# A History of the USS Calvert - Research notes for the period June 1950 to December 1953

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## Introduction

This document is a chronologically ordered set of historical research notes covering the USS Calvert's call back to service in mid-1950 through to the end of 1953.

Chronological highlights for this period include:
* Reconditioning after inactive reserve, WWII mothball fleet, Norfolk, VA. Summer and early Fall, 1950.
* Commissioning, October 18, 1950, Norfolk Naval Yard
* Shakedown and training period, late Fall 1950 through mid-February 1951
* Departure for the West Coast, United States, February 17, 1951
* Arrival, West Cost, United States, Early March, 1951
* Departure for Yokosuka, Japan, March 22, 1951
* The USS Calvert's "First" Far East Service - April 7th, 1951 to August 27th, 1951
* West Coast, United States - September 8, 1951 to February 16, 1952
* To Hawaii for Overhaul - February 16, 1952 to May 14, 1952
* West Coast, United States - Advanced amphibious training for boat crews - May 14, 1952 to October 25, 1952
* Second Far East Tour, Flagship, Commander Transport Division 13 - October 25, 1952 to April 20, 1953
* West Coast, United States – April 20, 1953 to May 11, 1953
* Amphibious exercises, Hawaii – May 11, 1953 and June, 30 1953
* West Coast, United States – June 30, 1953 to August 5, 1953
* Third Far East Tour, August 5, 1953 to September 16, 1953
* West Coast, United States – September 16, 1953 to December 31, 1953

**Primary sources:**
* A History of the USS Calvert (APA-32), David B. Cullen
* Calversion editions, published by John Cole
* USS Calvert's Personnel Diaries, when available from the National Archives (online)
* Lord Calvert Chronicle's "The Calvert Story" 1964
* John L. Cole's personal diary. Fireman/Boilerman aboard the USS Calvert 1950-1952 (September)

**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.
* When possible the details are corroborated, and in some cases corrected, by official Navy records.

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

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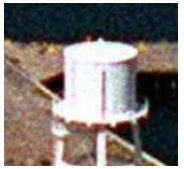
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| **Mid-1947 to mid-1950 - Inactive Reserve Status, Norfolk Group, Altantic Reserve Fleet, Norolk VA** | | | | | |
| | | | | For the period February 1947 to August 1950 the USS Calvert was on Inactive Reserve status, Norfolk Naval Station, Southgate Annex, with other reserve ships assigned to the Norfolk Group of the Sixteenth Fleet, Atlantic Reserve Fleet. | 1) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) Funck, Various Sources |

**The USS Calvert in Reserve Status at the South Gate Annex, Norfolk Naval Yard, photograph taken between mid-1946 and to mid-1950**



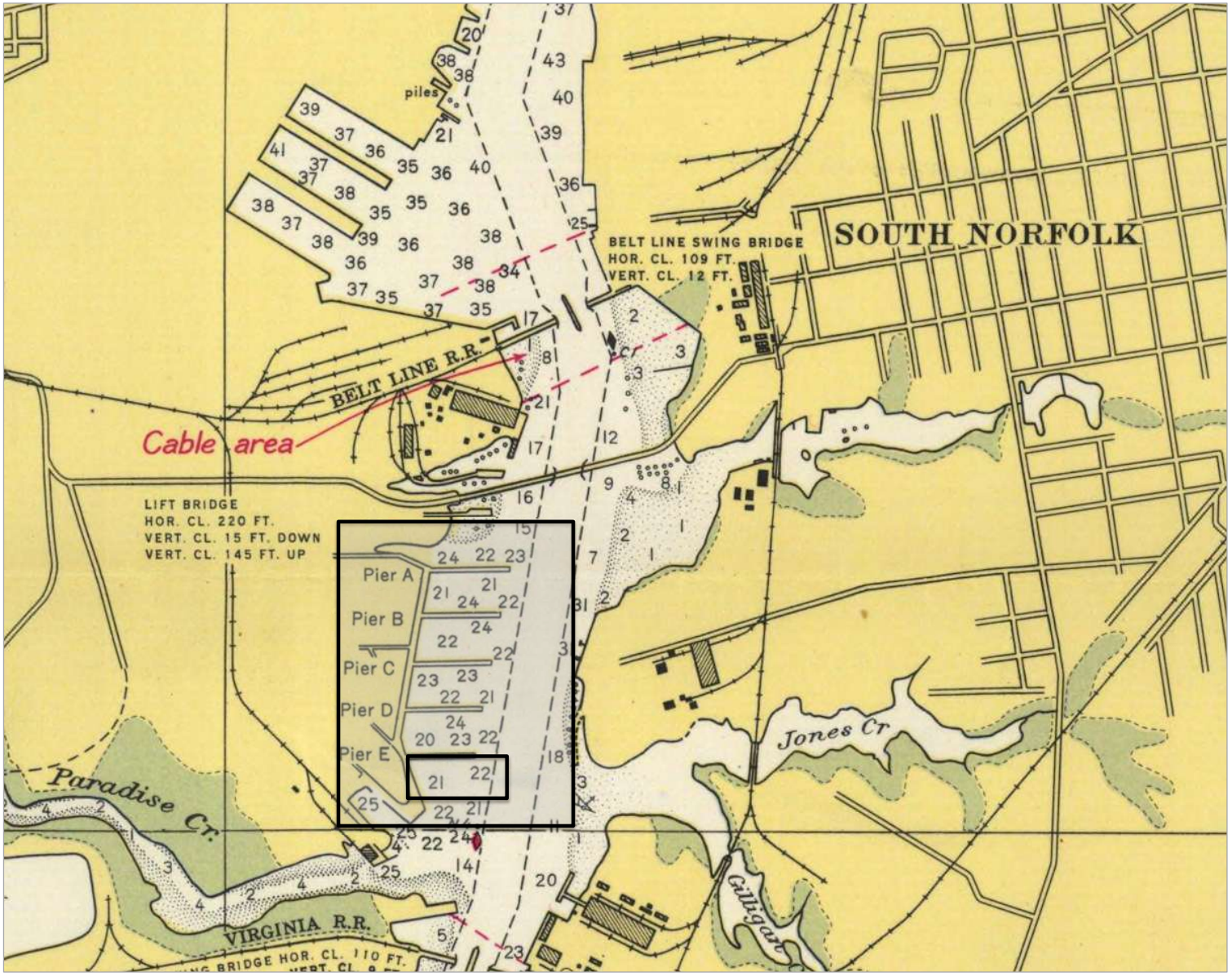

Photo of the USS Calvert listed on Ebay, 2025.

Confirmation of location of the photograph taken at the Southgate Annex, by referencing the water tower shown on the left of the photograph with the water tower shown in the bottom central section here: https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6490854 - "An aerial view of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard located on the Elizabeth River. At the bottom right is the South Gate Annex where ships of the mothball fleet are stored." Circa 1995



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**Southgate Annex, Norfolk Naval Yard indicated by large black rectangle. USS Calvert's location indicated by small black rectangle.**




Extract of Chart No.452-9: Norfolk Harbor and Elizabeth River | Scale 1:20,000; Soundings in Feet at mean low water. US Coast & Geodetic Survey, 1948

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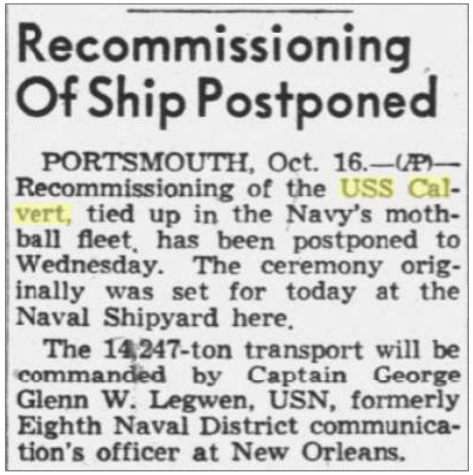
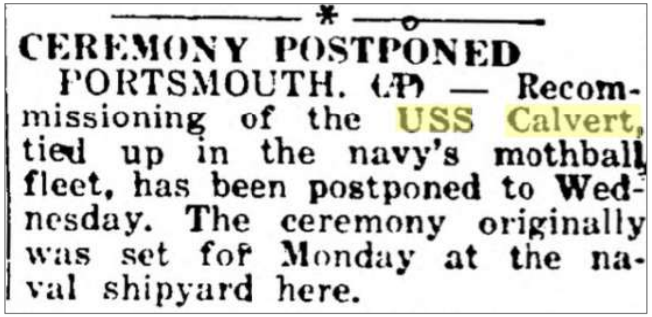
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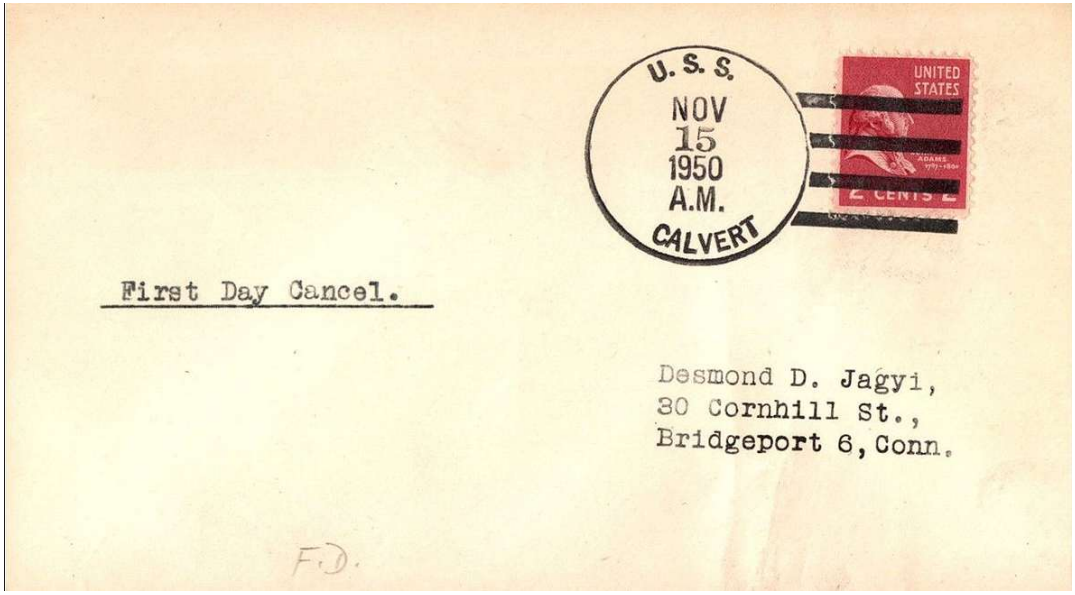
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| **Summer 1950 - U.S. Navy called to action \| Navy reservists recalled to active duty** | | | | | |
| 1950 | June | 25 | | **The Korean War Begins**<br><br>June 25, 1950: North Korean military (Korean People's Army, KPA) forces, supported by the Soviet Union and China, crossed the border and advanced into South Korea. | |
| 1950 | June and July | | | **U.S. Navy called back to action \| Naval reservists recalled to active duty**<br><br>1) "None of the armed services was prepared to fight a protracted, limited, conventional war on the mainland of Asia in 1950. After the defense cutbacks of the late 1940s, the United States was fortunate to have even a skeleton fleet available in Japan and the Philippines when the war erupted. The emergency restoration of full naval power to perform such daunting operational and strategic missions at a sustained operational tempo is a story of epic proportions itself.<br>...<br>All elements and communities of the Navy played key roles in the high-mobility phase of the Korean War that took place in the nine months from September 1950 to June 1951. A nation that so cavalierly dismissed the value of its minesweepers, amphibious ships, and escorts learned the hard way the price of its false economies. Vessels as diverse as aircraft carriers, battleships, and hospital ships were taken out of mothballs and recommissioned. They served with distinction during throughout the war."<br><br>2) US Naval Reservists found themselves called back to Active Duty with the start of the Korean Conflict a month earlier. | 1) Preface, page vi., Alexander, Joseph H., Fleet Operations In A Mobile War, September 1950 - June 1951. The U.S. Navy and the Korean War. Naval Historical Center<br><br>2) Lapsley Barron Mills, Jr., Calversion Vol 53, p2 |
| **1950 - August, September, October - The USS Calvert is reconditioned for service; Crew members report aboard.** | | | | | |
| 1950 | August | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | In August 1950, the Calvert was ordered back in commission due to the pressing need for amphibious ships caused by the Korean Conflict. | 1) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) Funck, Various Sources |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | **One-third regular Navy, two-thirds reserves**<br><br>"I was in the group that recommissioned the old girl for the Korean operation. One third of us were regular Navy and two-thirds were reserves." | Jim Nash, Calversion Vol 33, P2 |
| 1950 | August and September | | James River & Portsmouth/Norfolk VA area | 1) "My three year enlistment was up on 13 Aug 50. A few weeks earlier, the end of July, Pres Truman extended everyone one year beyond their ETS. Leave was cut short and I was transferred to the USS Calvert and reported aboard her in Portsmouth. I was an RM3."<br><br>2) "David Frank Arthur of Haleyville, who operates the Arthur Laundry, has volunteered for U.S. Naval service. Lt. Arthur has received orders to report for duty on August 20 at Norfolk, Va. There Lt. Arthur will go aboard the troop transport USS Calvert as soon as it has been activated. After serving for 37 months during World War II, seventeen of them overseas in the Pacific aboard the heavy cruiser USS San Francisco, Lt. Arthur retired from duty but joined the reserves."<br><br>3) "I was recalled back to active and sent to Norfolk Naval Shipyard to the USS APA 32, the Calvert, In Sept 1950." | 1) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2<br><br>2) The Haleyville Advertiser. Halesville, Alabama. August 8, 1950. p1<br>WW II Vet Volunteers For US Naval Service<br><br>3) Raymond F. Ensmenger, Calversion Vol 36, 1997, p5 |

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| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | **From a rusty bucket to one of the proudest ship's in the Pacific**<br><br>"Back in 1950 when I was single and still in the Naval Reserves trying to finish up my obligation with Uncle Sam by attending monthly drills, I was suddenly called up for a spell of active duty. I suppose I was prime meat since I was single with no obligations other than my earning enough to meet my bachelor needs. So, in July 1950 I was called up for active duty to immediately report to the USS Calvert APA-32 (September timeframe), which was in mothballs along with other WWII ships in the Chesapeake Bay at Portsmouth, Va. The Calvert was only one of many WW II ships which were mothballed there. She was a rusty bucket with camouflage paint on her. Everyone called her the “rusty bucket” ... and our office was in shambles as was our crew quarters. | Lapsley Barron Mills, Jr., YN3, USNR Calversion Vol 53, p2 |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | 1) "I wrote some years ago of my time aboard the Calvert, but I don't think I told the following of her history. What a "rust bucket" was APA-32. She had just been taken out of a nest of mothballed ships anchored in the Chesapeake Bay. She had been nested there since the end of WW2. Still had camouflage paint and all internal equipment that was on her from the war."<br><br>2) "I was with the Calvert when she was reconditioned in Portsmouth. I still remember walking down the dock that first day. I kept saying to my self, No, not that one, it’s a bucket of rust. Well, the crew turned that ship into one of the proudest in the Pacific. - Robert A. Rahn - RM1c - Calversion V36, P2. | 1) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2<br><br>2) Robert A. Rahn, Calversion Vol 36 p2 |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | **Reconditioning**<br><br>1) "USS Calvert was taken into drydock at Portsmouth to be reconditioned by civilians. The old radios were yanked out and replaced with new ones. The crew members on board were really only “gophers” to help expedite the readiness of the ship. We navy gobs didn’t have much to do except to study for promotions and we had liberty just about every night – unless we were designated to serve on fire duty or assigned to the quarterdeck to check out the come-and-go of ships crew members and visitors."<br><br>2) "The entire inside of the ship had to be ripped out by shipyard workers, since the ship had been nested with many other WWII ships since the war ended."<br><br>3) "She went into dry dock at Portsmouth where civilian workers replaced all radio equipment and all other obsolete internal components of the ship. They chipped and repainted the ship inside and out etc." | 1) Lapsley Barron Mills, Jr., Calversion Vol 53, p2<br><br>2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, p3<br><br>3) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2 |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | I was recalled in August 1950 to put the Calvert back in commission. .. the experiences of cleaning all the grease, not only off walls but out of electric fan motors, flatware drawers, etc. When I left the ship in 1952 you could still get grease on your clothes if you touched some things on ship. - Mark Gallaway | Mark Gallaway, Calversion Vol 31, p2 |

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| 1950 | October | 18 | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | **Radio crew**<br><br>1) "I was one of the two RM3 regular Navy radiomen assigned to the moth balled USS Calvert APA-32 at Portsmouth, VA. As a radioman I could type. In the weeks it took to install modern radios and commo gear I worked for an engineer officer typing up volumes of authorized running spare requisitions. Eventually we had about 20 radioman and radio officers aboard. Other than us two RM3 and one striker, all senior POs and officers were reserves recalled to active duty. Most came from out east and New England. Only a couple of the reserve RMs were qualified with Morse Code having been away from it for years. Meaning that us few regulars were on duty many hours it being a 24 hour day requirement."<br><br>2) "We had about 30 Radioman. Only three of us were Regular Navy. Me, RM3 Catteau and RM Striker Cooper. Most of the USNR RM were 1st Class, one RM Chief (Vogler), and one RM2 (Rahn). Rahn was one of the USNRs that hadn't forgotten Morse Code. RM1 Moxley was another of the USNRs that remained qualified enough to stand Radio Watch." | 1) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, p3<br><br>2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, P2 |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Portsmouth, VA Norfolk Naval Shipyard | **Boiler crew**<br><br>1) "This was the time when the crew was mostly reserves that were called back to duty because of the Korean War. All seaman and firemen were young recruits still wet behind the ears. We found out what Navy life was like fast. We saw great places like Norfolk?<br><br>Looking back at the history of the Calvert both in WW2 and Korea she was put into service fast and sent over seas right away. Being in the boiler room I knew the Babcock & Wilcox boilers inside and out when the Reserve P.O. got done with me. I was really proud to belong to the B Division of the Calvert."<br><br>2) "During my short term in the boiler room, I lifted safety three times while tied alongside the dock - A mortal sin. I got to see the chief boilerman and engineer officer in person and in a hurry. Our gunnery crews used to come closer to the airplane than they did the sock he was towing. But by the end of shake down, we became a pretty good crew. I remember checking water when it was 130 degrees right under the fan in the boiler room. This was not my cup of tea. I transferred to the boat group right after this. This is what I was trained for, plus had spent a lot of time in the boat training group at Little Creek, Virginia." | 1) John L. Cole, Calversion V10, p1<br><br>2) Jim Nash, Calversion Vol 33, p2 |
| 1950 | September through mid-October | | Little Creek, VA & Norfolk, VA | **Boat crew training at Little Creek, Va.**<br><br>1) "I put in for sea duty, I received orders to report to Little Creek, Va. for amphibious boat training, and to my surprise I reported aboard the USS Calvert APA-32 for the second time. I was in the boat div. this time. A big part of the new crew, were inactive reserve, and they were not happy at all. I became the first div. P.O."<br><br>Note: Mr. Simpson was originally onboard the Calvert Oct 1, 1942 when the ship was first commissioned and as such he was an official plank holder. He transferred off, to the Harry Lee, on October 25, 1942 when the crews of these two ships were switched due to the Harry Lee's breakdown. He transferred off the USS Calvert for the second and final time in June, 1952.<br><br>2) "I served aboard the Calvert APA-32 from 1950 to 1952 as a BM2 in the L Div. & 2nd Div. I came aboard with the Boat Div. at Norfolk." | 1) Charles W. Simpson, Calversion, Vol 11, p5<br><br>WWII details confirmed in USS Calvert WWII Muster Roll, October 1942.<br><br>2) Paul E. Smith, Calversion Vol22, p3 |

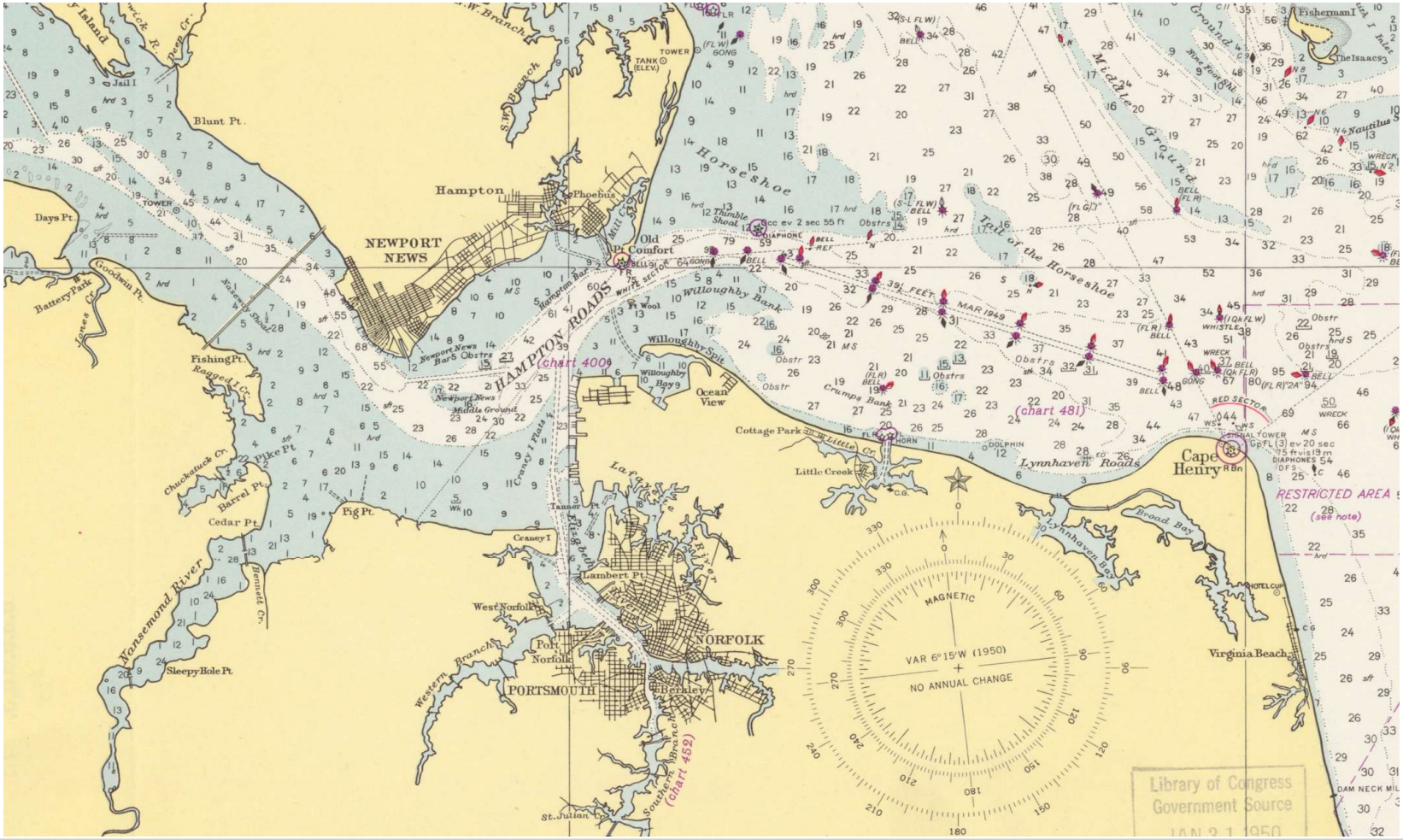
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| 1950 | October | 6 - 14 | Norfolk | **Work on the Calvert continues**<br><br>October 6: John Cole, future Boilerman aboard the Calvert, arrives in Norfolk, VA along with 4,700 other U.S. Navy Recruits from the U.S. Navy's Great Lakes Training Center: "The train ride took 30 hour, leaving at 11:30am Saturday, October 5th and arriving 5:30pm Sunday, October 6th."<br><br>October 7: "We work on board the Calvert, a troop transport, and sleep on another ship. "<br><br>October 8: "The Calvert should be ready by Christmas, or before. Lester Green is on the Calvert with me."<br><br>October 12: "Applied for leave. Did not get it."<br><br>October 14: "Today we moved into the Calvert to sleep. Today we served the first meal aboard since the Calvert was first put out of commission in '47. I will be cooking until Jan 1." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| **USS Calvert Recommissioned - October 18, 1950** | | | | | |
| | | | | Transport Calvert To Be Reactivated<br>The USS Calvert, a 14,247-ton transport which has been in the "mothball fleet" since the end of World War II, will be recommissioned today at noon during ceremonies at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth.<br><br>Captain J.E. Baker, USN, commander of the Norfolk Group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet will read the orders reactivating the vessel.<br><br>Captain Glenn W. Legwen, USN, will be the ship's new skipper. Cmdr. George W. Winne, USN, will be the executive officer. Captain Legwen, a Naval Academy graduate of 1927, comes to the ship from New Orleans, where he was Eight Naval District Communications Officer. Prior to that duty, he held the same post in the Tenth Naval District with headquarters at San Juan, P.R. | Calversion, Vol 67, P6 - Transport Calvert To Be Reactivated, Norfolk Newspaper, October 18, 1950<br><br>Note: Other sources include Cullen, Page 20 \| Calversion V10, Page 1, 4 \| Calversion, Vol 67, P6 \| Calversion Vol 33, P2 \| Calversion Vol 33, P2. |
| 1950 | October | 18 | Norfolk, VA | "We all became "plank owners" of the "new" Calvert.<br><br>  <br>Recommissioning Of Ship Postponed<br>PORTSMOUTH, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Recommissioning of the USS Calvert, tied up in the Navy's mothball fleet, has been postponed to Wednesday. The ceremony originally was set for today at the Naval Shipyard here.<br>The 14,247-ton transport will be commanded by Captain George Glenn W. Legwen, USN, formerly Eighth Naval District communication's officer at New Orleans.<br><br>  <br>CEREMONY POSTPONED<br>PORTSMOUTH. (AP) — Recommissioning of the USS Calvert, tied up in the navy's mothball fleet, has been postponed to Wednesday. The ceremony originally was set for Monday at the naval shipyard here. | Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, P2<br><br>Richmond News Leader<br>16 October 1950<br>Richmond News Leader, Number 16633, 16 October 1950<br>Page 34<br><br>Online:<br>https://www.virginiachronicle.com/?a=d&d=RNL19501016.1.34<br><br>==<br>Southwest Times<br>17 October 1950<br>Southwest Times, Volume 45, Number 202, 17 October 1950<br>Page 6<br><br>Online:<br>https://www.virginiachronicle.com/?a=d&d=TSWT19501017.1.6 |
| 1950 | October | 24 - 26 | Norfolk | October 24th: "Am working in Spud and Fruit locker. We peel by hand every day: 325lbs potatoes for dinner to feed 498 guys. There are three of us on this deal.<br><br>October 25th: "Each day we peel 600 pounds of potatoes, 5-6 crates of vegetables, 4 crates or bags of miscellaneous fruit or veg. We dump about 5 GI cans of garbage."<br><br>October 26th: "Norfolk, VA is call the worst liberty town in U.S. The navy has a name for it Shit City because of 20 fertilizer processing plants." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| 1950 | Late fall, 1950, presumed | | Norfolk area | **Shakedown cruise**<br><br>1) "About mid-November 1950, the APA-32 was ready for its shake-down cruise in the big wide Atlantic Ocean. Calvert managed to pass her shakedown maneuvers and was declared fit and ready to go to San Diego."<br><br>2) "It was November 1950 when the USS Calvert was ready for a shake-down to see if she was sea worthy. Those in charge appeared to be quite liberal as to the faults of the Calvert, but she did pass the shake-down test and was declared ship-shape and ready for the war zone."<br><br>3) "One third of us were regular Navy and two-thirds were reserves; what an operation. During shakedown you wondered if there was any hope what so ever."<br><br>4) "The shake down cruise completed at Little Creek." | 1) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 58, p4<br><br>2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 64, p3<br><br>3) Jim Nash, Calversion Vol 33, p2<br><br>4) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, p3 |
| 1950 | November | 12 - 14 | Norfolk area | November 12th: "Calvert made trial run to sea. I am on dishwashing detail."<br><br>November 14th: "Next week Naval Operation Base to load stores and ammo until Jan 10th. Will have amphib landings." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1950 | November | 15 | Norfolk |  | USS Calvert envelope cachet stamp, "First Day Cancel." Online: https://www.navalcovermuseum.org/wiki/USS_CALVERT_APA-32_Covers_Page_1 |

