

A History of the USS Calvert - Research notes for the period August 28, 1956 to May 4, 1957

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
Chronological highlights for the Calvert's Sixth Far East Cruise - August 28, 1956 to May 4, 1957					
			Departure from the U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, for the Far East — August 28		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — August 28 – September 19		
			Crossed the International Date Line — September 10		
			Yokosuka, Japan — September 19 – October 1		
			Underway to Naha, Okinawa — October 1–4		
			Naha, Okinawa — October 4–7		
			Underway to Buckner Bay and Hong Kong — October 7-11		
			Hong Kong, China — October 11–17		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — October 17–22		
			Yokosuka, Japan — October 22–29		
			Underway to Naha, Okinawa — October 29 – November 1		
			Naha, Okinawa — November 1–7		
			Underway to Iwo Jima — November 7–10		
			Iwo Jima — NavMarLex 1-57 — November 10–14		
			Underway to Naha, Okinawa — November 14–17		
			Naha, Okinawa — November 17		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — November 17–20		
			Yokosuka, Japan — Restricted availability period — November 20 – December 9		
			Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Wan — BltLex 2-56 — December 10–14		
			Yokosuka, Japan — December 14 – January 19		
			Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa — January 20–23		
			Kimmu Wan, Okinawa — NavMarLex 2-57 — January 23–28		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — January 28–30		
			Yokosuka, Japan — January 30 – February 4		
			Underway to Hong Kong, China — February 4–9		
			Hong Kong, China — February 9–17		
			Underway to Kobe, Japan — February 17–20		
			Kobe, Japan — February 20–23		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — February 23–24		
			Yokosuka, Japan — February 24 – March 14		
			Underway to Naha, Okinawa — March 14–17		
			Naha, Okinawa — March 17–20		
			Underway to Buckner Bay and Dingalan Bay, Luzon — March 20–24		
			Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands — PacTraEx 57-I, Operation Beacon Hill — March 24 – March 31		
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan — March 31 – April 5		
			Yokosuka, Japan — April 5–13		
			Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii — Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q — April 13–24		
			Pearl Harbor, Hawaii — April 24–26		
			Underway to San Diego, California — Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q — April 26 – May 4		
			Moored, U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, California — May 4		

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- * UC San Diego Digital Collection, Pacific Basin Nautical Charts <https://library.ucsd.edu/dc/collection/bb0786509m>

Notes

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

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

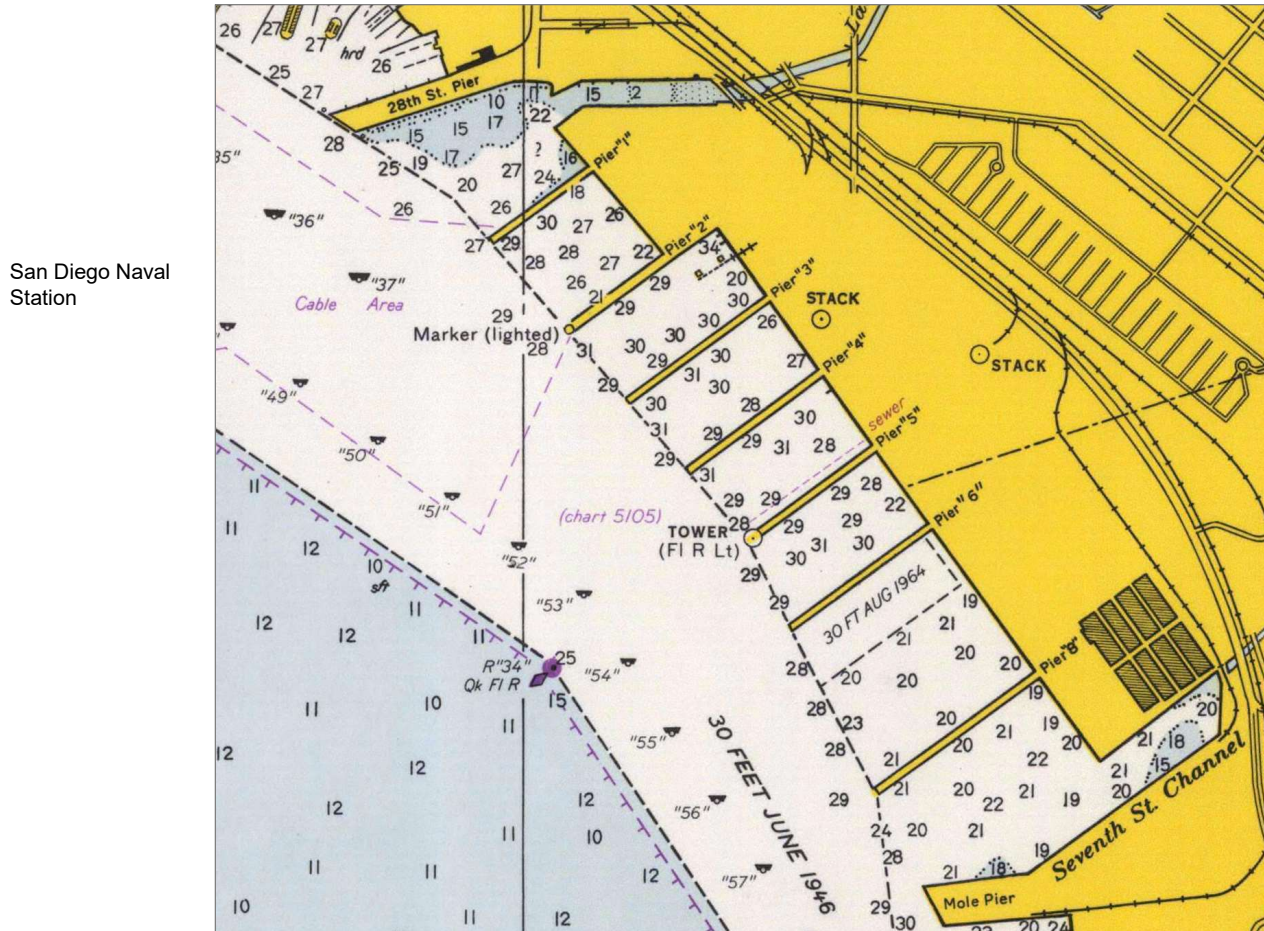
Accuracy When possible the details are corroborated, and in some cases corrected, by official Naval records. However, not all personal recollections captured in this document are corroborated by official Naval records.

On 28 August 1956, Amphibious Squadron Five deployed to the Far East, destination Yokosuka, Japan, returning to San Diego on May 4, 1957.

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1956	August	28	San Diego Naval Station	0000 Moored port side to west side, Mole Pier, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California; USS Montrose (APA-212) moored port side to USS Calvert (APA-32). 0412 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0813 USS Montrose (APA-212) underway from alongside.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
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Chart of Piers, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego



An extract of San Diego Bay, #5107
120,000 scale. Soundings in feet.
26th Edition, May 1966
US Coastal and Geodetic Survey

Full chart online
<https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/image.php?filename=5107-5-1966>

1956	August	28	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0850 Underway en route Yokosuka, Japan. 1015 Set General Quarters. 1044 Entered international waters. 1100 Took departure from San Diego, speed five knots, en route Yokosuka, Japan. 1101 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 1125. 1126 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
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1956	August	28	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>1134 Took position as guide in Convoy A-JS-1, formation A-1; Formation: USS Algol (AKA-54) station 11, USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) station 12, USS Montrose (APA-212) station 21, USS Telfair (APA-210) station 32, USS Magoffin (APA-199) station 41, USS Skagit (AKA-105) station 51, USS Comstock (LSD-19) station 52; Screen: USS Weiss (APD-135), USS Diachenko (APD-123), DESDIV 11, and USCGC Perseus (WPC-114).</p> <p>1303 Increased speed to 12 knots. 1419 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie. 1459 Ceased zigzagging. 1500 Emergency turn executed. 1610 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1624. 1612 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie. 1752 Ceased zigzagging. 1809 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie. 1825 Emergency turn executed; Ceased zigzagging. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1856. 1847 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Bravo. 1931 Darkened ship including navigation lights.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	29	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 53.1.2, Convoy AJS-1, speed 12 knots. Ship darkened. 0215 Emergency turn executed. 0530 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie, base course 286. 0547 Ceased zigzagging.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	29	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0640 Lighted ship. 0731 Reduced speed to 10 knots. 0903 Emergency turn executed. 0904 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0909. 0943 Set Material Condition Bravo. 0956 Secured from General Quarters. 1132 Reduced speed to eight knots. 1630 USS Floyd B. Parks (DD-884) on station on port quarter for highline transfer of guard mail; Commenced transfer of mail; Completed at 1638; All lines clear.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	29	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>1637 Increased speed to 12 knots. 1733 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1811. 1813 Convoy Commodore assumed OTC. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1859. 1913 Radar silence lifted; Energized surface and air search radar.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956

1956	August	30	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before. 0717 Shifted steering to after steering; Returned to pilot house at 0718. 0906 Conducted collision drill; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0915. 0935 Set Material Condition Bravo. 0943 Secured from collision drill. 1054 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1110. 1404 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1416. 1430 Called away Rescue and Assistance Party; Secured at 1445. 1528 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1530. 1629 Reduced speed to 9 knots. 1702 Resumed speed 12 knots. 1707 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1713. 1715 Received report from main control to stand by for emergency stop due to loss of air pressure on main combustion board; Casualty corrected at 1718. 1826 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1844. 1915 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1953.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	31	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before. 0445 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0451. 0830 Commenced tactical exercises. 1127 Completed tactical exercises; Formed formation 51C Modified, speed 12 knots. 1310 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1314. 1617 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1619. 1812 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1819. 1925 Maneuvered to keep clear of USS Algol (AKA-54) experiencing temporary engineering casualty.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	September	1	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before. 0930 Commenced Captain's personnel and lower deck inspection. 1057 Held Steering Casualty Drill and completed at 1102. 1059 Secured from Captain's personnel and lower deck inspection. 1545 Commenced Steering Casualty Drill, completed at 1548. 1645 Commenced Steering Casualty Drill, completed at 1650. 1759 Commenced blowing tubes, completed at 1806. 1843 Commenced Steering Casualty Drill, completed at 1847.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

0000 Steaming in formation, as before.

0250 Visibility decreased to two miles due to heavy rain.

0606 Shifted steering to after steering; Returned to pilot house at 0610.

0826 USS Diachenko (APD-123) came alongside to port for personnel and movie transfer; Completed at 0853; Two officers transferred to USS Diachenko (APD-123); USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared and proceeded on assigned duty.

0947 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0950.

1334 USS Weiss (APD-135) came alongside to port for guard mail transfer; Completed at 1346; USS Weiss (APD-135) cleared and returned to lifeguard station. Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1450 USS Diachenko (APD-123) came alongside to port for personnel and guard mail transfer; Completed at 1505; USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared and proceeded on assigned duty.

1715 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1718.

1818 USS Weiss (APD-135) reported sonar contact bearing 000 true, distance 800 yards; Broke formation to investigate.

1833 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1835.

1844 USS Weiss (APD-135) and USS Diachenko (APD-123) commenced search operations two miles astern of formation.

0000 Steaming in formation, as before.

0543 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0547.

0550 Shifted steering to hand electric; Resumed steering by telemotor at 0700.

0813 Expanded Formation 51C Modified to circle three.

0825 Formation proceeded independently to conduct economy run.

0849 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0851.

1500 Completed economy run; Reduced speed to 10 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide in station 0000; Formation 51C Modified reformed. Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1638 USS Weiss (APD-135) commenced approach for highline transfer of personnel; Alongside to port at 1641.

1650 Received one officer from USS Weiss (APD-135).

1703 Highline transfer completed; USS Weiss (APD-135) cleared and proceeded to assigned station.

1725 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1729.

1800 USS Weiss (APD-135) resumed station S2 and USS Diachenko (APD-123) resumed station S3 in screen formation 3C5.

1946 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1953.

1956	September	4	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0553 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0555. 0726 Formation expanded to circle three. 0748 All engines stopped; Task unit released to proceed independently to conduct full power run. 0809 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0852 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1000 Increased speed to 16.8 knots; Commenced exercise Z-150-E. 1401 Completed full power run; Reduced speed to 16 knots. 1402 Shifted steering to hand electric; Shifted to telemotor at 1403. 1407 Commenced maneuvering to take station B9 in Formation 51C Modified. 1452 On station B9, Formation 51C Modified. 1623 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1624. 1847 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1854.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	5	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0653 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0655. 1006 Commenced tactical maneuvers. 1121 Shifted steering to hand electric; Shifted to telemotor at 1141. 1240 Formation reformed. 1304 USS Diachenko (APD-123) commenced approach for fueling alongside. 1328 Commenced refueling USS Diachenko (APD-123); Completed at 1451; Delivered 29,643 gallons NSFO. 1504 All connections broken; USS Diachenko (APD-123) maneuvering to clear and regain station. 1703 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide. 1706 COMPHIBRON Five assumed OTC of Task Unit 53.1.2. 1714 Formed Formation 51C Modified. 1729 USS Weiss (APD-135) alongside to port for highline transfer of personnel; Received one enlisted personnel from USS Weiss (APD-135) for medical observation at 1738; USS Weiss (APD-135) cleared at 1752. 1802 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1807. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1805.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	6	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0603 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0607. 0740 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0743. 0840 Commenced squadron tactical exercises. 1200 Formed column open order formation. 1452 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1457. 1601 Called away Rescue and Assistance Party; Secured at 1613. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1920.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1956	September	7	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0130 Surface search radar out of commission; Restored to operation at 0150.</p> <p>0704 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0709.</p> <p>0825 Passed large cylindrical object covered with marine growth close aboard to starboard; Appeared to be pontoon or tank.</p> <p>0830 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0837.</p> <p>0845 All ships released to proceed independently to conduct individual ship exercises; Commenced gunnery exercise to eastward of formation.</p> <p>1047 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Three.</p> <p>1050 Completed mine destruction and anti-aircraft burst gunnery exercises; Expended 1,250 rounds 20mm AA, 416 rounds 40mm AA, 17 rounds 3"/50 AAC, and 6 rounds 5"/38 AAC.</p> <p>1051 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Two.</p> <p>1057 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple One; Maneuvered to avoid simulated center of burst.</p> <p>1120 Set Material Condition Bravo.</p> <p>1124 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1203 Master gyro failure; Commenced steering by magnetic compass.</p> <p>1304 Conducted man overboard drill; Completed at 1324.</p> <p>1330 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1425.</p> <p>1415 Master gyro restored to operation.</p> <p>1521 Formed Formation 51C Modified.</p> <p>1544 Resumed steering by gyro repeater compass.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	8	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0708 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0714.</p> <p>1015 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1018.</p> <p>1040 Visibility decreased to two miles due to heavy rain; Increased to five miles at 1045.</p> <p>1320 Set Replenishment at Sea Detail for highline personnel transfer.</p> <p>1335 Transfer delayed due to bad weather.</p> <p>1453 Set Replenishment at Sea Detail for highline personnel transfer.</p> <p>1509 USS Weiss (APD-135) commenced approach; Alongside starboard at 1511.</p> <p>1523 Transferred one officer to USS Weiss (APD-135) by highline.</p> <p>1535 USS Weiss (APD-135) clear; Secured Replenishment at Sea Detail.</p> <p>1623 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1624.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	9	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0702 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0710.</p> <p>0936 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed formation guide.</p> <p>0947 Surface search radar out of commission; Restored to operation at 1025.</p> <p>1146 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1151.</p> <p>1235 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1240.</p> <p>1624 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1626.</p> <p>1814 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1817.</p> <p>1901 Task Unit designation changed from 53.1.2 to 53.4.2 per COMPHIBPAC dispatch.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1956	September	10 / 11	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Crossed the International Dateline	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0000 Crossed International Date Line at latitude 32-11.0 North; Advanced all clocks 24 hours to conform with Zone Time Mike (minus twelve); Date advanced to 11 September.</p> <p>0641 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0645.</p> <p>0846 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0848.</p> <p>1326 Departed formation to take station 8,000 yards on port beam of USS Magoffin (APA-199) for VT firing exercise; Increased speed to 16 knots.</p> <p>1418 Commenced VT firing exercise; Commenced firing to starboard.</p> <p>1429 Ceased firing to starboard; Maneuvered to take station 13,000 yards on port beam of USS Magoffin (APA-199).</p> <p>1445 On station; Commenced firing to starboard.</p> <p>1455 Ceased firing; Returned to formation course and speed.</p> <p>1505 VT firing exercise completed for USS Calvert (APA-32); Expended 20 rounds 3"/50 VTF.</p> <p>1512 USS Magoffin (APA-199) commenced firing.</p> <p>1606 VT firing exercise completed; Commenced maneuvering to rejoin Formation 52C.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	12	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0640 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0642.</p> <p>0800 Commenced maneuvering to take station B1 in Formation 52C; On station at 0830.</p> <p>0832 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed OTC of Subdivision 51; Commenced tactical exercises.</p> <p>1131 Completed division tactical exercises; Formed column, speed 10 knots.</p> <p>1201 Formed Formation 52C; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000, speed 10 knots.</p> <p>1254 Increased speed to 13 knots.</p> <p>1350 Commenced sinuous course; Ceased at 1410.</p> <p>1421 Commenced sinuous course; Ceased at 1530.</p> <p>1745 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1749.</p> <p>1830 Commenced tactical exercises.</p> <p>1842 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1846.</p> <p>1955 Completed tactical exercises; Resumed formation course 270, speed 13 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	13	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0819 Steering casualty on hand electric; Shifted to after steering; Restored to telemotor in pilot house at 0823.</p> <p>0830 Commenced tactical exercises.</p> <p>1052 Completed tactical exercises; Formation 52C reformed, speed 13 knots.</p> <p>1642 USS Comstock (LSD-19) assumed guide in station B7.</p> <p>1756 USS Weiss (APD-135) alongside to port for highline transfer.</p> <p>1805 Highline secured, commenced transfer.</p> <p>1810 Received one officer from USS Weiss (APD-135) by highline.</p> <p>1820 All lines clear; Transfer completed.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1956	September	14	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0806 Shifted steering to hand electric.</p> <p>0842 Changed formation to Convoy Formation A-1; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide. Interval and distance 1,000 yards; Speed reduced to 11 knots.</p> <p>0921 Commenced convoy tactical maneuvers.</p> <p>0941 Steering casualty; Shifted steering to telemotor.</p> <p>1133 Steering casualty; Shifted steering to after steering; Reduced speed to five knots.</p> <p>1134 Resumed speed 11 knots.</p> <p>1146 Screen Formation 1D4 formed.</p> <p>1152 Shifted steering to telemotor on bridge.</p> <p>1153 Completed convoy tactical maneuvers, speed 11 knots.</p> <p>1305 Commenced convoy tactical maneuvers.</p> <p>1555 Completed convoy tactical maneuvers, formation speed 10 knots.</p> <p>1647 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1649.</p> <p>1827 Darkened ship including navigation lights.</p> <p>1906 Commenced convoy tactical maneuvers.</p> <p>2018 Lighted ship; Completed convoy tactical maneuvers; Formation, speed 10 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	15	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>1101 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1110.</p> <p>1354 Increased speed to 11 knots.</p> <p>1628 USS Montrose (APA-212) fell behind formation due to engineering casualty.</p> <p>1635 Reduced speed to 10 knots.</p> <p>1639 Reduced speed to 8 knots.</p> <p>1728 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1732.</p> <p>1814 Increased speed to 11 knots.</p> <p>2216 Increased speed to 12 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	16	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0914 USS Diachenko (APD-123) commenced approach; Alongside port for personnel and movie transfer at 0917.</p> <p>0935 Transferred one officer to USS Diachenko (APD-123) by highline.</p> <p>0945 USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared port side.</p> <p>1351 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1356.</p> <p>1503 Visibility decreased to one-half mile; Set special lookouts in eyes of ship; USS Diachenko (APD-123) alongside to port for personnel transfer.</p> <p>1516 Received one officer from USS Diachenko (APD-123) by highline transfer.</p> <p>1524 All lines clear; USS Diachenko (APD-123) departed; Visibility increased to seven miles.</p> <p>1537 Secured special lookouts.</p> <p>1644 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1649.</p> <p>1920 Reduced speed to 10 knots.</p> <p>1938 Reduced speed to 9 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1956	September	17	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0627 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0638. 0826 Commenced tactical exercises. 1015 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 1054 Completed tactical exercises, speed 11 knots, standard distance 800 yards; Commenced gunnery exercises. 1055 Commenced firing to starboard; Ceased fire at 1100. 1100 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1106 Commenced firing to port; Ceased fire at 1110. 1112 Commenced firing to port and starboard; Ceased fire at 1113. 1127 Secured from General Quarters; Expended 21 rounds 3"/50 AAC and 10 rounds 5"/38 AAC. 1306 Ships in formation released to conduct individual ship exercises. 1320 Commenced sinuous course, Cam No. 7, base course 279; Completed at 1455. 1522 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1550. 1610 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1616. 1630 Completed individual ship exercise period; Formed Formation 51C, speed eight knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station. 1647 Increased speed to 10 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	18	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0615 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0620. 0940 Visibility increased to five miles; Secured special lookouts. 1131 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1135. 1212 Commenced steering casualty drill; Completed at 1220. 1615 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1620. 1621 Formed column formation; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 1, speed 11 knots. 1654 Formed column open order. 1851 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1853.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	19	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0212 Sighted Katsuura Wan Light bearing 333, distance approximately 23 miles. 0328 Passed Katsuura Wan Light abeam to starboard, distance 20.5 miles. 0355 Sighted Nojima Saki Light bearing 287, distance approximately 19.5 miles. 0415 Increased speed to 12 knots. 0457 Increased speed to 13 knots. 0600 Passed Nojima Saki Light abeam to starboard, distance 7.5 miles. 0613 Increased speed to 14 knots. 0614 Sighted Merano Hana Light bearing 335.</p> <p>0706 Ships of formation released to proceed independently into port. 0714 Commenced maneuvering to conform with entrance to Kaiwan Channel. 1000 Task Unit 53.4.2 dissolved.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

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Underway to Yokosuka, Japan

Moored, Yokosuka, Japan

1005 Moored starboard side to Berth 8, Forrestal Causeway, Yokosuka, Japan.

1030 Secured degaussing coils.

1040 Official calls made on COMPHIBRON Five by Chief of Staff FLTACTS, COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC, and Commander LANDSHIPRON Five.

