (1949). 1:24,000 scale. Soundings in Fathoms. United States Hydrographic Office.

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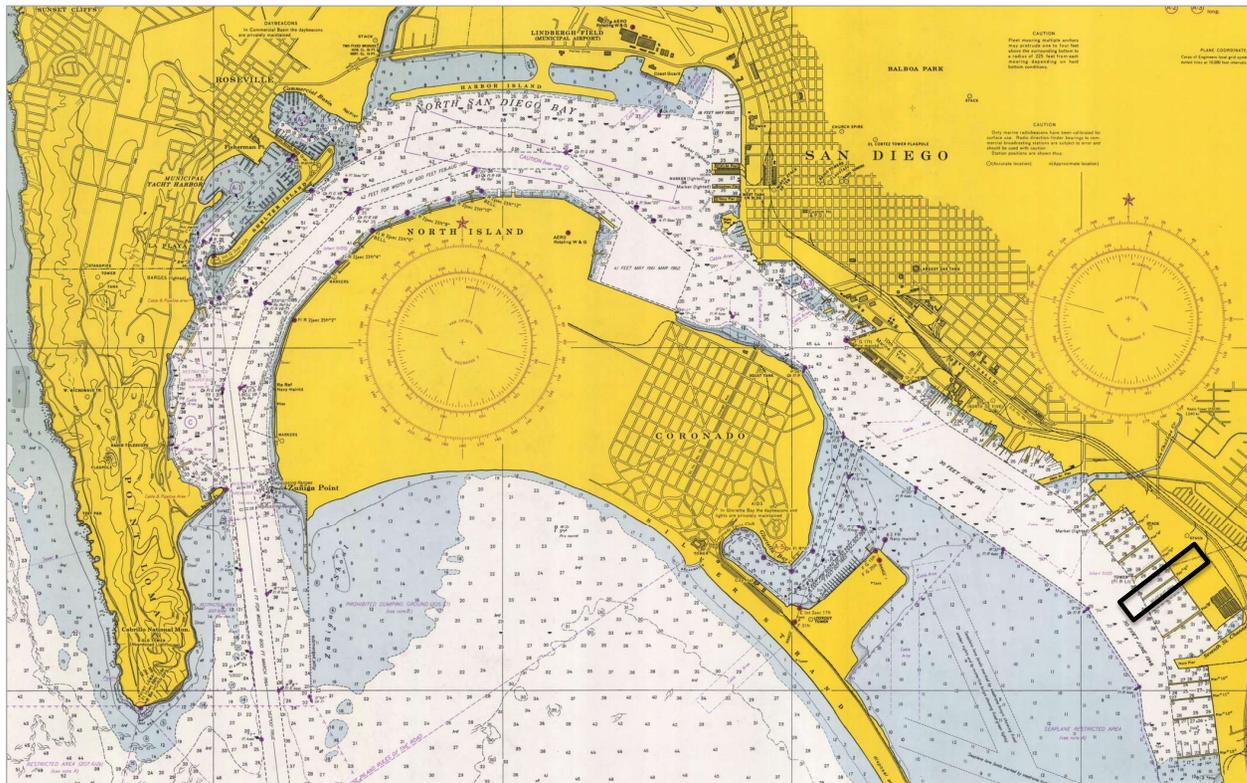
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<b>Yard Availability Period, Yokosuka - June 13th to July 5th</b>					
<p>"This was to be a period of 24 days in Yokosuka. Early liberty was granted on the first two days and we then settled down to the work of an availability period. There were division parties, raffles for Navy Relief, trips to Tokyo and nearby resorts, and best of all overnight liberty for all rated men and overnights available for non-rated.</p> <p>All this time the staff was making preparations to leave the ship upon arrival of PAUL REVERE. Most of the ships of PHIBRON V were in Sasebo but all were making preparations to go home. We were in our eighth month and between the in-port time and prospects for returning to the States. Morale went up: It was noticeable on a day-to-day basis. All hands were scraping together the last of their money for the last few souvenirs. New regulations on foreign buying complicated this to some extent but most of us got what we wanted - unless you forgot to turn in your slip from A-33. Amid the confusion of the first week was the bowling tournament.</p> <p>There were additional working parties that went up to the orphanage (Aiji-no-ie, Home of Affection, Yokosuka) for two days and did what work they could to make improvements."</p> <p>Editor's note: In late 1956 the Calvert began supporting the Aiji-no-ie Orphanage (aka, Home of Affection) in Tokyo, with a \$100 monthly donation. For the next decade, an item on the Calvert's far east cruise itinerary, while in Yokosuka and time permitting, included work party visits to the orphanage.</p>					
1961	June	22 - 24	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>June 22nd: Shifted berths to Berth 3, Yokosuka Cove. Ship moved as dead ship and ship in cold iron status with assistance of YTB-371, YTB-518, and 4 pusher boats.</p> <p>1040 - Diving operations, four flag hoisted. Receiving potable water, electricity, fire main pressure, auxiliary steam, air, and telephone service from the pier.</p> <p>June 23rd: Diving operations, Four flag hoisted.</p> <p>June 24th: Removal and replacement of stack cover. 0740 - 1145</p>	1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3, P4  Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	27	Yokosuka	<p>1) "The Staff left the ship with COMPHIBRON V shifting his pennant to PAUL REVERE. That ship was to remain behind after other ships of the Squadron left and return to San Diego a week later."</p> <p>2) "Captain Robert B. Erly, USN, Commander Amphibious Squadron Five, shifted his broad command pennant to USS Paul Revere (APA-248) on 27 June 1961. The permanent change of flagship took place in a heavy downpour which cancelled the proposed ceremony."</p> <p>3) 1500 Winds in excess of 30 knots. Additional lines put out fore and aft. 1530 COMPHIBRON V Captain Robert B. Erly shifted his pennant from this ship to USS Paul Revere (APA-248).</p>	1) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P3, P4 2) Cullen, Page 28 3) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	June	28	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Dispersing officer left the ship with 11,500 in yen. Returned aboard with \$33,000 USD.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, June 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	1	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Moored port side to USS Paul Revere at Berth 3, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka. The engineering plant is on a cold iron status.</p> <p>0740 - 0935 Received 78,540 gallons N.S.F.O. 1615 Completed tests on No. 5 and No. 6 cargo booms, tested for static load test 44,800 pounds, dynamic load of 33,600 pounds, for working load of 22,400 pounds. Mustered the duty fire party.</p>	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries

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1961	July	2	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored as before. 1030 Lighted off steering system and commenced steering trials.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	3	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored as before. 0730 Lighted fires under No. 2 boiler. 0945 Lighted No. 2 D.C. generator. Shifted from shore power to ships power. 1045 Set the Sea and Anchor Details for dock trials. 1050 Set Condition Yoke throughout the ship. 1130 Secured the Sea and Anchor Detail. 1355 Secured from dock trials. 1830 Set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail for dock trials. Commenced spinning main engines with steam. 1859 Dock trials completed satisfactorily. Secured Sea and Anchor Detail. Set Condition of Readiness Five. 2015 Small craft warnings hoisted for 12 hour period.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	4	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored as before. 0800 Colors, full dress ship. 1245 Disbursing Officer left ship with \$30,937.10 MPC. 1412 Disbursing Officer returned aboard with \$5,000.00. 2100 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler for test. 2320 Let fires die under No. 1 boiler.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	5	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway for San Diego	0000 Moored as before. 0850 Set Material Condition Yoke. Making preparations for getting underway. 0900 set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail. 0909 Commenced spinning main engines with steam. Visibility is about two miles in light drizzle. Captain and Navigator are on the bridge. 0926 Underway for San Diego. 2) "5 July 1961: Day enters cold and rainy. Rain - cold - who cares? We're going home. At 1000 the PAUL REVERE drops our last line and we head out. There are again mixed feelings throughout the ship as the married men grin - and all of us think back over what we've done during the past eight months - and what we didn't get done. At 1236, Japan time we take departure from Japan when Nojima Saki Lighthouse abeam. We have some 150 Marines aboard."	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P4
1961	July	6	Underway for San Diego	0000 Steaming independently for San Diego, California. 0623 Maneuvering to take station A-3 in Formation 51 with Skagit and Oak Hill. 1100 Ship's chronometers have been wound and compared. 1100 Made weekly inspection of magazine sprinkler system. Conditions: Satisfactory. 1300 - 1330 Exercised the crew at General Quarters and Abandon Ship Drill.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries

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1961	July	7	Underway for San Diego	0000 Steaming in company with units of the Task Group 76.6, enroute to San Diego. Formation 51, speed 13.4 knots. 1245 Exercised the crew and embarked transients at General Quarters. Set Condition Zebra throughout the ship. 1256 Exercised the crew at Abandon Ship Drill. 1307 Secured from General Quarters and Drill. 2232 Visibility decreased to 1400 yards. Commenced sounding fog signals.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	8	Underway for San Diego	0000 Steaming in company with units of the Task Group 76.6, enroute to San Diego. Formation 51, speed 13.4 knots. Visibility 1000 yards due to fog and rain, extra lookouts are stationed on the forecastle and the bridge. Sounding fog signals. 0200 Visibility increased to 2 miles. Secured from sounding fog signals. Frequent periods of dense fog and low visibility throughout the day. 2300 Chopped from Seventh Fleet to First Fleet and became a Unit of T.G. 14.3. 2) "At 2300 on 8 July we changed Operational Control from U.S. Seventh Fleet to U.S. First Fleet when we crossed 160 East Longitude."	1) Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries 2) 1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P4
1961	July	9	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. Frequent periods of dense fog throughout the day.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	10	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. Frequent periods of dense fog throughout the day. 1351 - 1814 Fuel replenishment with Oak Hill, transferred 100,441 gallons to Oak Hill.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	11	Underway for San Diego Crossed the International Dateline	0000 Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. Since the group expects to cross the 180th meridian tomorrow this is the first of two Tuesdays (11 July 1961) this week. Frequent periods of dense fog throughout the day. 2210 Crossed the 180th meridian and passed into west longitude at 41 deg 51 min N latitude.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	11	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. 1000 Weather cleared as fog lifted. First fair weather since leaving Yokosuka. Scattered low clouds with broken middle clouds, sunny skies, temperature 60 deg F.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	12 - 16	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 13 knots. Frequent periods of dense fog throughout each day for this period.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries

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1961	July	17 - 19	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 12.5 knots.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	20	Underway for San Diego	Steaming as before. Speed 12.5 knots. 1415 Commenced transit through Santa Barbara Channel. 1845 Sighted Ana Capa Island light, 3.4 miles.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries
1961	July	21	Underway for San Diego  Moored, San Diego Naval Station	Steaming as before. Speed 11.4 knots. Transiting San Pedro Channel. Formation is encountering numerous small boats and commercial fishing craft, maneuvering as necessary to avoid contacts. Captain took the conn.  0620 All ships directed to proceed independently to port.  1008 Moored starboard side to U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, at Pier 4, Berth 5.	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, July 1961. Selected entries

**Pier 4, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego - Indicated by black rectangle**



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US Coastal and Geodetic Survey, 1966