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Norfolk, VA area



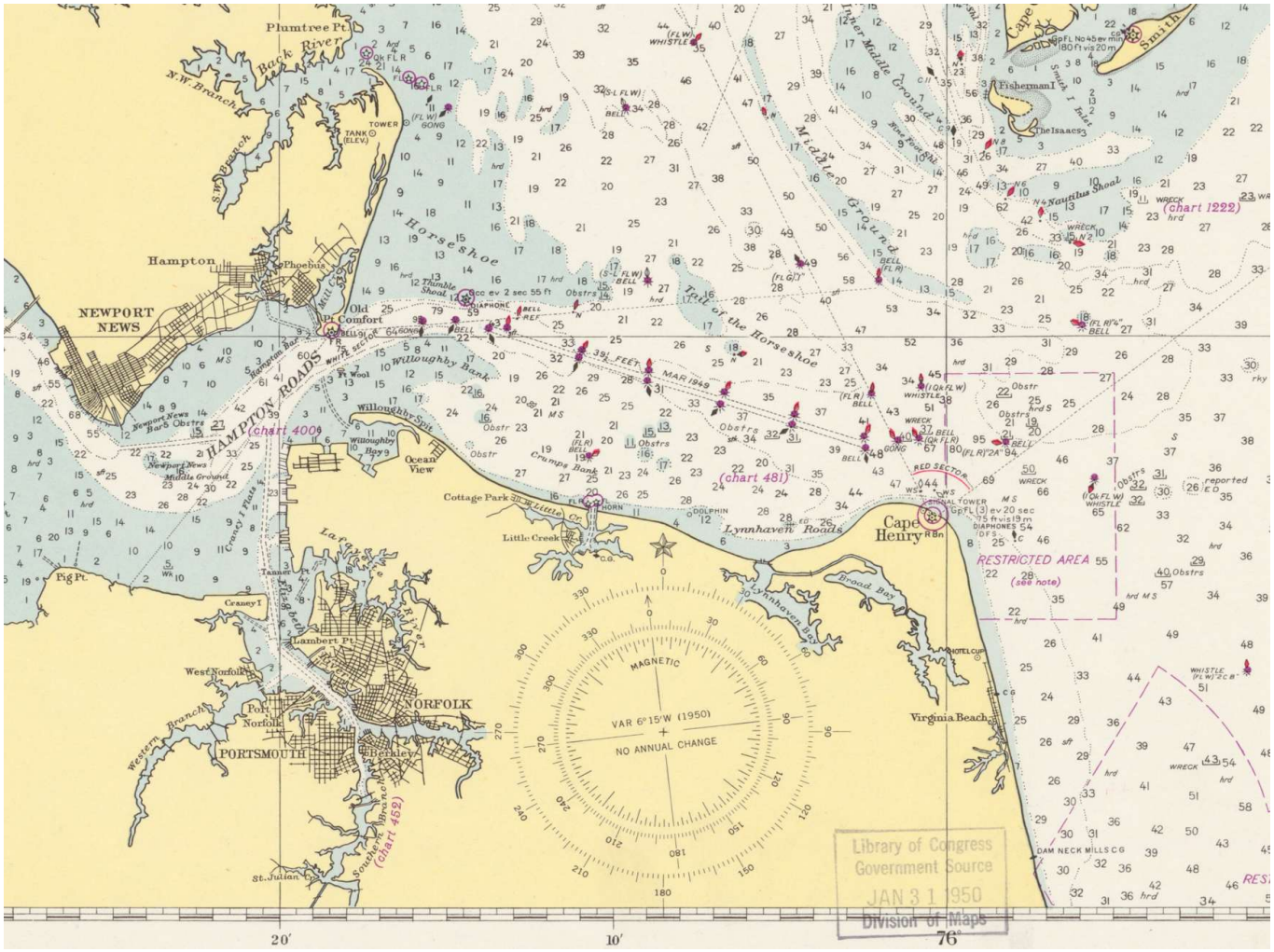

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1:200,000 scale; Soundings in Feet at mean low water.
US Coast & Geodetic Survey, 1950

Full chart online:
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| 1950 | November | Late | Norfolk | **Calvert Distillery's contribution: "To the men of distinction, of the USS Calvert"**<br><br>1) "One of our lieutenants on board, who was a public relations guy in his civilian life, came up with the great idea of approaching Calvert Distillery about sending us enough *Calvert Reserve* whiskey to have a big party for us Calvert Reservists before we departed for war duty."<br><br>The United States didn't think too much of this idea and we did not get any booze for a party. However, the distillery sent us a giant size television set for the crews' off-duty area. And we sent the Calvert Distillery people a list of all of our crew members and for an "indefinite" period of years all "plank owners" of the USS Calvert were invited to come by the Calvert Distillery for free booze at the distillery. I don't have any idea how many of my old shipmates were able to get to the distillery to take advantage of the generous offer of free booze. The Calvert people also gave us a lot of gifts such as ash trays, matches, and other souvenirs for the crew members to send home."<br><br>2) "Calvert Distilleries donated a TV set (TV was rather rare in 1950), ash trays, and a few smaller items. All had on them, "To the men of distinction, of the USS Calvert". Especially fitting, since most of about the 400 man crew were USN Reservists called back to active duty." | 1) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 64, p3<br><br>2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2 |
| 1950 | November | 22 - 23 | Norfolk | November 22nd: "Tomorrow for 2 hours we have ham, turkey, sweet potatoes, veggies, ice cream, cig, etc. We have a new Dumont TV - 20 inch screen. Gift from Calvert Whiskey."<br><br>November 23rd: "Thanksgiving At 1pm regular chow started, a steady line until 2:15. | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1950 | November | 24 | Norfolk | November 24th: "They are making the movie "USS Teakettle" staring Gary Cooper here. It takes place in small patrol craft #1168. If you see PA 32 (Calvert) that's us."<br><br>Editor's note: The movie referenced is "You're In The Navy Now" staring Gary Cooper, and filmed aboard PC-1168 in Hampton Roads, VA and was released 1951. The ship, PC-1168 a WWII-era sub chaser, was named the USS Teakettle in the movie. Available to stream here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOe8JVRzLpA | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1950 | November | 30 | Norfolk | November 30th: "Saw snow. 24 degrees." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1950 | December | 7 - 31 | Norfolk area<br><br>New York | December 7th: "Left on Mon on training cruise. Rough water - hung over rail but evening felt better and have not been sick yet."<br><br>December 8th: "Most of the time we have drills. Stand battle station 2-4 hours for General Quarters. I am burner man - hot job."<br><br>December 31st: "In New York." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1950 | Late fall, 1950, presumed | | Little Creek, VA area, East of Norfolk, VA | "When I was on the Calvert in 1950 we made several landings, prior to our removal to the Pacific Fleet, at Little Creek. While anchored off shore, one night the serf (sic) was so bad we had to spend the night in barracks (sic) on base. I had a matres (sic) but no blanket. It was a long night." John L. Cole | John L. Cole, Calversion, V 67, p4 |

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**Norfolk, VA area, including Little Creek to Cape Henry**




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1:200,000 scale; Soundings in Feet at mean low water.
US Coast & Geodetic Survey, 1950

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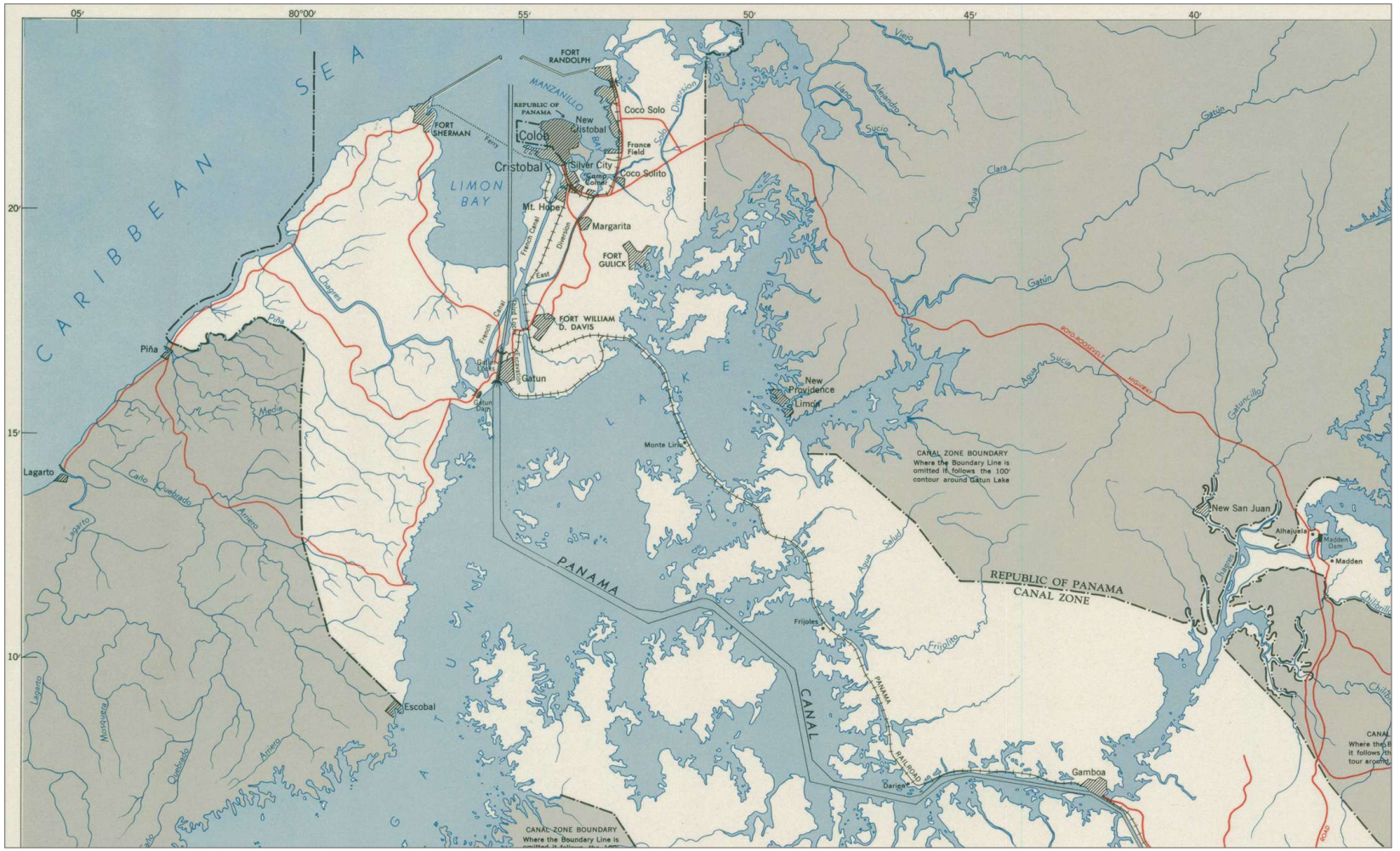
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| **1951 - January to mid-February - Training and continued shakedown** | | | | | |
| 1951 | | | | **Amphibious operational preparedness and readiness**<br>"Korea has proved the necessity for our continued training and readiness for amphibious operations," ... "The CINCPACFLT Interim Evaluation Report extolled the value of amphibious operations as "incalculable," pointing out that Inchon "changed the entire aspect of the war," and claiming that the Hungnam evacuation had no equal in modern military history." | Alexander, Joseph H. Fleet Operations In A Mobile War, September 1950 - June 1951. The U.S. Navy and the Korean War. Naval Historical Center. "Sea Power On Call" - p52 |
| 1951 | Early January to mid February | Early | Norfolk area and Chesapeake Bay area | "Intensive training and shakedown period." | Cullen, Page 20 |
| 1951 | January | 8 | Norfolk area or Chesapeake Bay area | Sailing | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | January | 10 - 17 | Norfolk area and Chesapeake Bay area | January 10th: "Back in port" (Norfolk)<br>January 16th: "Have been chipping paint and soon will be painting. Also worked inside No. 1 boiler - a dirty job."<br>January 17th: " We are practicing night landing attacks on the beach. We stay at General Quarters until boats are 1/2 way to beach. They go in 3 waves to shore. It is wonderful to see the boats in 3 waves going to shore." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | February | 9 | Norfolk area and Chesapeake Bay area | February 9th: Portsmouth, VA<br>February 12th: Leave for NOB, Norfolk. Loading stores and cars to go to west coast. | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | February | 10 | Norfolk area or Chesapeake Bay area | The Bultema brothers, Marvin Alfred (S1c) and William Charles (Fireman Apprentice) … returned today (Feb 2nd, 1951) to their ship, the USS Calvert, after a 10-day leave and surprise visit with their parents here. The boys flew home to await repairment of the Calvert in preparation for sailing for the Pacific. | The News-Palladium. Benton Harbor, MI. February 2, 1951. p10. |
| **On February 17, 1951 the Calvert sailed for duty in TransRon One, Pacific Fleet.** | | | | | Cullen, Page 20 |
| 1951 | February | 17 | Underway to the Panama Canal | 1) At 0700 Saturday, February 17, 1951 we got underway from Norfolk, Va. enroute to San Diego, Ca.<br>2) February 17th: "Leave for West Coast." | 1) L. Pearson, QM S-3, Calversion, Vol 22, p2<br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| **The USS Calvert's assignment to the Pacific Fleet \| Norfolk, VA to San Diego, CA via the Panama Canal - February 17 to March 6, 1951**<br>San Diego to San Francisco on March 20th and 21st | | | | | |
| | | | |  | Source: The USS Calvert's WWII-era routes to and from the Panama Canal, from the East Coast and West Coast |
| 1951 | February | 18 | Underway to the Panama Canal | February 18th: "180 degrees due S. - Somewhere in Atlantic. 2nd day at sea. Standing 12-4 watch each day. It is 102 degrees in fireroom. Steaming along at 16.5 knots on 98 RPM of propellor." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| 1951 | February | 18 (or 25th) | Underway to the Panama Canal | 1) "The picture (church service picture, Calversion, Vol 28, P3) was probably taken Sunday the 18th or Sunday the 25th. As we were underway between Norfolk and Panama on the 18th and between Balboa, Panama and San Diego on the 25th of February.<br>  <br>Church Service<br>  | Left: L. Pearson, QM S3, Calversion, Vol 29, p2<br><br>Right: Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd class, '51-'53<br><br>Timing of photograph confirmed by Kenneth Keene, Calversion, Vol 28, P3 (Same photograph printed in that edition) |
| 1951 | February | | Atlantic Ocean and Carribean Sea, underway to the Panama Canal | February 19th: "Arriving Panama on Wednesday. Passed San Salvador about 10 miles out. Are 600 miles from Panama. 120 degrees today." (in the boiler room).<br><br>February 20th: "Passed Cuba, Haiti and a few small ones. Saw flying fishes 6-to-8 inches long that glide 10-40 feet in the air."<br><br>February 21st: "Arrive Panama. Saw native houses with thatched roofs build on poles." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | February | 22-24 | Panama Canal | 1) The "log" indicates that we weighed anchor in Balboa, Panama on February 22, 1951. We had a "Liberty Break" in Balboa from Thursday the 22nd until the night of the 23rd.<br><br>2) February 22nd: "Went through Panama canal and pulled up at Pier 1 at 3. Locks raise ships over 66 feet."<br><br>2) February 23rd: "Toured Panama City, etc. - Snow "White House" and President Rep, Panama, Ambassadors homes; cathedrals." | 1) L. Pearson, QM S3, Calversion, Vol 22, p2<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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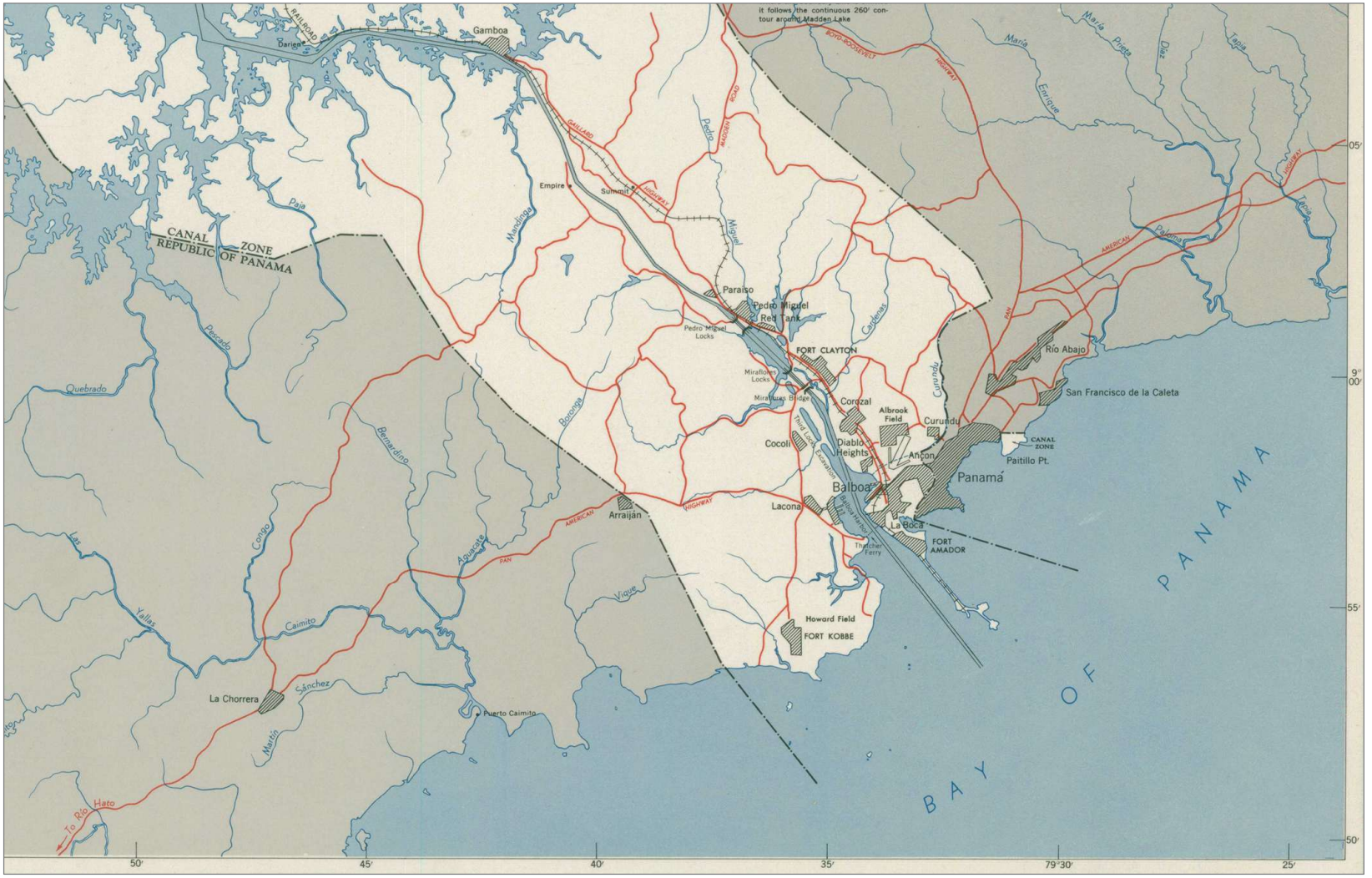
**Panama Canal, Carribean side**




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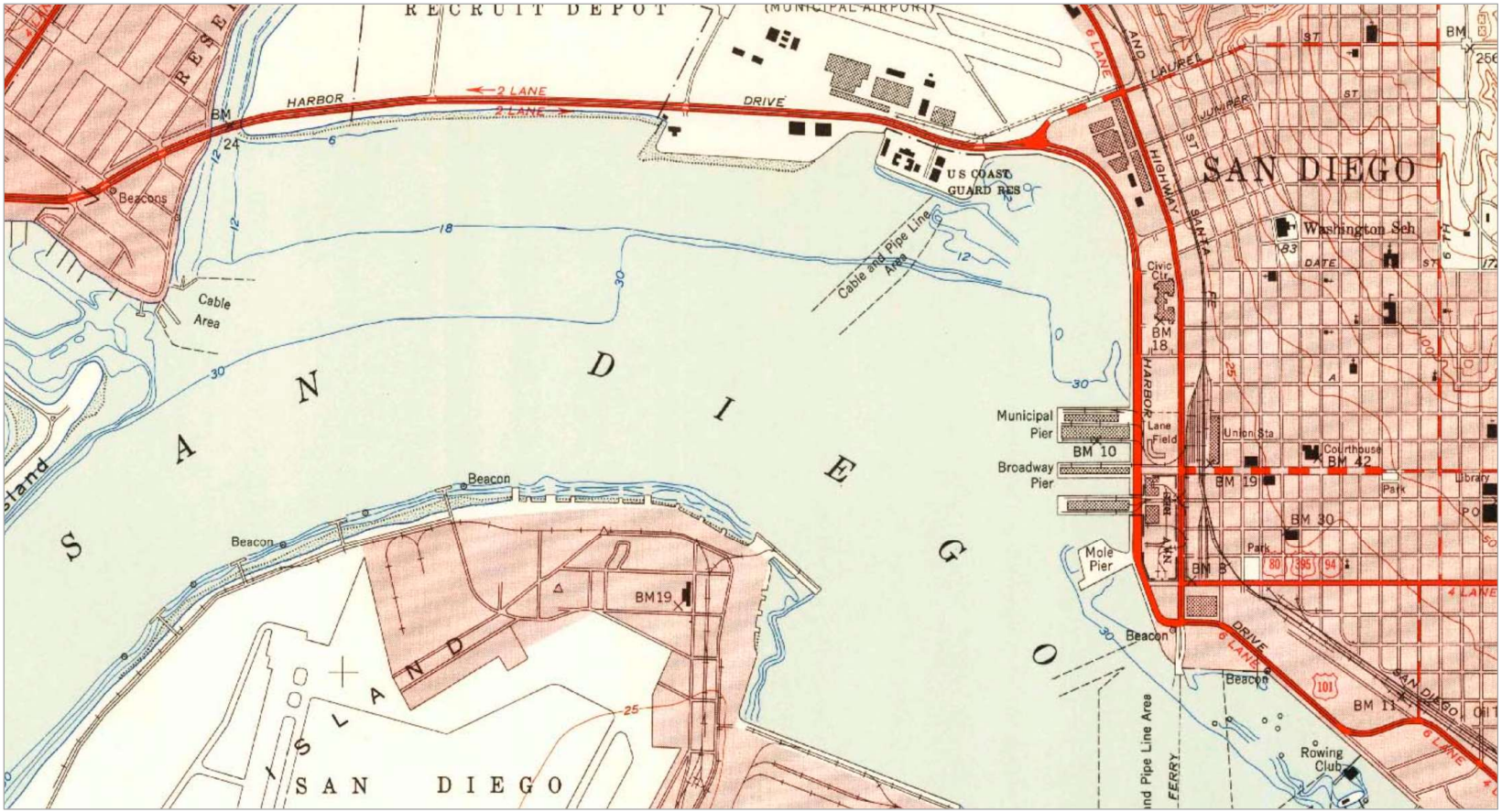
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| 1951 | February | 23 | Panama Canal | February 23rd: "Toured Panama City, etc. - Snow "White House" and President Rep, Panama, Ambassadors homes; cathedrals." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| 1951 | February | 24 | Panama Canal | 1) "We cleared the locks, entered the Pacific and continued toward Diego at 0800 on Saturday, February 24, 1951."<br><br>2) February 24th: "Left Panama at 8am via Pacific Ocean"<br><br>3) "I remember going through the Panama Canal in an "M" boat because the Calvert would not fit into the locks with the Weylan davits hanging over the side with "P" boats in them. We had to off load the boats, put the davits in a vertical position and then go through, with the small boats tailing behind/ What a trip that was. | 1) L. Pearson, QM S3, Calversion, Vol 22, p2<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>3) Robert A. Rahn, Calversion Vol 36, p2 |
| 1951 | February | 29 | Pacific Ocean, underway to San Diego | February 29th: "Our ship hasn't passed an island so far, nor stopped at any." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| **1951 - March** | | | | | |
| 1951 | March | 2-4 | Underway to San Diego | March 2nd: "We are off Mexico."<br><br>March 4th: "Arrival in San Diego, 9am. 29 was my number in anchor pool - 47 won." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | March | Early | San Diego | Lt. Miller Arrives From East Coast<br>Mrs. Ross Miller, of Bethlehem, PA., who has been the recent houseguest of Rear Adm. and Mrs. Charles Allen, was waiting on the dock last weekend when the USS Calvert arrived in port from the east coast brining her husband, LT (jg) Miller, for his first west coast duty. | Coronado Eagle and Journal, Volume 39, Number 10, March 8, 1951<br>Online: https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=CJ19510308.2.58&srpos=3&e=-------en--20--1-byDA-txt-txIN-%22uss+calvert%22-------1 |
| 1951 | March | Early | San Diego | 1, 2) "After arriving in San Diego, Calvert was joined by two other APA troop transports and a bunch of smaller ships, including Landing Ship Tanks. One of the APAs was the USS Lenawee (APA-131). " | 1) Lapsley Barron Mills, Jr., Calversion Vol 53, P2; 2) Barron Mills or Roman Weber, via Calversion submission. |
| 1951 | March | 6 - 15 | San Diego | March 6th: "When we entered San Diego harbor our ship had its picture taken - will send home."<br><br>March 9th: "Calvert is in the yards, S.D., getting repairs. We were at Municipal Pier a couple of days, then anchored out."<br><br>March 10th: "We have 50 sailors on board going to Japan. We expect to be there 8 months."<br><br>March 11th: "For the past two weeks have been working day and night getting ready for trip."<br><br>March 15th: "Still painting fireroom." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | March | early-to-mid | San Diego | "We had a few landings at Coronado." - Paul E. Smith, BM2 in the L Div. & 2nd Div - 1950-52 | Calversion Vol22, P3 |