1045 USS Montrose (APA-212) moored to port side.

1635 Commenced taking on fuel oil from USS Casinghead (YO-47); Completed at 2050, having received 208,110 gallons.

2) Upon arrival at Yokosuka, the Calvert commenced her sixth Far East deployment since being recommissioned in 1950.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

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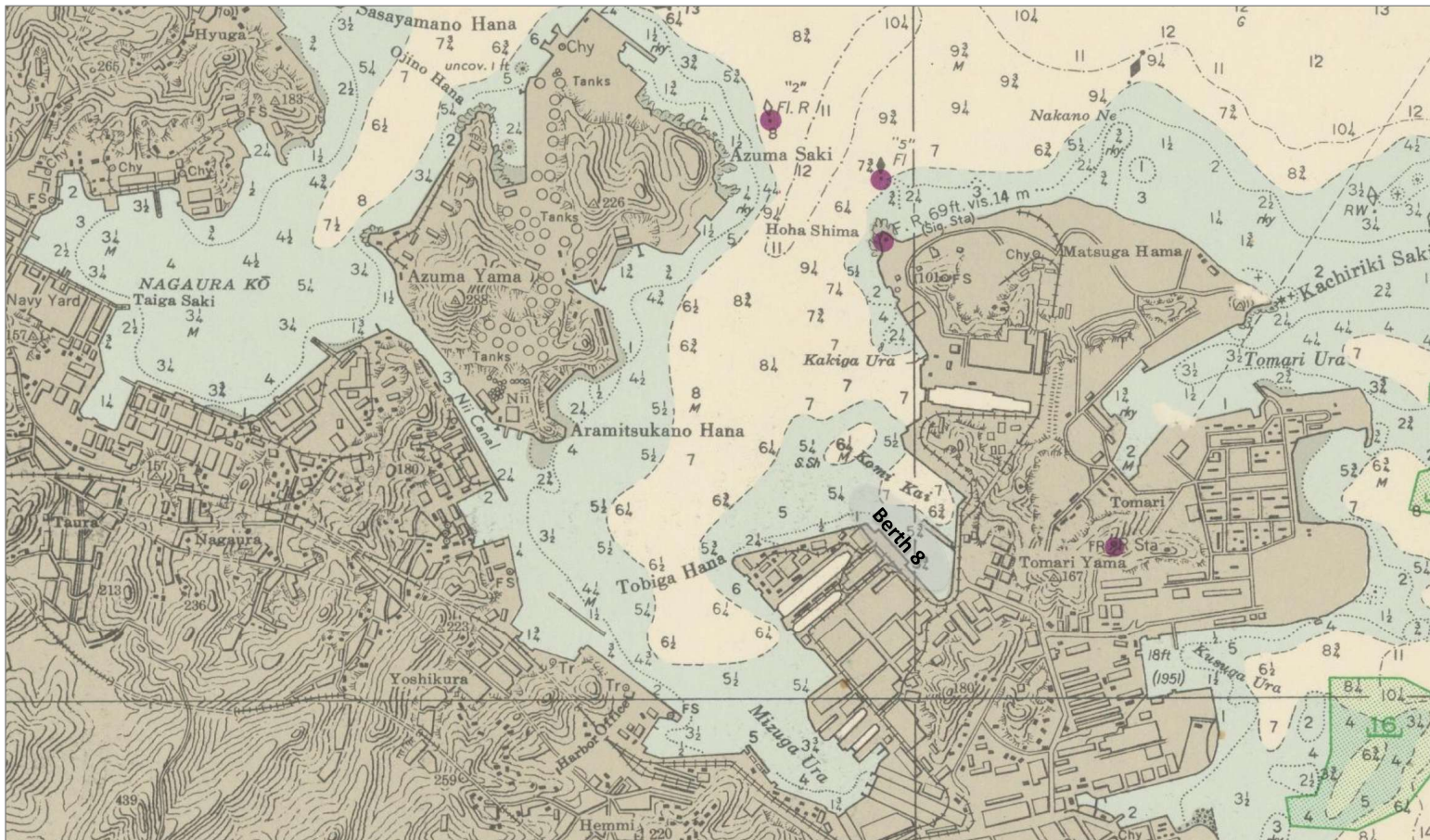
Yokosuka Naval Base, Location of Berth 8, indicated by black text. | Extract of Yokosuka Ko Including Negishi Wan and Uruga Ko. Chart #6352.

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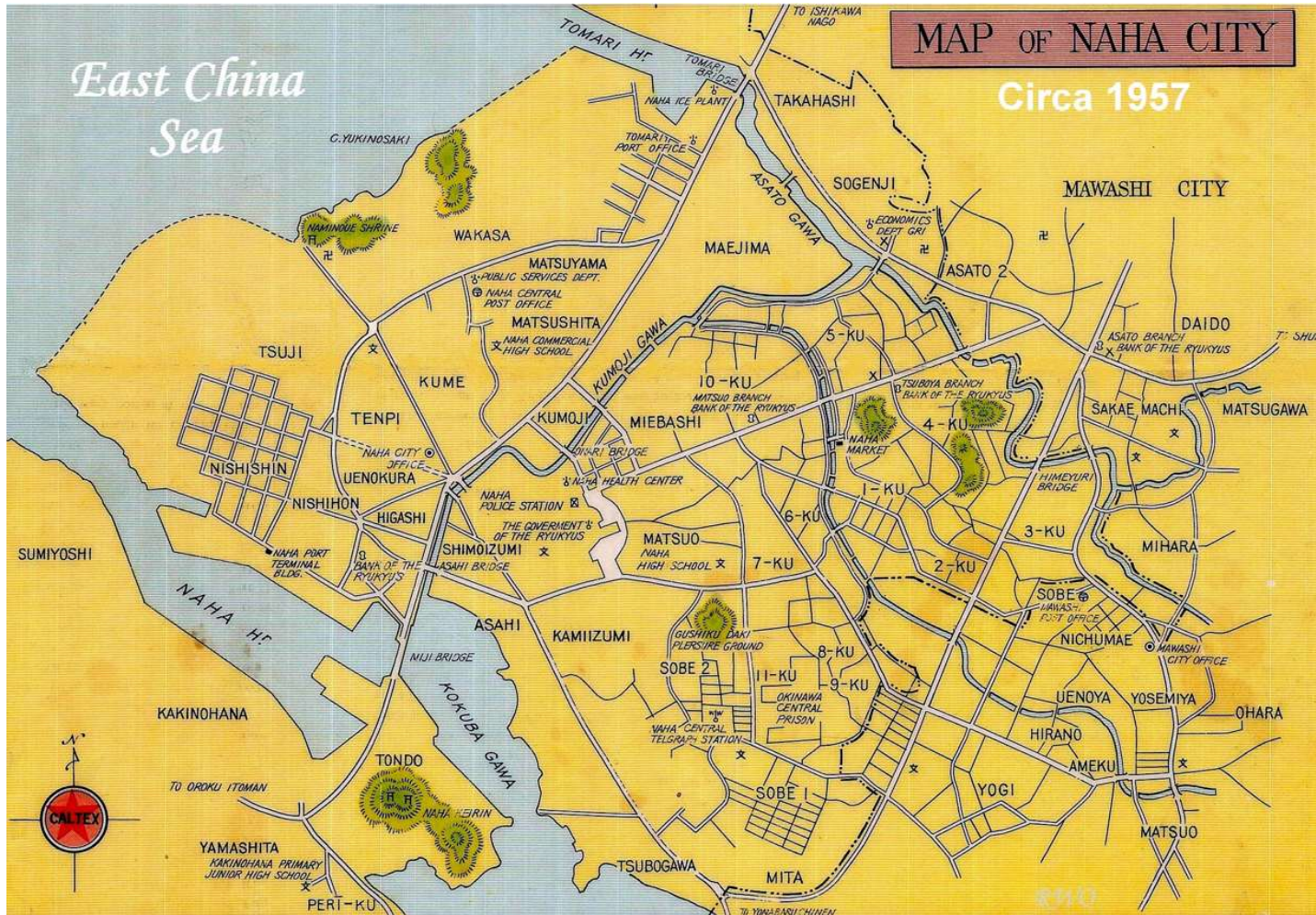


				Moored as before.	
				September 20: 1057 Rear Admiral COMFLTACT came aboard to return the official call of COMPHIBRON Five; Departed at 1127.	
1956	September	21 - 25	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	September 24: 1253 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 1320 Commenced diving operations for inspection of rudder, screw, and zinc plates. 1415 Completed diving operations; Conditions satisfactory. 1928 Cut No. 1 Boiler in on line. 1930 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 2145 Secured No. 1 Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
				September 25: Shifted to Berth 11.	
				Moored as before.	
				1025 Set Condition Three typhoon warning. 1150 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.	
			Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	1315 Underway to shift berths to Berth B132, Outer Harbor, Yokosuka, Japan.	
1956	September	26	Anchored, Yokosuka, Japan - Typhoon Pre-Sortie Anchorage	1349 Anchored at Berth B132, Outer Harbor, Yokosuka, Japan. 1416 Set Typhoon Condition Two for Yokosuka area. 1430 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1547 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1607 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1727 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1749 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1854 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
				0000 Anchored at Typhoon Pre-Sortie Anchorage B132, Outer Harbor, Yokosuka, Japan; Typhoon Condition Two set; Engine room on 15-minute standby; Barometer dropping steadily with intermittent rain.	
				0454 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler; 0515 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler; 0654 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler; 0710 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.	
				0840 Visibility decreased to 3,000 yards; Set lookouts in eyes of ship.	
1956	September	27	Anchored, Yokosuka, Japan - Typhoon Pre-Sortie Anchorage	0855 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1000 Barometer falling rapidly; Wind velocity increasing. 1114 No. 2 Boiler cut in on main line. 1132 Set Material Condition Alfa on all weather decks. 1420 Barometer leveled off at 29.10; Wind abated at bearing 180. 1425 Wind and seas became confused; Eye of Typhoon Harriet assumed to have passed to the northwest within approximately 10 miles. 1435 Wind increasing from bearing 300; Barometer began to rise; Maximum wind velocity observed during storm: 57 knots. 1715 Secured from Typhoon Condition of Readiness; Small boat restrictions remain in effect. 2100 All small boat restrictions lifted in Yokosuka Harbor.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956

1956	September	28	Anchored, Yokosuka, Japan - Typhoon Pre-Sortie Anchorage	0000 Anchored at Anchorage B132, Outer Harbor, Yokosuka, Japan. 0051 Secured No. 1 Boiler. 0626 Cut No. 1 Boiler in on main steam line.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
			Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0726 Underway proceeding to Berth 11, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan. 0828 Moored starboard side to Berth 11, Pontoon No. 5, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan 0904 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.	
1956	September	29	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored as before. 1245 Small craft warning hoisted for Yokosuka area. 2110 Captain W. B. MADDOX, USN, 73475/1100 reported aboard for duty as relief of Commanding Officer.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	September	30	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, September 1956
1956	October	1	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway to Naha, Okinawa	0000 Moored as before. 0905 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1240 No. 2 Boiler cut in on main line. 1407 Underway for Naha, Okinawa. 1432 Visibility decreased to two miles due to fog; Set fog lookouts in eyes of ship. 1437 Took departure from Yokosuka, Japan; Set course 107, speed five knots. 1447 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1520 Visibility decreased to one mile due to fog; Commenced sounding fog signals. 1552 Reduced speed to five knots in rain squall. 1610 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1709 Ceased sounding fog signals; Visibility increased to six miles.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	2	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	0000 Steaming independently en route Yokosuka, Japan to Naha, Okinawa, speed 16 knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked. 0648 Visibility decreased to 1,000 yards; Reduced speed to 10 knots; Commenced sounding fog signals. 0652 Visibility increased to 10 miles; Increased speed to 16 knots; Ceased fog signals. 0706 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to two miles; Commenced sounding fog signals; Reduced speed to 10 knots. 0708 Visibility reduced to 1,000 yards. 0714 Visibility increased to one mile; Increased speed to 16 knots. 0740 Visibility increased to 10 miles; Ceased sounding fog signals. 0827 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0832. 0847 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Three. 0850 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Two. 0854 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple One. 0907 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 0923.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

1956	October	2	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	<p>0933 Visibility decreased to 1,000 yards due to heavy rain; Commenced sounding fog signals; Set lookouts in eyes of ship; Reduced speed to 10 knots.</p> <p>0935 Secured from General Quarters; Set Material Condition Bravo.</p> <p>0945 Visibility decreased to 500 yards.</p> <p>0953 Visibility increased to three miles; Increased speed to 15 knots.</p> <p>0958 Visibility increased to eight miles; Ceased sounding fog signals; Secured lookouts.</p> <p>1320 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1352.</p> <p>1555 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1605.</p> <p>1724 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1726.</p> <p>1806 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1815.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	3	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently, speed 14 knots.</p> <p>0646 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0650.</p> <p>0826 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0847.</p> <p>0950 Commenced sinuous course, Cam No. 7; Ceased at 1117.</p> <p>1119 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1120.</p> <p>1125 Commenced sinuous course, Cam No. 7; Ceased at 1137.</p> <p>1304 Commenced sinuous course, Cam No. 7; Ceased at 1337.</p> <p>1343 Commenced sinuous course, Cam No. 7; Ceased at 1512.</p> <p>1519 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1540.</p> <p>1611 Called away Rescue and Assistance Party; Secured at 1627.</p> <p>1630 Commenced small arms indoctrination firing; Secured at 1700.</p> <p>2018 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 2023.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	4	Underway to Naha, Okinawa Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently, speed 12 knots.</p> <p>0820 Moored port side to Pier No. 5, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa Shima.</p> <p>0900 Commenced receiving fuel from U.S. Army Y-482; Completed having received 60,310 gallons NSFO.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	5	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>Moored port side to Pier 5, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa Shima</p> <p>0930 Commenced Captain's personnel and lower decks inspection. 1025 Secured from Captain's personnel and lower decks inspection.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	6	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>Captain William S. Maddox, USN, relieved Captain Adolph J. Peterson, USN, as Commanding Officer.</p> <p>1002 Captain Adolph J. PETERSEN, 62847/1100, USN, read his orders of detachment and Captain William S. MADDIX, USN, read his orders as relief as Commanding Officer of U.S.S. CALVERT (APA-32).</p> <p>1144 Captain A. J. PETERSEN left the ship.</p>	<p>1) Cullen, Page 23</p> <p>2) 1956 cruise book</p>

Map of Naha, Okinawa



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1956	October	7	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	0000 Moored port side to Pier 5, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa Shima; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0331 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
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				1) Completing a two-week availability at Yokosuka, the Calvert sailed for Hong Kong.	
			Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0637 Underway for Berth AV, Buckner Bay. 0702 Took departure from Naha Harbor, speed 15 knots.	
1956	October	7	Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0942 Set General Quarters; Set Condition One-Alfa at 0950. 1033 Commenced lowering boats.	1) Cullen, Page 23
			Underway for Hong Kong, China	1035 Anchored at Berth AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima. 1055 Commenced boat group tactical exercises and Marine wet netting exercises. 1428 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1731 Underway from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, en route Hong Kong, China. 1837 Secured degaussing coils. 1838 Took departure from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, speed 15 knots.	2) Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
				0000 Steaming independently to Hong Kong, China, speed 15 knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked.	
1956	October	8	Underway to Hong Kong, China	0640 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0643. 0920 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0923. 1316 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1339. 1606 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1623. 1803 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1804.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
				0000 Steaming independently, speed 15 knots.	
1956	October	9	Underway to Hong Kong, China	0640 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0643. 0920 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0923. 1316 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1339. 1606 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1623. 1803 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1804. 2330 Changed course to 277 to transit Bashi Channel.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
				0000 Steaming independently, speed 15 knots. Transiting Bashi Channel.	
1956	October	10	Underway to Hong Kong, China	0100 Completed transit of Bashi Channel. 0807 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0810. 1122 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1125. 1302 Conducted steering casualty drill; Secured at 1306. 1615 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1630. 1708 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1715.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	11	Underway to Hong Kong, China	0000 Steaming independently. 0744 Entered eastern boundary of Hong Kong Harbor.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

1956 October 11 Moored, Hong Kong Harbor, BCC, 0834 Moored to Buoy No. 1, Hong Kong Harbor, Victoria, British Crown Colony, China.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

Hong Kong Harbor, aka Victoria Harbor



Extract of Victoria Harbor - 1:25,000 scale, British War Office. Victoria Harbour, 1957

1956 October 11 Moored, Hong Kong Harbor, BCC, 0834 Moored to Buoy No. 1, Hong Kong Harbor, Victoria, British Crown Colony, China.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

1956 October 12 Moored, Hong Kong Harbor, BCC, Moored to Buoy No. 1, Hong Kong Harbor, Victoria, British Crown Colony, China.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

1956 October 13 - 16 Moored, Hong Kong, China
 October 15:
 1200 RADM D. H. HARRIES, Flag Officer commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, came on board to return the official call of COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC.
 1315 RADM HARRIES, HMAN, departed.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