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1961	July	5 - 21	Yokosuka to San Diego	"The long trip home: 17 days in company with MAGOFFIN, SKAGIT, OAK HILL and FORT MARION. It was a quiet, foggy passage. In spite of day-to-day routine our minds were on one thing alone - those who we were about to see. Of all the thoughts each had during these eight months the memory of those who are dearest to each individual were the over-riding thoughts. Each, in his own way looked forward to 21 July - and rightly so."	1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P4
1961	July	21	San Diego	<p>"21 July 1961: On the bright, clear morning Calvert steamed past Balast Point behind SKAGIT. No need for reveille that morning and for once the XO didn't have trouble getting people to parade in the proper uniform. Long before he was awake many were in liberty uniforms.</p> <p>Why try to describe what followed. After eight months men of Calvert received the welcome that only a sailor can appreciate. The Cruise, and CALVERT (poor old gal ...) were forgotten for the moment. In some small way our eight months in the Far East - away from those who mean so much to each of us - made us feel the sweetness of making our American Way of Life possible."</p>	1960 - 1961 Far East Cruise Book, "Calvert's Cruise" section - P4.
1961	July	21	San Diego	<p>1) <u>5 Ships Return From Duty In Laotian Crisis.</u></p> <p>"Five amphibious ships carrying 1,500 officers and men were welcomed back to San Diego yesterday from a tense tour of duty with the 7th Fleet during the recent Laotian crisis.</p> <p>Units of Amphibious Squadron 5 returned to the Naval Station with the tribute of Vice Adm. Charles D. Griffin, 7th Fleet Commander, who praised their "repeated splendid and timely responses to the heavy demands, both operational and exercise."</p> <p>Happily waving and smiling wives, children, parents and friends welcomed the crews of the attack cargo ship Skagit, attack transport Calvert, and Magoffin and the dock landing ships Oak Hill and Fort Marion."</p> <p>2) "... During their 8 1/2 months in the Western Pacific, the ships delivered 734 tons of Operation Handclasp relief goods donated by American Citizens, participated in the giant SEATO exercise, Pony Express on the coast of North Borneo, received more than 8,000 local visitors in "open houses" held in many Far Eastern ports and donated 2,500 pints of blood to foreign Red Cross agencies. The squadron's landing ships and cargo vessels supply the backbone for amphibious assaults."</p>	<p>1) San Diego Union. Saturday, July 22, 1961. p18</p> <p>2) Denton Journal. Denton, MD. July 28, 1961</p> <p>Editor's note: The article in the Denton Journal represent widespread syndication of U.S. Navy publicity articles shared with the hometown newspapers of service members participating in the Far East Cruise.</p>

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## FROM CALVERT ...

I'M AN OLD AND TIRED SHIP. FOR YOU - AND FOR MANY WHO CAME BEFORE YOU - I'VE TRIED TO PROVIDE A HOME. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A "HOME" AS YOU - MOST OF YOU - KNOW IT BUT TO GIVE AS CLOSE TO THIS AS IS POSSIBLE HAS BEEN MY GOAL. TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER, THERE ARE MANY PERSONALITIES OTHER THAN THE SHIP ITSELF INVOLVED.

IN ADDITION, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A FIGHTING MACHINE. THEY'VE MADE ME THIS; IT IS ALIEN TO THAT FOR WHICH I WAS BUILT, MAKING IT OH-SO-EASY TO FIND FAULT. DURING YOUR STAY IN ME I'VE HEARD MANY REMARKS MADE - GOOD AND BAD. IN THE YEARS TO COME I HOPE YOU CAN REFLECT BACK AND NOT THINK TOO BADLY OF ME. I HAVE NEVER PRETENDED THAT I OFFERED LUXURY, BUT HAVE TRIED TO BE DEPENDABLE.

I - NO SHIP - WILL EVER BE MORE DEPENDABLE THAN THE MEN IN HER. THE FAULTS YOU MAY HAVE FOUND IN ME ARE MADE UP OF AGE, WEAR-AND-TEAR, EXTREME DEMANDS AND SOME ABUSE. FORTUNATELY I WAS BORN AT A TIME WHEN SHIPS WERE BUILT WITH GREATER CARE, WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS THAN ARE SOME TODAY. I'M VERY PROUD OF MY RECORD - WHICH YOU HELPED TO MAKE. MY DAYS ARE NOW NUMBERED BUT I'VE OUTLIVED MANY OF MY SISTERS.

AS YOU GO YOUR WAY I OFFER FROM THE PEN OF A POET WHOSE NAME NOW SLIPS MY MIND;

SHIPS ARE MADE OF WOOD AND STEEL  
OF MANY THINGS FROM TRUCK TO KEEL.  
BUT (TIS' THE SIMPLE TRUTH I PEN),  
THE HEART AND SOUL OF SHIPS ARE MEN.



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