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San Diego, showing Municipal Pier



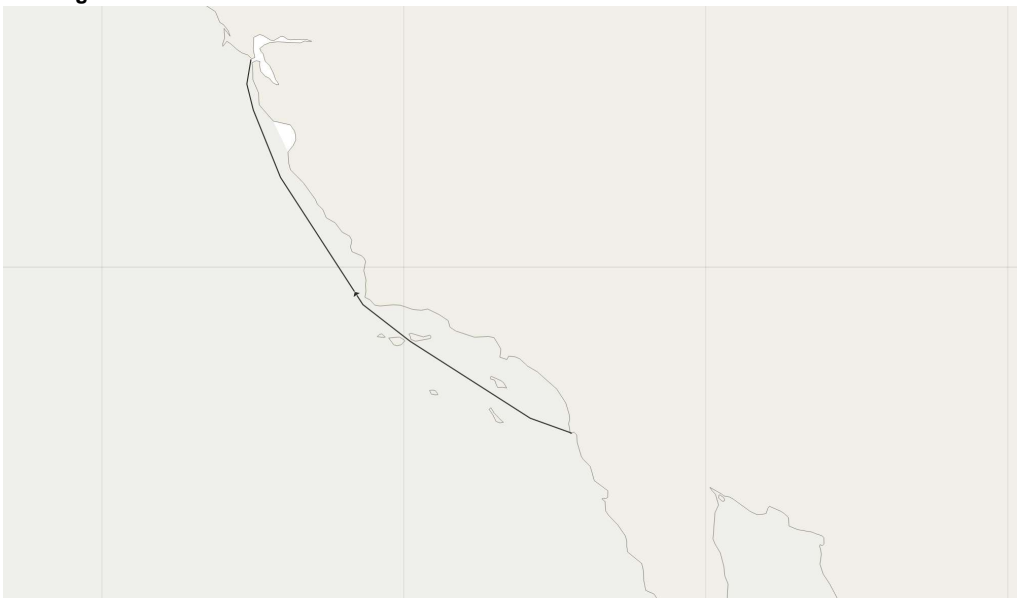

Extract of Point Loma Quadrangle, California, San Diego Co.
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United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

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| 1951 | March | Mid | San Diego | **Flagship Transport Division 13, Commodore Hurd Commanding \| One-star blue flag**<br><br>1) "After a few weeks liberty in San Diego, the USS Calvert became the flagship of Transport Division 13, Pacific, attached to Task Force 90, Far East with home port in Yokosuka, Japan. Our ship captain became the Trans Div Commander and promoted Commodore with one-star."<br><br>2) "The convoy was designated Transport Division 13 of Task Force 90. APA-32 became flagship of TransDiv 13.<br><br>Skipper of the 32 was Capt Hurd. Capt Hurd became Commodore Hurd, TransDiv Commander. The Navy hasn't a one-star Admiral. Being wartime, the senior Captain becomes Commodore. So the Calvert flew a one-star Blue flag indicating she was flagship of Div 13." | 1) Lapsley Barron Mills, Jr., Calversion Vol 53, p2<br><br>2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2 |
| 1951 | March | 17 - 22 | San Diego | March 17: Embarked 23 passengers - Navy personnel, for WESPAC.<br>March 19: Embarked 30 passengers - To Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific Troops - USN & USNR personnel.<br>March 20: Embarked 62 passengers. | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | March | 20 | Underway for San Francisco | March 20th: "We are leaving San Diego for Frisco." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

**San Diego to San Francisco on March 20th and 21st**



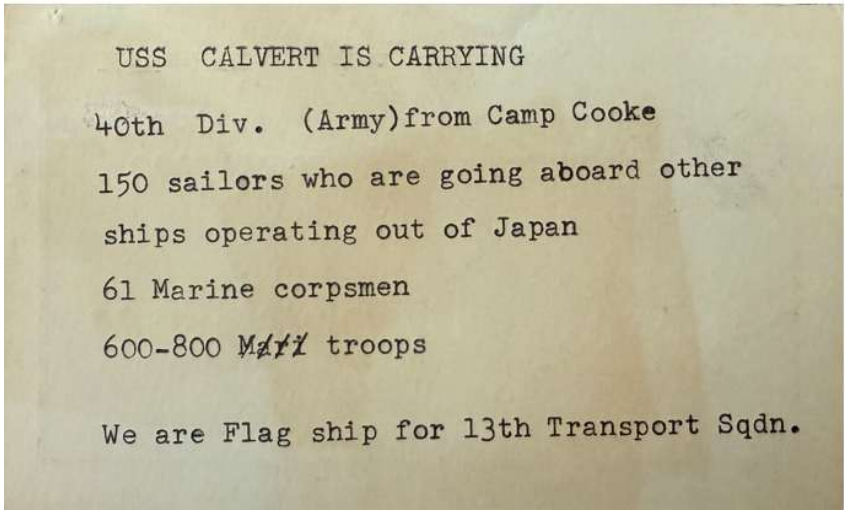
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| 1951 | March | 21 | San Francisco | March 21st: "Arrived San Francisco, 3:15pm. Load troops tonight and tomorrow. Carrying 40th Div Army from Camp Cook, 150 Soldiers to Japan, 61 Marine Corpsmen, 600-800 troops." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

Entraance to San Francisco Bay and Treasure Island




Chart shown is an extract of chart:
Extract of Chart No. 5532, Entrance to San Francisco Bay
1:40,000 scale. Soundings in feet.
U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map, 1957

Full chart online:
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| 1951 | March | Mid | San Francisco | Card distibuted to the crew of the Calvert in advance of departure from San Franciso. As further below, ultimately no troops were allowed aboard the Calvert for transport to Japan.<br>  <br> | Printed card from John L. Cole's diary. |
| 1951 | March | Mid | San Francisco, Treasure Island | **Troop compartment space considered unfit for troops**<br><br>"As I recall, the Marine officer and NCO crew members of the 32 did not approve the Calvert to carry troops of the 40th Div. Ship was not declared troop-ready when we left San Francisco where we loaded the Army Division and their equipment."<br><br>"The USMC Lt and one Sgt, Army troop space inspectors, rated ship troop compartment space as unfit for troops. So, the Calvert went to the new home port of Yokosuka almost empty. The Calvert didn't carry but a few army troops." | Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, p3<br><br>Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2<br><br>Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 58, p4 |

## The USS Calvert's "First" Far East Service - March 22nd, 1951 to August 27th, 1951

1) The Calvert sailed for the Far East with other units of TransDiv Thirteen for duty with Task Force 90, the Amphibious Force of Commander, Naval Forces, Far East.

2) "The Calvert went to the new home port of Yokosuka almost empty. I believe we dropped the Army off at Yokohama upon arrival in Japan. The convoy across the Pacific was very slow due to the slow moving LSTs and smaller landing ships."

3) During the Calvert's Far East service, the Navy sent press releases to many of the crew member's local newspapers highlighting that crew member's experience "getting a 'sailor's eye' view' of the Orient aboard the amphibious attack transport, USS Calvert.", highlighting the Calvert's WWII-era service record, and the role of the Calvert in the far east: "the ship is now operating in the combat area in support of United Nations forces."
For example: Raymond Pierce On USS Calvert. Blade Tribune. July 2, 1951.
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1) Cullen, Page 20

2) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, P3

3) Various newspaper articles circa mid-1951 into early 1952

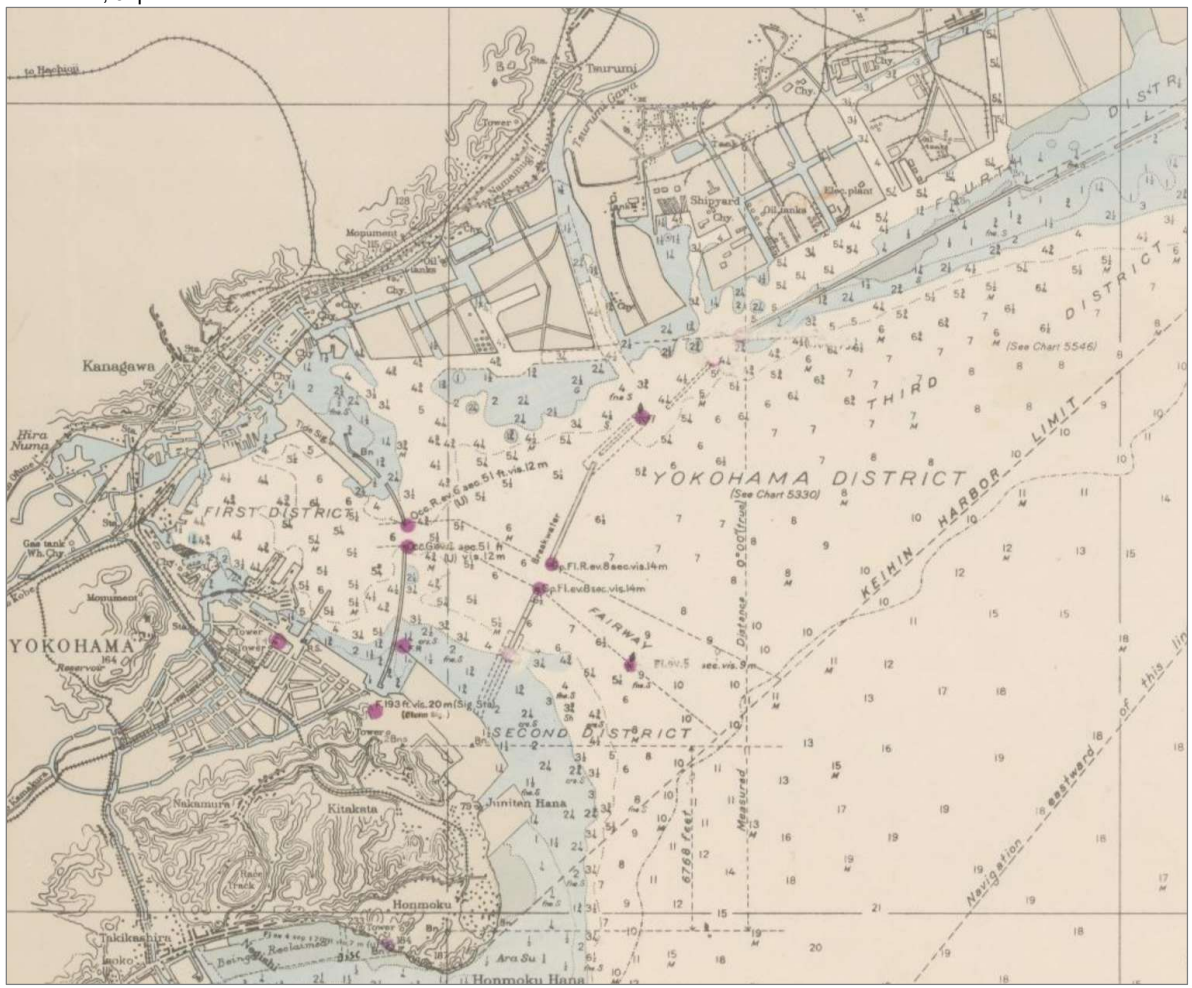
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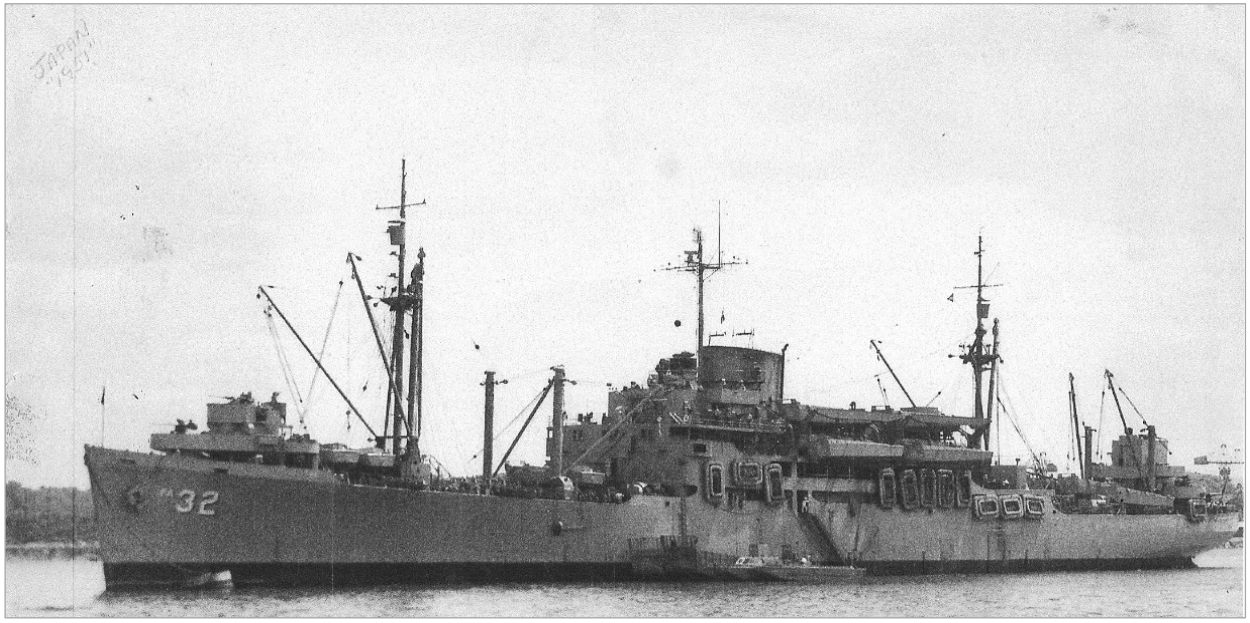
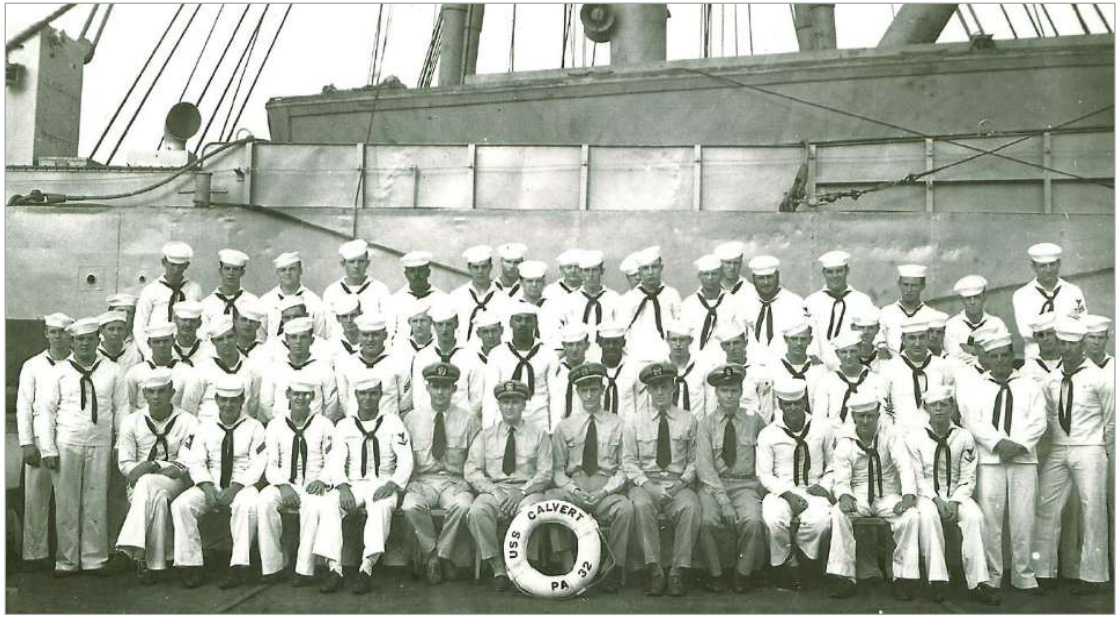
**San Francisco to Yokohama, Japan - March 22 to April 8, 1951** - Route estimated based on the Calvert's later 1950s and 1960 log book entries for similar voyage positions.



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| 1951 | March | 22 | San Francisco<br><br>Underway for Japan | 1) March 22nd: "We are Flagship of 13th Transport Squadron. No liberty before we leave for Japan today. I got my presents 2 hours before we left for Yokosuka.<br><br>2) Embarked 46 passengers. | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | March 22nd - April 8th | | Underway for Japan | **One-star blue flag flying \| Two-star red flag flying**<br><br>"Commodore Hurd was Division Cmdr., so we flew a one star blue flag. An Army general and command staff (a staff of over 30 army, mostly officers) were also aboard the APA 32, so we also flew a red flag with two stars.<br><br>The army operations center with many VHF voice radios was located amidship, above our radio room. The general had his own radio room above our ship radio room and army radiomen of his own, although we often received messages for the army we'd route to the general/staff." | Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 35, p3<br><br>Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol 52, p2 |

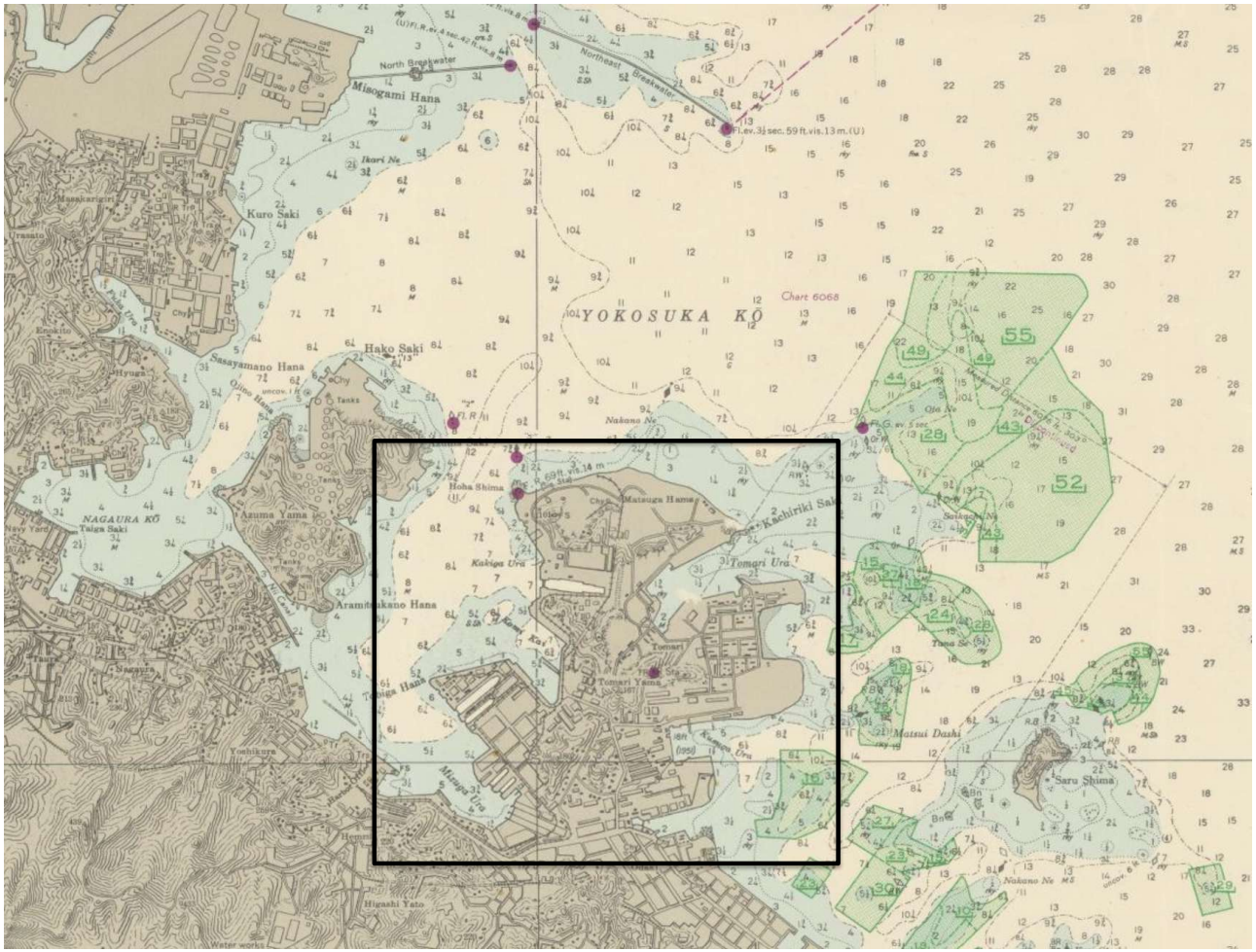
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| 1951 | March | 23 | Underway for Japan | March 23rd: "We have two ships with us: APA-199 and 135. We are carrying no troops." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | March | 25 | Underway for Japan | March 25th: "Easter Sunday. I had 6-12 watch so I did not go to church. Only food left were scrambled eggs." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | March 31 / April 1 | 31 | International Date Line, Underway for Japan | 1) The USS Calvert crossed the International Date Line, entering the Domain of the Golden Dragon.<br><br>2) April 1st: "We lost Saturday this week as we crossed the International Date Line. Water rough - waves going over bow. Every night we darken ship. General Quarters all the time." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | April | 4 - 5 | Underway for Japan | April 4th: "At sea, should make Yokosuka in 2-3 days. We are going to Korea. We were told not to eat or drink there, unsafe. Had a typhoid shot today."<br><br>April 5th: "They have had me inside the steam drum, brushing. Have to lay on my back or side in order to work." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | April | 8 - 9 | Yokohama, Japan | April 8th - "Disembarked 143 passengers. Total passengers remaining on board, 38. Personnel on board for FFT to the Commanding General - First Marine Division - Fleet Marine Force"<br><br>April 9th - "Disembarked 18 passengers." | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |

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| | | | |  | The Calvert's full boat crew in front of one of the Calvert's LCTs - First Far East Trip, 1951<br><br>Online: http://www.usscalvert.com/2018/08/01/1951-boat-crew-photograph/<br><br>Original source: Calversion, Volume 70, p5<br><br>Note: Photo had been given to John Cole by Kenneth A. Keene, Shepherd, MI |

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| 1951 | April | 15 - 18 | Underway from Yokosuka | April 18th: "At sea. Left Yokohama Tuesday (15th) in a convoy of 20 ships: LST, LSMR, APA, LSD, PCE, LSU for a trial landing in southern Japan." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | April | 22 | Underway from Yokosuka | April 22nd: "At sea. We have busy times with General Quarters. A night operation tonight. We had a practice air attack today." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | April | 28 | Yokosuka, Japan | April 28th: "Yokosuka, Japan. Sometime next month I will be John L. Cole, FN. I took my test and passed. Pay will be $10 or $12 more. My mark 3.5 (4 is highest)." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

Yokosuka Naval Base (black rectangle) and Yokosuka Bay



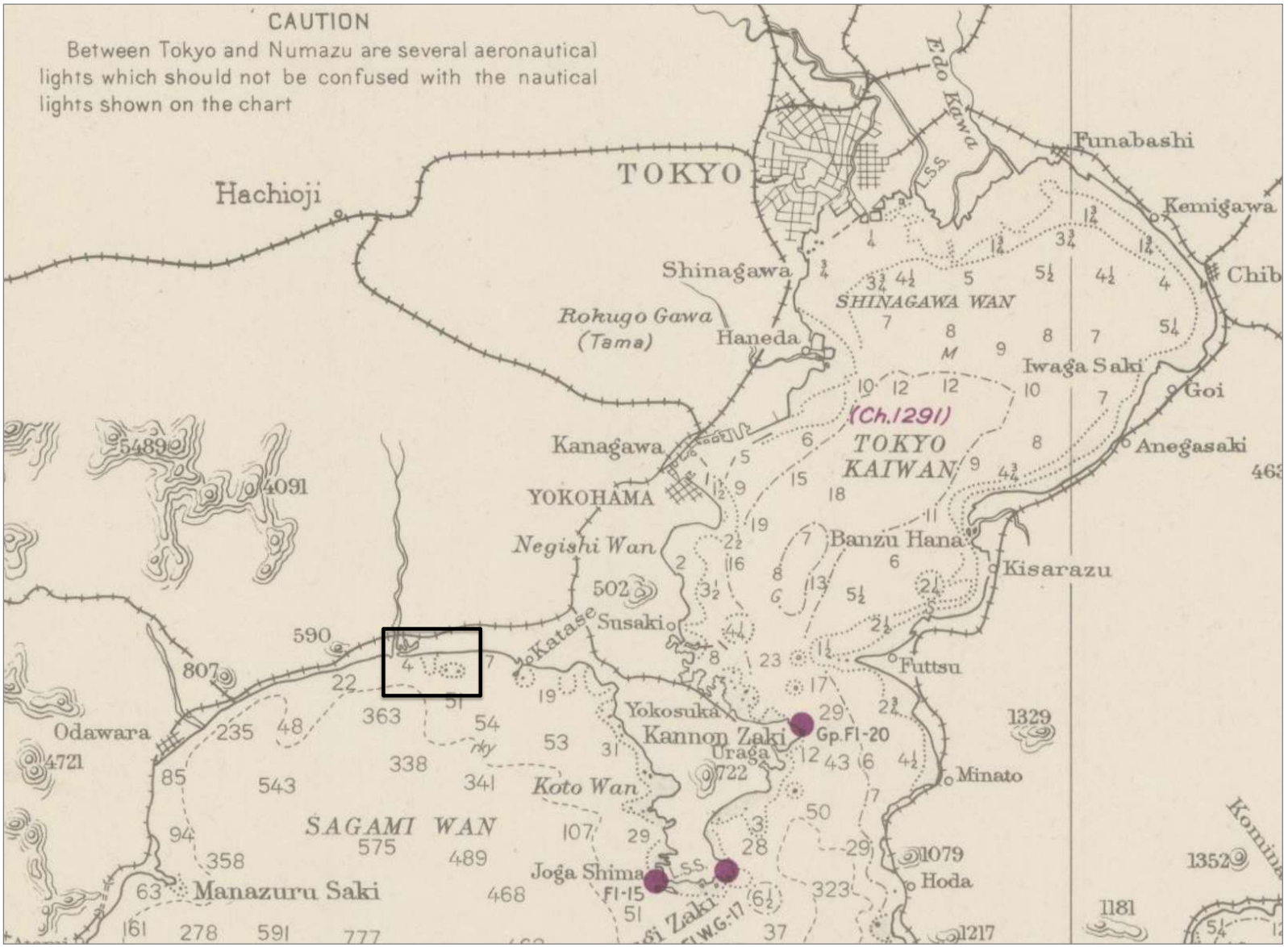

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**1951, May, June and July - Amphibious training, Yokohama area, and Chigasaki Beach**

The Calvert's frequent ports of call and exercise areas during April to July 1951: Yokohama, Yokosuka, and Chigasaki. Chigasaki Beach indicated by rectangle.