				0000 Moored as before.	
				0229 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler.	
1956	October	17	Moored, Hong Kong, China Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0650 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan. 0718 Passed through eastern boundary of Hong Kong Harbor. 0752 Took departure from Hong Kong, China; Speed 15 knots. 1055 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1058. 1315 Set General Quarters; Commenced scheduled drills; Set Material Condition Able at 1323. 1412 Set Material Condition Baker. 1420 Secured from General Quarters; Completed scheduled drills. 1447 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1453. 1956 Increased speed to 15.9 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	18	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Japan, via Bashi Channel; Speed 15.9 knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked. 0654 Sighted land bearing 050, distance approximately 40 miles; Evaluated as Formosa. 0814 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0816. 0830 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 0836; Commenced scheduled drills. 0854 Reduced speed for engineering drills; Completed engineering drills at 0916. 0917 Set Material Condition Baker. 0924 Secured from General Quarters. 1010 Secured air search radar due to high winds. 1215 Commenced transit of Bashi Channel; Completed at 1322. 1357 Increased speed to 16.1 knots. 1417 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1420. 1600 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1604. 2000 - 2400 Ship is pitching moderately and rolling gently in rough sea, shipping spray on deck.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	19	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, as before. 1030 Commenced taking green water over the bow; Wind increased to 40 knots; Sea rough. 1219 Ship pitching moderately in rough sea; Shipping occasional seas over the bow. 1631 Reduced speed to 10 knots. 1705 Resumed course 056, speed 16.1 knots. 2227 Ship pitching moderately in rough sea.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	20	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, as before. Speed 16.1 knots; Steaming through critical area of Typhoon Jean; Ship pitching moderately in rough seas. 0548 Obtained unidentified radar contact bearing 033, distance 19.5 miles; Sighted as unidentified merchant vessel at 0608, bearing 018, distance 8.8 miles; Passed abeam to port at 0628, distance 4.3 miles. 1005 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1013. 1600 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1603.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

				0000 Steaming independently, as before.	
1956	October	21	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0603 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0606. 1110 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1114. 1236 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1247. 1554 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1557.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	22	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, as before. 0926 Moored starboard side to Berth 11, U.S. Naval Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan. 0942 Secured No. 1 Boiler and No. 2 Generator; Energized No. 1 Generator. 0946 Secured degaussing coils. 1230 Commenced receiving fuel from YO-49; Completed at 1450, having received 145,289 gallons NSFO.	1) Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	23 - 28	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before. October 26: 1320 Commenced Captain's Zone Inspection and completed at 1451. October 27: 0915 Quarters for Captain's Personnel and Lower Deck Inspection. 1029 Secured from Captain's Personnel and Lower Deck Inspection. 2) During this timeframe, Army personnel were embarked at Yokosuka for transportation to Naha, Okinawa.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956
1956	October	29	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway to Naha, Okinawa	1030 Commenced COMPHIBRON Five change of command ceremonies; Completed at 1042; Captain A. C. Veasey relieved Captain F. V. H. Hilles as COMPHIBRON Five. 1100 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 1457 Underway for Naha Ko, Okinawa. 1525 Visibility decreased to two miles; Stationed special lookouts in eyes of ship.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956 2) Cullen, page 23
1956	October	30	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	0000 Steaming independently to Naha, Okinawa; Speed 15 knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked. 0420 Visibility decreased to 500 yards due to heavy rain squall; Reduced speed to 10 knots; Commenced sounding fog signals; Set extra lookouts in eyes of ship. 0430 Ceased sounding fog signals. 0442 Resumed speed 15 knots. 0450 Visibility increased to five miles. 0939 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0948. 1216 Secured No. 1 Generator; Energized No. 2 Generator. 1353 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1407. 1601 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1620. 1608 Reduced speed to 14 knots. 1813 Stationed special lookouts in eyes of ship. 1855 Visibility decreased to 500 yards due to heavy rain; Commenced sounding fog signals. 1905 Visibility increased to eight miles; Ceased sounding fog signals.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956

				0000 Steaming independently, speed 13.5 knots.	
				0855 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0900. 0930 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able. 0942 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0946. 0946 Set Material Condition Baker.	
1956	October	31	Underway to Naha, Okinawa Off Naha, Okinawa	1000 Set Condition One-Alfa. ((2) Presumed off-loading of Army troops). 1020 Secured from Condition One-Alfa; Resumed battle stations. 1023 Secured from General Quarters. 1100 Conducted engineering drill; Completed at 1108. 1330 Conducted man overboard drill; Completed at 1338. 1343 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1356. 1601 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1613. 1635 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1638. 2005 Reduced speed to 12 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, October 1956 Cullen, page 23
1956	November	1	Underway to Naha, Okinawa Moored, Naha, Okinawa	0000 Steaming independently to Naha, Okinawa; Speed 12 knots. 0505 Air search radar out of operation. 0854 Moored port side to Berth 6, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa Shima. 0910 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	2	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	0000 Moored port side to Berth 6, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa Shima. 0815 COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC and Commanding Officer departed for official calls on Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, and Deputy Commander, RyCom; Returned aboard at 1158.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	3 - 5	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	Moored as before. November 5: 0930 Commenced loading cargo in No. 2 and No. 3 holds; Completed at 1340.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	6	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	Moored as before. 1005 Commenced embarking troops. 1250 Commenced fueling from U.S. Army oil barge Y-103; Completed having received 68,930 gallons NSFO. 1450 Completed embarkation of troops; Embarked: 59 Marine officers, 8 Naval officers, 600 Marine enlisted, and 55 Navy enlisted. 2000 Darkened ship in conjunction with area Air Defense Alert; Secured from Air Defense Alert and lighted ship at 2032.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956 2) Cullen, Page 23; 1956-57 Cruise Book
				2) The Calvert embarked elements of the Third Marine Division* and departed for Iwo Jima to conduct NavMarLex 1.	

				Moored as before.	
				0858 Major General USMC came aboard to participate in NAV MarLex 1-57.	
1956	November	7	Naha, Okinawa Underway to Iwo Jima	0959 Underway en route Naha, Okinawa to Iwo Jima to conduct NAV MarLex 1-57. 1030 Set General Quarters. 1035 Passed Kamiyama Shima Light abeam to starboard, distance two miles. 1044 Conducted abandon ship drill. 1103 Secured from General Quarters and abandon ship drill. 1423 Rendezvoused with units of Task Unit 90.7.0. 1430 Formed Formation 51V; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0, speed 12 knots; COMPHIBRON Five OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1530 Increased speed to 13 knots. 1550 Opened formation to 1,500-yard interval.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	8	Underway to Iwo Jima	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0 en route Naha, Okinawa to Iwo Jima to conduct NAV MarLex 1-57; Formation 51V, speed 13 knots 0830 Commenced tactical exercises. 1109 Completed tactical exercises; Formation 51V reformed; Speed 13 knots. 1259 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1303. 1316 Increased speed to 16 knots; Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Tom Green County (LST-1159) for transfer of emergency appendectomy case. 1330 Set General Quarters; Increased speed to 17 knots at 1331. 1335 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1350 USS Magoffin (APA-199) assumed OTC; Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1402 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 1433. 1443 Rendezvous with USS Tom Green County (LST-1159) cancelled; Proceeding to resume station A3. 1512 Resumed station A3, speed 13 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	9	Underway to Iwo Jima	Steaming as before. 0825 Commenced division tactical exercises. 0845 Actual steering casualty; Shifted steering to after steering; Steering restored to telemotor at 0850. 0902 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0915 Secured from Condition One-Alfa; Set Condition Three. 0948 Shifted steering to hand electric. 1119 Completed tactical maneuvers; Formed Formation 51V. 1153 Departed station to test steering gear. 1235 Steering tests completed; Commenced maneuvering to regain station. 1327 Resumed station 0000 in Formation 51V; COMPHIBRON Five assumed OTC; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide. 1530 Commenced making smoke. 1605 Ceased making smoke. 1930 Increased speed to 14 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956

NavMarLex 1-57, Iwo Jima - November 10 -14

In November the Calvert carried the Third Marine Regiment, making a landing on the historic World War II island of Iwo Jima ... "Despite the bad weather and the end-around plays, the operation proved to be a success ..."

1956 Cruise Book

1956	November	10	Underway to Iwo Jima	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0 Ship darkened with navigation lights off. 0405 Turned on all navigation lights. 0500 Passed Iwo Jima abeam to port, distance five miles. 0525 Energized degaussing coils. 0540 Passed through Point Tiger.</p> <p>0542 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0549 Commenced steaming independently on order of OTC. 0710 Commenced lowering boats into water; Lying on station. 0756 Commenced debarking troops into boats. 0905 Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, departed the ship. 0945 Commenced dispatching waves to primary control vessel; Completed at 1000. 1102 Commenced hoisting boats. 1110 LCVP No. 14 sank on beach in surf line; LCVP-19 beached. 1113 Boat waves commenced returning to ship. 1123 Commenced re-embarking troops.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	10	Underway off Iwo Jima Anchored, Iwo Jima	<p>0000 Underway off Iwo Jima.</p> <p>1140 Underway proceeding to administrative anchorage, course 000, speed 10 knots.</p> <p>1201 Anchored at Berth A-5, Iwo Jima; COMPHIBRON Five assumed SOPA in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1205 Resumed embarking troops and hoisting boats. 1223 Commanding General, Third Marine Division, returned to the ship. 1250 Completed embarking troops; Continued hoisting boats. 1333 LCU-1482 secured alongside starboard side, No. 5 hatch, for transfer of casualties. 1345 All casualties aboard; LCU-1482 cleared starboard side at 1410. 1504 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1830 Completed hoisting boats aboard.</p>	

Iwo Jima

1945 Pre-Invasion Reconnaissance Map of Iwo Jima. 1:20,000 scale.

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				0000 Anchored at Berth A-5, Iwo Jima; COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) as CTG 90.7.	
1956	November	11	Anchored, Iwo Jima Underway off Iwo Jima	0840 Secured radar to send man aloft to work on lights; Re-energized radar at 0910. 1100 Observed Veterans Day; Sounded taps. 2008 Anchor aweigh; Underway conducting NAV MarLex 1-57 as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0. 2043 Formed Formation 51V; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000, speed 10 knots; COMPHIBRON Five CTU 90.7.0 and OTC in USS Calvert (APA-32).	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	12	Underway off Iwo Jima Anchored, Iwo Jima	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0, having retired from Iwo Jima to make early morning approach for NAV MarLex 1-57; Formation 51V. 0200 Darkened ship. 0540 Proceeded independently; Passed through Point Tiger. 0548 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0550 Lighted ship. 0655 Commenced lowering boats. 0700 Commenced lying to in assigned transport off-loading station. 0758 Emergency Plan Yellow Beach executed. 0815 Underway proceeding to transport off-loading area off Yellow Beach. 0908 Commenced lying to in assigned off-loading station. 1015 Commenced debarkation of troops and cargo. 1553 Anchored at Berth B-5, Iwo Jima; COMPHIBRON Five assumed SOPA in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1604 Resumed Condition One-Alfa. 1648 Darkened ship except for cargo lights. 1700 Commenced general off-loading; Completed at 1809. 1835 Commenced hoisting boats aboard; Completed at 1940. 1946 Secured from Condition One-Alfa; Set modified underway watch and anti-sneak attack bill; Darkened ship.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	13	Anchored, Iwo Jima	0000 Anchored at Berth B-5, Iwo Jima; COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) as SOPA. 0230 Picket boat picked up two UDT swimmers from UDT 11; Brought aboard at 0245; Both departed by boat to USS Comstock (LSD-19) at 0325. 0445 Marine corporal received aboard with dislocated right shoulder. 0615 Japanese fishing vessel Shima Maru (call sign JDXW) stood in to anchorage. 0635 Dispatched boat to FV Shima Maru to transport patient with acute appendicitis to Yellow Beach; Medical officer accompanied. 2230 Set Condition One-Alfa on hatches No. 2, No. 3, No. 5, and No. 6. 2300 Commenced lowering boats into water in preparation for backloading of troops.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956

1956	November	14	<p>Anchored, Iwo Jima</p> <p>Underway to Naha, Okinawa, Japan</p>	<p>0000 Anchored at Berth A-5, Iwo Jima; Condition One-Alfa set in preparation for backloading; COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) as SOPA.</p> <p>0130 LCU-1493 secured to starboard side; Commenced backloading vehicles; Completed at 0247; 1027 LCU-1493 came alongside to starboard; Commenced backloading vehicles; Completed at 1146. 1215 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1325 LCU-1493 secured alongside port side, No. 6 hatch, to transfer LCVP for further transfer to Yokosuka, Japan; LCVP received aboard at 1335. 1503 Completed embarking of troops.</p> <p>1600 Underway proceeding to Naha, Okinawa; Took departure from Iwo Jima, course 290, speed 10 knots. 1624 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1637 Reduced speed to 12 knots. 1640 Secured No. 3 Generator. 1648 USS Diachenko (APD-123) commenced approach for fueling at sea. 1710 Commenced fueling USS Diachenko (APD-123); Completed at 1759, having delivered 24,711 gallons NSFO. 1811 All lines returned; USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared from alongside. 1811 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1847 Secured air search radar.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	15	<p>Underway to Naha, Okinawa</p>	<p>0000 Steaming independently as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0 en route Iwo Jima to Naha, Okinawa, speed 16.1 knots; COMPHIBRON Five CTG 90.7 and CTU 90.7.0 embarked.</p> <p>0853 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0856. 0915 Increased speed to 16.6 knots. 1242 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1246. 1700 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1704. 2304 Reduced speed to five knots due to casualty on port blower of No. 2 Boiler; Increased to eight knots at 2312; Restored to 16.6 knots at 2315.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956
1956	November	16	<p>Underway to Naha, Okinawa</p> <p>Anchored off Naha</p>	<p>0000 Steaming independently as unit of Task Unit 90.7.0 en route Iwo Jima to Naha, Okinawa; Course 277, speed 16.6 knots; COMPHIBRON Five CTG 90.7 and CTU 90.7.0 embarked. 0212 Obtained radar contact of Minami Daito Jima, bearing 354, distance 27 miles. 1240 Visibility decreased to two miles; Stationed special lookouts in eyes of ship. 1400 Visibility increased to 10 miles; Secured special lookouts. 1420 Sighted Okinawa bearing 350, distance 15 miles. 1500 Sighted Ara Saki Light bearing 004, distance 2.7 miles. 1521 Sighted Rukan Sho Light bearing 305, distance five miles. 1527 Energized degaussing coils. 1531 Passed Rukan Sho Light abeam to port, distance 2.7 miles. 1555 Passed Sakibaru Saki Light abeam to starboard, distance 5.5 miles.</p> <p>1642 Anchored in lee of Kuefu Shima awaiting pilot; Engine room placed on 15-minute standby. 1720 Received notification from Harbor Master that entry into port would be delayed until morning due to approaching darkness.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956

				1) Returning to Okinawa, the Calvert debarked her troops and sailed to Yokosuka.	
				2)	
				0000 Anchored in lee of Kuefu Shima; COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) as SOPA; Engine room on 15-minute standby.	
			Anchored off Naha, Okinawa	0654 Underway proceeding to Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa.	
				0800 Moored port side to Berth 4, Naha Ko, Naha, Okinawa.	
				0810 Commenced debarking troops; Completed at 1030.	1) Cullen, Page 23
1956	November	17	Moored, Naha	0840 Commenced off-loading cargo and vehicles; Completed at 1118.	
				0906 Commenced taking on fuel from Y-53; Completed at 1120, having received 105,294 gallons NSFO.	2) Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	1300 Commenced embarking troops; Completed at 1400; Embarked 29 officers and 409 troops.	
				1512 Energized degaussing coils.	
				1540 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.	
				1558 Visibility decreased to three miles; Stationed special fog lookouts in eyes of ship.	
				1603 Took departure from Naha; Set course 238, speed 14 knots.	
				1851 Increased speed to 15 knots.	
1956	November	18	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Japan; Speed 15 knots; Visibility reduced; Special lookouts stationed in eyes of ship; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
				0736 Visibility increased to five miles; Secured fog lookouts.	
				1010 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1012.	
				1133 Actual steering casualty on hand electric; Shifted to trick wheel; Casualty restored at 1155.	
1956	November	19	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently en route Naha, Okinawa to Yokosuka, Japan; Speed 15 knots;	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
				0849 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0853.	
				1244 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1246.	
				1503 Reduced speed to 14 knots.	
1956	November	20	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming uindependently, as before.	
				0812 Moored starboard side to Berth 8, Forrestal Causeway, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan.	
			Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0843 Commenced disembarking troops; Completed at 0922; Disembarked 29 officers and 409 enlisted.	
				1034 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.	

USS Calvert placed in Restricted Availability, Yokosuka - November 21 to December 9

- 1) On November 20 a restricted availability period commenced.
- 2) Restricted Availability: An availability assigned for the accomplishment of specific items of work by an industrial activity during which the ship is rendered incapable of fully performing its assigned missions and tasks.
- 3) During this timeframe 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.

- 1) Cullen, Page 23
- 2) ISR Glossary of Terms at Federation of American Scientists (online)
- 3) Calversion, V13, P2

1956	November 21 - December 9	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Moored as before.</p> <p>December 8: 1055 Embarked advance party of 2nd Battalion (Reinforced), 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division.</p> <p>December 9: 0900 Task Group 90.3 activated. 1120 Commenced embarking main body of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division; Completed at 1225; Embarked 30 officers and 683 enlisted.</p>	<p>Deck Log, USS Calvert, November 1956</p> <p>Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956</p>
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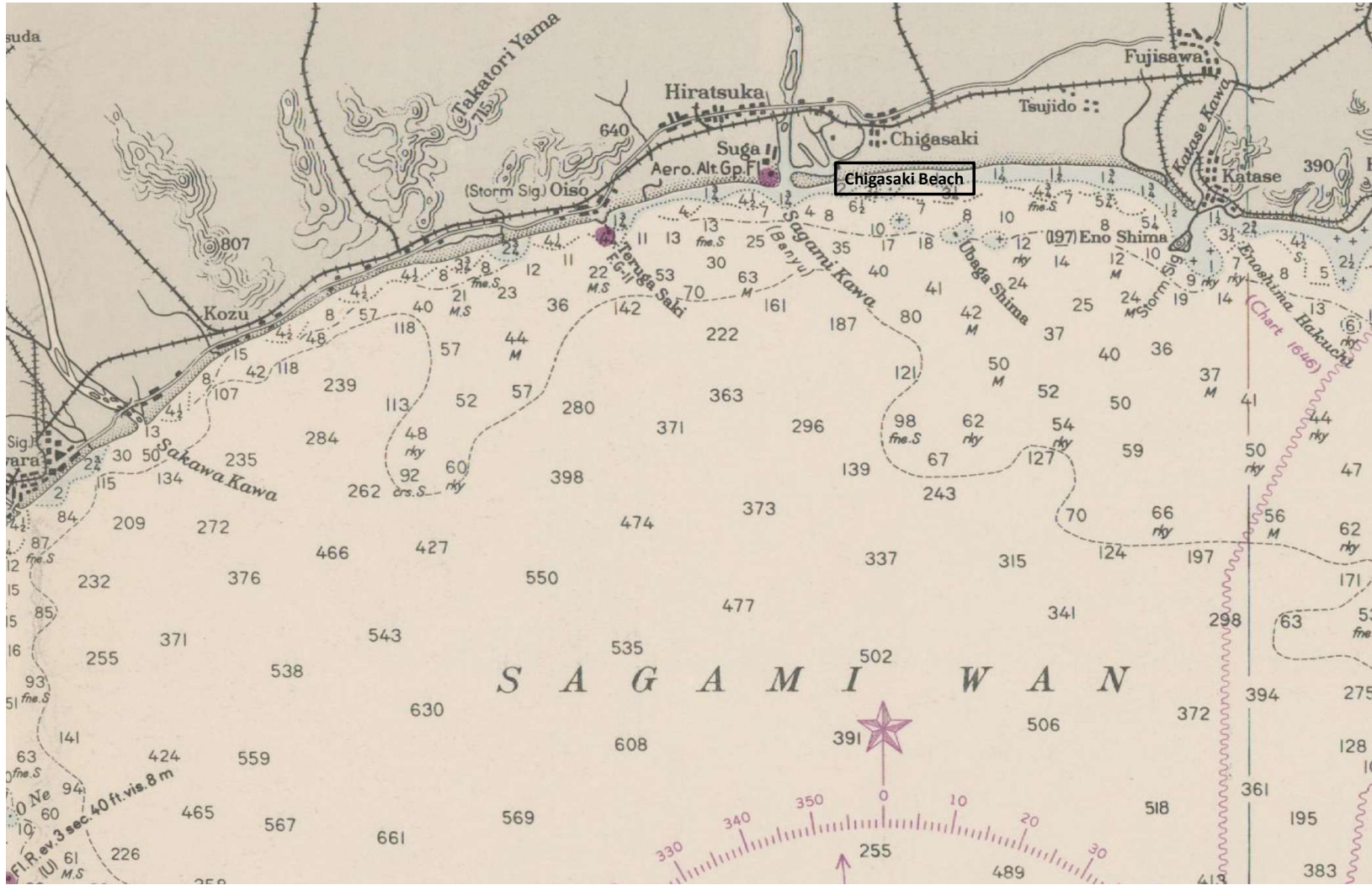
1956	December	10	<p>Moored, Yokosuka, Japan</p> <p>Underway to Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Wan, Japan</p>	<p>0000 Moored as before. 0312 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.</p> <p>0725 Underway to conduct CO Calvert BLTLEX 2-56. 0846 Passed Kannon Saki Light abeam to starboard, distance two miles. 0930 Set General Quarters. 0950 Conducted abandon ship drill. 1011 Secured from General Quarters.</p>	<p>Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956</p>
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BitLex 2-56, Chigasaki Beach - December 11 to 14

- During the period 11-14 December, the Calvert acted as OTC for BitLex 2-56 conducted at Chigasaki.
- 2) The cold of December found the Calvert once again under way with the Third Marine Regiment from Camp Fuji on board. Landing training exercises were conducted at Chigasaki Beach on the island of Honshu.

- Cullen, Page 23
- 2) 1956 Cruise Book

Chigasaki Beach area, Chigasaki, Sagami Wan, Japan



Extract of Chart: Japan, Honshu-south coast, Omai Saki to Nojima Saki including Suruga Wan and Sagami Nada
1:200,000 scale. Soundings in Fathoms.
7th edition, No. 2734. Hydrographic Office, U.S. Navy, 1947

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1956	December	10	<p>Moored, Yokosuka, Japan</p> <p>Underway to Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Wan, Japan</p> <p>Anchored off Chigasaki Beach</p>	<p>1056 Anchored off Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Wan, Japan.</p> <p>1319 Set Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>1355 Commenced wet-netting troops.</p> <p>1500 Marine private sustained dislocation of patella during wet-netting at Debark Blue 6; Treated by Medical Officer.</p> <p>1515 Marine sergeant severely jarred by fall into boat during wet-netting at Debark White 3; Placed under observation by Medical Officer.</p> <p>1600 Completed wet-netting Marines; Secured from Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>1800 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced wet-netting Marines at 1815.</p> <p>1910 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.</p> <p>2015 Completed wet-netting troops.</p> <p>2033 Completed hoisting boats aboard.</p> <p>2035 Secured from Condition One-Alfa.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	11	Anchored off Chigasaki Beach	<p>0000 Anchored off Chigasaki Beach.</p> <p>0410 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.</p> <p>0434 Secured No. 2 Boiler.</p> <p>0617 Set Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>0700 Commenced lowering boats into water.</p> <p>0708 USS Weiss (APD-135) and USS Sumner County (LST-1148) arrived in objective area.</p> <p>0805 Commenced debarking troops.</p> <p>0843 Commenced dispatching waves to line of departure for rehearsal ship-to-shore movement.</p> <p>0905 Completed debarking troops; Waves commenced returning to ship at 0913.</p> <p>0915 Commenced embarking troops; Completed at 1015.</p> <p>0930 Commenced hoisting boats; Completed at 1025.</p> <p>1030 Secured from Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>1627 Set Condition One-Alfa; Darkened ship except for anchor and aircraft warning lights at 1633.</p> <p>1658 Commenced lowering boats into water.</p> <p>1755 Commenced debarking troops.</p> <p>1845 First boat wave dispatched to Primary Control Vessel for BLTLEX 2-56 ship-to-shore movement.</p> <p>2049 Lighted ship.</p> <p>2107 Boat waves commenced returning to ship.</p> <p>2112 Commenced embarking troops; Completed at 2218.</p> <p>2125 Commenced hoisting boats; Completed at 2346.</p> <p>2300 Secured from Condition One-Alfa except for No. 5 hatch.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	12	<p>Anchored off Chigasaki Beach</p> <p>Underway foo Chigasaki Beach</p> <p>Anchored off Chigasaki Beach</p>	<p>0000 Anchored off Chigasaki Beach.</p> <p>0912 Set Condition One-Alfa (modified) at designated davits and debark stations.</p> <p>0920 Commenced lowering designated davit boats.</p> <p>0944 Commenced wet-netting troops; Completed at 1018.</p> <p>1057 Completed hoisting boats aboard; Secured from Condition One-Alfa (modified).</p> <p>1105 Underway to dump trash and garbage; Course 170, speed 12 knots.</p> <p>1117 Shifted steering to hand electric.</p> <p>1243 Sighted Joga Shima Light bearing 042, distance 8.5 miles.</p> <p>1308 Sighted Eno Shima Light bearing 003, distance 10 miles.</p> <p>1357 Re-anchored in assigned berth, Sagami Wan.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956

1956	December	13	Anchored off Chigasaki Beach	<p>0000 Anchored off Chigasaki Beach. 0730 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0749 Commenced lowering designated boats into water. 0809 Commenced debarking troops for transfer to LSTs; Completed at 1036. 1110 All boats returned to ship. 1240 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 1330 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1343 Commenced lowering boats into water; Completed at 1411. 1428 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1534 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1629 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1644 Completed hoisting boats aboard.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	14	<p>Anchored off Chigasaki Beach</p> <p>Underway fo Yokosuka</p> <p>Moored, Yokosuka</p>	<p>0000 Anchored off Chigasaki Beach. Ship darkened. 0130 Darkened ship. 0553 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0600 Lighted ship. 0930 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan. 1043 Merchant ship crossed the bow from starboard to port, distance 150 yards; Maneuvered to avoid. 1142 Passed Kannon Saki Light abeam to port, distance 1,800 yards. 1241 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan. 1342 Commenced fueling from YO-47; Completed at 1605, having received 104,790 gallons NSFO.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	15 - 16	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored, Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	17	<p>Moored, Yokosuka, Japan</p> <p>Anchored, Ammunition Anchorage, Yokosuka</p>	<p>0000 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked as SOPA. 0300 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0625 Energized degaussing coils. 0704 Underway to conduct ISE gunnery exercises. 0738 Anchored at Ammunition Anchorage B136, Yokosuka, Japan. 0758 Commenced loading ammunition; Completed at 0842; Received from Naval Ordnance Facility, Yokosuka: 58 rounds 3"/50 AAC, 40 rounds 3"/50 VTNF, 16 rounds 5"/38 VTF, 12 rounds 5"/38 VTNF, 28 rounds 5"/38 powder charges (NE), and 592 rounds 40mm HEIT.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956

1956	December	17	Anchored, Ammunition Anchorage, Yokosuka Underway, Fleet Operating Area, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0924 Underway to conduct ISE gunnery exercises. 0933 Maneuvered to avoid fishing vessels; One fishing vessel passed close aboard to starboard at 0941. 1006 Shifted steering to hand electric. 1245 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able. 1320 Tractor reported on station. 1353 Commenced firing exercise Z-1-G; Completed at 1408. 1355 Set Material Condition Baker. 1423 Commenced firing exercise Z-4-G; Completed at 1438. 1438 Completed all gunnery exercises; Expended 9 rounds 5"/38 VTF, 9 rounds 5"/38 powder, 16 rounds 3"/50 VTF, 32 rounds 3"/50 VTNF, 392 rounds 20mm, and 452 rounds 40mm. 1445 Secured from General Quarters. 1600 Conducted fire drill.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	18	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway, Fleet Operating Area Charlie, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming independently in Fleet Operating Area Charlie; Speed five knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked. 0945 USS Etlah (AN-79) reported on designated station for exercise Z-28-G. 0947 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 0951. 1025 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-28-G; Commenced firing to starboard. 1035 Ceased firing. 1050 Set Material Condition Baker. 1100 Commenced firing to starboard; Ceased fire at 1112. 1137 Commenced firing to port; Ceased fire at 1143. 1213 Completed gunnery exercise Z-28-G; Secured from General Quarters. 1330 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able. 1344 Stopped all engines; Lowered two small targets for gunnery exercise Z-31-G. 1413 Set Material Condition Baker. 1507 Completed gunnery exercise Z-31-G; Total ammunition expended for the day: 224 rounds 40mm BL&T, 359 rounds 20mm (HEI, HET, and BL&P), 48 rounds 3"/50 target, and 12 rounds 5"/38 target. 1510 Secured from General Quarters. 1600 Conducted fire drill. 1900 Commenced flashing light drill with USS Skagit (AKA-105); Completed at 2115.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	19	Underway, Fleet Operating Area Charlie, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming independently in Operating Area Charlie; Speed eight knots. 0000 Commenced engineering tests; Completed at 0114. 0220 Sighted Nojima Saki Light bearing 317, distance 17 miles. 0737 Sighted USS Skagit (AKA-105) bearing 060, distance 16.3 miles; Maneuvered to rendezvous. 0840 Commenced VT fuse test firing exercise with USS Skagit (AKA-105); Completed at 0959; Expended 20 rounds 3"/50 VTF (NSD); USS Skagit proceeded independently. 1031 Called away Rescue and Assistance Party; Secured at 1040. 1215 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 1221. 1253 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-1-G; Completed at 1322. 1300 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1328 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-4-G; Completed with all day's gunnery exercises expending: 10 rounds 3"/50 VT, 7 rounds 5"/38 VT, 202 rounds 20mm, and 232 rounds 40mm. 1339 Secured from General Quarters. 1358 Secured steam to ship's whistle and siren to repair siren; Restored steam to ship's whistle at 1410. 1528 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1532. 1605 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1620.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956

				0000 Steaming independently; Speed seven knots.	
1956	December	20	Underway, Fleet Operating Area Charlie, Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0734 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0743 Conducted man overboard drill; Lifeboat lowered into water at 0745; Secured at 0759. 0805 All boats lowered into water from davit No. 1; Commenced hoisting boats at 0812; All boats hoisted aboard at 0851. 0917 Passed Tsurugi Saki Light abeam to port, distance four miles. 0922 Sighted Kannon Saki Light bearing 353, distance 6.5 miles. 1105 Moored port side to Berth 10, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	21	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored port side to Berth 10, Yokosuka, Japan; USS Comstock (LSD-19) moored outboard to starboard. 0900 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed medical and military guard duty. Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	22	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0915 Mustered the crew at quarters for Captain's personnel and lower decks inspection. 0930 Commenced Captain's personnel and lower decks inspection. 1027 Secured from inspection. 1101 Rear Admiral COMFLTACTS Yokosuka came aboard for official call on Commanding Officer; Departed at 1128	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1956	December	23	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before. 1405 Sixty-four children from the Home of Affection Orphanage came aboard for a Christmas party presented by the crew; Departed at 1620.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956 Photo: USS Calvert Sixth Far East Cruise Book, page 46



				Moored as before.	
1956	December	24 - 31	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>December 27th: 0802 Inspection party from USS Magoffin (APA-199) came aboard and commenced administrative inspection; Departed at 1550. 0905 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed medical and military guard duty.</p> <p>December 28th: 0905 Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MAGOFFIN (APA-199), came aboard officially for Administrative Inspection. 0920 Commenced Personnel Inspection, conducted by COMPHIBRON FIVE, assisted by Commanding Officer of MAGOFFIN. 1012 Completed inspection. 1141 Commanding Officer, MAGOFFIN, departed.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, December 1956
1957	January	1	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>We start off the first watch of the new year, Moored port side to the floating pier. We see the U.S. Naval Station so clear, Cause Berth No. 10 is our assignment here. We're in Yokosuka on the Japanese coast, We're receiving fresh water from our host. Of telephone services we can also boast, As to Auld Lang Syne we drink a toast. Standard mooring lines are doubled now, Two one-inch spring wires up forward we allow, One one-inch slip wire to secure us by the bow, Add one one-and-one-eighth breast wire, that's how. We're secured by the bow, but one thing more, Back aft we must stay close to shore.</p> <p>A one-and-one-eighth spring wire seen from the after door, Add a one-inch slip wire, says the seamen's lore. The RICE COUNTY is secured to starboard and fine, She's an LST, the Ten-Eighty-Nine, Boiler One and Generator Two are on the line, Here in the season of Auld Lang Syne. Ships and units of the U.N. Fleet in sight, Yard and district craft are here this night. The CVA-31 has COMCARDIV SEVEN, that's right. He's SOPA in the BON HOMME RICHARD, that tower of might. It's four o'clock and it may be trite, But a Happy New Year to all, and to all a good night.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	1	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Moored as before, port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka</p> <p>January 14: 1040 Disbursing officer returned on board with \$12,362.50 in MPC.</p> <p>January 15: 1436 Disbursing Officer returned aboard from Disbursing Officer, Headquarter Support Activity, Yokosuka, with twenty thousand dollars in Military Payment Certificate. 1535 Disbursing Officer left the ship with twenty-six thousand dollars in Military Payment Certificate to conduct payday on the SKAGIT.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957

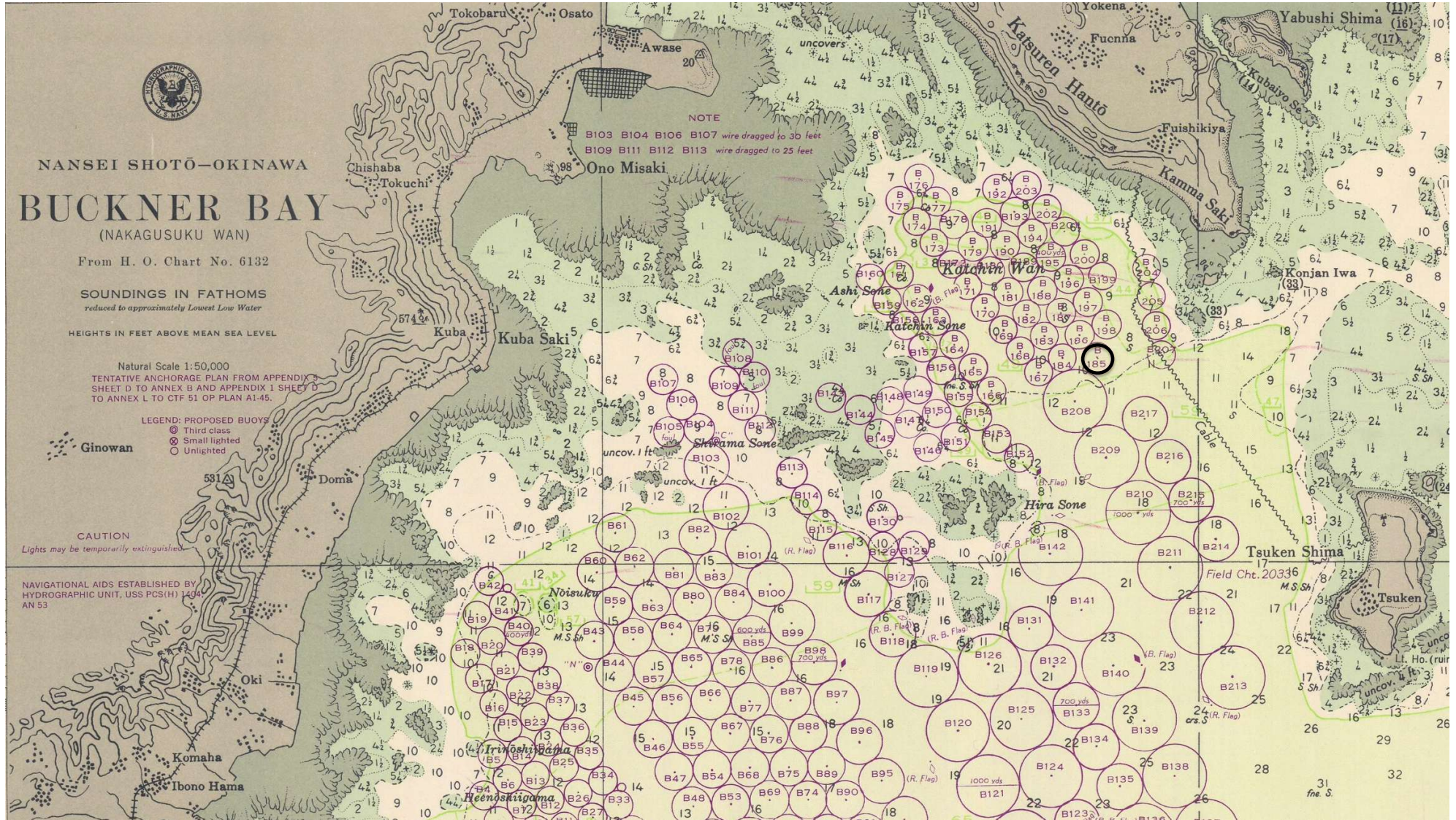
				Moored as before.	
1957	January	17	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0854 Underway to shift berths in accordance from Berth 10 to Berth 14, to embark troops and load stores and equipment for NAVMARLEX 2-57. 0940 Entered Wet Dock No. 6. 0950 Moored starboard to Berth No. 14, Wet Dock No. 6.. 1353 Advance Marine Party of Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, came aboard. 1632 Completed fueling, having received 128, 000 gallons of NSFO.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	18	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, Wet Dock 6. 0915 Commenced on-loading vehicles; Completed at 1015, having on-loaded 22 vehicles.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
				Moored as before.	
1957	January	19	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	1330 Commenced embarking troops; Completed at 1540; Embarked 60 officers and 719 enlisted of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, with supporting elements. 2) In January, the Calvert once again embarked the Fuji Marines (3rd Marines), and turned south to the warmer waters of Okinawa for landing operations.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957 2) 1957 Cruise Book
1957	January	20	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, Wet Dock 6, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked as SOPA. 0400 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0720 Brigadier General, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rear) embarked.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
				1) On 20 January, Phibron Five sailed for Okinawa where BLTLEX 2-57 was conducted at Kimnu Wan with the 3rd Marine Division. 2) 0759 Underway to conduct NAV MarLex 2-57. 0858 Maneuvered to avoid Japanese merchant vessel Ichi Wa Maru; Passed abeam to port at 0905, distance 1,000 yards. 1209 USS Skagit (AKA-105) commenced approach to port for highline transfer. 1229 First line over to USS Skagit (AKA-105). 1248 Commenced highline transfer of personnel to USS Skagit (AKA-105); Completed at 1253; Transferred two chaplains. 1303 USS Skagit (AKA-105) lost steering control; Maneuvered to clear; USS Skagit regained steering control at 1315. 1341 Set General Quarters. 1350 Conducted abandon ship drill; Completed at 1413. 1413 Secured from General Quarters. 1441 Commenced maneuvering to assume lifeguard duty equidistant between transferring columns. 1458 On lifeguard station. 1724 Formed Formation 51C, speed 14 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000.	1) Cullen, Page 23 2) Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957

1957	January	21	Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.5.1 to Buckner Bay, Okinawa to conduct NAV MarLex 2-57; Formation 51C, speed 14 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000.</p> <p>0055 Lost power to main engines due to ruptured gasket in steam line; Commenced falling behind formation; Lost steerageway at 0103.</p> <p>0125 USS Skagit (AKA-105) left formation to stand by USS Calvert (APA-32). 0130 Started emergency diesel. 0426 Ruptured gasket repaired; Power restored to main engines; Commenced going ahead at 10 knots to rejoin formation. 0439 Increased speed to 16 knots. 0810 Conducted steering casualty drill.</p> <p>1226 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide in station 0000; Formation 51C reformed, speed 10 knots. 1315 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 1533 Commenced maneuvering to exchange stations with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Resumed formation course and speed in station 3 at 1540. 1600 USS Magoffin (APA-199) assumed formation guide in station 0000. 1935 Increased speed to 14 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	22	Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming in formation, as before.</p> <p>0723 Casualty on No. 2 Boiler due to low water; Stopped main engines; Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler; Engine room reported able to maintain one-third speed at 0728; Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler; Casualty restored at 0736. 0736 Increased speed to 15 knots; Increased to 16 knots at 0741 to resume station. 0808 USS Skagit (AKA-105) assumed tactical command of formation. 0821 Maneuvered to clear formation for VT fuse test firing exercise. 1033 VT fuse test firing exercise completed; Expended 20 rounds 3"/50 VT fuse; No casualties. 1034 Maneuvered to rejoin formation; USS Magoffin (APA-199) directed to take station 3. 1125 COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed tactical command. 1133 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station, course 234, speed 14 knots. 1215 USS Magoffin (APA-199) on station. 1530 Obtained radar contact on Kikaiga Shima Island bearing 291, distance 43 miles. 1637 Formed column formation. 1749 Formed column open order formation.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957

			0000 Steaming in formation, as before; Column open order formation, Speed 14 knots, interval 1,000 yards.	
			0005 Commenced raining; Visibility decreased to five miles; Ceased raining at 0115; Visibility increased to 10 miles.	
			0340 Commenced raining; Visibility decreased to eight miles.	
			0414 Sighted Tsugen Jima Light bearing 268, distance 12 miles.	
		Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa	0436 Commenced steaming independently on order of OTC to enter Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	
			0520 Passed Tsugen Jima Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.5 miles.	
			0544 Anchored at Berth B189, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	
1957	January	23	0633 Re-anchored at Berth B185, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
		Anchored, Buckner Bay	0745 Set Condition One-Alfa.	
		Underway off Buckner Bay	0840 Reconnaissance detachments from USS Diachenko (APD-123) reported aboard.	
			0900 Commenced debarking troops; Completed at 1115; Transferred 572 Marine personnel to USS Rice County (LST-1089) and USS Sumner County (LST-1148).	
			1610 Underway to conduct NAV MarLex 2-57.	
			1645 Took departure from Buckner Bay; Speed 10 knots.	
			1650 Secured No. 2 Generator.	
			1728 Formed Formation 51C; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000;	
			1835 Sighted two white flares bearing 050, distance approximately five miles; Origin unknown.	