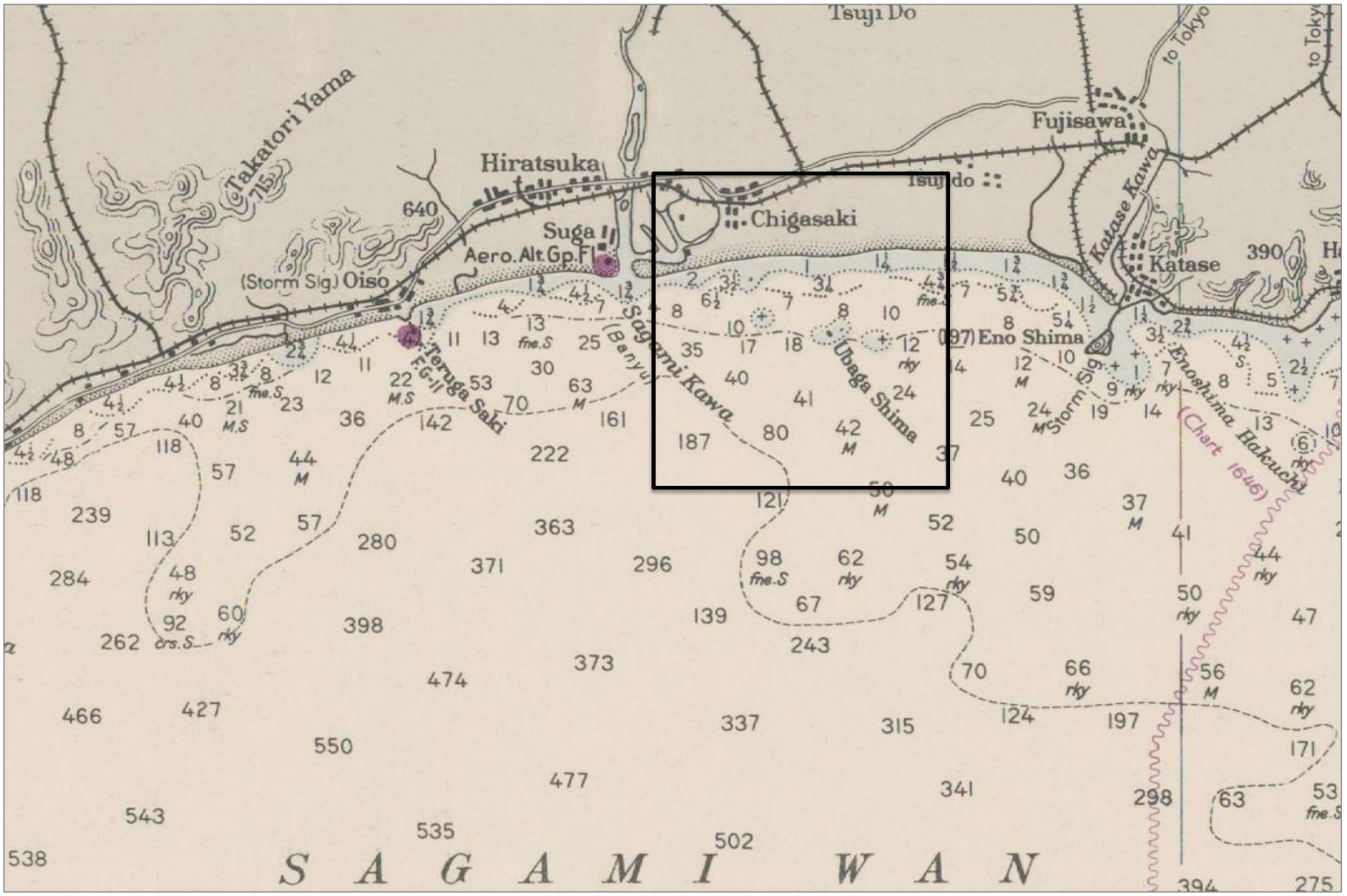

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| **A time of hard and hazardous work** | | | | | |
| | | | | "Duty on board the ships, aircraft, and submarines of the Seventh Fleet during these multi-mission months was hazardous and exhausting. The pace never slackened, regardless of the fortunes or misfortunes of the forces ashore.<br>...<br>It has been said that the modern U.S. Navy stemmed from the "two ocean navy" created in World War II. Yet it was the Korean War, with its professional application of sea power in so many forms in the Sea of Japan, the Yellow Sea, the Taiwan Strait, and the inner harbors of Inchon, Wonsan, and Hungnam that truly gave birth to the forward-deployed, global Navy of the Cold War." | Preface, page vi., Alexander, Joseph H., Fleet Operations In A Mobile War, September 1950 - June 1951. The U.S. Navy and the Korean War. Naval Historical Center. |
| 1951 | May | 5 - 10 | Yokosuka, Japan (underway, and in port) | May 5th: "At sea."<br><br>May 6th: "Yokosuka Bay. We had landing operation practice today."<br><br>May 10th: "Yokosuka, Japan. One of the guys heard that the Calvert was pictured in John Cameron Swazey's news program recently." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | May | 13 | Yokosuka, Japan | "COMTRANSDIV 13 assumed duties as COMTRANS Group (CTG 90.2), flagship USS Calvert (APA 32), when Commander Transport Squadron 1 (COMTRANSRON 1) in USS Bayfield (APA 33) departed Yokosuka for CONUS with 2nd rotational increment of NavBeachGroup 1 embarked." | Online: https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/k/korean-war-chronology/january-june-1951.html |
| 1951 | May | 14 - 17 | Yokosuka, Japan | May 14th: "Yokosuka. We flew our colors at half mast for 4 guys who were killed in an explosion on ship next to us."<br><br>Editor's Note: The explosion was likely that which occurred on the USS Bairoko on May 10th: "On 10 May 1951, while in Yokosuka, Japan, an explosion rocked the ship, starting a major fire in her hangar that quickly spread to the engine room. Five men were killed in the blaze, which badly damaged the ship, destroying ventilation and electrical systems and weakening internal bulkheads. She underwent repairs in Yokosuka, which lasted until late June. By 3 July, she was ready to resume operations in the Yellow Sea."<br><br>May 17th: "Yokosuka, Japan. Ship took a tour around the bay today." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) Online: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Bairoko |
| 1951 | May | 19 | Yokosuka, Japan | Embarked 49 Naval Personnel | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |

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| **Amphibious Exercises, Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Bay, Japan - May 20-27, 1951**<br><br>1) "All available units of Task Force 90 commenced extensive amphibious training; exercises scheduled 20-28 May under Commander Task Force 90 Operation Order 6-51."<br><br>2) "In late May, Admiral Ingolf N. Kiland assembled 32 amphibious ships for week-long training exercises in the Chigasaki Beach area of Japan. The task group experimented with night landings and daylight withdrawals under cover of smokescreens. Marines and naval aviation units could not participate in the exercise because the Chinese Communists had just launched a 175,000-man offensive against the X Corps sector of the United Nations line (38th Parallel)."<br><br>3) "Once in Japan the USMC rating of the Calvert as unfit for troops was disregarded and the 32 did haul around hundreds of army troops."<br><br>==<br>1) Korean War: Chronology of U.S. Pacific Fleet Operations, January–June 1951<br>Online: https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/k/korean-war-chronology/january-june-1951.html<br><br>2) Alexander, Joseph H. Fleet Operations In A Mobile War, September 1950 - June 1951. The U.S. Navy and the Korean War. Naval Historical Center. "Sea Power On Call" - Page 52<br><br>3) Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol58, P4 or Roman P. Weber, Calversion Vol64, P3 | | | | | |
| 1951 | May | 20 - 23 | Yokosuka, Japan to Chigasaki Beach. Japan | 1) May 20th: Sailing<br><br>2) May 21st: "At sea. Left Sunday (20th) with 14 ships on boat training. Our liberty uniform is white now."<br><br>May 23rd: "At sea. Have 8-12 watch and am averaging 5-6 hours sleep. We are just sailing around in our convoy making different formations." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | May | 26-27 | Chigasaki Beach, Japan | **Amphibious Landing Exercise, Chigasaki Beach, Japan**<br><br>1) "Landing exercises were conducted at Chigasaki Beach, Sagami Wan, on 26-27 May. The British 41st Independent Commandos participated in the exercises, landing during the darkness on the morning of the 26th. "<br><br>2) The training included landing exercises at Chigasaki Beach in Sagami Bay on 26-27 May. No US Marine or Army units participated in this Navy training, although the British 41st Independent Commando Royal Marines made a landing before dawn the morning of the 26 May as part of this training (104).<br><br>3) May 27 - Disembarked 49 Naval Personnel (most likely at Chigasaki Beach) | 1) Online: https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/k/korean-war-chronology/january-june-1951.html<br><br>2) Over the Beach: US Army Amphibious Operations in the Korean War - by Donald W Boose - p292<br>Google Books, online<br><br>3) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |

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| | | | | **Chigasaki, Sagami Wan (Bay), Honshu south coast** | |



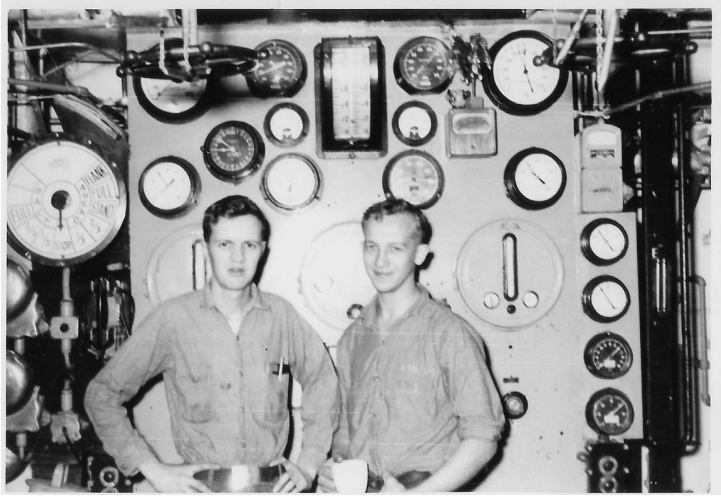

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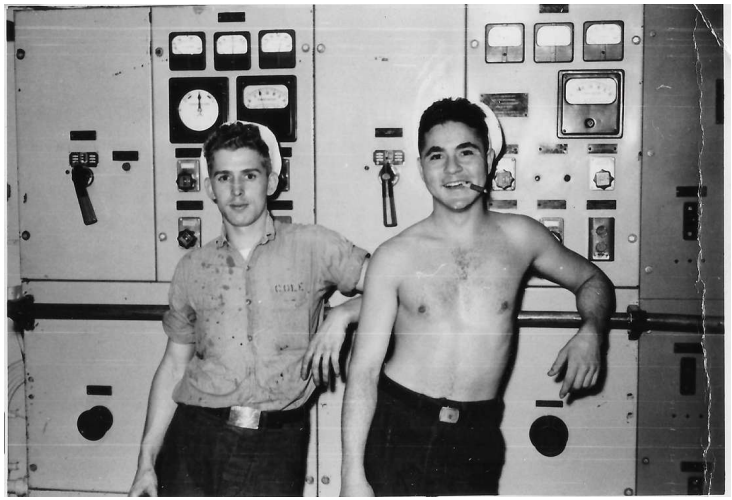
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| 1951 | May | 29 | Yokosuka | May 29th: "Yokosuka, Japan. We have been out 10 days on boat training. Speed changes every 5 minutes. We got up at 0300 to land at 2400. Rough!" | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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**Members of the Calvert's Crew, including Boiler Division and Yeomen, Circa May 1951**





John L. Cole's photographs from his time aboard the USS Calvert, May 1951

John Cole; Kuljie || Tom Farran, FN; Roscoe Byrd, BT3

John L. Cole's photographs from his time aboard the USS Calvert, May 1951
Jack Ferris || Tom Adams || Bultamos, MM3; Claar; Brinks; Graff; Adams; Pressley; ?

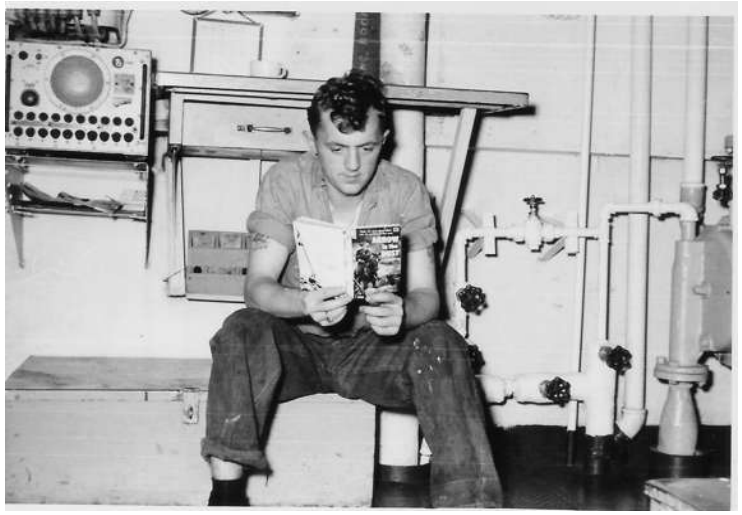







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Shafner, EN3; Grandy, EN1; Johnson, BT1 || Anderson, MM3





John L. Cole's photographs from his time aboard the USS Calvert, May 1951

David Alexander, BT3; N.P. (Pappy) Frierson, F.N || Ralph Terry, FN; Bob Loben, BT3; Candwell, BT2

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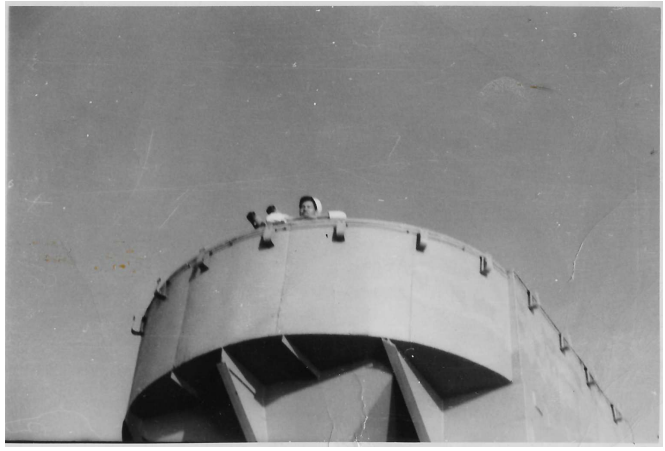
John L. Cole's photographs from his time aboard the USS Calvert, May 1951
Martin Kuljie, BT3 || Owen Clylan, MM1 || Johnson; LTJG Roller (Main Propulsion Officer, Asst)





John L. Cole's photographs from his time aboard the USS Calvert, May 1951
Chief E.J. Moore, BTC (Oil King); Jim Bucham, YN3; C.D. Moore, YN3 - Log Room Yeomans || Buel Glanders, BT3; Kuljie || Lester Green "on top of aft gun mount, 40mm in background, USS Calvert"



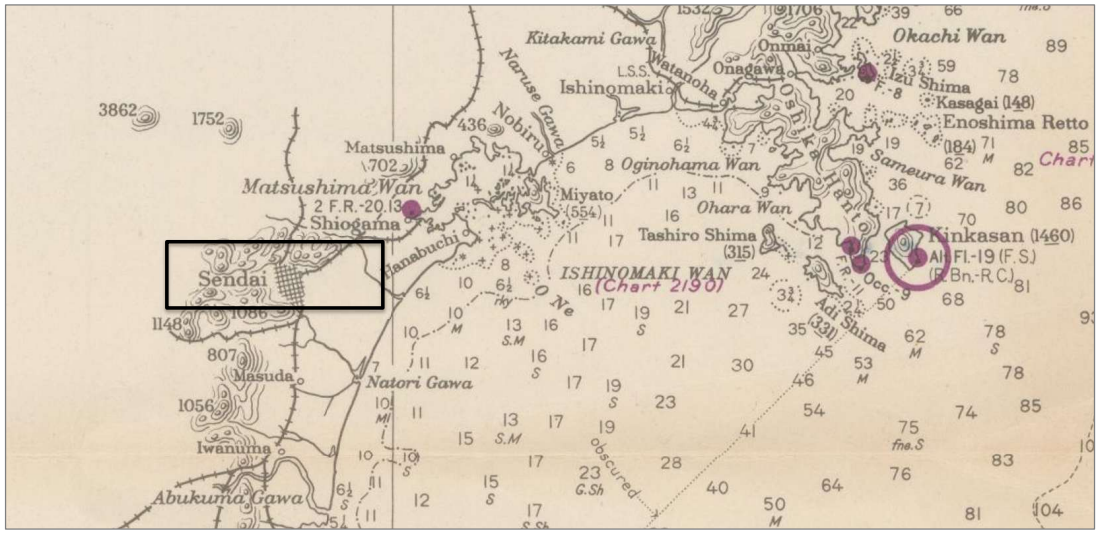


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| 1951 | June | 1 - 7 | Yokosuka | June 1st: "Yokosuka, Japan. Am planning to go to Tokyo on leave tomorrow."<br><br>June 7th: "We are going out again for 25 days soon." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| 1951 | June | | | **Optimism, but the Amphibious forces' hard work continues**<br><br>"The fact that the war had changed irrevocably became manifest in a radio announcement by Soviet UN Ambassador Jacob Malik on 23 June 1951. He suggested now, in Korea, would be a good time to begin cease-fire negotiations. Most westerners exalted at the prospect of an end to the bloodshed. Many Americans believed the war almost over. Yet in the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea, the U.S. Navy's operational work continued undiminished, day after endless day. No one then imagined that the shooting war in Korea would drag on for two more bloody years." | Alexander, Joseph H. Fleet Operations In A Mobile War, September 1950 - June 1951. The U.S. Navy and the Korean War. Naval Historical Center. "Sea Power On Call" - p52 |
| 1951 | June | 8 | Yokosuka | 1) June 8th: "Yokosuka"<br><br>2) Embarked 70 Naval Personnel | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | June | 10 | Yokosuka | June 10th: "Yokosuka. Had 8-12 duty so no church. Saw West Point Story. Be sure to see You're In The Navy Now. Calvert is pictured in the background." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | June | 12 - 15 | Yokosuka to Sendai, Japan<br><br>Sendai Bay | 1) June 12th - Sailing<br><br>2) June 13th: "At sea, but anchored off Sendai, 250 miles north of Yokosuka. Food not so good now, milk sour or powered. When I get to the states I'm going to drink a gallon of fresh milk."<br><br>2) June 15th: "We are here to train army troops." | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

**Yokohama, Japan to Sendai, Japan - June 12 and 13 | Sendai, Japan**



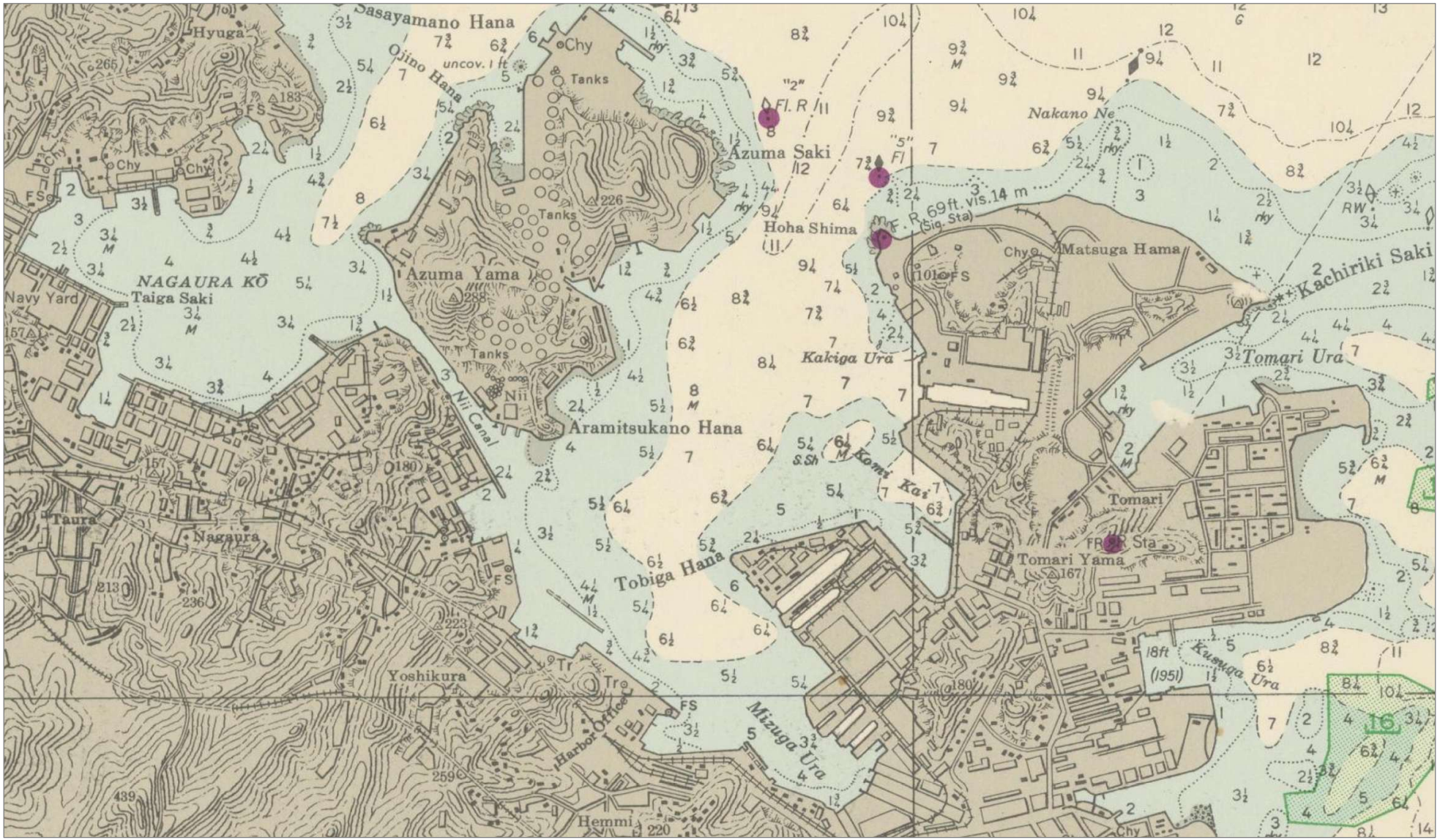



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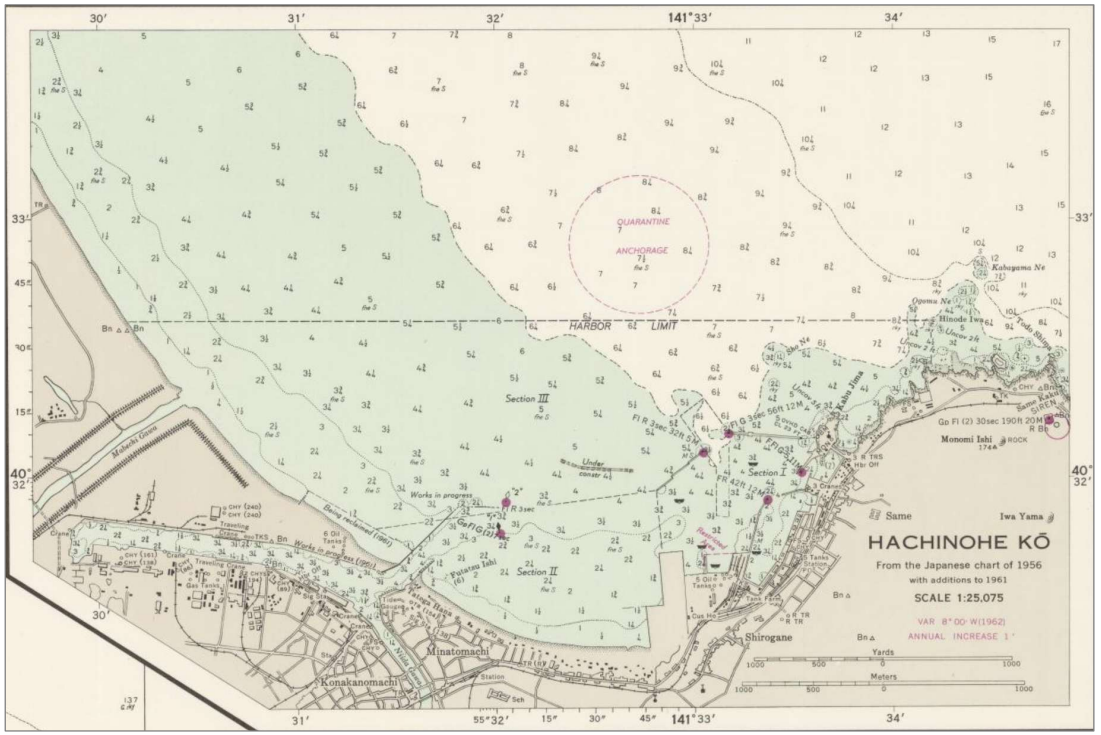
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| 1951 | June | 16 - 25 | Sendai, Japan | June 16th: "We are the only navy ship here and people stop to stare at us. Takes 45 minutes by boat and 35 minutes by bus.<br><br>June 17th: "Shiogama Bay."<br><br>June 18th: "Shiogama Bay. Went on liberty by myself. Rode boat to the city of Shiogama, took bus to Sendai 10 miles away. Had supper at Army Camp." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | June | 23-27 | Shiogama, Japan and Chigasaki Beach, Japan | **Amphibious Training Exercises - Shiogama Bay and Chigasaki Beach**<br><br>1, 2) From 23 to 27 June the Commander of Transport Division 12 (CTG 90.2), aboard his flagship, the Calvert (APA-32), conducted the afloat phase of the training. Troops of the 160th and 223d RCTs were embarked at Shiogama, near the Japanese city of Sendai, and landed at Chigasaki Beach. | 1) Over the Beach: US Army Amphibious Operations in the Korean War by Donald W. Boose Jr. - p293<br><br>2) Naval History and Heritage Command - Korean War: Chronology of U.S. Pacific Fleet Operations, January–June 1951 |
| 1951 | June | 24 | Sendai, Japan | 1) June 24th: "Sendai, Japan"<br><br>2) June 24th: Disembarked 69 Naval Personnel. Embarked 466 passengers | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | June | 25 | Underway for Chigasaki Beach | 1) June 25th: "We pull out today with the 40th Division."<br><br>2) June 25th: Sailing | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | June | 26 - 27 | Underway for Chigasaki Beach | June 26th: "At sea. We are carrying 500 doggies of the 40th Div. All 5 ships carry 500 for this operation." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | June | 27 | Chigasaki Beach | **Amphibious Landing Exercise, Chigasaki Beach**<br><br>1) 40th Units Storm Shore In War Test<br>Yokohama, June 27 (AP) - Southern Californians of the 223rd Regimental Combat Team swarmed ashore today in their first amphibious landing exercise on Chigasaki Beach near Yokohama. They poured out of landing craft and up the beach under cover of mock air and naval bombardment. First waves plunged through a smoke screen to their objectives, 1200 yards inland. .... Troops were at sea two days on their voyage from training camps in Northern Honshu Island to the landing site.<br><br>2) The landing went without any major incidents.<br><br>3) June 27th: "Just got off a 14 hour watch." | 1) The Los Angeles Times. June 18, 1951. p10.<br><br>2) The Boys of Fifty, The 625th Field Artillery Battalion - MSgt R.L. Hanson - 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard - 1946 - 1954<br><br>3) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | June | 28 | Chigasaki Beach | "Chigasaki Beach, Japan" | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | June | 30 | Sendai, Japan | June 30th: "Shiogama, Japan. Our 500 troops went back to camp." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | July | 1 | Yokosuka, Japan | July 1st: "Pulled into Yokosuka today. Took on 100,000 gallons of oil." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| **Yokosuka, Japan - U.S. Fleet Activities** | | | | | |
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| 1951 | July | 2 | Underway for Yokssuka | July 2nd: "At sea." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