Buckner Bay - "B" anchorages illustrated on the Katchin Wan area, right side of the chart. Anchorage B-185 indicated by black circle.
Editor's Note: Anchorage locations are presumed to have remained static from 1945 to the the mid-1960s

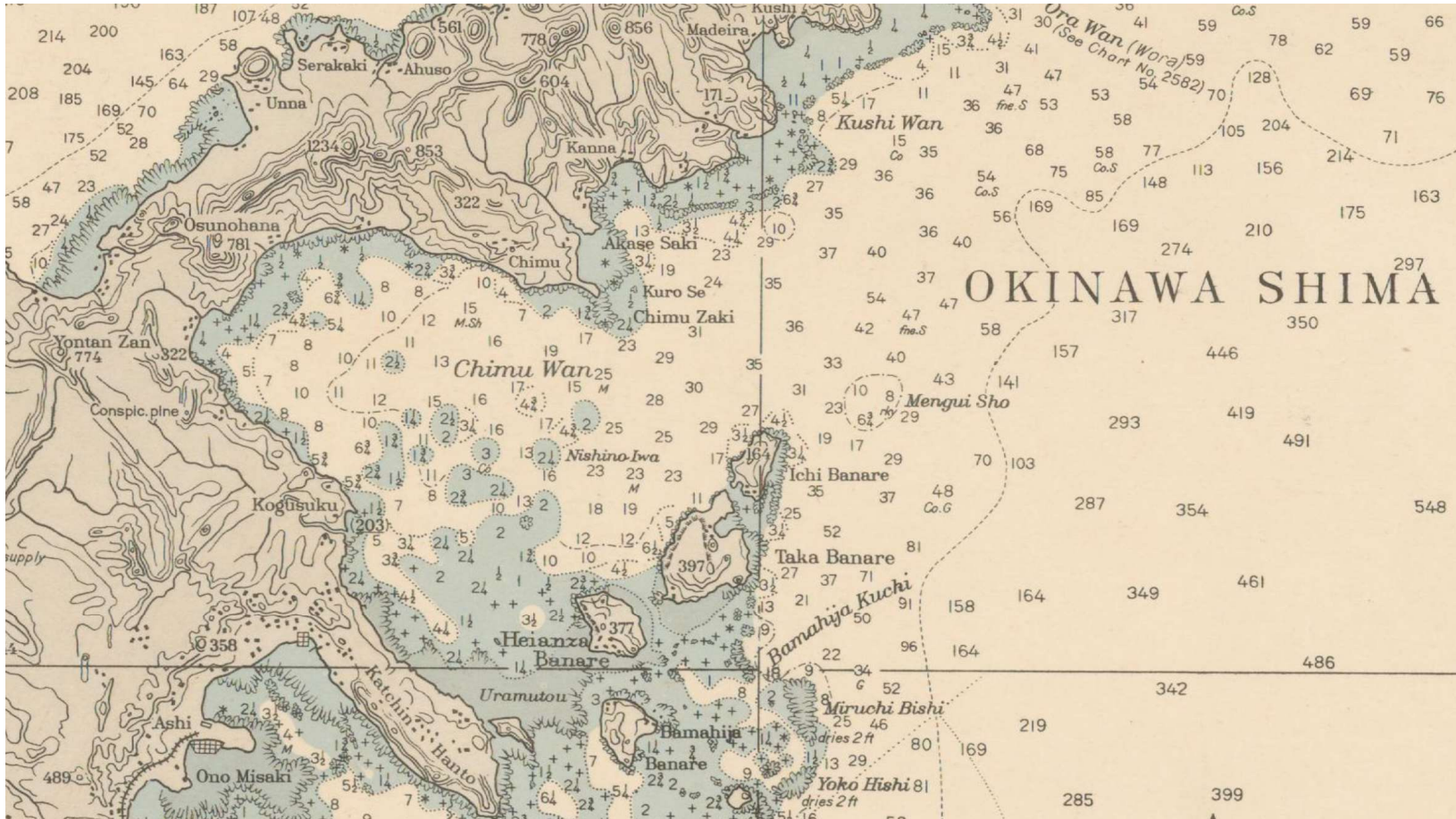
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BLTLEX 2-57, Buckner Bay, Okinawa - January 24 to 28

1957	January	24	Underway off Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.5.1, night steaming east of Okinawa for pre-dawn approach to Kimmu Wan to conduct NAV MarLex 2-57 rehearsal; Formation 51C, speed 10 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
			Anchored, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	0530 Sighted Tsugen Jima Light bearing 221, distance 15 miles; Proceeded independently to anchorage. 0629 Anchored at Kimmu Wan, Okinawa; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC assumed SOPA in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0633 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0645 Brigadier General, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rear), departed the ship. 0734 All designated boats in water. 1128 Brigadier General, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rear), returned aboard. 1421 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1448 All boats back on board. 1536 Received photographic material from helicopter HP-72.	
			Underway off Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	1603 Underway for night sortie; Formed column, distance 1,000 yards. 1615 Took departure from Kimmu Wan; Set speed 10 knots. 1704 Formed Disposition 51C; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000. 1845 Darkened ship except for navigation lights.	
1957	January	25	Underway off Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 90.5.1, night steaming east of Okinawa for dawn approach to Kimmu Wan to conduct NAV MarLex 2-57; Formation speed 10 knots. Ship darkened except for navigation lights.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
			Anchored, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	0523 Ships in formation commenced steaming independently to enter Kimmu Wan. 0617 Anchored in assigned berth, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa. 0622 Set Condition One-Alfa. 0644 Commenced lowering designated boats into water; Completed at 0700. 0816 Secured from Condition One-Alfa except for No. 3 hatch. 1023 Marine helicopter hovered over fantail for message transfer. 1315 Three personnel from USS Magoffin (APA-199) admitted to sick bay. 1405 Brigadier General, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rear), departed the ship. 1449 Completed off-loading of troops. 2240 Commenced general off-loading of combat cargo; Completed at 2320.	

Kimmu Wan (Kinmu Wan, Chimu Wan), Okinawa



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0000 Anchored in assigned berth, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa; Conducting NAV MarLex 2-57.
0854 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler.

1957 January 26 Anchored, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa

1049 Underway to shift berths.
1126 Anchored in Kimmu Wan, Okinawa.
1714 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler; Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler at 1729.
1810 Set Anti-Sneak Attack Bill.
1903 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler; Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler at 1920.
2400 Secured from Anti-Sneak Attack.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957

1957	January	27	Anchored, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>1017 LCU-1481 came alongside to port to receive troops and cargo for USS Montrose (APA-212); Cleared at 1055. 1117 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 1217 Underway to shift berths. 1250 Anchored in Kimmu Wan. USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed duties of Primary Control Vessel, Yellow Beach. 1306 Secured main engines; Engine room placed on one-hour standby. 1417 Set Condition One-Alfa on debark stations 5, 6, 7, and 8. 1627 Commenced backloading troops. 1929 Commenced backloading vehicles and equipment. 2045 Completed backloading. 2052 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler; Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler at 2105. 2125 Commanding Officer, 12th Marines, and accompanying officer came aboard. 2253 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 2300 Commenced hoisting boats.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	28	Anchored, Kimmu Wan, Okinawa Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Anchored in Kimmu Wan, Okinawa; Acting as Primary Control Vessel, Yellow Beach.</p> <p>0200 All boats aboard.</p> <p>0405 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan. 0424 Took departure from Kimmu Wan, Okinawa; Set course 075, speed 15 knots. 1420 Sighted Kikaiga Shima bearing 340, distance 15 miles. 1445 Passed Kikaiga Shima abeam to port, distance 12.2 miles. 1509 Shifted steering control to steering engine room; Returned to hand electric in pilot house at 1515.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	29	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	<p>0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Speed 15 knots; COMPHIBRON Five CTG 90.5 and CTU 90.5.1 embarked.</p> <p>1315 Visibility decreased to two miles; Commenced sounding fog signals; Ceased at 1323. 1330 Visibility decreased to one mile; Commenced sounding fog signals; Ceased at 1417. 1820 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 055.5, distance 8.5 miles. 1845 Commenced passing through fleet of fishing boats; Nearest boat approximately 1,875 yards distant.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	January	30	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka	<p>0000 Steaming independently, as before. Speed 15 knots.</p> <p>0550 Visibility decreased to eight miles; Stationed two additional lookouts in eyes of ship. 0658 Secured special lookouts.</p> <p>1033 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan.</p> <p>1045 Brigadier General, CG 3rd Marine Division (Rear), came aboard for official call on COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC; Departed at 1109. 1049 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler. 1115 Commenced off-loading cargo and vehicles; Completed at 1148. 1153 Commenced disembarking troops; Completed at 1515.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957

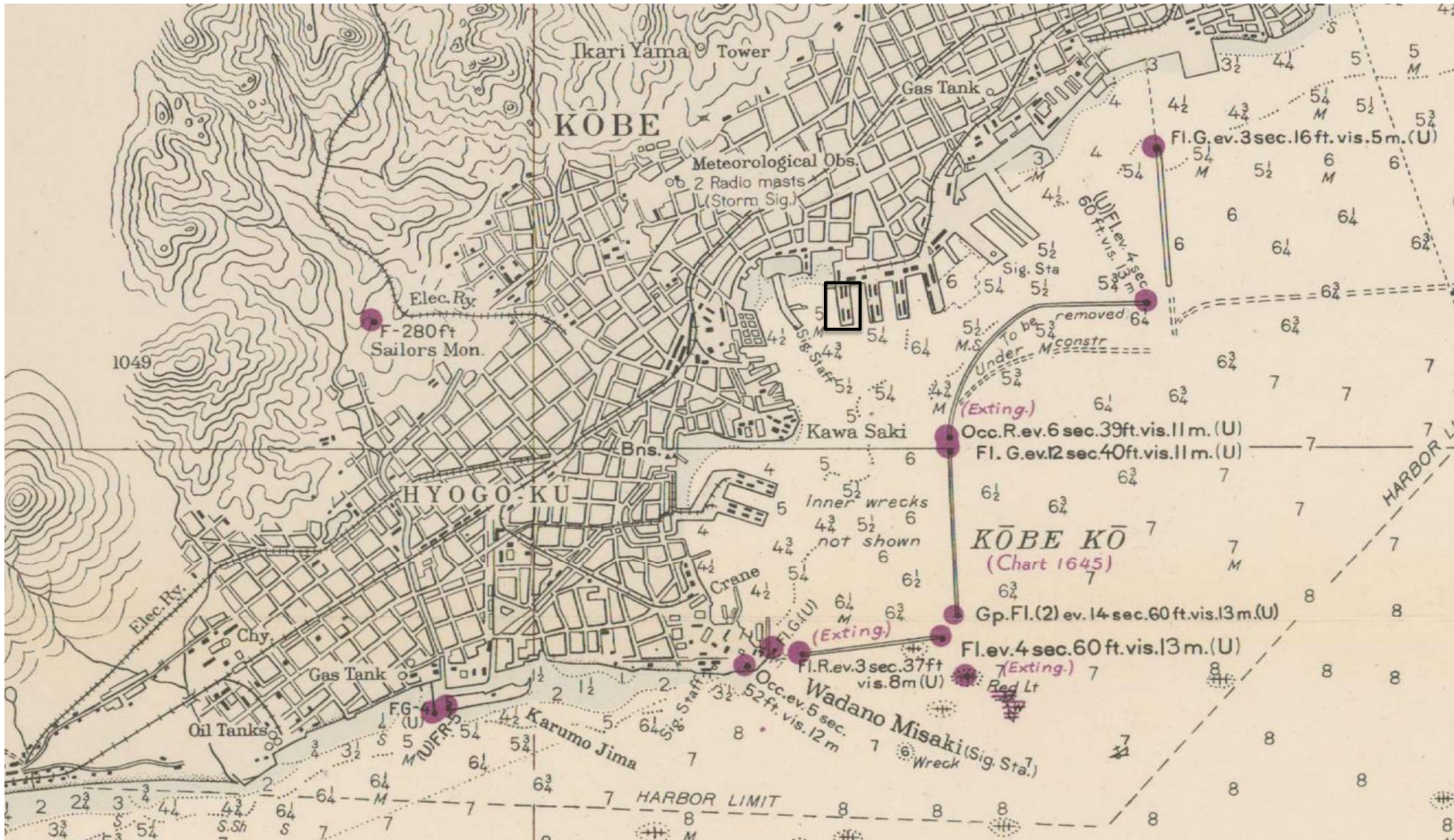
1957	January	31	Moored, Yokosuka	<p>0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka.</p> <p>0600 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler.</p> <p>0954 Underway to shift berths from Berth 14 to Berth 10.</p> <p>1022 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan.</p> <p>1040 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler.</p> <p>1713 Commenced taking on fuel from YO-47; Completed at 1823, having received 104,916 gallons NSFO.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1957
1957	February	1 - 3	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	<p>Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Ko, Yokosuka</p> <p>February 2:</p> <p>0940 Commenced Captain's inspection of berthing and messing spaces.</p> <p>1020 Completed Captain's inspection of berthing and messing spaces.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	4	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway to Hong Kong, China	<p>0000 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka.</p> <p>0600 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler.</p> <p>1007 Underway for Hong Kong, China.</p> <p>1104 Commenced degaussing run; Completed at 1107.</p> <p>1138 Took departure from Yokosuka outer harbor; Set course 180, speed 15 knots.</p> <p>1157 Increased speed to 15.5 knots.</p> <p>1411 Maneuvered to allow wider berth to small fishing vessel; Resumed course at 1414.</p> <p>1530 Mustered Rescue and Assistance Detail.</p> <p>1600 Conducted fire drill.</p> <p>2) The Calvert sailed for Hong Kong and a week's duty as Station Ship.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957 2) Cullen, Page 23
1957	February	5	Underway to Hong Kong, China	<p>0000 Steaming independently en route Yokosuka, Japan to Hong Kong, China; Speed 15.5 knots; COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC embarked.</p> <p>0957 Shifted steering to telemotor; Shifted to steering gear room at 0958; Returned to telemotor at 1005; Shifted to hand electric at 1008.</p> <p>1301 Shifted steering to steering engine room; Returned to hand electric in pilot house at 1307.</p> <p>1431 Set General Quarters; Commenced engineering drills at 1435; Completed at 1454.</p> <p>1517 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1615 Conducted fire drill.</p> <p>1900 Visibility decreased to approximately 1.5 miles due to heavy rain; Stationed special lookouts in eyes of ship.</p> <p>1925 Visibility increased to four miles.</p> <p>2205 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to 500 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals.</p> <p>2222 Passed through rain squall; Visibility increased to 10 miles; Ceased sounding fog signals.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957

1957	February	6	Underway to Hong Kong, China	<p>0000 Steaming independently, speed 15.5 knots.</p> <p>0430 Stationed special lookouts in eyes of ship.</p> <p>0525 Entered rain squall; Visibility reduced to four miles; Cleared at 0600, visibility increased to eight miles.</p> <p>0625 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to four miles; Cleared at 0700, visibility increased to 12 miles; Secured special lookouts.</p> <p>0745 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to five miles; Cleared at 0750, visibility increased to 10 miles.</p> <p>0915 Visibility decreased to 1,000 yards due to heavy rain squall; Stationed extra lookouts; Cleared at 0925, visibility increased to 10 miles.</p> <p>0945 Visibility decreased to 500 yards due to heavy rain squall; Commenced sounding fog signals; Stationed special lookouts; Cleared at 0957, visibility increased to four miles; Ceased fog signals.</p> <p>1045 Visibility decreased to four miles; Stationed special lookouts; Visibility decreased to 1,500 yards at 1054; Commenced sounding fog signals; Cleared at 1059, visibility increased to three miles; Ceased fog signals.</p> <p>1107 Visibility decreased to 2,000 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals; Cleared at 1126, visibility increased to two miles; Ceased fog signals.</p> <p>1121 Obtained radar contact on unidentified vessel bearing 242, distance 9.8 miles.</p> <p>1145 Identified radar contact as USS Duncan (DDR-874); Maneuvered to stand clear while USS Duncan surfaced a submarine.</p> <p>1157 USS Pickerel (SS-524) surfaced off port bow, distance 1.5 miles.</p> <p>1503 Air search radar reported inoperative.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	7	Underway to Hong Kong, China	<p>0000 Steaming independently, speed 15 knots.</p> <p>0758 Visibility reduced to 1,500 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals; Ceased at 0804, visibility increased to 10 miles.</p> <p>1019 Shifted steering to steering engine room; Returned to bridge at 1024; Shifted to telemotor at 1031; Shifted to hand electric at 1034.</p> <p>1100 Forced draft blower on No. 2 Boiler tripped; Reduced speed to five knots; Casualty repaired at 1106; Resumed speed 15 knots.</p> <p>1535 Navy patrol plane passed down starboard side, distance 1,000 yards, altitude 500 feet.</p> <p>1615 Conducted fire drill.</p> <p>2320 Changed course to transit Bashi Channel.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	8	Underway to Hong Kong, China	<p>0000 Steaming independently, speed 15 knots. Transiting Bashi Channel.</p> <p>0000 Completed transit of Bashi Channel.</p> <p>0805 Set General Quarters; Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 0849.</p> <p>0842 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>0911 Conducted man overboard drill; Completed at 0936.</p> <p>1013 Energized degaussing coils; Secured at 1133.</p> <p>1309 Shifted steering to steering engine room; Shifted to bridge telemotor at 1315; Shifted to hand electric at 1317.</p> <p>1440 Shifted steering to gyro; Shifted to hand electric at 1511.</p> <p>1515 Energized degaussing coils.</p> <p>1605 Crossed 100-fathom curve.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957

				0000 Steaming independently, speed 13 knots.	
1957	February	9	Hong Kong, China	0702 Entered eastern boundary of Hong Kong Harbor. 0738 Moored to Buoy No. 2, Hong Kong Harbor, Hong Kong, China, B.C.C. 0804 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	10 - 16	Moored, Hong Kong, China	Moored to Buoy No. 2, Hong Kong Harbor, Hong Kong, B.C.C. February 11: 0903 COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC and Commanding Officer departed for official call on Commodore of Hong Kong; Returned at 1000. 1645 Completed taking on fresh water; Received 26,050 gallons.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	17	Moored, Hong Kong, China Underway to Kobe, Japan	0000 Moored as before. 0400 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0755 Underway en route to Kobe, Japan. 0828 Passed through eastern boundary of Hong Kong Harbor. 0852 Took departure from Hong Kong Harbor; Set course 095, speed 15 knots. 1113 Reduced speed to five knots due to throttle trouble; Repairs completed; Increased speed to 15 knots at 1116.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	18	Underway to Kobe, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Kobe, Japan; Speed 16 knots; COMPHIBRON Five embarked. 1330 Set General Quarters for anti-aircraft burst firing practice and engineering exercises; Set Material Condition Able at 1334. 1338 Commenced firing to port; Ceased at 1340. 1347 Commenced firing to starboard; Ceased at 1349. 1351 Commenced firing to port; Ceased at 1353. 1402 Commenced firing at balloon to starboard; Ceased at 1403. 1406 Commenced firing to starboard; Ceased at 1407; Completed exercise; Expended 9 rounds 3"/38 AAC, 22 rounds 3"/50 AAC, 56 rounds 40mm BL&T, and 208 rounds 20mm BL&T. 1410 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1417 Secured from General Quarters; Set Material Condition Baker. 1421 Commenced exercise Z-154-E; Completed at 1428. 1515 Visibility decreased to 1,000 yards due to heavy rain squall; Stationed lookouts in eyes of ship; Commenced sounding fog signals; Cleared at 1528, visibility increased to five miles; Ceased fog signals. 1757 Steam line leak to main turbines; Reduced speed to 10 knots; Stopped all engines at 1803; Casualty repaired at 1822; Resumed course 058, speed 16 knots at 1825.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	19	Underway to Kobe, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, speed 16 knots. Wind from north at 35 knots; Ship laboring moderately in high seas from the north. 1842 All navigation lights extinguished due to power supply failure. 1914 All navigation lights restored except port running light. 2018 Port running light restored to operation.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957

1957	February	20	Underway to Kobe, Japan	0000 Steaming independently, as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
			Moored, Kobe, Japan	1420 Moored port side to Pier No. 6, Kobe, Japan; COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed SOPA.	
1957	February	21 - 22	Moored, Kobe, Japan	0000 Moored port side to Pier No. 6 (East), Kobe, Japan	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957

Kobe, Japan - Pier 6 indicated by black rectangle



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				0000 Moored port side to Pier 6 (East), Kobe, Japan; COMPHIBRON Five as SOPA in USS Calvert (APA-32).	
1957	February	23	Moored, Kobe, Japan Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0814 Underway en route Kobe, Japan to Yokosuka, Japan. 0821 Casualty to engine order telegraph system; Repaired at 0858. 0935 Casualty to casing of No. 2 Boiler; Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler; Reduced to one-third speed; Casualty repaired at 0945; Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler; Resumed standard speed. 1210 Cleared Kobe Harbor and inland sea; Passed I Jima abeam to starboard, distance 8.5 miles. 1358 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1428.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	24	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, speed 14 knots; COMPHIBRON Five embarked; Wind from west at 30 knots; Ship riding easily in moderate seas. 0915 Moored starboard side to Berth 11, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	February	25 - 28	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before, starboard side to Berth 11, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1957
1957	March	1 - 12	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	March 6: 0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 11, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan. 0756 Underway to shift berths to Berth 8; Engine room on cold iron watch. 0817 Moored starboard side to Berth 8, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan. March 9: 0930 Commenced Captain's personnel, berthing, and messing spaces inspection. 1036 Secured from inspection.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	13	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	Moored as before. 0010 Completed fueling; Received 220,382 gallons NSFO. 1025 Commenced loading 8th Battalion Combat Team, U.S. Army vehicles. 1545 Embarked one officer and 125 enlisted of 8th Battalion Combat Team, U.S. Army. 1645 Completed loading vehicles and troops, 8th Cavalry Battalion Combat Team.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	14	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway to Naha, Okinawa	0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 8, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka. 1434 Underway to shift berths to Berth E-3, ammunition anchorage. 1502 Anchored at Berth E-3, explosive anchorage, Yokosuka Ko, Japan. 1532 Commenced receiving ammunition; Hoisted Bravo flag; Placed smoking lamp out throughout the ship. 1610 Completed loading ammunition; Received: 5"/38: 25 rounds VT, 10 rounds AAC, 20 rounds BL&P, 55 rounds powder; 3"/50: 20 rounds VT, 45 rounds BL&P; 40mm: 32 rounds BL&P, 960 rounds HEIT; .45 caliber: 1,200 rounds ball. 1759 Underway en route Yokosuka, Japan to Naha, Okinawa, via Operating Area Charlie. 1833 Took departure from Tokyo Wan.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957 2) Cullen, Page 23
				2) On 14 March, the Calvert sailed from Yokosuka to Naha, Okinawa where units of the 3rd Marine Division were to be embarked for participation in PacTraEx 57L, Operation Beacon Hill, at Dingalan Bay, Luzon. This was to be the largest post-war amphibious operation to date.	

1957	March	15	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently to Operating Area Charlie, speed five knots; COMPHIBRON Five embarked.</p> <p>0745 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 0754.</p> <p>0820 Set Material Condition Baker; Secured from General Quarters except gun crews.</p> <p>0832 Commenced exercise Z-28-G.</p> <p>0845 Commenced firing 3" and 5" to starboard; Ceased at 0855.</p> <p>0923 Commenced firing 3" and 5" to starboard; Ceased at 0930.</p> <p>0943 Engine order telegraph out of order; Repaired at 1040.</p> <p>0955 Visibility decreased to 2,000 yards.</p> <p>1000 Completed gunnery exercise Z-28-G; Expended 12 rounds 5"/38 BL&P and 14 rounds 3"/50 BL&P; Released USS Molala (ATF-106); Proceeding independently for Naha, Okinawa.</p> <p>1002 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1009 Commenced sounding fog signals; Stationed special lookouts; Visibility decreased to 200 yards.</p> <p>1030 Visibility increased to 1,500 yards.</p> <p>1050 Visibility increased to six miles; Ceased sounding fog signals; Secured lookouts.</p> <p>1320 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to four miles; Increased to nine miles at 1333.</p> <p>1355 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to three miles; Increased to 10 miles at 1358.</p> <p>1732 Increased speed to 14 knots.</p> <p>1830 Surface radar inoperative; Restored at 1849.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	16	Underway to Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently to Fleet Operating Area Charlie to Naha, Okinawa; Speed 14 knots.</p> <p>1030 Shifted steering to telemotor; Shifted to hand electric at 1033.</p> <p>2058 Surface search radar inoperative; Restored at 2101.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	17	Underway to Naha, Okinawa Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Steaming independently to Naha, Okinawa; Speed 13 knots; Task Unit 76.7.1 activated; Task unit commander is COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32).</p> <p>0038 Increased speed to 14 knots.</p> <p>0203 Increased speed to 15 knots.</p> <p>0419 Visibility reduced to 1.5 miles; Commenced sounding fog signals at 0422.</p> <p>0447 Ceased fog signals; Visibility increased to eight miles.</p> <p>0605 Anchored off Naha Sea Buoy, Okinawa.</p> <p>0750 Underway proceeding into Naha Harbor, Okinawa.</p> <p>0851 Moored port side to Berth No. 6, Naha, Okinawa.</p> <p>0900 One officer and 125 enlisted of 8th Battalion Combat Team, U.S. Army, debarked.</p> <p>0904 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.</p> <p>0905 Secured main engines; Engine room placed on four-hour notice.</p> <p>0931 Commenced off-loading cargo and vehicles; Completed at 1350.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

1957	March	18	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Moored port side to Berth No. 6, Naha, Okinawa.</p> <p>0840 Commenced loading cargo and vehicles; Completed at 1405. 0920 Commenced taking on diesel fuel; Completed at 1410, having received 10,484 gallons. 1100 COMTRANSDIV 52 and Commanding Officer, USS Tulare (AKA-112), came aboard for official call on COMPHIBRON Five; USS Tulare CO departed at 1145; COMTRANSDIV 52 departed at 1312. 1620 Secured No. 1 Generator. 1749 Commenced receiving fuel oil from Y-53; Completed at 1930, having received 83,656 gallons. 1810 Completed loading vehicles.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	19	Moored, Naha, Okinawa	<p>0000 Moored as before.</p> <p>0655 Commenced embarking troops. 0745 Marine Technical Sergeant fell from ladder at Hold No. 2, second deck to first platform deck; Paralysis and anesthesia in both legs, painful left elbow; Sent to Ryukyus Army Hospital. 0844 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0900 Completed embarking troops; Embarked 57 officers, one American Red Cross representative, and 612 enlisted of the 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	20	<p>Moored, Naha, Okinawa</p> <p>Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa</p> <p>Anchored, Buckner Bay</p>	<p>0000 Moored as before.</p> <p>0430 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0700 Captain COMTRANSDIV 32 assumed duties of SOPA.</p> <p>0745 Underway to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0809 Took departure; Set course 280, speed 15 knots. 1124 Anchored at Berth AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

1957	March	21	Moored, Naha, Okinawa Underway to Dingalan Bay, Luzon	<p>0000 Anchored at Berth AV, Buckner Bay, Okinawa; Ships present: Amphibious Squadron Five and Amphibious Squadron Three.</p> <p>0733 Underway as part of Task Unit 76.7.1 en route Buckner Bay, Okinawa to Dingalan Bay, Philippine Islands, to conduct PacTraLex (Beacon Hill).</p> <p>0818 Took departure from Buckner Bay; Set course 090, speed 12 knots.</p> <p>0900 On station B7 in Formation 51C.</p> <p>1227 Formed Formation 51C as units of Task Group 76.7, speed 8 knots.</p> <p>1317 Increased speed to 13 knots.</p> <p>1320 Conducted abandon ship drill for embarked troops.</p> <p>1325 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to five miles; Decreased to 3,000 yards at 1410.</p> <p>1437 Set General Quarters on signal from OTC; Set Material Condition Able at 1445.</p> <p>1450 Visibility increased to six miles.</p> <p>1500 Sighted Task Unit 76.7.5 (Mobile Logistic Support Unit) bearing 070, distance eight miles; Proceeding to assigned station in formation.</p> <p>1502 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>1510 Secured from General Quarters; Set Condition of Readiness Three.</p> <p>1600 Activated Task Units 76.7.3 and 76.7.4.</p> <p>1831 Darkened ship.</p> <p>2100 On signal from OTC, turned on all navigation lights.</p> <p>2136 On signal from OTC, turned off all navigation lights.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	22	Underway to Dingalan Bay, Luzon	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Group 76.7 Fast Movement Group, to Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to conduct PacTraEx 571 (Operation Beacon Hill); Formation 51C, speed 12 knots. Ship darkened including navigation lights.</p> <p>0627 Received Warning Ruby from OTC; Set General Quarters.</p> <p>0650 Commenced simulated air attack.</p> <p>0724 Secured from General Quarters on OTC signal.</p> <p>0800 OTC ordered Formation 51Z; Increased speed to 14 knots to take station.</p> <p>1000 Set Condition Purple Two; 1002 Warning Ruby from OTC; Set General Quarters.</p> <p>1012 Set Material Condition Able; 1016 Set Condition Purple Three; 1031 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>1040 Warning White from OTC; Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1041 Set Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>1052 Helicopter hovered over fantail to transfer guard mail.</p> <p>1058 Secured from Condition One-Alfa.</p> <p>1526 Set Condition Purple Two; Set General Quarters.</p> <p>1539 Set Material Condition Able.</p> <p>1615 Set Condition Purple One.</p> <p>1700 OTC ordered Formation 51C; Commenced maneuvering to take station.</p> <p>1702 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>1706 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1716 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station B7.</p> <p>1720 Increased speed to 13 knots.</p> <p>1728 OTC signaled Warning White; 1820 OTC signaled Warning Ruby; 1830 OTC signaled Warning White.</p> <p>1851 Darkened ship including navigation lights.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

1957	March	23	Underway to Dingalan Bay, Luzon	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Group 76.7 en route Buckner Bay, Okinawa to Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to conduct PacTraLex 57-I (Operation Beacon Hill); Formation 51C. Ship darkened.</p> <p>0315 USS Wedderburn (DD-684) left screen to investigate sonar contact bearing 220, distance three miles; Contact evaluated as submarine; USS Wedderburn commenced simulated attacks; Surfaced submarine at 0357 and returned to formation.</p> <p>0537 Sighted smoke flare bearing 095, distance eight miles; USS McDermut (DD-677) investigated and determined to be smoke bomb dropped by aircraft.</p> <p>0559 USS Bennington (CVA-20) reported bogeys bearing 110, distance 12 miles from formation.</p> <p>0600 Lighted ship.</p> <p>0645 USS Kidd (DD-661) obtained unidentified sonar contact; Identified as non-submarine at 0652.</p> <p>0729 OTC ordered General Quarters.</p> <p>0755 OTC ordered Warning White; Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>0819 Warning Ruby from OTC; Set General Quarters.</p> <p>0824 On station in Formation 51Z, course and axis 205, speed 13 knots.</p> <p>0826 Set Material Condition Able.</p> <p>0828 Set Condition Purple Three; 0839 Warning White.</p> <p>0900 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan No. 14, base course 205.</p> <p>0917 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>0922 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1247 Ceased zigzagging; Resumed base course.</p> <p>1417 Warning Purple Three from OTC; Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 1424.</p> <p>1440 Set Material Condition Baker; Sighted Luzon Island, Philippines, bearing 300, distance 67 miles.</p> <p>1443 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1456 Warning Purple Two from OTC; Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 1503.</p> <p>1529 Helicopter from USS Estes (AGC-12) hovered over fantail; Transferred guard mail; Set Condition Purple Three.</p> <p>1541 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>1545 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1643 Formed Formation 51C; USS Calvert (APA-32) on station at 1654.</p> <p>1714 Main circulation pump casualty; Reduced speed to five knots; Repairs completed at 1718; Commenced maneuvering to resume station B7.</p> <p>1756 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station.</p> <p>1759 Darkened ship including navigation lights.</p> <p>1824 Warning Ruby; Set General Quarters at 1825; Set Material Condition Able at 1830.</p> <p>1840 Warning Mustard.</p> <p>1856 Warning White; Set Material Condition Baker at 1859.</p> <p>1900 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>2200 Task Unit 76.7.3 dissolved. COMPHIBRON Five CTG 76.1 and CTU 76.1.1 in USS Calvert (APA-32).</p> <p>2354 Formed two columns, Distance between ships 1,000 yards; USS Calvert (APA-32) OTC as CTG 76.7 and CTU 76.7.1.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	23	Underway to Dingalan Bay, Luzon	<p>1247 Ceased zigzagging; Resumed base course.</p> <p>1417 Warning Purple Three from OTC; Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 1424.</p> <p>1440 Set Material Condition Baker; Sighted Luzon Island, Philippines, bearing 300, distance 67 miles.</p> <p>1443 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1456 Warning Purple Two from OTC; Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Able at 1503.</p> <p>1529 Helicopter from USS Estes (AGC-12) hovered over fantail; Transferred guard mail; Set Condition Purple Three.</p> <p>1541 Set Material Condition Baker.</p> <p>1545 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>1643 Formed Formation 51C; USS Calvert (APA-32) on station at 1654.</p> <p>1714 Main circulation pump casualty; Reduced speed to five knots; Repairs completed at 1718; Commenced maneuvering to resume station B7.</p> <p>1756 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station.</p> <p>1759 Darkened ship including navigation lights.</p> <p>1824 Warning Ruby; Set General Quarters at 1825; Set Material Condition Able at 1830.</p> <p>1840 Warning Mustard.</p> <p>1856 Warning White; Set Material Condition Baker at 1859.</p> <p>1900 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>2200 Task Unit 76.7.3 dissolved. COMPHIBRON Five CTG 76.1 and CTU 76.1.1 in USS Calvert (APA-32).</p> <p>2354 Formed two columns, Distance between ships 1,000 yards; USS Calvert (APA-32) OTC as CTG 76.7 and CTU 76.7.1.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

				0000 Steaming as unit of Task Group 76.7, Task Unit 76.1.1 (Fast Unit Alfa), making approach on Dingalan Bay, Luzon. Ship darkened.	
1957	March	24	Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands	0000 Naval opposition ceased. 0020 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station; Assumed formation guide. 0213 Column two detached to proceed independently to sea echelon stations; USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide. 0257 Column one detached to proceed independently to assigned inner transport stations. 0315 Set Condition One-Alfa.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

PacTraEx 57L, Operation Beacon Hill, Dingalan Bay, Luzon

1) March brought a culmination of amphibious training and landing exercises with the Calvert participating in the combined exercise, Operation Beacon Hill. Over 100 ships of the Pacific Fleet, with the Third Marine Division embarked, were involved in the first full-scale amphibious landing exercise conducted in the Western Pacific since the end of World War II. The Marines were landed ashore at Dingalan Bay on the Philippine Island of Luzon.

1) The USS Calver's Sixth Far East Cruise Book

2) "a rugged training exercise, was conducted at Dingalan Bay, on the island of Luzon in the Philippines."

2) The Amphibs - Page 46 - USS Tulare Cruise Book, 1957

P.I. Landing To Test Marine, Navy Power

Manila, P.I. (AP) - Combined air, sea and land units of the U.S. 3rd Mar. Div. and the Pacific Fleet will stage a large-scale landing exercise off the Philippines' east coast of Luzon Island in early April, the Foreign Office announced. The operation, involving some 20,000 men, will be held to test the striking power and mobility of the Pacific Fleet in the event of an attack on the Philippines. The U.S. is bound to come to the aid of the Philippines under their mutual defense assistance pact.

The maneuvers are scheduled to last a week, the Foreign Office announcement said. Main feature of the exercise will be the landing of the Marines at Dingalan Bay, at the border of Nueva Ecija and Kuezon province.

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The exercise will be the first major landing by American forces since the liberation of the Philippines twelve years ago.

A U.S. Navy spokesman said the operation is an "exclusively unilateral action by the American forces under the United States-Philippine mutual assistance defense pact." He said the exercise will be conducted in an almost inaccessible area approachable only by sea.