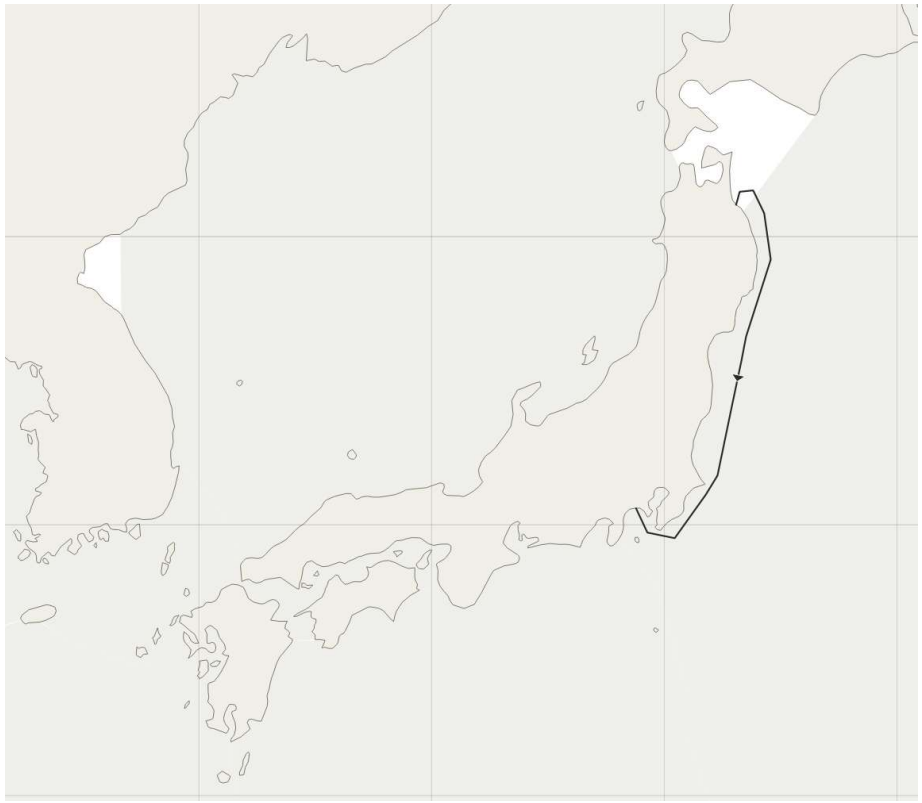
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| | | | Yokohama, Japan to Hachinohe, Japan | \| Hachinohe, Japan    | Extract of inset of chart: Japan : Honshu-east coast : Nakayama Saki to Miyako Ko 1st edition, No. 2725. 1963<br>United States Hydrographic Office<br><br>Full chart available online:<br>https://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4096780x |
| 1951 | July | 4 | Underway for Hachinohe, Japan | July 4th: "Left Yokosuka last night. The band stood in C formation for Calvert. Going to Northern Japan." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | July | Early to Late | Hachinohe, Japan and Sendai, Japan | "In July, we went north to Hachinohe and Sendai where troops of the 40th Div were training for the soon-to-come landing in Korea." | Calversion Vol 58, p4 - Roman P. Weber |
| 1951 | July | 7 - 11 | Hachinohe, Japan | July 7th: "Hachinohe, Japan. Left ship to go on liberty last night for the first time in 20 days."<br><br>July 8th: "Bought 10 skyrockets and shot them off on way back to ship. One guy had 600 yen worth. We couldn't take them on board."<br><br>July 10th: "Hachinohe, Japan. We cleaned No. 2 Boiler today."<br><br>July 11th: "First anniversary in Navy!" | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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| 1951 | July | 17 - 22 | Hachinohe, Japan | July 17th: "Hachinohe, Japan. We received notice that the crew of the USS Calvert is authorized to wear the Korean Ribbon."<br><br>July 19th: "Wet net training today with troops of the 45th Div."<br><br>July 20th: "Hachinohe, Japan. More wet net training. Bring troops out in small boats in full battle gear. They climbed down on nets and off again and return to beach."<br><br>July 21st: "We had 800 troops aboard today. 720 yesterday. They say 1,500 more to come."<br><br>July 22nd: "These troops carry full packs, M1 rifles, some bazookas, small cannons, mortars (it takes 4 men to carry the parts)." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| 1951 | July | 23 - 24 | Hachinohe, Japan | July 23rd: "Hachinohe, Japan."<br><br>July 24th: "We have 4 APA, 1 LSD, 6 LST, 2 PC EC, 1 APD, 1 AKA, and 3 LSU on this operation." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |
| **Operation Seaweed: Hachinohe, Japan and Chigasaki Beach** | | | | | |
| 1951 | July | 25 | Hachinohe, Japan | 1) July 25th - Embarked 40th Infantry Division, 160th Regiment Combat Team. Embarked Julian Hartt - Hachinobe, Japan. Embarked 339 passengers. Submitted on Sailing<br><br>2) "Fol O and EM boarded the USS Calvert on 25 Jul 51. - Operation Seaweed - 40th Infantry Division: Beachmaster, Medical Company 160th RCT, 143rd Field Artillery Battalion, Heavy Mortar Company" | 1, 2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |

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| 1951 | July | Late | At sea, underway to Chigasaki Beach | 1) Typhoon Louise - 40th Men Ogle Typhoon "Louise" as She Turns to Harass Chinese - by Julian Hartt - Los Angeles Examiner (article published Aug 7th, 1951)<br><br>Aboard the USS Calvert, at sea, "D-Day Minus 2" - This has been a "touch and go" day, over something that wasn't written into the planning of the 160th Regiment Combat Team's practice assault landing. Cause of it all was a fractious, unpredictable young lady named Louise. She was born just a few days ago, about the same time the first of these troops were loading aboard ship. The far-from-blessed event occurred in a nameless area of the far Pacific, some 2000 miles southwest of here, half way between Guam and the Philippine Island of Samar. For Louise, you see, is a typhoon.<br>...<br>Suffer Heat - The men of the 160th Regiment, the 144th Field Artillery, suffering out the heat but grateful for the calm seas are ignorant of this silent drama taking place topside. Louise has posed major problems to the Marines who have trained the Army troops in amphibious warfare, now a routine part of every Army infantry unit's education. ... Col. Paul Wallace, for instance, knows that even the fringe of it would kick up the waters of Tokyo Bay to the point where small boat landing would be extremely hazardous.<br>...<br>GOOD NEWS - Then at last came the good news, A communications officer ran the flimsy out to Captain Legwen and his face lighted up into a big grin as he read it: "Louise has turned west" he said happily, hurrying to the chart room to get the new "fix" plotted. The captain laughed: "She'll cross the South China Sea and hit the Chinese Communists instead of us. Just what they deserve." Down below the bridge on the weather decks, the soldiers of the 160th RTC were still leaning on the rail, watching the sea roll by. For them, Louise was just a blind date they'd never keep. | 1) Calversion V49, Page 6 - 40th Men Ogle Typhoon "Louise" as She Turns to Harass Chinese - Aug 7th, 1951 (Article date)<br><br>Julian Hartt, a Los Angeles Examiner star reporter and veteran war correspondent who was assigned to the 40th Division for "on the spot" coverage of the Division's activities overseas.<br>Newspaper Editor's Note: "The following dispatch by Julian Hartt was written before the 160th had completed its change in location."<br><br>2) Wikipedia - Typhoon Louise active in area of Japan from July 25th, 1951 to August 5th, 1951 |
| 1951 | July | 28 | Underway to Chigasaki Beach | July 28th: "At sea. Watched Navy guns in action." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

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**Hachinohe, Japan to Chigasaki Beach**



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| 1951 | July | 29 | Chigasaki Beach | **Amphibious Landing, Chigasaki Beach**<br>Practice assault landing with the Army's 40th Infantry Division, 160th Regiment Combat Team<br><br>1) Julian Hartt, Civilian, disembarked Chigasaki Beach, Japan.<br>Disembarked 339 passengers. Total passengers remaining on board: 00<br><br>2) 29 July - Regimental Combat Team 160, 40th Infantry Division, completed amphibious training with landing exercise at Chigasaki Beach, Japan<br><br>3) Fortieth Division In Mock Japan Invasion<br>Punching its way through a simulated "aggressor" force a regimental combat team of the 40th Infantry Division swarmed ashore at Chigasaki, near Yokohama, in a realistic mock landing exercise. The 160th Infantry Regiment, former Los Angeles National Guard unit, struck "Red Beach" at noon and within two hours had "battled" its way inland, 1000 yards under artillery and fighter plane cover.<br><br>4) July 29th: "At Chicasagi. We have traveled 19,000 miles since we left Norfolk, Va." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) Naval History and Heritage Command - Korean War: Chronology of U.S. Pacific Fleet Operations, July-December 1951<br><br>3) Riverside Independent Enterprise, Wednesday, August 01, 1951, Riverside, CA, p13<br><br>4) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries. |

**Two pages of photographs of the USS Calvert and crew during Operation Seaweed, for sale online at:**
**https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/julian-hartt-negatives**





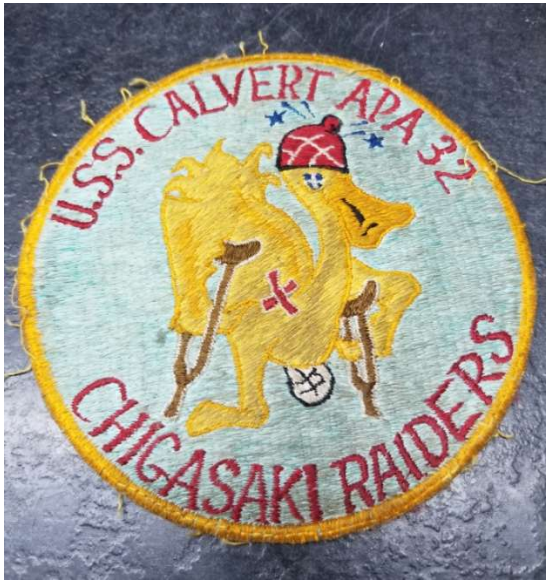
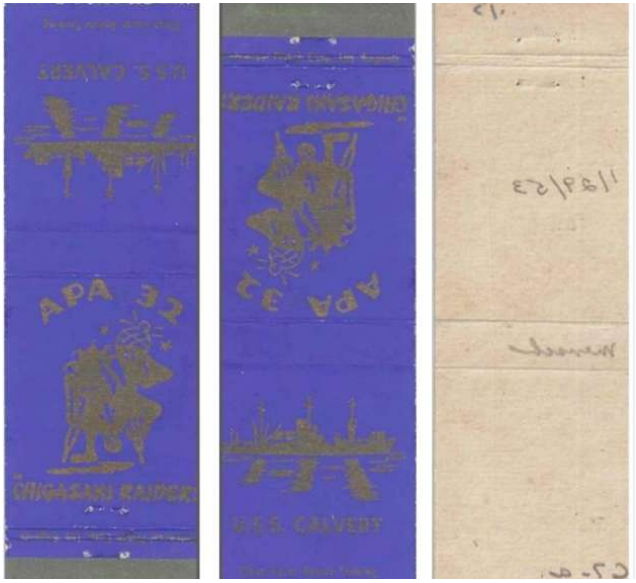


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Right: The USS Calvert's #3 LCM alongside the Calvert (presumed), loading elements of the 41st Division.

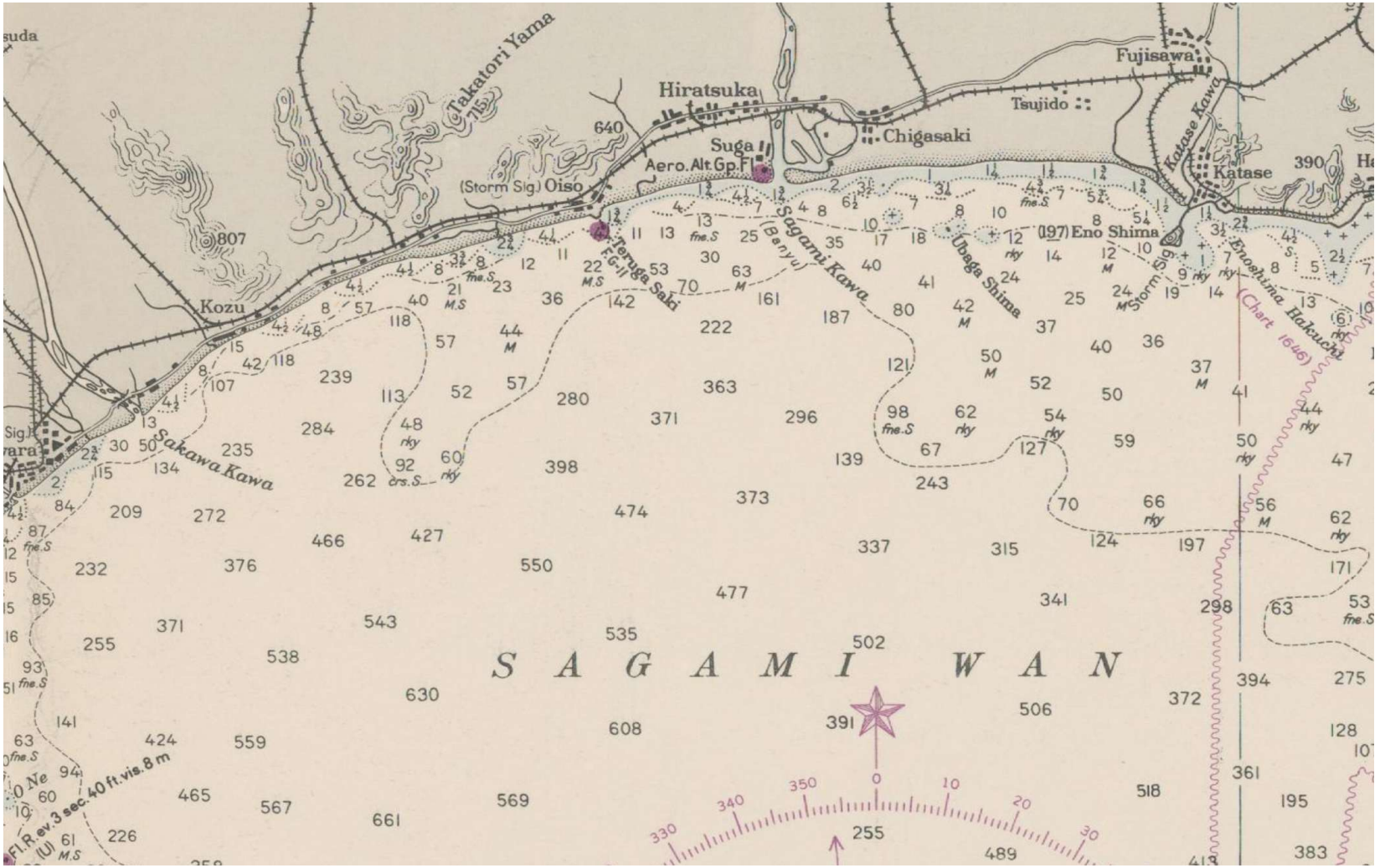
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See also Calversion, Vol 49, p7

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| 1951 | May, June, July | | | **Chigasaki Raiders**<br>"We made so many practice landings at Chickasaki Beach we became known as the Chick a Saki Raiders."<br>1) Robert B. Hile, BM3 collection<br>  <br><br>2) USS Calvert Chigasaki Raiders match book<br>  | Calversion Vol22, p3<br>Paul E. Smith<br><br>1) Robert B. Hile collection<br>http://www.usscalvert.com/2020/05/10/robert-b-hile-bm3-1950-1954/<br><br>2) USS Calvert website, via eBay<br>http://www.usscalvert.com/2015/01/12/uss-calvert-chigasaki-raiders-match-book-cover-circa-1950s/ |
| 1951 | May, June, July | | | | 3) Why the duck character in these Chigasaki Raiders artifacts? Kemp Tolly explains:<br>"I've ridden a good many ships in my day, some heavy rollers, thirty degrees on a side, and some with a snap and roll of 5 second period that would wear you plumb out. But Calvert was in a class by herself. Never experienced a better sea boat. She rode like a duck, never pounded or shuttered. Whoever put her together know their ship design." - Kemp Tolley - '54? - 56 - Calversion Vol 9, P7 |

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Chigasaki Beach area, Chigasaki, Sagami Wan, Japan




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7th edition, No. 2734. Hydrographic Office, U.S. Navy, 1947

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| 1951 | May, June, July | | Chigasaki Beach | 1) "Off the coasts of Japan, we began practicing troop beach landings. LCVPs and LCMs etc. I was assigned to an LCVP "smoke boat" with an army portable radio. The radio was heavy and bulky. Especially, when crawling down the net into the LCVP with the rough seas causing the LCVP to rise and fall 20 or so feet.<br><br>2) "My personal landing assignment, LCVP with an army SCR-???? Radio - that never worked once away from the ship. ... The LCVP I was on had BM3 Withrow coxswain (W VA) and EN3 Duncan (TN?). Boat had a big drum of chemicals that when mixed with sea water it produced smoke that stretched out for I think a thousand yards. Troop carrying LCVPs and LCMs came through the smoke fog and prevented enemy direct fire on the troop boats. Big guns on ships far out, fired shells that when exploded on beach made colored smoke that went high in the air. Wave-commander of flanked troop boats headed for whichever color he had been assigned to land at." | 1) Calversion Vol 52, p2 - Roman P. Weber<br><br>2) Calversion Vol 64, p3 - Roman Weber |
| 1951 | May, June, July | | Chigasaki Beach | "My Radio Man landing operation duty was on an LCVP landing boat. Each wave made up of several LCVPs moving to shore loaded with army troops. The LCVP I was on as Radioman, had a drum of chemicals that when mixed with sea water, produced smoke enough to cover a long stretch of beach. Ship guns fired shells that when exploding on the beach, produced different bright colored smoke. Each wave going in, lead boat with an officer signaling with his arms ("V" first when leaving the ship and then "flank" back approach) was assigned to take his wave with specific colored smoke area. The LVCP I was on as RM (with an army SCR radio that never worked!!, although tested ok before leaving the 32) was the "smoke boat." It went in out front of incoming waves of LCVP with troops and LCMs with jeeps etc. and produced smoke to prevent enemy from firing eyesight at incoming troop carrying boats. Since the army radio never worked, it turned ut that it was good I had taught myself semaphore and Flashing Light Morse. I didn't have any semaphore flags so used two white hats to send msgs back to the ship. They would reply using flashing light. It worked out ok." | Calversion Vol58, P4 - Roman P. Weber<br><br>Calversion Vol64, P3 - Roman Weber |

Landings at Chigasaki Beach, Japan

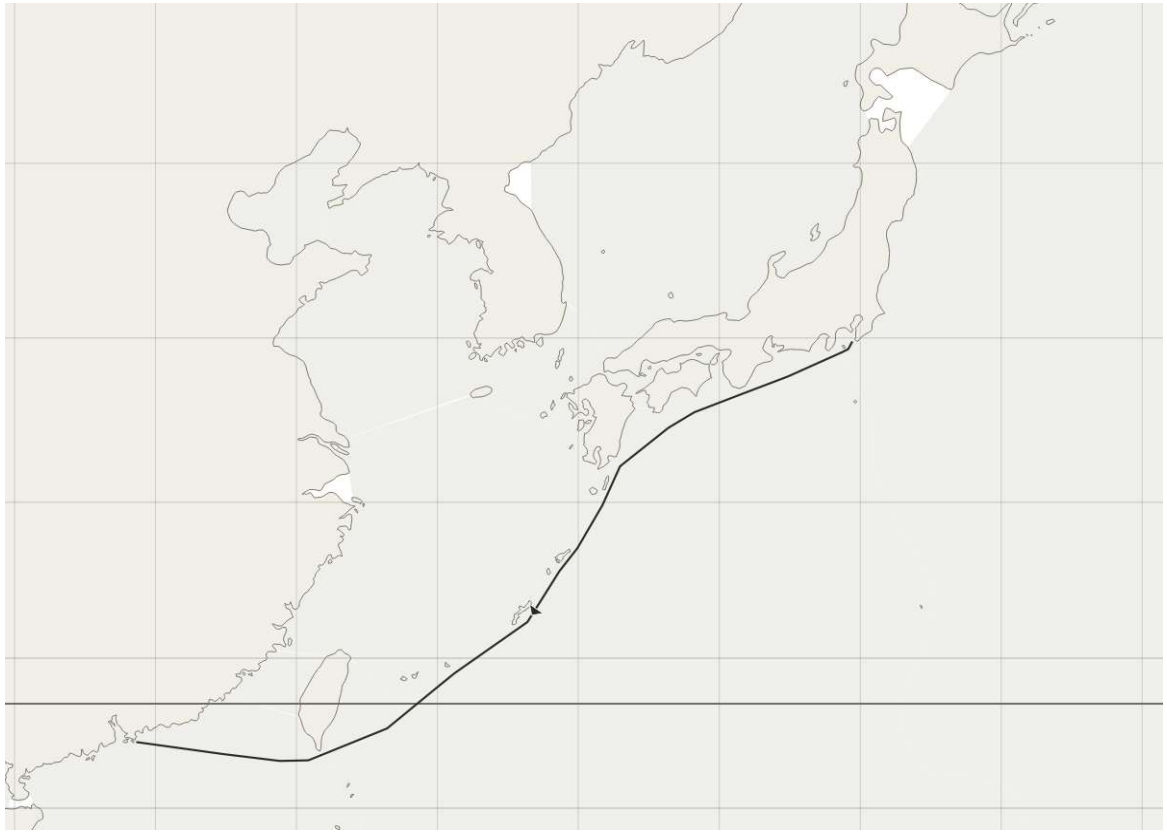




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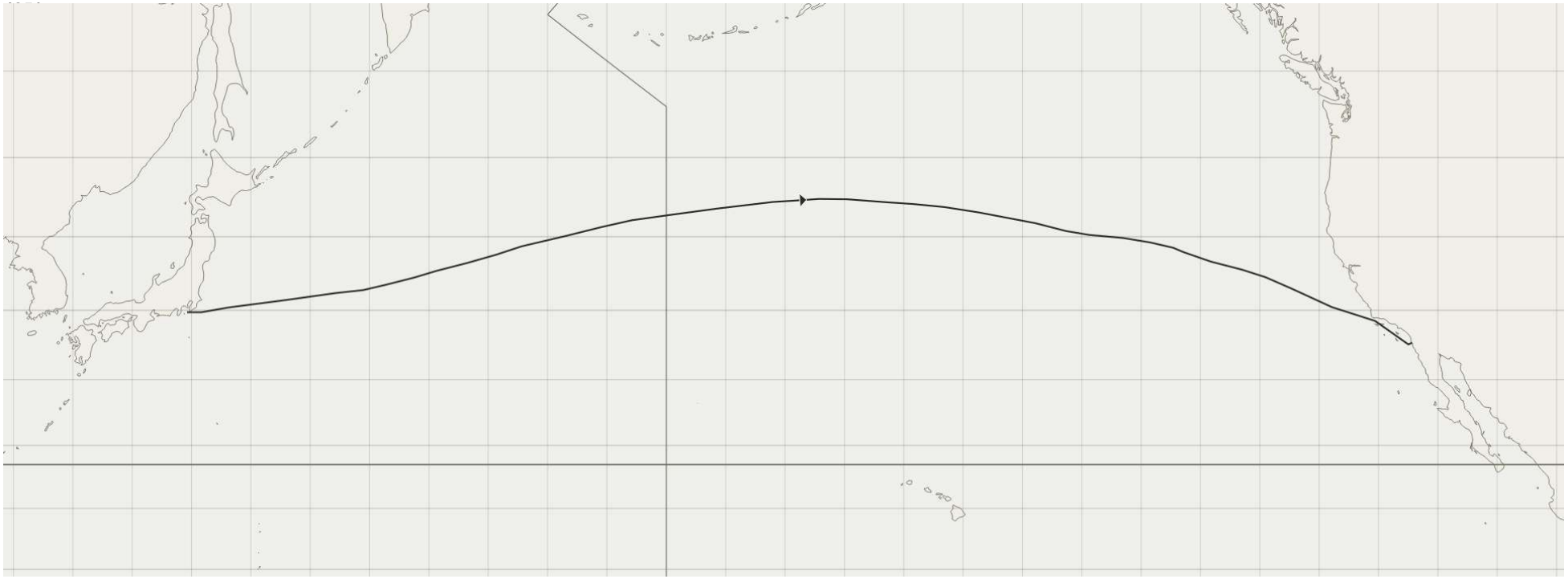
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| 1951 | July | 30 | Return to Yokosuka, Japan | 1) July 30th: "Yokosuka. 47 ships here, from battleships (New Jersey) to destroyers. Yokosuka is biggest Naval base east of Pearl Harbor."<br><br>2) Transfers off Calvert to Yokosuka and other locations.(July 30th and 31st) | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries.<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| **1951 - August** | | | | | |
| 1951 | August | 1 | Underway to Hong Kong | 1) Aug 1 - "submitted on sailing"<br><br>2) August 1st: "At sea. 90% of Japanese girls wear modern western styles and wooden sandals." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 4 | Underway to Hong Kong | August 4th: "At sea. Passed within 35 miles of Okinawa. I will have liberty every other day in Hong Kong." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |

**Yokosuka to Hong Kong**



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| **The crew of the Calvert earned the China Service Medal (extended), as part of the "Occupation and China service in the Far East" for the period - 6 to 13 August 1951.** | | | | | Online: http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm |
| 1951 | August | 6 | Hong Kong | August 6th: "Hong Kong, China. Had steak dinner - $12 versus $2 in America. Hong Kong is a modern city, over populated. Most people live in sampans." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 11 | Hong Kong | August 11th: "Hong Kong, China. This is really a busy port. Ships from every country come here - stay 3 days at most and leave. The naval ships are mostly British." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | eary to mid | Hong Kong | "Hong Kong for R&R. There the Capt. gave us all our own coffee mugs. I still use mine every day for coffee. " | Calversion Vol22, P3 - Paul E. Smith, who transferred off the Calvert in August 1952 bound for Little Creek Amphibious Training Base, Virginia. |
| 1951 | August | 13 | Hong Kong<br><br>Underway for Japan | 1) Aug 13 - "submitted on sailing"<br><br>2) August 13th: "Hong Kong. We leave today for Japan. We have really had a swell liberty here." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 19 | Yokosuka, Japan | August 19th: "Yokosuka. Arrived after 6 days at sea running from typhoon. On the 4th day we were on edge of storm. Waves 25-30 feet high. We bounced like a cork. Rolled 21 degrees on our side.<br><br>A P boat fell with 2 men on board. Men escaped. 1 hurt badly." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 20 | Yokosuka, Japan | August 20th: "Yokosuka. Divers went down for P boat. Raised from 55 feet of water. Boat cost $2,000 so they are worth salvaging." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 25 | Yokosuka, Japan | August 25th: "Yokosuka. Went to Tokyo last Wednesday." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | August | 26 | Yokosuka, Japan | 1) Embarked 196 passengers (Navy personnel, enlisted; Marines) - Naval Receiving Barracks, Headquarters Command, Navy No 3923<br>Submitted on sailing<br><br>2) Navy No 3923 was identification number for Yokosuku, Honshu, Japan | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) U.S. Naval Abbreviations, Naval History and Heritage Command |
| 1951 | August | 27 | Yokosuka<br>to<br>San Diego | The deployment lasted until August 27, 1951, when TransRon One returned to San Diego. | Calversion, Vol 16, P 5. - Lord Calvert Chronicle's "The Calvert Story" - 1964-02-29 |

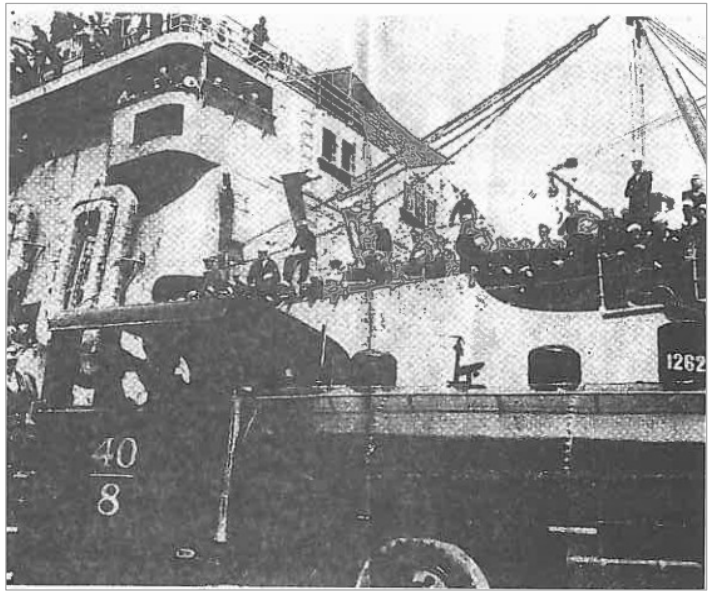
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| **Yokosuka to San Diego \| August 27 to September 8,** | | | | | |
| 1951 | August | 31 | International Date Line | 1) Crossing the International Date Line<br><br>2) August 31st: "At sea. On our way home with 17 Marine corpsmen. We are also carrying airplane engines so bad they can't be repaired." | 1) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |



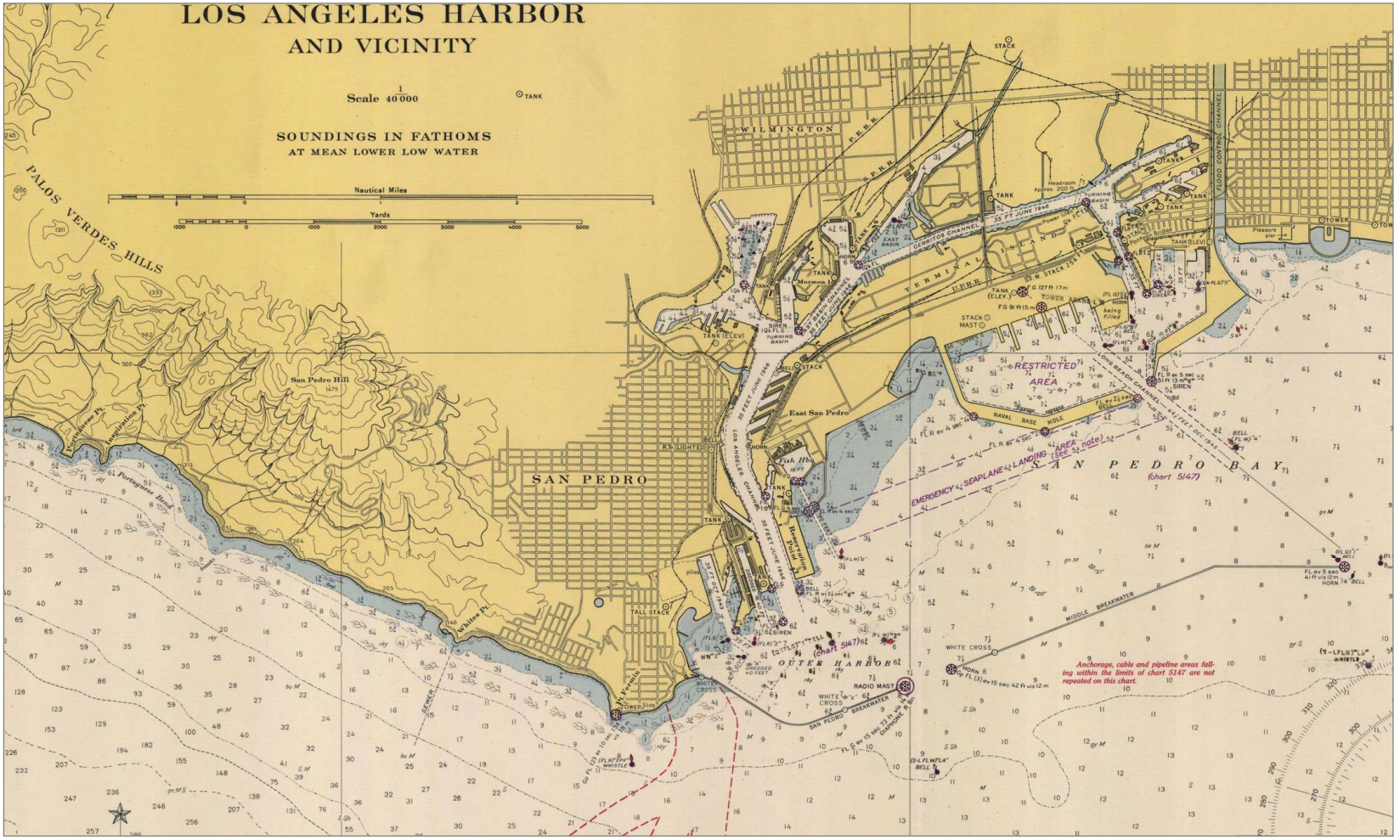
During the Calvert's Far East service, the Navy sent press releases to many of the crew member's local newspapers highlighting that crew member's experience "getting a 'sailor's eye' view' of the Orient aboard the amphibious attack transport, USS Calvert.", highlighting the Calvert's WWII-era service record, and the role of the Calvert in the far east: "the ship is now operating in the combat area in support of United Nations forces."

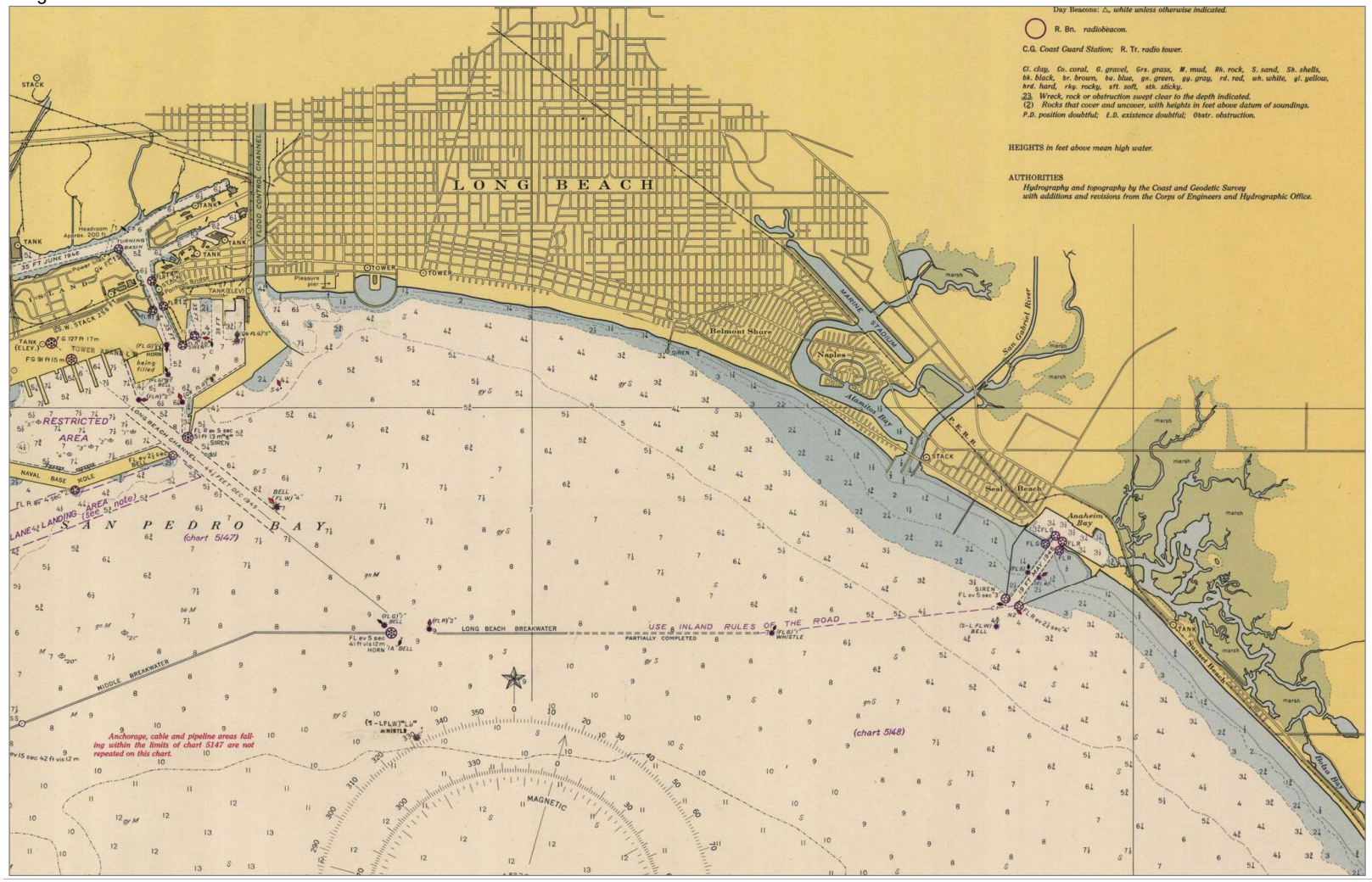
Example: Raymond Pierce On USS Calvert. Blade Tribune. July 2, 1951. Online: https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=BT19510702.1.4&srpos=4&e=-------en--20--1-byDA-txt-txIN-%22uss+calvert%22-------1

Various newspaper articles circa mid-1951 into early 1952

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| **September 8, 1951 - February 16, 1952 - West Coast, United States** | | | | | Calversion, Vol 16, p5 |
| 1951 | September | 8 | San Diego | 1) "Four navy ships from Korea were welcomed in San Diego harbor yesterday by American Legionnaires with screaming whistles, and by band music and brief speeches.<br><br>The ships were the attack transport Calvert and the patrol craft, PCEC 882, that tied up at Navy Pier, and the attack transport Magoffin and the high-speed transport Begor, that docked at North Island. ... Members of Underwater Demolition Team 3, the staff of Landing Ship Squadron 3, and crews of three utility landing ships returned aboard the Magoffin and Calvert."<br><br>2) Four More Ships Arrive After Far East Duty.<br>Four Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force ships arrived in their home port of San Diego Saturday () after several months of duty in the Far East. The ships were given the royal "welcome home" by thousands of relatives and friends. Music was provided by bands from the Cruiser-Destroyer Force and the Naval Amphibious Base. American Legion units in town for their state convention also took part in welcoming ceremonies. .... the Calvert at the north side of Navy Pier. | 1) Calversion V50, Page 5 - Legion Welcomes Vessels From Korea - San Diego Union - September 9, 1951 - via Ed Yoy<br><br>2) Coronado Eagle and Journal. Volume 38, Number 37. September 13, 1951 Online: https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=CJ19510913.2.32&srpos=5&e=-------en--20--1-byDA-txtIN-%22uss+calvert%22-------1 |
| 1951 | September | 8 | San Diego | The USS Calvert tied up at the Navy Pier, San Diego, September 8, 1951.<br>  <br> | Calversion V50, Page 5 - Legion Welcomes Vessels From Korea - San Diego Union - September 9, 1951 Provided by Ed Yoy |
| 1951 | September | 9 | San Diego | September 9th: "San Diego. The Calvert made the crossing in 13 days, 12 hours, and 25 minutes." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | September | 15 | San Diego | September 15th: "San Diego Bay. We have been eating good since we got to San Diego. Ten guys home on leave now." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |

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| 1951 | September | 17 | San Diego | September 17th: "San Diego. We are working like mad punching tubes in No. 1 boiler." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | October | 7 | San Diego | October 7th: "Pier 5, San Diego" | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | October | 14 - 18 | Camp Pendleton | **Phiblex 1 - Amphibious Exercise**<br><br>In October with units of the 3rd Regimental Combat Team, 3rd Marine Division embarked, the Calvert participated in Phiblex 1 at nearby Camp Pendleton.<br><br>2) October 18th: "At sea. Been out to sea 5 days. Same stuff - boat landings, gunnery practice and manuevering. Caught a 14" mackeral today!" | 1) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | October | 19 | San Diego | Crew transfers | USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | October | 21 | San Diego | October 21st: "We are tied up to a buoy. Have a four minute ride, boats run every hour. It's really easy to go on liberty." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 1 | San Diego Naval Air Station | **Change of Command**<br><br>1) Captain G.L. Purmort relieved Captain S.G. Kelly as commander of Transport Squadron One in ceremonies aboard the squadron flagship USS Calvert at Naval Air Station yesterday. | 1) San Diego Union, Friday, November 2, 1951, San Diego, CA, p25<br>Online:<br>https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=CJ19511101.2.76&srpos=6&e=-------en--20--1-byDA-txtIN-%22uss+calvert%22-------1 |
| 1951 | November | 3 | San Diego | November 3rd: "I am on watch and I figured up I have stood 92 watches from Feb 14th to Nov 5th. A total of 368 hours. These are auxillary watches in port, fire, buoys, and anchor." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 9 | Underway | Novemer 9th: "Left San Diego." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 10 | San Pedro | November 10th: "Arrived San Pedro at 1300. Loaded troops and supplies. 500 Marines are aboard." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 11 | San Pedro | November 11th: "Loaded cargo and more troops." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |

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| San Pedro | | | | | |
| | | | |  | Extract of chart: Los Angeles Harbor, No. 5143-5-1948<br>1:40,000 scale.<br>1948. US Coast & Geodetic Survey<br><br>Full chart available online:<br>https://www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/image.php?filename=5143-5-1948 |
| 1951 | November | 12 | Long Beach | 1) November 12th: "This morening we went to Long Beach and anchored with 3 other APAs. Loaded troops. Left to join other ships at midnight."<br><br>2) Embarked 346 Marine Personnel - Third Marine Air Wing | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |

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| Long Beach | | | | | |
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| 1951 | November | 13 | US Naval Ship Yard, Long Beach, CA. | November 13th: "We have with us 4 APAs, 4 destroyers, 2 APDs, 2 PCEC, 6 LST, 2 LSI, plus air support and a few jet planes."<br><br>Editor's note: Location cooraborated by an entry in the USS Burton Island (AGB-1) deck log for this date, November 1951, p28 | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries<br>2) National Archives online |

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| 1951 | November | 14 | Laguna Beach | November 14th: "At sea off California coast at Laguna Beach. Boats are practicing landing today." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 15 | Laguna Beach | 1) November 15th: "The Marines will land today."<br><br>2) Debarked 346 Marine Personnel - Third Marine Air Wing | 1) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries<br><br>2) USS Calvert's 1951 Personnel Diary |
| 1951 | November | 19 | Long Beach | Novemer 19th: "At sea, we are having operations at Long Beach. Reville at 1am and go off duty at 12 midnight. Some life." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 22 | San Diego (presumed) | November 22nd: "Thanksgiving day. Same as any other day except we had a good meal." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | November | 24 | San Diego | **Change of Command - Captain Josephus A. Robbins, USN, relieves Captain Glenn W. Legwen, USN, as Commanding Officer**<br><br>Josephus Amberg Robbins:<br>* Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1930. He retired as a U.S. Navy Rear Admiral.<br>* Awarded the Silver Star as Commander of the U.S.S. Taussig (DD-746). Action Date: April 15 & 16, 1945.<br>* Awarded the Legion of Merit as Commander of the U.S.S. Flusser (DD-368). Action date: June-December 1942 | Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) Online: https://valor.militarytimes.com/recipient/recipient-56325/<br><br>https://www.uboat.net/allies/commanders/4554.html |
| 1951 | November | 28 | San Diego | November 28th: "We are tearing down boilers and draining bilges." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1951 | December | | San Diego | 1) During December the Calvert's basketball team played in the Navy's Oceanic League in San Diego.<br>* Thursday, Dec 6th: the USS Calvert defeated the USS Bowfin, 44-30, in an Oceanic loop fracas.<br>* Saturday, Dec 8th: The USS McGofflin (sic) trimmed the USS Calvert, 37-34, at Navy Field.<br>* Monday, Dec 17th: USS Calvert 39, USS Agerholm 34<br>* Wednesday, Dec 19th USS Askari 47, USS Calvert 41<br><br>2)<br>* December 15th: "Our gunners shot 1886 rounds of 40mm shells, 1800 rounds of 20mm, and 519 rounds 5"38 cal. for practice today."<br>* December 17th: "Ship held blood drive."<br>* December 18th: "We are going out on open sea."<br>* December 25th: "San Diego. On duty all day." | 1) USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) San Diego Union, various dates December 1951<br><br>3) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | January | 8 | San Francisco? | Embarked 42 Naval Personnel for observing. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | January | 9 | San Diego? | Debarked 42 Naval Personnel for observing. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | January | | San Diego | The Calvert's basketball team continued competition in the Navy's Oceanic league in mid-to-late January:<br>Monday, Jan 14th: USS Calvert df, LSM 161, forfeit<br>Tuesday, Jan 29th: USS Magoffin 57, USS Calvert 46 | San Diego Union, various dates January 1951 |
| 1952 | February | 11 | San Diego | Embarked 41 passengers | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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| 1952 | February | 15 | San Diego | Debarked 41 passengers.<br>Embarked 58 civilian passengers<br>Embarked 15 Naval personnel<br>Embarked 351 Marine personnel - Marine Fighter Squadron 235, Marine Aircraft Group 13 | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

## To Hawaii for Overhaul and Family Cruise - February 16, 1952 to May 14, 1952

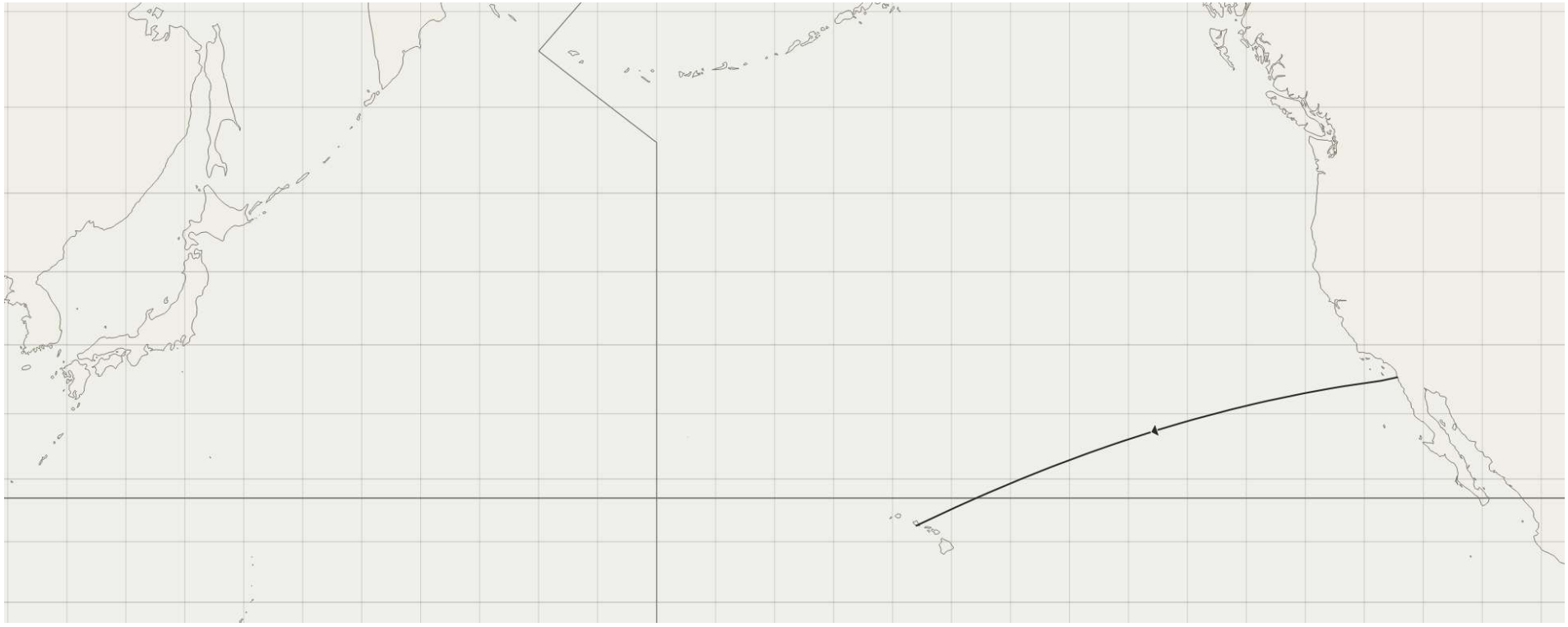
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"In 1952 the USS Calvert was ordered to Pearl Harbor for overhaul. This time instead of staying home and waiting patiently (?) for the ship to return the families went along. Approximately one hundred and ten women and children sailed aboard the ship and with her men. The USS Calvert became a floating hotel and nursery.

At Pearl Harbor while the ship underwent overhaul, the families moved into a housing area on the beach for six wonderful weeks. What a glorious vacation for those families and what a perfect spot in which to spend it."