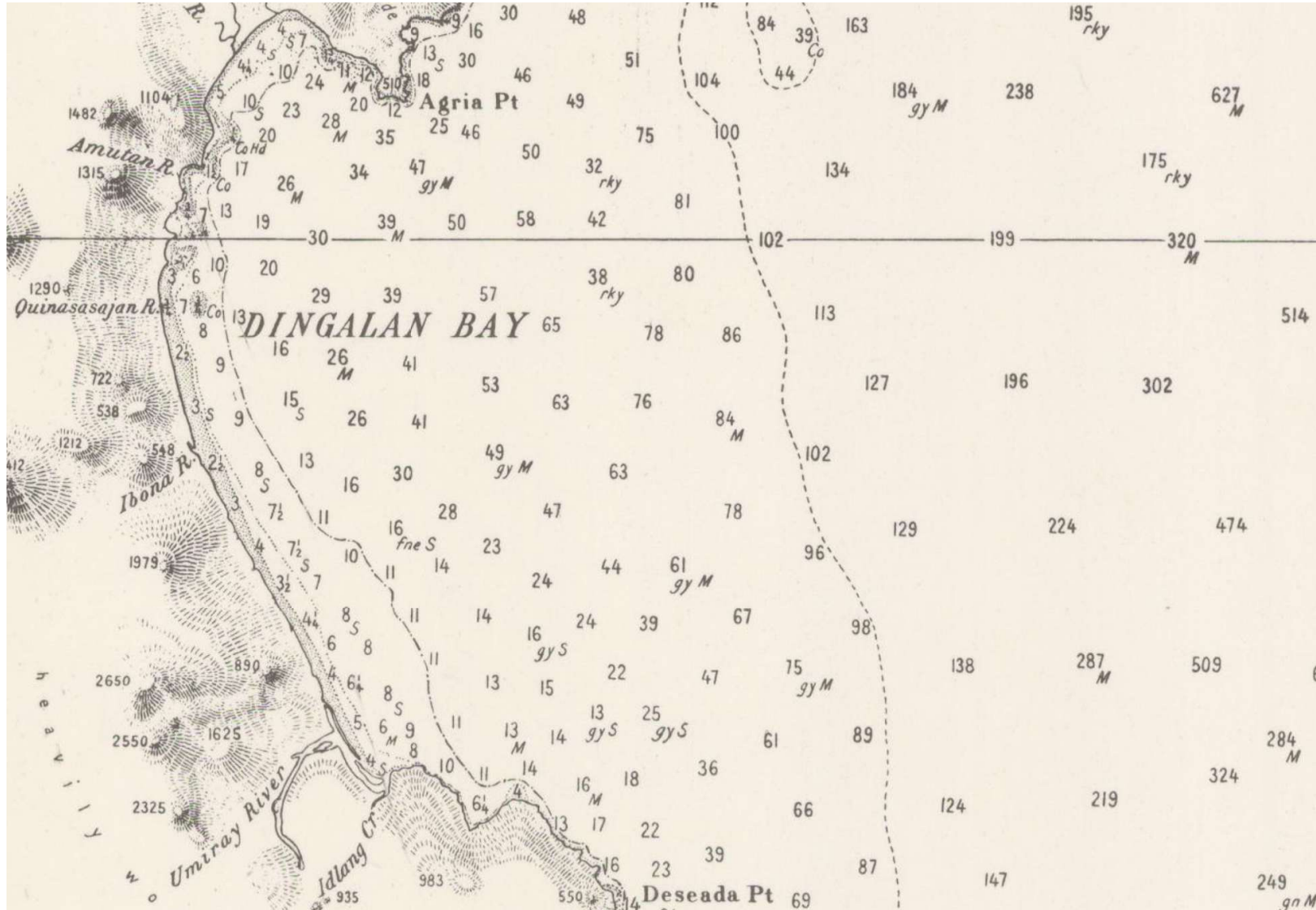
				0337 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0344 Secured main engines. 0358 Commenced lowering all boats into water; Completed at 0442. 0630 Commenced disembarking troops. 0700 H-Hour. 0755 Completed disembarking troops. 0757 Commenced re-embarking troops. 0825 Commenced hoisting boats. 1100 Underway to shift to Administrative Anchorage C-2. 1132 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1135 Anchored at Berth C-2, Administrative Anchorage, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1608 USS St. Paul (CA-73) fired 21-gun salute for President of the Philippine Islands.	
1957	March	24	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands Underway off Dingalan Bay	1613 Underway en route to night steaming sea echelon area N-1. 1638 Main engine casualty; Loss of oil pressure; All engines stopped; Repairs completed at 1640; Resumed speed 10 knots. 1706 Stopped all engines; Hove to in sea echelon area N-1.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

			0000 Underway as before.	
			0315 Set Condition One-Alfa.	
			0337 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.	
			0344 Secured main engines.	
			0358 Commenced lowering all boats into water; Completed at 0442.	
			0630 Commenced disembarking troops.	
1957	March	24	Underway for Dingalan Bay	0700 H-Hour.
				0755 Completed disembarking troops.
				0757 Commenced re-embarking troops.
			Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0825 Commenced hoisting boats.
				1100 Underway to shift to Administrative Anchorage C-2.
				1132 Secured from Condition One-Alfa.
				1135 Anchored at Berth C-2, Administrative Anchorage, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.
				1608 USS St. Paul (CA-73) fired 21-gun salute for President of the Philippine Islands.
				1613 Underway en route to night steaming sea echelon area N-1.
				1638 Main engine casualty; Loss of oil pressure; All engines stopped; Repairs completed at 1640; Resumed speed 10 knots.
				1706 Stopped all engines; Hove to in sea echelon area N-1.
			0000 Lying to in sea echelon area N-1; Ship darkened including navigation lights.	
				0207 On signal from OTC, set course 302 for transport area.
				0315 Set Condition One-Alfa.
				0319 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.
				0335 Commenced lowering boats into water.
				0700 Hotel-Hour.
				0800 Colors at half mast in memoriam for deceased President of the Philippines.
			Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands	0830 OTC ordered Warning Ruby; 0911 OTC ordered Warning Mustard.
1957	March	25		1058 Commenced general off-loading.
				1102 OTC ordered Warning Ruby; 1115 OTC ordered Warning Mustard; 1122 OTC ordered Warning Ruby; 1145 OTC ordered Warning White; 1226 Warning Ruby.
				1227 Set General Quarters.
				1231 Warning Mustard; Set Material Condition Able at 1238.
				1250 Warning White; Set Material Condition Baker at 1255.
				1256 Secured from General Quarters.
				1318 Warning Ruby; 1335 Warning White; 1400 Warning Ruby.
				1649 Secured from Condition One-Alfa.
				1806 Darkened ship; Set anti-sneak watch.
				1825 Warning White; 2009 Warning Ruby; 2024 Warning White; 2037 Warning Ruby; 2122 Warning White.

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Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands



Extract of Chart: Philippine Islands : east coast of Luzon : Dingalan Bay to Digollorin Bay 1:200,000 Scale. Soundings in Feet above high water. 1st edition, No. 14227. Hydrographic Office, U.S. Navy, 1958

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				0000 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay. Anti-sneak attack watch set.	
1957	March	26	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0145 Warning Ruby for sneak attack. 0204 Warning Mustard. 0600 Secured anti-sneak attack bill. 1223 Warning Mustard; 1227 Warning White; 1300 Warning Ruby; 1305 Warning Mustard; 1335 Warning White; 1357 Warning Ruby; 1409 Warning White. 1800 Darkened ship; Set anti-sneak attack bill. 2030 Warning Ruby. 2040 Sighted red flare off starboard bow, distance 3,000 yards; USS Skagit (AKA-105) investigating at 2043. 2050 Warning Mustard; 2155 Warning Ruby; 2204 Warning White. 2345 Sighted two red flares bearing 095, distance 4,000 yards.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	27	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0000 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay. Anti-sneak attack watch set. 0530 Secured anti-sneak attack bill. 1640 Marine HM2 admitted to sick bay with separated right ankle. 1806 Darkened ship; Set anti-sneak watch.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	28	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0000 Anchored at Berth C-2, Dingalan Bay. Anti-sneak attack watch set; Ship darkened. 0000 Naval opposition terminated. 0002 Secured anti-sneak attack bill. 0005 Lighted ship. 0045 Rear Admiral COMPHIBGRU Three in USS Estes (AGC-12) assumed SOPA. 0200 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0552 Anchor aweigh; Underway to shift berths to Berth C-2, administrative anchorage. 0622 Anchored at Berth C-2, administrative anchorage, Dingalan Bay.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	29	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0000 Anchored at Berth C-2, administrative anchorage, Dingalan Bay. 0634 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0818 Anchor aweigh; Underway to shift to administrative anchorage for backloading. 0837 Anchored at Berth D-3. 0907 Re-anchored at administrative anchorage D-3, Dingalan Bay. 0925 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1015 Commenced backloading vehicles. 1025 Commenced backloading troops; Completed at 1425. 1445 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1459 Underway to shift berths to Berth C-2, administrative anchorage. 1528 Anchored at Berth C-2, administrative anchorage, Dingalan Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1543 Secured main engines; Engine room on one-half hour standby.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
1957	March	30	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0000 Anchored at Berth C-2, administrative anchorage, Dingalan Bay. 2200 Underway to shift berths to Berth D-1 to fuel from USS Cacapon (AO-52). 2301 Moored port side to USS Cacapon (AO-52), Berth D-1.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957

1957	March	31	Anchored, Dingalan Bay, Luzon	0000 Moored alongside starboard side of USS Cacapon (AO-52), Berth D-1, Dingalan Bay, receiving fuel oil. 0004 Commenced receiving fuel. 0118 Completed receiving fuel; Received 83,874 gallons NSFO.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1957
			Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0134 Underway to shift berths to Berth C-2, administrative anchorage. 0209 Anchored at Berth C-2, administrative anchorage, Dingalan Bay. 1714 Underway; Took departure from Dingalan Bay; Activated Task Element 76.1.1.1; Column formation. 1817 Formed multiple column formation. 1843 Increased speed to 15 knots.	
1957	April	1	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Element 76.1.1.1 to Yokosuka, Japan; Multiple column formation, speed 15 knots. 0158 Starboard running light out; Repaired and burning bright at 0355.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	2	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming in formation, as before. 0900 Commenced small arms indoctrination firing; Completed at 1025. 1652 Shifted steering to telemotor on bridge; Shifted to hand electric at 1700.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	3	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	Steaming in formation, as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	4	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Steaming in formation, as before. 0030 Surface search radar out of operation indefinitely. 1014 Sighted unidentified vessel bearing 088.5, distance 11.2 miles; Passed abeam to starboard at 1120, distance 3.7 miles. 1600 Ships of Task Element 76.1.1.1 released to proceed independently. 1614 Increased speed to 16.6 knots. 2025 Passed unidentified vessel abeam to starboard, distance two miles. 2128 Main feed pump casualty; Lost electrical load; Secured both boilers; Ship dead in water at 2145. 2135 Started emergency generator. 2150 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 2302 Main feed pump repairs completed; Commenced building up speed on No. 2 Boiler. 2314 Increased speed to 8.2 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
				0000 Steaming independently to Yokosuka, Japan; Speed 8.2 knots; No. 1 Boiler out of commission; COMPHIBRON Five CTE 76.1.1.1 embarked. 1535 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, Wet Dock No. 6, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan. 1603 Secured main engines. 1610 Commenced off-loading cargo from No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 holds. 1626 COMPHIBRON Five in USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed SOPA. 1700 Commenced debarking troops of 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. 1800 Completed off-loading cargo and debarking troops. 1805 Anchor and aircraft warning lights inoperative; Casualty restored at 1835.	
1957	April	5	Underway to Yokosuka, Japan Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	2) With Beacon Hill was completed, the Calvert returned to Yokosuka to await her relief.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957 2) Cullen, Page 23

1957	April	6	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored starboard side to Berth 14, Wet Dock No. 6, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan. 0900 Shifted berths, moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	7 - 12	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan	0000 Moored port side to Berth 10, U.S. Naval Station, Yokosuka Ko, Yokosuka, Japan. 0758 Underway to shift berths outboard port side to USS Bayfield (APA-33) at Berth 10; Engine room on cold iron watch.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	13	Moored, Yokosuka, Japan Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	0000 Moored as before. 0612 Underway en route Yokosuka, Japan to San Diego, California via Pearl Harbor to conduct Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q; COMPHIBRON Five CTU 36.3.1 in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0710 Took departure from Yokosuka Ko; Set course 200, speed 15 knots. 0713 Passed through Point Alfa. 0759 Passed through Point X-ray. 0816 Formed convoy formation; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 41; COMPHIBRON Five Convoy Commodore in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1028 Increased speed to 12 knots. 1153 Commenced Phase Alfa of Convoy JBF-2; OTC is COMCARDIV 17 in USS Philippine Sea (CVS-47). 1315 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa; Increased speed to 13 knots. 1743 Ceased zigzagging; Emergency turn executed. 1801 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa. 1805 Darkened ship. 1806 Ceased zigzagging; Resumed base course. 2325 Emergency turn executed; Sighted white flare bearing 152, distance five miles.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	14	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	0000 Underway, as before. 0822 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 1032 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to five miles; Increased to eight miles at 1055. 1340 Sighted submarine bearing 124, distance 10 miles. 1550 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to two miles; Increased to five miles at 1610. 1628 USS Weiss (APD-135) reported unidentified sonar contact; Left screen station to investigate. 1629 Sighted two white flares bearing 050, distance 1,200 yards. 1752 Phase Alfa, Rex 57Q, completed; USS Philippine Sea (CVS-47), DESDIV 12, and DESDIV 92 departed area on assigned duty. 1902 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 2045 USS Montrose (APA-212) left station temporarily due to engineering casualty; Resumed station at 2115. 2120 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to one-half mile; Passed through at 2225, visibility increased to eight miles. 2310 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to five miles.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

				0000 Underway, as before.	
1957	April	15	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0837 Formed subdivisions in column; USS Calvert (APA-32) line guide Subdivision 1</p> <p>0855 Visibility decreased to 2,000 yards; Set lookouts in eyes of ship.</p> <p>0900 Commenced exercises 2CC and 4CC; Completed at 1000.</p> <p>1118 Formed Formation 51C</p> <p>1215 Visibility increased to five miles.</p> <p>1252 Visibility decreased to 1,000 yards.</p> <p>1408 Energized degaussing coils.</p> <p>1415 Visibility increased to 4,000 yards.</p> <p>1550 Visibility decreased to 2,000 yards.</p> <p>1635 Visibility increased to five miles; Secured special lookouts.</p> <p>1809 Formed Formation 51C, speed 13.5 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
				0000 Steaming as before, speed 13.5 knots.	
				<p>0703 Lost lube oil pressure; Stopped all engines; Sheered left out of formation.</p> <p>0711 Casualty repaired at 0711; Rejoined formation at 16 knots.</p> <p>0755 Regained station.</p> <p>0925 Commenced tactical exercises, two subdivisions.</p> <p>0953 USS Calvert (APA-32) designated guide for formation and Subdivision 1.</p> <p>1029 USS Montrose (APA-212) designated formation guide.</p> <p>1102 USS Calvert (APA-32) designated formation guide.</p> <p>1132 Completed tactical exercises.</p> <p>1316 USS Diachenko (APD-123) commenced approach for fueling alongside and highline transfer.</p> <p>1320 USS Diachenko (APD-123) alongside starboard.</p> <p>1335 Commenced pumping fuel; Completed at 1505, having transferred 27,000 gallons NSFO.</p> <p>1412 Highline transfer completed.</p> <p>1515 USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared starboard side.</p> <p>1916 Maneuvering to take station B4 in Formation 51C.</p> <p>2004 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station in Formation 51C.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
				0000 Steaming as before, in formation.	
1957	April	17	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0727 Stopped all engines due to low lubrication oil pressure; Lost steerageway at 0735; Casualty repaired at 0745; Commenced maneuvering to regain station.</p> <p>0903 Commenced tactical maneuvers; USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) proceeding independently ahead of formation.</p> <p>1131 Completed tactical maneuvers; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide Subdivision 1; Interval 2,000 yards, distance 1,000 yards, speed 14 knots.</p> <p>1300 Commenced exercise Z-45-CC (modified); Commenced zigzagging Plan 14, speed 14.5 knots.</p> <p>1425 Ceased zigzagging; Commenced zigzagging Plan 16 at 1432; Ceased at 1459; Exercise Z-45-CC (modified) completed.</p> <p>1610 Formed Formation 51C, speed 12.5 knots.</p> <p>1838 Increased speed to 13.5 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

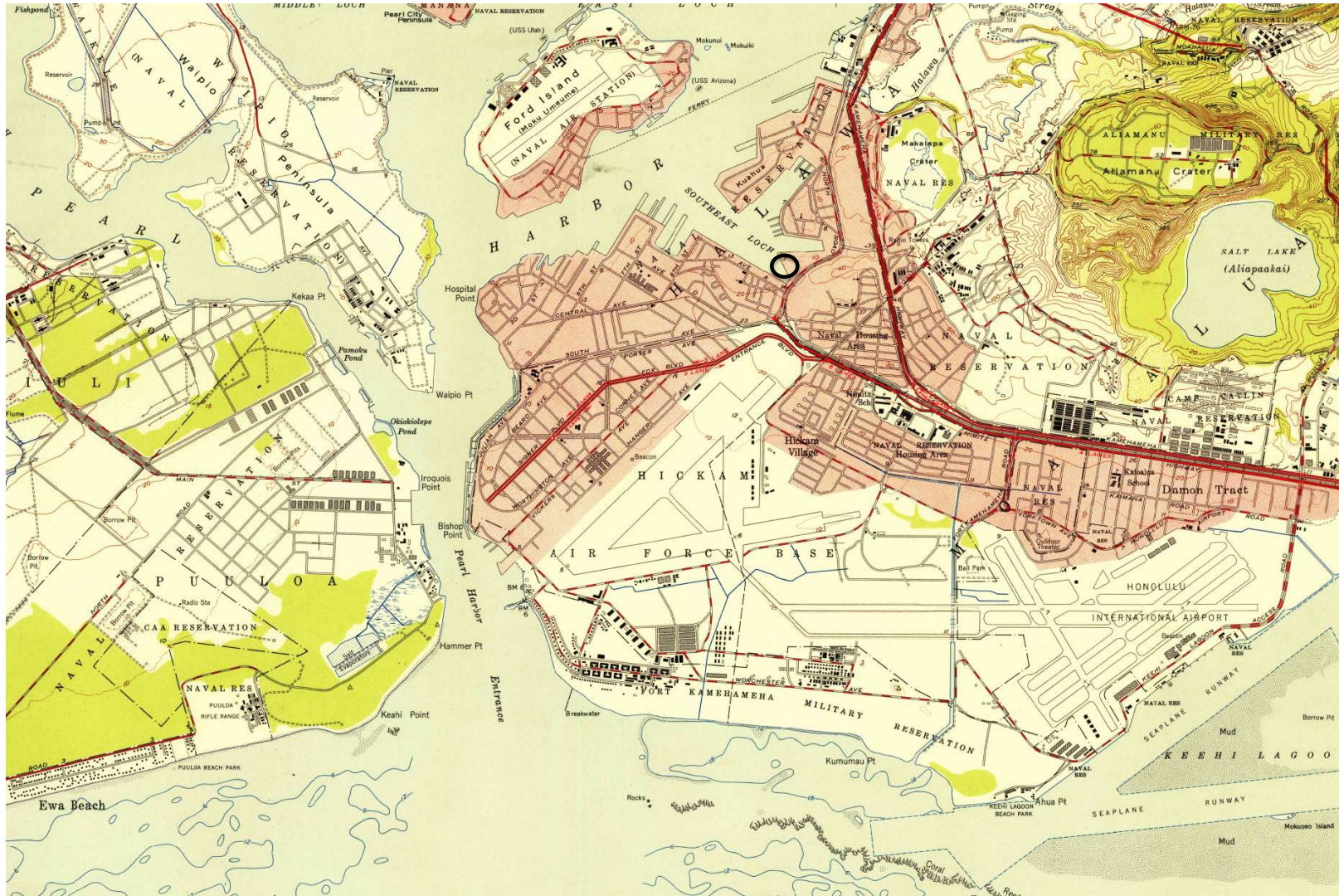
1957	April	18	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 36.3.1, speed eight knots.</p> <p>0854 Set General Quarters for gun firing exercise; Formed multiple column subdivisions. 0905 Set Material Condition Able. 0920 Set Material Condition Baker. 0935 USS Diachenko (APD-123) launched floating target for mine destruction exercise. 0942 Commenced firing run on floating target to port; Ceased fire at 0944. 1002 Secured from General Quarters except gun control and gun stations. 1030 USS Diachenko (APD-123) launched second target; Commenced firing run to port at 1037; Ceased fire at 1039. 1042 Completed firing exercise; Expended 208 rounds 20mm and 94 rounds 40mm BL&T. 1250 Set General Quarters; Commenced exercise Z-10-G at 1306; USS Diachenko (APD-123) firing 5"/38 air burst to port as target; Ceased fire at 1326; Expended 8 rounds 3"/50 AAC and 54 rounds 40mm HEIT. 1327 Secured from General Quarters. 1503 Formed Formation 51C, speed 13.5 knots. 1846 Commenced tactical maneuvers. 1858 Formation shifted one station clockwise.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	19	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as before, speed 13.5 knots.</p> <p>0904 Commenced tactical maneuvers. 1117 Formed columns; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide column 1, speed 14 knots. 1130 Completed tactical maneuvers. 1331 Formed Formation 51C, speed 13.5 knots. 1525 Resumed sinuous course; Ceased at 1541. 1557 Resumed sinuous course; Ceased at 1631. 1836 Commenced squadron tactical maneuvers; Completed at 1935.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	20	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as before.</p> <p>0805 USS Diachenko (APD-123) alongside to port; USS Weiss (APD-135) as lifeguard vessel astern. 0815 Transferred one officer to USS Diachenko (APD-123) by highline to conduct church services. 0820 Highline transfer completed; USS Diachenko (APD-123) cleared. 0910 Commenced simulating sinuous course Cam No. 5; Completed at 1001. 1125 USS Diachenko (APD-123) took station B11; USS Weiss (APD-135) took station B10. 1300 USS Diachenko (APD-123) left station for highline transfer to USS Skagit (AKA-105); USS Weiss (APD-135) as lifeguard; Completed at 1324; Proceeded to USS Algol (AKA-54) for additional transfer. 1351 USS Algol (AKA-54) commenced fueling USS Diachenko (APD-123); USS Skagit (AKA-105) commenced fueling USS Weiss (APD-135).</p> <p>1404 Crossed 180th Meridian at latitude 25-32.8 North, eastward bound. 1640 USS Weiss (APD-135) completed fueling from USS Skagit (AKA-105); Commenced maneuvering to screening station C3. 1708 USS Diachenko (APD-123) completed fueling from USS Algol (AKA-54); Commenced maneuvering to screening station C2. 1709 Formed Formation 51C, course and axis 105, speed 12 knots;</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