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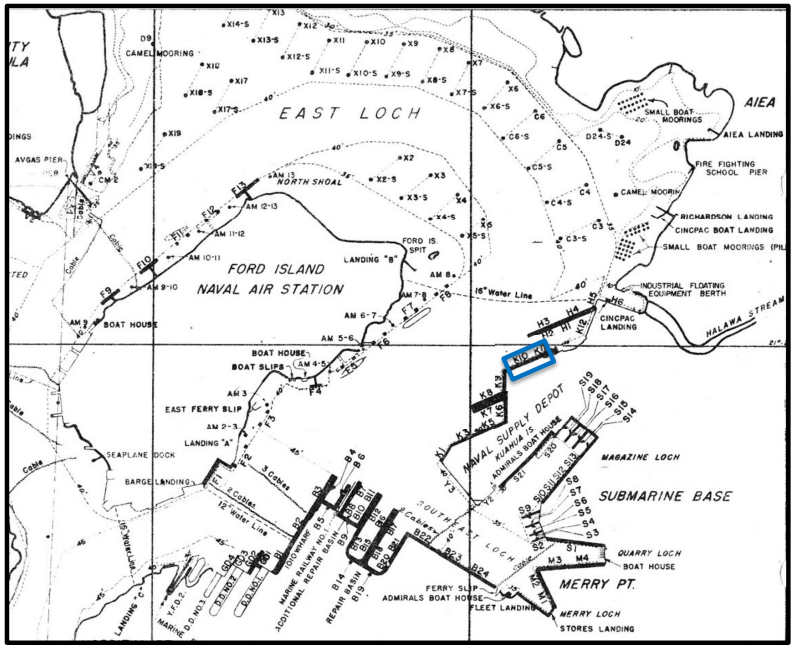
**San Diego to Hawaii | February 16 - February 23, 1952**



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| 1952 | February | 16 | San Diego | Sailing | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

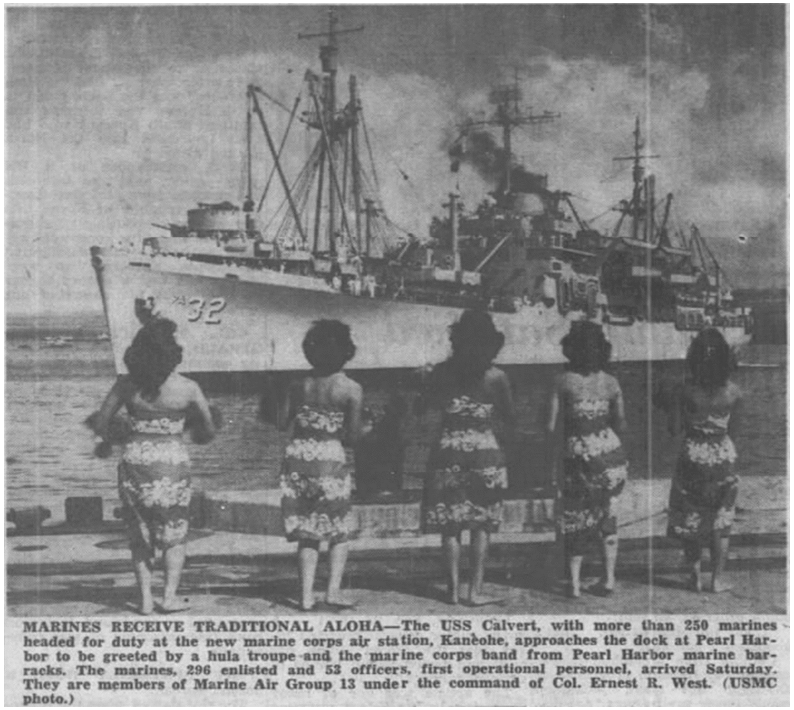
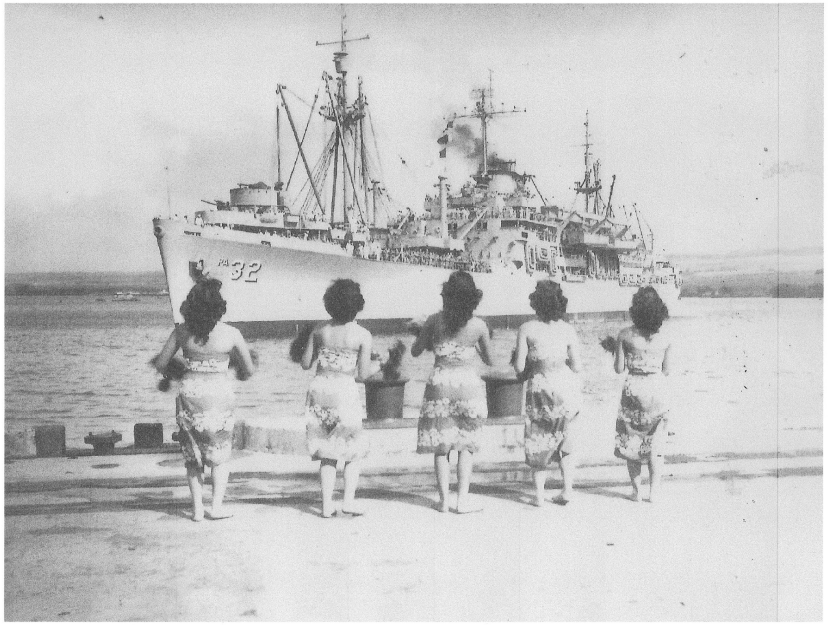
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| 1952 | February | 16 -23 | San Diego<br>to<br>Pearl Harbor | Febryary 18th: "At sea on way to Pearl Harbor. Sea rough and many of our passengers are sick. We are making 16.5 knots."<br><br>February 20th: "At sea. Temp in fireroom is 100. We are averaging 16 knots." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | February | 23 | Pearl Harbor | 1) Debarked 58 civilian passengers<br>Debarked 15 Naval personnel<br>Debarked 351 Marine personnel - Marine Fighter Squadron 235, Marine Aircraft Group 13<br>Embarked 75 Marine personnel<br><br>2) <u>K-10 Dock. 250 Marines of Air Group 13, underway to Kaneobe. Greeted by Hula troupe.</u><br>First Group of Marines Here for New Base:<br>The advance echelon of a 1,000-man Marine air group arrived at Pearl Harbor Saturday and the group commander said his outfit will be flying off Kaneohe aid station "within three weeks." More than 300 officers and men tied up at K-10 dock at 10:30 aboard the transport USS Calvert while the Marine barracks band blared a welcome and a hula troupe danced.<br><br>The Marines, 296 enlisted and 53 officers, first operational personnel, arrived Saturday. They are members of Marine Air Group 13 under the command of Col. Ernest R. West (USMC). | 1) USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) Calversion V10, Page 3 - Full volume dedicated to early 50s. |

**The Calvert's docking location K10, Pearl Harbor, indicated by blue rectangle - Oahu, T.H. Mooring and Berthing Chart**



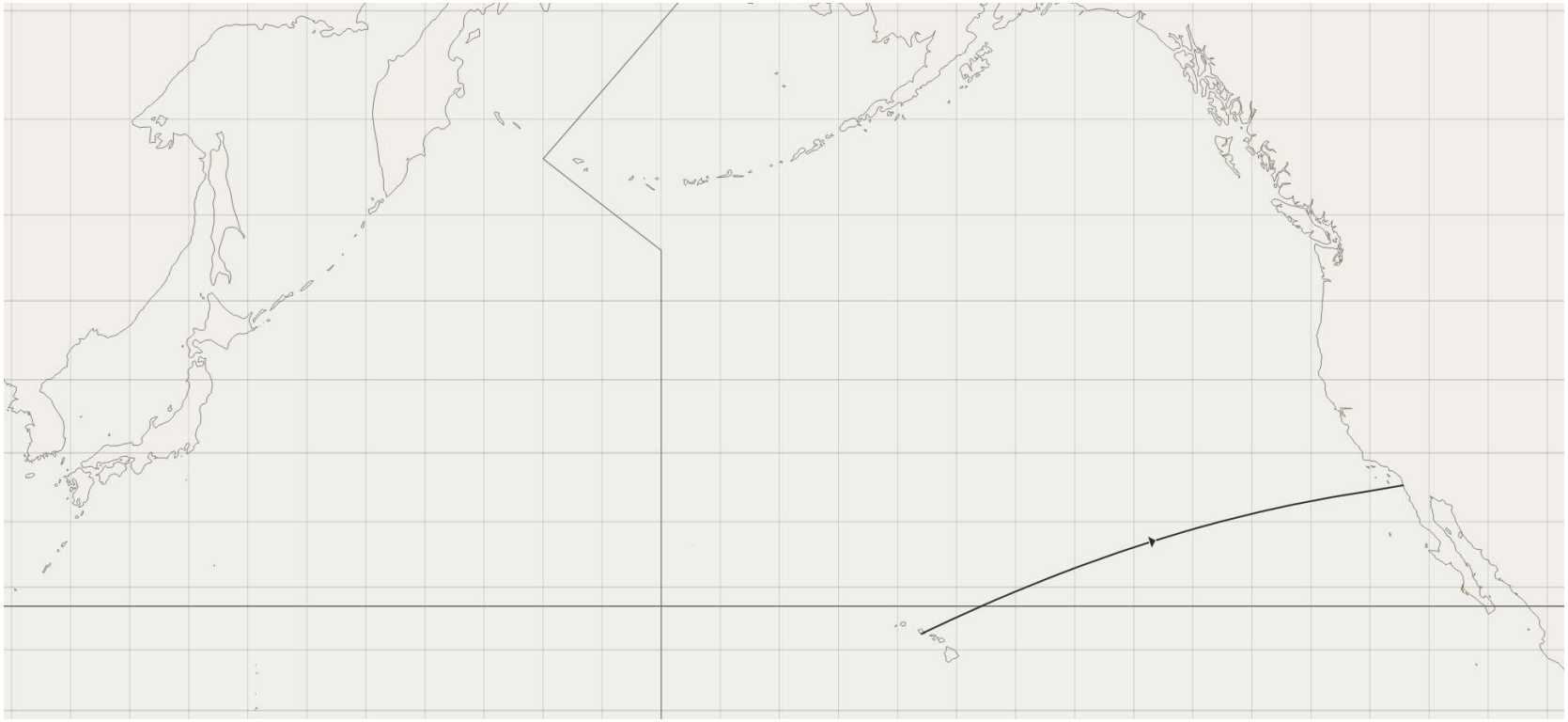

Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. Moorings, Berths, and Aids to Navigation.

Pearl Harbor Mooring Plan, 1946
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| | | | |  MARINES RECEIVE TRADITIONAL ALOHA—The USS Calvert, with more than 250 marines headed for duty at the new marine corps air station, Kaneohe, approaches the dock at Pearl Harbor to be greeted by a hula troupe and the marine corps band from Pearl Harbor marine barracks. The marines, 296 enlisted and 53 officers, first operational personnel, arrived Saturday. They are members of Marine Air Group 13 under the command of Col. Ernest R. West. (USMC photo.)  | Left: Calversion V10, p3<br>Photo from The Honolulu Sunday Advertiser, Sunday, February 24, 1952, p35<br><br>Online: http://www.usscalvert.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/USSCalvertAPA-32-1952-Feb-Pearl-Harbor-Hawaii.jpg<br><br>Right: Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd Class, 1951-1953. |
| **Shipy Overhaul - Pearl Harbor - February 27, 1952 - May 2, 1952** | | | | | Cullen, Page 20 |
| 1952 | March & April | | Pearl Harbor, US Naval Ship Yard | March 6th: "We have been working hard in fireroom. Always something to do."<br><br>March 14th: "We moved to dry dock on Tuesday*." - *Note: Tuesday, March 11th.<br><br>March 15th: "Still painting the fireroom."<br><br>March 16th: "Had Captain's Inspection from 8 to 10:30. We marched off the ship by division and stood at attention along dock."<br><br>April 22: "Had a trial run today. We had generator, feed pump trouble. Quite a day. I do more work since making 3rd Class than when I was fireman." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | May | 1 | Pearl Harbor, US Naval Ship Yard | USS Grapple (ARS-7) - dry docked, in company with USS Calvert. | USS Grapple (ARS-7) - Log Book - p5 - https://catalog.archives.gov/id/146188543 |
| 1952 | May | 6 | Pearl Harbor, US Naval Ship Yard | Embarked 54 civilian passengers. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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| 1952 | May | 13 | Underway to San Diego | 1) "Submitted on sailing"<br><br>2) May 13th: "They say we will have 3 weeks of this routine when we get back to San Diegot and no leave. Due in S.D. Wednesday." | 1) USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |

**Hawaii to San Diego| Early May to May 14**



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| 1952 | May | 13 - 14 | Underway to San Diego | May 13th: "They say we will have 3 weeks of this routine when we get back to San Diegot and no leave. Due in S.D. Wednesday."<br><br>May 14th: "I am enclosing a daily schedule of what I do on the USS Calvert.<br>0000 - 0400 On watch \| 0400 - 0530 Sleep<br>0530 - 0645 General Quarters and other drills \| 0700 - 0730 Breakfast<br>0730 - 0745 Quarters for muster \| 0745 - 0800 Turn to (Get to work)<br>0800 - 1130 Work if no drills. Usually 1-to-6 drills. \| 1130 - 1230 Dinner<br>1200 - 1600 On watch \| 1600 - 1645 ???<br>1700 - 1730 Supper \| 1730 - 2000 Sleep \| 2000 - 2200 Drills<br>2200 - 2330 Sleep if I can, but usually can't"<br><br>"Some daily routine isn't it. Its beedn this way since we left. As soon as we get to San Diego we go on 3 weeks of it. During this time there will be no leave. | John L. Cole's diary. Personal letter. |
| 1952 | May | 14 | San Diego | 1) Debarked 54 Civilian passengers.<br><br>2) The Calvert returned to San Diego where she entered an upkeep and training period. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| **May 14, 1952 to October 25, 1952 - West Coast, United States - Advanced amphibious training for boat crews** | | | | | |
| 1952 | June | 6 | San Diego area | June 6: "At sea. This is last day of 3 weeks of underway training. We have really had a rugged time." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | June | Early (presumed) | San Diego area | "I do remember Capt Robbins sending us his initials in morse code with the spotlight on his car when he wanted the gig to come pick him up when we were in port in San Diego. Also in San Diego, we were coming in from a sea trial and nosing into a nest of destroyers, and we actually hit one." | Calversion V11, p3 - Ross Hornbuckle |
| 1952 | June | 10 | San Diego | **A young cremember dies in a tragic fall his first night aboard the Calvert**<br><br>1) <u>Dies in Fall</u><br>Navy man John Roybal was killed instantly June 10 in a fall aboard the USS Calvert. Roybal, 18, enlisted in the Navy January, 1952.<br><br>2) "I remember the '52 incident when a fellow SA was walking ahead of me coming back from liberty and fell thru an open hatch - from the first deck to the bottom ..." - Gerald "Red" Ford 4/52 - 2/55<br><br>3) "A shipmate fell to his death in the forward hole" - Calversion V11, p3 - Ross Hornbuckle<br><br>4) "There were 13 of us, our first night aboard. The ship was short of men. The deck was not clear of lines and cables, and the hold cover had not been closed as it should have been. When he fell into the hold, he hit a tractor below." | 1) The Santa Fe New Mexican. June 13, 1952. p3.<br><br>2) Calversion, Vol 47, p5 - Gerald Ford<br><br>3) Calversion V11, p3 - Ross Hornbuckle<br><br>4) Interview, 2014 Crew Reunion: Bob Upton, Signalman, '52-'55 |
| 1952 | June | 18 | San Diego | 1) Embarked 116 military personnel.<br>2) Boat Teams - US Naval Amphibious Training Unit - US Naval Amphibious Base - Coronado, San Diego | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | June | 19 | San Diego | 1) Debarked 115 military personnel.<br>2) Boat Teams - US Naval Amphibious Training Unit - US Naval Amphibious Base - Coronado, San Diego | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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**The Calvert's boat crews pursue the Navy's new Assault Boat Coxswain distinguishing mark.**

During mid-to-late 1952 members of the Calvert's boat crews underwent boat training exercises and testing at the Coronado Naval Amphibious Base, San Diego. Each participant worked hard in pursuit of a new distinguishing mark, that of an Assault Boat Coxswain.

"The assault boat coxswain is a "skipper" and commands his assault craft in a vital phase of any amphibious operation. The ultimate success of any amphibious landing on an enemy-held beach is dependent upon the ability of the coxswain to transport men and material from ships to shore.

Personnel in the Pacific area wearing the insignia will be graduates of the Assault Boat Coxswain's School at the Coronado Naval Amphibious Base.

San Diego Union. Sunday, Aug 10, 1952. p20.



COMPHIBPAC, Vice Admiral Ingolf N. Kiland, USN, presents ABC insigne to Richard Andrews, BM3.

"Now appearing on the right arm of qualified assault boat coxswains is their special distinguishing mark. It consists of crossed anchors with an arrow head superimposed on the shanks. First man to be awarded the ABC distinguishing mark is Richard Andrews, BM3, USN, attached to the flag allowance of Commander Transport Squadron One. The presentation was made at the head quarters of Vice Admiral Ingolf N. Kiland, Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force Commander.

ABC qualifications are by no means a snap (see All Hands, August 1952, p. 34), but then again, Andrews is no stranger to assault boat coxswain operations. ... Early this year, Andrews completed the boat training course at the Coronado, Calif. amphibious base, qualifying as Assault Boat Coxswain (NJC BM-0164). He qualified for the ABC designation while serving aboard the USS Calvert (APA-32), flagship of Transport Squadron One.

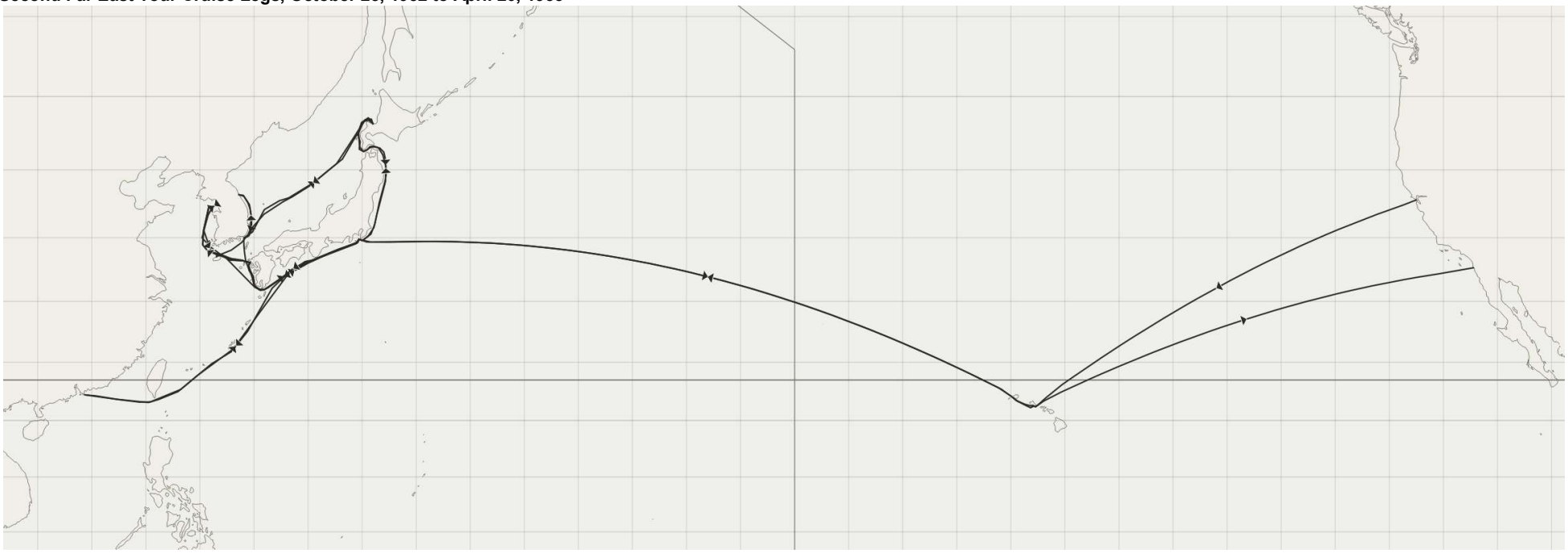
All Hands. December 1952. p39.

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| Robert B Hile's Assault Boat Coxswain marlinspike insignia.  | | | | Indiana Sailor In Training As Navy Assault Coxswain<br>"Pacific Fleet (FHTNC) - An assault coxswain aboard the attack transport USS Calvert is Robert B. Hile, boatswain's mate third class, USN.<br><br>Assault boat coxswains are the kingpins of a Naval amphibious landing. The process of transferring the troops from ship to shore, plus bearing the responsibility of his crew, is in the hands of the coxswain.<br><br>A trained man in the elements of safety and timing, the coxswain heads the three man crew of an amphibious craft, consisting of himself, a bow hook, and an engineer. In his boat, the coxswain is in command and his orders to his crew and the troops embarked in the craft are followed precisely for a safe an effective operation.<br><br>Before a man is ready to fulfill his job as a coxswain in the "amphib", he must pass a written test, and accumulate many hours of practical experience in his boat. Many of these potential coxswains are sent to a four week assault boat coxswain school, where they are taught the elements of their craft from stem to stern, and acquire a thorough knowledge of water survival. After a series of instructions, lectures, and many hours of practicing in the boats, the coxswain is ready to do his part in an amphibious assault.<br><br>The landing craft are lowered into the water. Coxswains check their crews for battle helmets, and kapok life jackets. They make certain broaching line and "ramp jiggers" are rigged. They check and re-check all the security devices upon which the safety and proper execution of the landing depend. | The Indiana Evening Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Wednesday, July 8, 1953<br><br>Robert B. Hile, BM3, collection<br>Online:<br>http://www.usscalvert.com/2020/05/10/robert-b-hile-bm3-1950-1954/ |
| ... continued | | | | Everything in readiness for the landing, coxswains direct their boats to the assembly circle, where they move circularly until the order is given by the boat commander to pick up troops. The command is sent out, and the boats come alongside the ship, where troops and equipment are debarked. A steady stream of battle clad marines scamper down the webbed cargo nets into the landing boats, while booms aboard the large Navy vessel lower mechanized equipment. The loading completed, coxswains head their boats to the rendezvous area.<br><br>A signal is given and the first wave of assault boats, usually five in number, head for the beach. All is silent for a matter of minutes, then the landing craft are jarred to a standstill on the beach and coxswains waste no time; ramps are lowered, troops discharged, and coxswains turn their bows homeward.<br><br>However, the coxswains and boat crews are not yet finished in their phase of the operation. There are more troops and equipment to be transported.<br><br>The entire operation may last several days and nights, and when at last the final trip has been made, and the coxswains direct their boats toward the ship for the last time, they above all know that a job hs been done, and done well." | The Indiana Evening Gazette, Indiana, Pennsylvania. Wednesday, July 8, 1953 |
| 1952 | June | 23 | San Diego area (presumed) | June 23 - Embarked 2 Naval personnel. Submitted on Sailing.<br><br>June 24 - Debarked 2 Naval personnel. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | July | | San Diego (presumed) | No "submitted on sailing" notations or other material changes in Personnel Diary for July and August, 1952. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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| 1952 | July | | San Diego | **"Buoy snatcher" gets a new screw**<br><br>1) "We also got the name in San Diego as *Buoy Snatcher*. We cut too close to a tied up Tin-can."<br><br>2) "Do you remember hitting the buoy in San Diego harbor with the screw and laying along side the dock so long we were called *Building 32*?"<br><br>3) July 10th: "San Diego - Ship is out of dry dock. Now has a new screw." | 1) Calversion V7, p4 - Drew Mills<br><br>2) Calversion V11, p3 - Ross Hornbuckle<br><br>3) John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | July | 31 | San Diego | **Transport Squadron One - Change of Command Ceremony**<br><br>July 31, 1952 - Capt. Robert W. Cavenagh, USN, took command of Transport Squadron One in ceremonies aboard the attack transport Calvert yesterday (July 31st), relieving Capt. George Lawrence Purmont, USN. | Capt. Cavenagh Takes Command Of Transport One. San Diego Union. Friday, August 1, 1952. p5 |
| 1952 | August | 25 | San Diego (presumed) | August 25th: "Saturday we had a ship picnic. Pitched horseshoes. It was held at some Admiral's shack." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | August | 30 | San Diego (presumed) | August 30th: "Had fire aboard ship Wednesday in No. 4 hold." | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | September | 13 | San Diego | September 13th: "Left yard at San Diego and tied up to buoy 40-41. Put out fire in lower level of Engine Room."<br><br>**John Cole is transferred to the USS Eldorado**<br>Editor's note: A few days after this entry, John Cole transferred off the Calvert to the USS Eldorado. In 1979 he would form the USS Calvert Associates reunion group and host the innagural reunion event later that year. | John L. Cole's diary. Selected entries |
| 1952 | September | 15 | San Diego area (presumed) | Submitted on sailing | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | September | 22 | San Diego area (presumed) | Embarked 3 Naval Personnel<br>Submitted on sailing | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | September | 26 | San Diego area (presumed) | Debarked 3 Naval Personnel | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | September | 28 | San Diego area (presumed) | Embarked 132 military personnel. 3rd Marines. H&SC, SigCo, 3d Eng, AmTrac, Div Band, 4.2 Mortar Co. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | September | 30 | San Diego | Embarked 449 military personnel - 3rd Marines: HQ and Service Company, 3rd Amtrac Battalion, "A"Company, 3rd Shore Party Battalion, Anti-Tank Company, "A"Company 3rd Motor Transport, "A" Company 3rd Tank Battalion, Signal Battalion. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | October | 3 | San Diego area (presumed) | Submitted on sailing | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | October | 9 | San Diego area (presumed) | Embarked 2 military personnel. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | October | 10 | San Diego area (presumed) | Debarked 593 personnel. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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| 1952 | October | 18 | San Diego | **Change of Command - Captain Leon F. Freiburghouse, USN relieves Captain Josephus A. Robbins, USN**<br><br>2) Freiburghouse Set For New Duty<br>Capt. Leonard F. Freiburghouse, USN, has received orders to San Diego, where after two weeks of amphibious schooling, he will take command of the USS Calvert.<br><br>Head of the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery at the United States Naval Academy here since December, 1949, he will be detached about September 1. Assigned ordnance duties since 1932, Captain Freiburghouse is considered an authority in that field. A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1928, he worked primarily with underwater ordnance and mines before coming to Annapolis.<br><br>During World War II he worked in the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance heading mine production. Later, in 1944, he commanded Mine Squadron 12, which was assigned the task of clearing enemy mines prior to the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, for which he received the Navy Commendation Ribbon and the Bronze Star Medal. | Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) The Evening Sun. Baltimore, Maryland. September 10, 1952. p32. |
| **Second Far East Tour , Flagship, Commander Transport Division 13 - October 25, 1952 to April 20, 1953 \| Including Service in Korea** | | | | | Cullen, Page 20 |

**Second Far East Tour Cruise Legs, October 25, 1952 to April 20, 1953**



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| 1952 | October | 26 - 28 | San Diego<br>to<br>San Francisco | 436 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet: United States Ship, CALVERT = APA-32, Dates and Ports pamphlet |

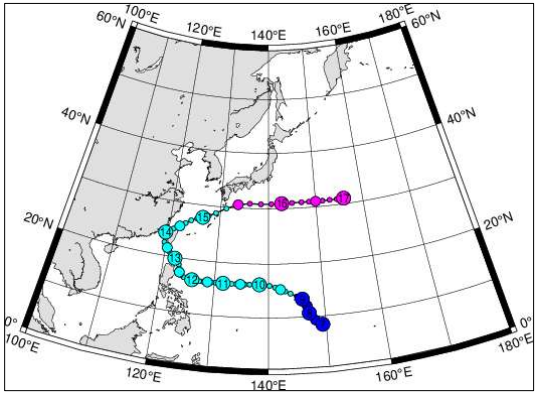
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| 1952 | October | 28 - 29 | San Francisco | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1952 | October 29 - November 14 | | San Francisco<br>to<br>Pearl Harbor<br>to<br>Yokosuka | 1) October 29: "Submitted on sailing"<br>2) The crossing was made via San Francisco and Pearl Harbor.<br>1) Nov 7th - Crossing the International Date Line<br>3) 5,010 nautical miles | 1) USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br>2) Cullen, Page 20<br>3) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1952 | November | 14 - 24 | Yokosuka | November 21: Embarked 197 military personnel.<br>November 22: Embarked 95 military personnel. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

**Riding out Typhoons Bess and Carmen**

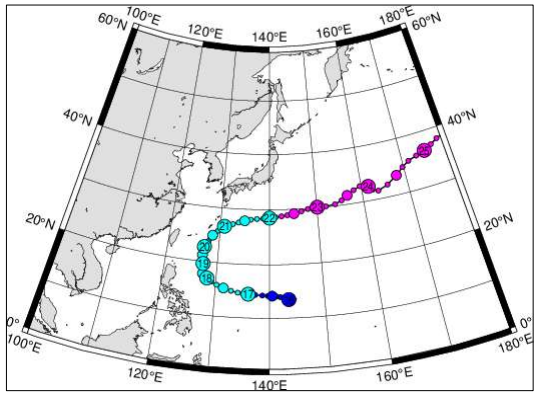
During the mid-to-late November timeframe the crew of the Calvert experienced at two Typhoons which skirted south of Yokosuka. Bess and Carmen. 1) Paul Marianetti, Calversion, Vol 41, P2

1) "... riding out a bitch of a typhoon in '52 as the flagship in Comtransdiv 13."