Two Easter Sunday Celebrations

1957	April	21	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	"Captain Alexander C. Veasey, Commander Amphibious Squadron Five ... made Naval history when he delayed for a few hours crossing the International Dateline on his way home to cross on Sunday, thereby giving his floatilla the opportunity to observe two consecutive Easter Sundays.	
		Easter Sunday	International Dateline Crossing	Despite heavy seas, Captain Veasey maneuvered his ships to allow high-lining the two Squadron Chaplains from ship-to-ship to celebrate Easter Sunday services. The chaplains visited all but two of the ships, making 20 highline transfers and presided at 12 Easter services during the two consecutive Easter Sundays."	
1957	April	21	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	0000 Steaming as before; Conducting Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q; Formation 51C, speed 13 knots. Retarded all ship's clocks 24 hours to conform with Zone Time Yankee (minus twelve). 0325 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to two miles; Increased to four miles at 0341. 0725 USS Weiss (APD-135) on station starboard side of USS Algol (AKA-54) for chaplain transfer; USS Diachenko (APD-123) as lifeguard; Transfer completed at 0750. 0847 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to three miles; Cleared at 0855, visibility increased to 10 miles. 1015 Maneuvered to avoid unidentified merchant vessel; Identified at 1031 as Japanese freighter, Mitsui Line; Passed abeam to starboard at 1038, distance five miles. 1136 USS Weiss (APD-135) commenced approach to port quarter for personnel transfer; USS Diachenko (APD-123) as lifeguard 1,000 yards astern. 1155 USS Weiss (APD-135) alongside to port. 1207 Received two officers from USS Weiss (APD-135) by highline. 1220 USS Weiss (APD-135) cleared; Maneuvering to screening station C3; USS Diachenko (APD-123) maneuvering to screening station C2. 1609 COMPHIBRON Five assumed OTC; Formed subdivisions in column. 1823 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to three miles; Increased to eight miles at 1830.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	21	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	0000 Steaming as before, formation speed 11.5 knots. 0821 Highline transfer postponed due to heavy weather; USS Weiss (APD-135) and USS Diachenko (APD-123) took stations astern of formation. 0837 Increased speed to 13 knots. 1043 Obtained radar contact on unidentified vessel bearing 112, distance 14.5 miles; Passed abeam to starboard at 1122, distance 4.8 miles. 1050 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to six miles; Cleared at 1055, visibility increased to 10 miles. 1145 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to three miles; Increased to six miles at 1155. 1311 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to two miles; Increased to six miles at 1320. 1317 Main feed pump casualty in engine room; All engines stopped; Casualty restored at 1319; Proceeded at five knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) falling behind formation. 1338 Commenced building speed to 15 knots; Reached 15 knots at 1343; Maneuvering to resume station. 1527 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

1957	April	22	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as before, formation speed 13 knots.</p> <p>0751 Commenced tactical exercises. 1112 Completed tactical maneuvers. 1138 Formed Convoy Formation B1; Speed 12 knots, interval 1,000 yards, distance 600 yards. 1322 Commenced convoy tactical maneuvers. 1432 USS Algol (AKA-54) experienced engineering casualty; Reduced to 10 knots; Convoy reduced speed to 10 knots at 1434. 1436 Ceased convoy tactical maneuvers; Resumed convoy formation. 1604 USS Algol (AKA-54) casualty repaired. 1821 Darkened ship. 1902 Commenced convoy maneuvers; Completed at 1939.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	23	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as before. Ship darkened including navigation lights.</p> <p>0245 Made rendezvous with Task Group 32.5, DESDIV 253. 0315 Commenced Phase Bravo of Rex 57Q. 0827 USS Skagit (AKA-105) reported being under submarine attack. 0900 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 070. 0910 Identified radar contact as USS Walker (DDE-517). 0920 USS Walker (DDE-517) made rendezvous and took station in screen. 1044 Ceased zigzagging; Resumed base course 070. 1203 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 120; Ceased at 1508. 1535 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 120; Ceased at 1558. 1634 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa. 1904 Darkened ship. 1949 Ceased zigzagging; Resumed base course 075. 2035 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 105; Ceased at 2340.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	24	Underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Moored, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii	<p>0000 Steaming as before, speed 11.5 knots.</p> <p>0052 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 105; Ceased at 0337. 0545 Entered rain squall; Visibility decreased to three miles; Increased to eight miles at 0605. 0735 Surface search radar out of commission. 0932 USS Diachenko (APD-123) made submarine contact bearing 184, distance 4.4 miles. 0940 Formed column for entry into port; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide; Order: USS Calvert (APA-32), USS Montrose (APA-212), USS Skagit (AKA-105), USS Algol (AKA-54), USS Oak Hill (LSD-7), USS Comstock (LSD-19), USS Diachenko (APD-123), USS Weiss (APD-135). 0948 Sighted submarine bearing 085, distance three miles. 0953 Passed Barber's Point Light abeam to port, distance 10.2 miles. 1031 Completed Phase Bravo, Convoy JBF-2.</p> <p>1102 Moored port side to Berth M-1, U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. 1137 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1320 Secured degaussing coils. 1411 Commenced fueling from dock; Completed at 1745, having received 168,882 gallons NSFO.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	24	Honolulu, Hawaii	<p>"Also arriving yesterday (24th) were the attack transports Calvert and Montrose, attack cargo ships Skagit and Algol, dock landing ships Comstock and Oak Hill and high speed transports Diachenko and Weiss."</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

Pearl Harbor - Location of Berth M1 indicated by black circle



Extract of topographic map: Pearl Harbor, 7.5, 1:24,000 scale U.S. Department of the Interior Geologic Survey, 1953

Full map available online: <https://store.usgs.gov/product/854266>

0000 Moored port side to Berth M-1, U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1957 April 25 Moored, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

1310 Brigadier General, Commanding Officer of 1st Marine Brigade, 3rd Marine Regiment, and staff came aboard for official call on COMPHIBRON Five; Departed at 1445.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

				0000 Moored as before.	
1957	April	26	Moored, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Underway to San Diego, California	0500 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0859 Underway en route Pearl Harbor to San Diego, California; Conducting Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q as Convoy BAF3. 0946 Took departure from Pearl Harbor; Set course 150, speed 10 knots. 1017 Formed Formation 51C; USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) guide in station 0000; Formation: USS Calvert (APA-32) B1, USS Skagit (AKA-105) B4, USS Montrose (APA-212) B5, USS Algol (AKA-54) B8, USS Comstock (LSD-19) B9; USS Weiss (APD-135) screening ahead; Speed 10 knots. 1206 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 1353 Units detached to conduct engineering exercises. 1410 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1430. 1500 Formed Formation 51C 1543 Steering casualty on hand electric; Shifted to telemotor. 1637 Secured power to radar and radio antennae to renew range light; Repaired at 1658; Radar and radio antennae re-energized.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	27	Underway to San Diego, California	0000 Steaming as unit of Task Unit 36.3.1 to San Diego, California; Conducting Convoy Exercise Rex 57Q as Convoy BAF3; Formation 51C, speed 12.5 knots. 0325 Steering casualty to hand electric; Shifted to telemotor. 0400 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 0842 Engineering casualty to port blower, No. 2 Boiler; Stopped all engines; Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler; Commenced building to eight knots at 0844. 0925 Increased speed to 10.4 knots. 1630 Repairs to port blower, No. 2 Boiler completed. 1644 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1820 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1849 Increased speed to 16 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	28	Underway to San Diego, California	0000 Steaming independently; Rejoining Task Unit 36.3.1 main body after engine room casualty repairs; Speed 16 knots; COMPHIBRON Five CTU 36.3.1 and Convoy Commodore in USS Calvert (APA-32)	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	April	29	Underway to San Diego, California	0000 Steaming independently; Rejoining Task Unit 36.3.1 main body at 16 knots; Group steaming in Formation 51C, Speed 14 knots. 0325 Rejoined main body of Convoy BAF3; Commenced maneuvering to resume station B4. 0427 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station B4 in Formation 51C, speed 14 knots. 1026 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed lifeguard duties for transfer of personnel from USS Weiss (APD-135) to USS Algol (AKA-54); Transfer completed at 1120; Lifeguard duties assumed by USS Algol (AKA-54).	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957

1957	April	30	Underway to San Diego, California	<p>0000 Steaming as before, in formation, speed 14 knots.</p> <p>0902 All ships except USS Skagit (AKA-105) maneuvered to form on Circle 1, distance 1,000 yards from guide. 1247 USS Weiss (APD-135) commenced approach on port side of USS Skagit (AKA-105); Alongside at 1307; Commenced fueling. 1310 All ships less USS Weiss (APD-135) and USS Skagit (AKA-105) maneuvered to take stations on Circle Bravo. 1449 USS Weiss (APD-135) completed fueling; Maneuvering to take station C3. 1519 Commenced sinuous course Cam No. 5, base course 074. 1545 Ceased sinuous course; Casualty to blower of No. 2 Boiler; Reduced speed to 10 knots at 1552. 1609 Repairs completed; Maneuvering to regain station B4; On station at 1654. 1846 Commenced tactical maneuvers; Completed at 1930.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1957
1957	May	1	Underway to San Diego, California	<p>0000 Steaming as before.</p> <p>0802 Commenced exercise Z-13-CC; Completed at 0915. 0907 Visibility reduced to seven miles in rain squall; Decreased to three miles at 0913. 0915 Commenced tactical maneuvers. 1204 Completed tactical maneuvers; Increased speed to 14 knots. 1302 COMPHIBRON Five assumed tactical command of formation. 1311 Formed convoy formation; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 31; Formation: USS Skagit (AKA-105) station 11, USS Algol (AKA-54) station 12, USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) station 21, USS Montrose (APA-212) station 41, USS Comstock (LSD-19) station 42; USS Weiss (APD-135) screening ahead; Interval 1,000 yards, distance 600 yards; Course 075, speed 10 knots. 1409 USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) assumed guide in station 21. 1414 Emergency turn executed. 1443 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie, ATP-1, base course 075; Ceased at 1449. 2037 Reduced speed to nine knots. 2040 Reduced speed to eight knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1957
1957	May	2	Underway to San Diego, California	<p>0000 Steaming as as before, formation speed eight knots.</p> <p>0755 Made rendezvous with DESDIV 71; DESDIV 71 took station in screen as directed by COMDESRON 7. 0815 COMDESRON 7 in USS Lofberg (DD-759) assumed OTC. 0930 On signal from OTC, secured radar, UHF, and VHF for emergency use only. 0930 Increased speed to 12.5 knots. 1000 Commenced Phase Delta of Convoy Exercise 57Q. 1015 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 078; Ceased at 1152. 1546 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 078; Ceased at 1607. 1630 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 078; Ceased at 1919. 1900 Reduced speed to 11.5 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1957

1957	May	3	Underway to San Diego, California	<p>0000 Steaming as before, formation speed 11.5 knots Ship darkened including navigation lights.</p> <p>0759 Increased speed to 12.5 knots.</p> <p>0807 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Alfa, base course 078; Ceased at 0927.</p> <p>1115 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie, base course 098; Ceased at 1218.</p> <p>1600 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie, base course 068; Increased speed to 13 knots.</p> <p>1838 Ceased zigzagging; Emergency turns executed.</p> <p>1901 Resumed zigzagging in accordance with Plan Charlie, base course 068.</p> <p>1938 Darkened ship.</p> <p>2130 Reduced speed to 12 knots.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1957
1957	May	4	Underway to San Diego, California Moored, San Diego Naval Air Station, California	<p>0000 Steaming as before, formation speed 12 knots. Ship darkened including navigation lights.</p> <p>0445 Energized radars.</p> <p>0500 Lighted ship; Turned on navigation lights; Sighted Point Loma Light bearing 033.5, distance 10 miles.</p> <p>0505 Sighted Los Coronados Island bearing 120, distance four miles; Passed abeam to starboard, distance three miles.</p> <p>0600 Terminated Phase Delta, Convoy Exercise 57Q.</p> <p>0606 Formed column formation in order of entry to San Diego Bay: USS Calvert (APA-32), USS Oak Hill (LSD-7), USS Algol (AKA-54), USS Montrose (APA-212), USS Weiss (APD-135), USS Comstock (LSD-19), USS Skagit (AKA-105).</p> <p>0608 Torpedo passed under ship from port to starboard on course 080.</p>	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1957

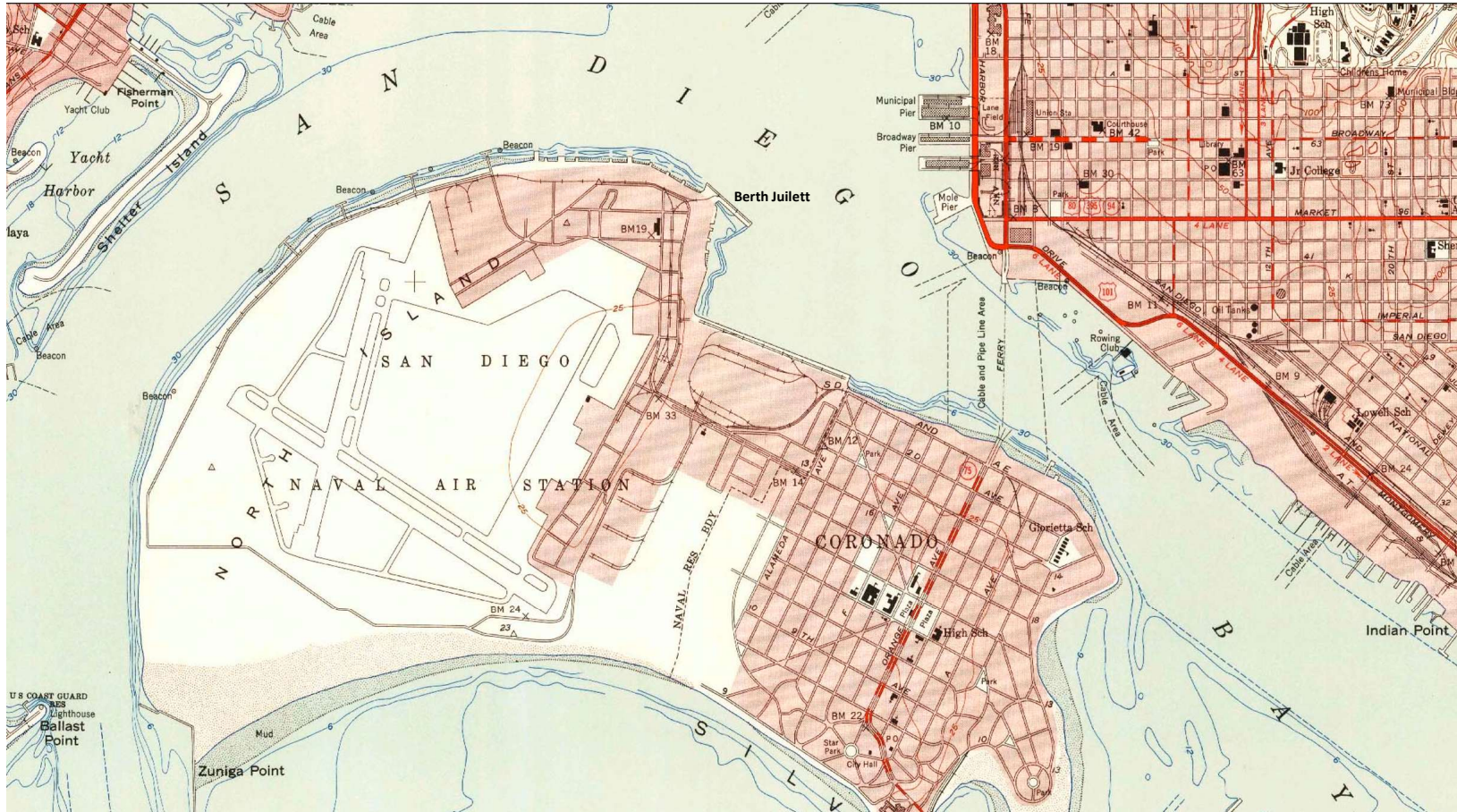
1957 May 4 Moored, San Diego 0651 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor.
 Naval Air Station, 0746 Moored starboard side to Berth Juliett, U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.
 California 0805 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler; Secured No. 2 Generator.

Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1957

U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego - Berth Juliett indicated by text

Extract of Topographic Map - San Diego Bay, 1953

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Friday, April 26, 1957 - San Diego Evening Tribune?

PhibRon Five Returns - USS Calvert to Lead 9 Ships Of Squadron to NavSta Docks; 5 LST's to Arrive May 12th

A tour of WestPac duty ends at San Diego May 4 for nine ships of Amphibious Squadron Five which departed San Diego last August. Five more ships of the squadron will return to San Diego in mid-May.

1957 May 4 San Diego

Captain Alexander C. Veasey, in his flagship, the USS Calvert, is leading the company of ships which includes the USS Montrose, USS Skagit, USS Algol, USS Diachenko, USS Weiss, USS Telfair and USS Magoffin. Calversion, Vol 55, P6

Active Duty Tour

On its most recent tour the squadron maintained a full operating schedule, participating in Convoy Exercise 57B through NavMarLex 1-57 at Iwo Jima, NavMarLex 2-57 at Okinawa, Pactrax 57L and Convoy Exercise 57Q. Other unites of the squadron participated in four additional Battalion Landing Exercises.

End of the Calvert's Sixth Far East Tour

End of research notes for the period August 28, 1956 to May 4, 1957.