**Track of Typhoon Bess**
The Calvert arrived in Yokosuka on November 14, just as Bess was making her way northeast towards Japan.




**Track of Typhoon Carmen**
The Calvert rode out Carmen, November 21-22, while still in Yokosuka.



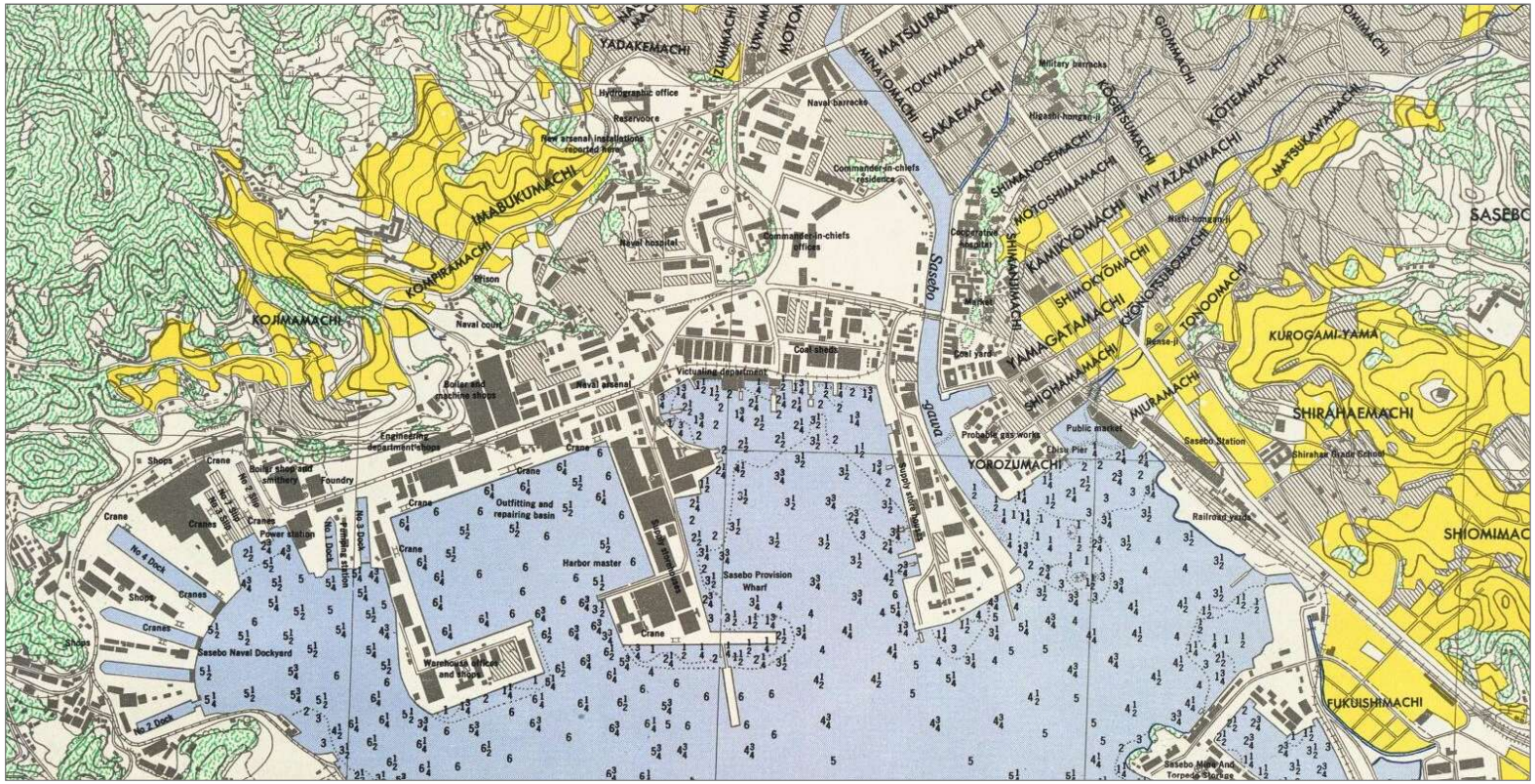

1) Bess - Nov 9 - 15 - https://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/digital-typhoon/summary/wnp/s/195221.html.en

2) Carmen - Nov 17-22 - https://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/digital-typhoon/summary/wnp/s/195222.html.en

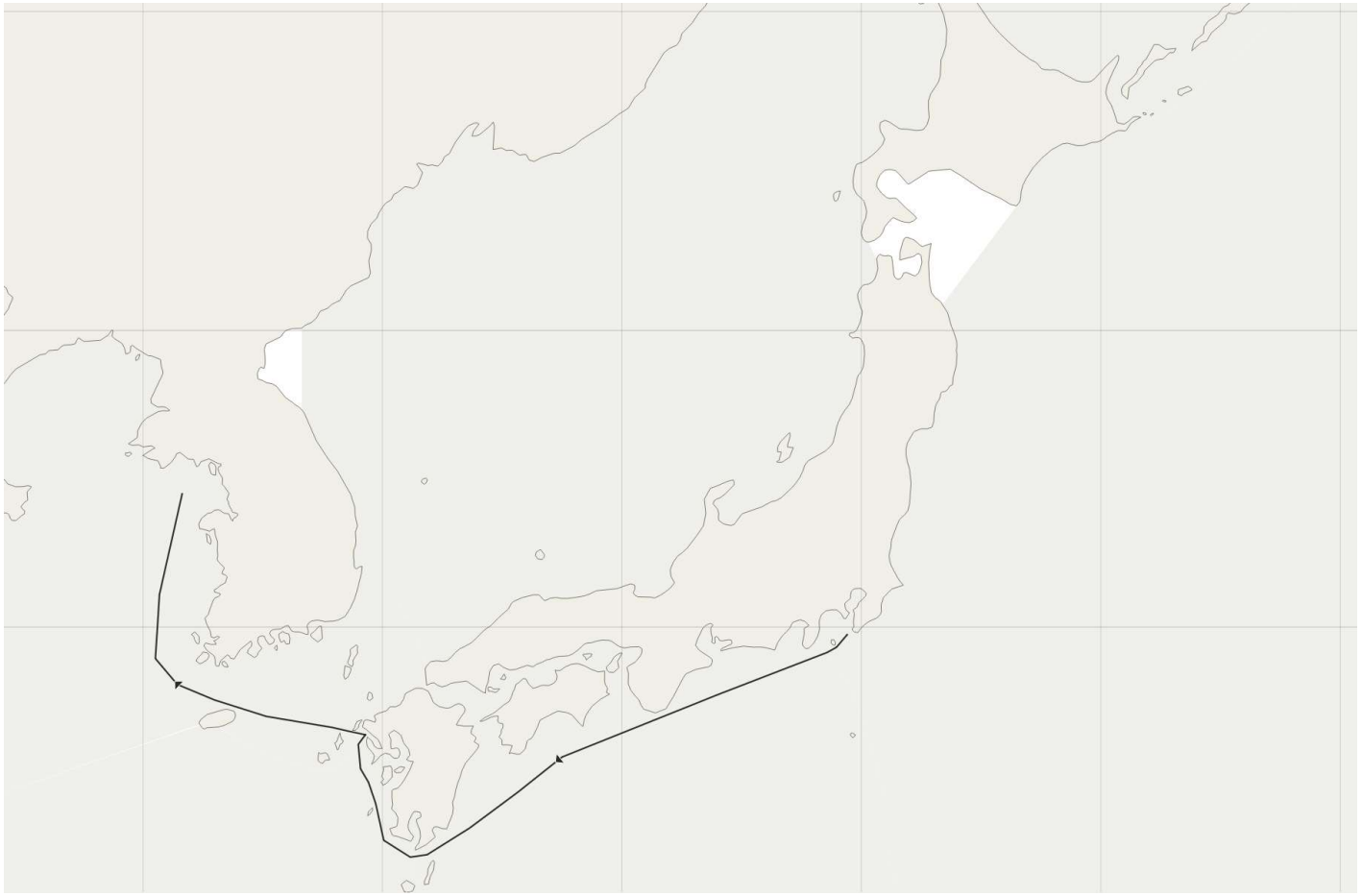
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| 1952 | November | 24 - 26 | Yokosuka<br>to<br>Sasebo, Japan | 715 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1952 | November | 26 - 28 | Sasebo, Japan | Debarked 298 military personnel. | USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |

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Sasebo, Japan




Original Source:
http://www.mansell.com/pow_resources/camplists/fukuoka/fuku_18_sasebo/sasebo_history/sasebo_history.html

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| **Yokosuka to Sasebo, November 24-26 \| Sasebo to Incheon, Korea, November 28-30** | | | | | |
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| 1952 | November | 28 - 30 | Sasebo<br>to<br>Incheon, Korea | 509 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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**Marine Landing Exercises (Marlex) 11 and 12 - Incheon area, and Tokchock Islands, Korea - Late November to Mid-December, 1952**

1) "During the latter part of November and early December 1952, the Calvert with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division embarked, participated in Marlex 11 and Marlex 12 at Tokchock-To, Korea."

2) "In December 1952, Marines boarded Calvert at Inchon, Korea for a landing exercise (Marlex 12) in the China Sea. Roaming on deck, I saw a line with flags attached. Thinking I needed one; it was a cold windy night.

The flag measures 24" on the side and the length to the end of the swallowtail tips is 32". The two outer stripes are red and the rest is white or natural color. The side has two grommets and on one side is commercially printed "Division Commander on Board."

I had my field radio section of the 3rd Bat. 7th Marines sign it. Eighteen marines signed their names on the inner part of the flag: Roger Langen, Robert Baumann, Harrol Jones, Don Swanson, Styrl Sharp Jr., Ray Yoder, Lou Elliot, John A. Li?h, Mike Rabasca, 'Skip' Anderson, Woody Cannon, Bob Vergachick, Merle L. Rolan, Earl L. Nishimlira, Jim Nissen, Charlie Thompson, Carl Portall, and Phil Plentzas. In the middle, was hand printed in large letters U.S.S. Calvert."

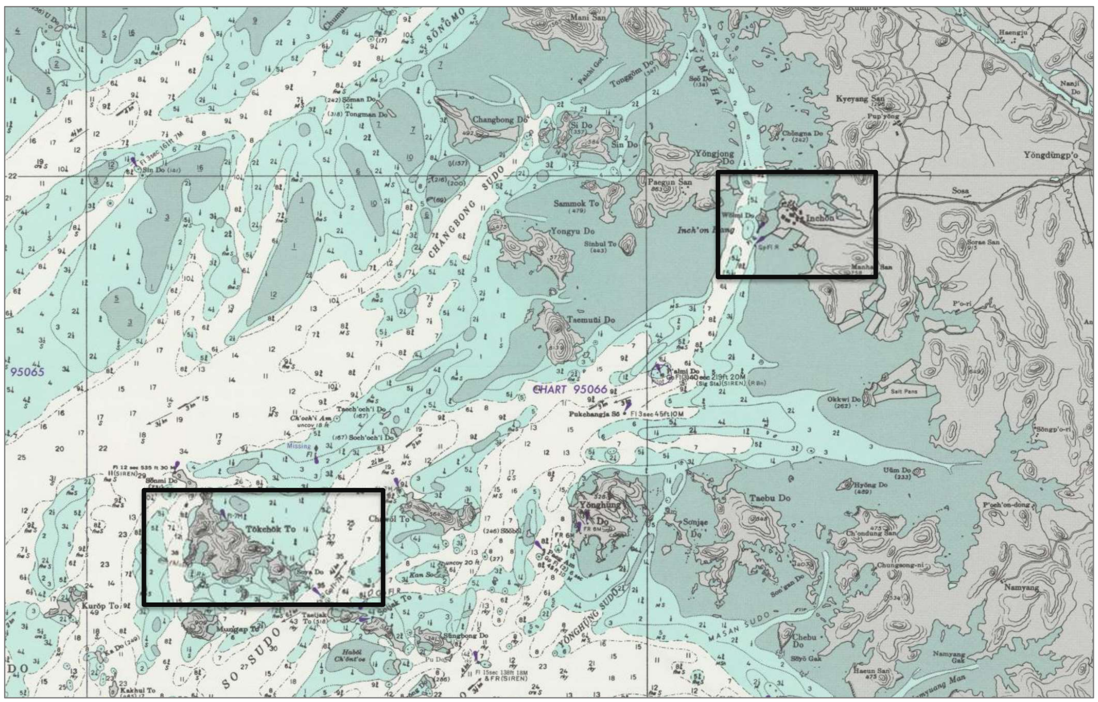
1) Cullen, Page 20

2) Calversion, Vo 75, P6 - Roger Langen, Marines

**The Calvert and her crew, and embarked Marines, earned the following Korean campaign ribbons between the period November 30 to December 19, 1952**
* November 30: Korean Defense Summer - Fall 1952 Campaign Ribbon.
* December 1 to 4: Third Korean Winter Campaign Ribbon. Presumably, Marlex 11 took place during this time.
* December 12 to 19: Third Korean Winter Campaign, Marlex 12.

Navsource Online:
http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm

Inchon, Korea and Tokchock Island indicated by black rectangles. Inchon: Northeast rectangle | Tokchock Island: Southeast rectangle



Extract of chart Inchon, North West Coast, South Korea
- Asia : Korea-west coast : Taech'ong Kundo to Kyongnyolbi Yolto
- Collection: Pacific Basin Nautical Charts
- Creation Date: 1950-05-01
- Date Issued: 1975-02-15
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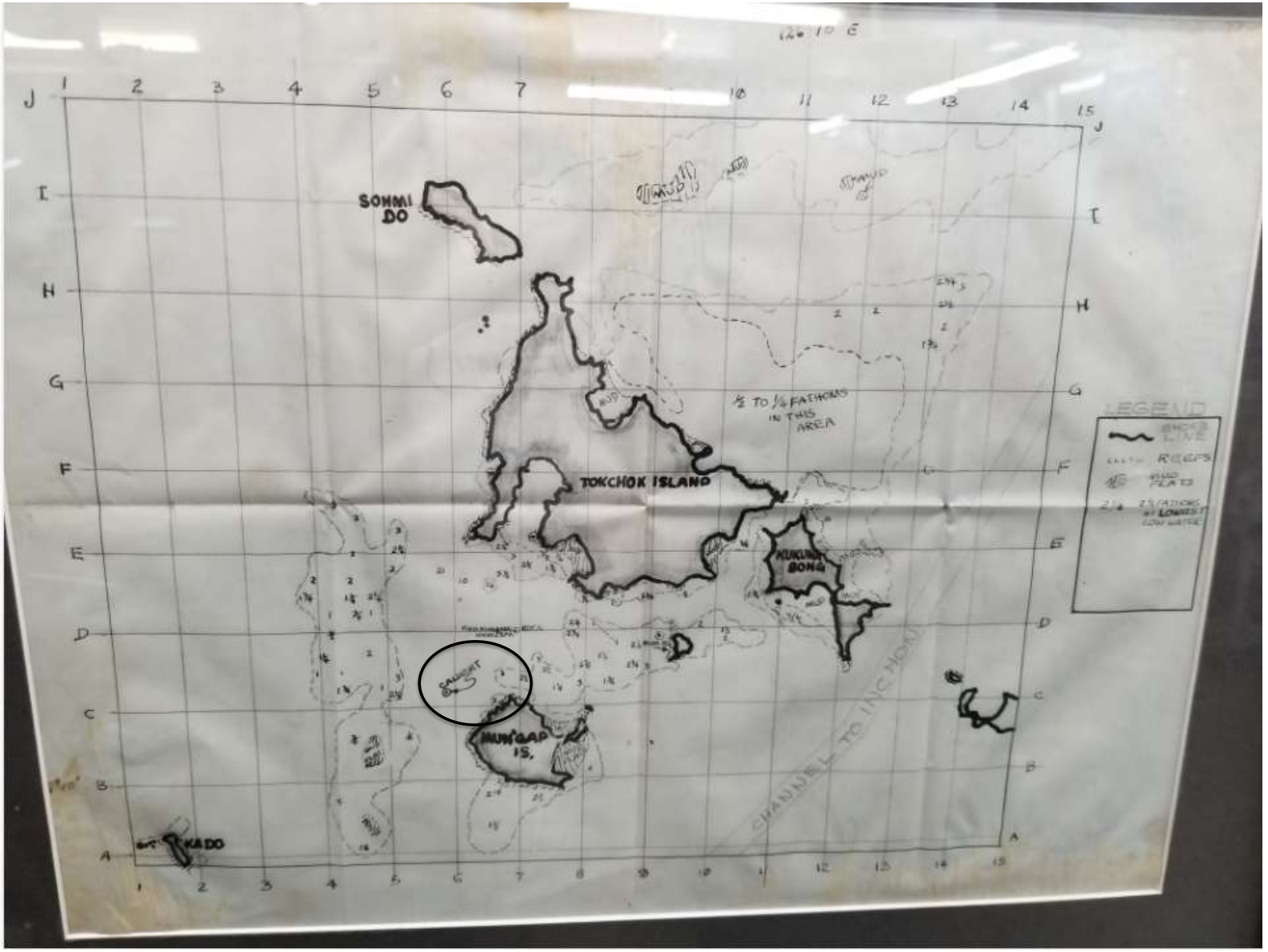
A note on Korean geographical names for the Calvert's time in Korean waters.

'Source: National Institute of the Korean Language style | Modified McCune-Reisehauer style

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McCune%E2

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Marlex 12 at Tokchock, Korea - Hand-drawn map, Tokchock Island Group (Deokjeok Island), December 1952. The Calvert's position is indicated by the black oval.

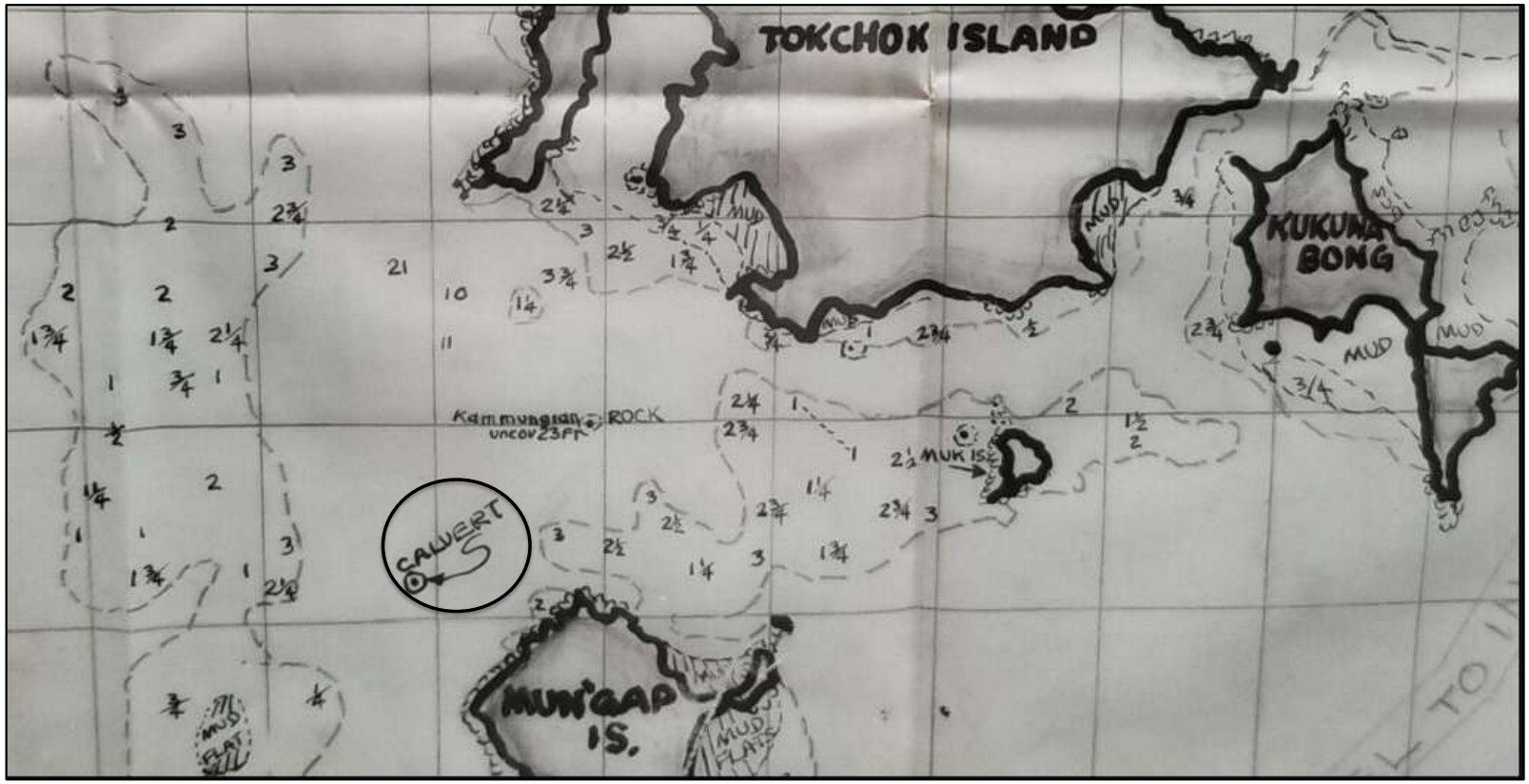



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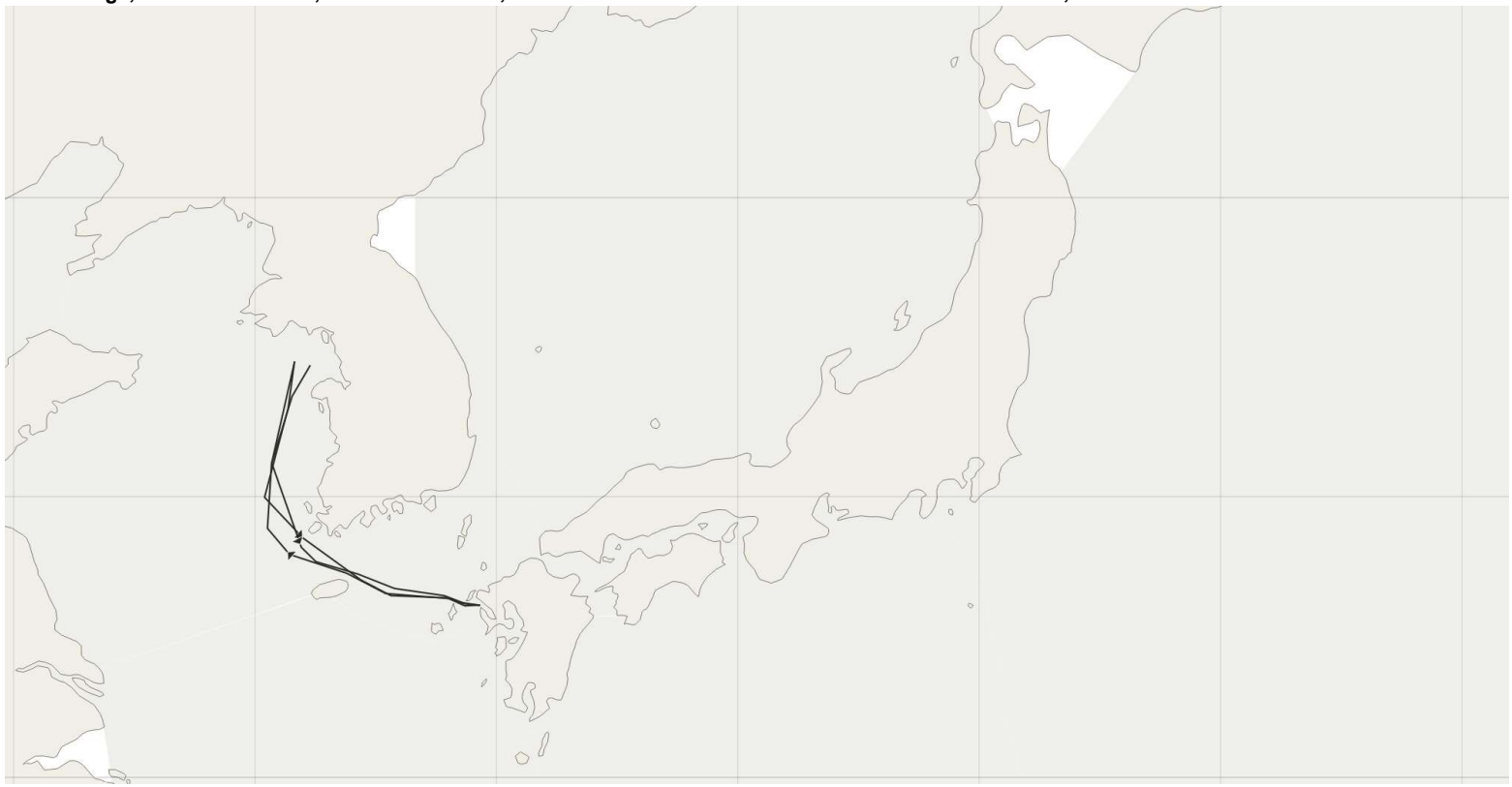
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| 1952 | Late November to Mid-December | | Incheon Korea and Tokchock Islands, Korea and Sasebo, Japan<br><br>Return to Incheon and Tokchock Islands area | November 30 - December 2: Incheon<br>December 2 - 4: Tokchock Islands, Marlex 11 (presumed)<br>December 4 - 6: Sailed to Sasebo, Japan, 470 nautical miles<br>December 6 - 10: Sasebo, Japan<br>Dec 8th - Embarked 26 military personnel - 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.<br>Dec 9th - Debarked 26 military personnel.<br>December 10 - 12: Sailed to Incheon, Korea, 509 miles nautical miles<br>December 12 - 14: Incheon, Korea<br>Dec 13th - Embarked 16 military personnel - 1st Signal Battalion, 1st Marine Division<br>Dec 14th - Embarked 42 military personnel.<br>December 14: Sailed to Tokchock Islands, 37 miles nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary |
| 1952 | Late November to Mid-December | | Inchon area | "We were in an LCM in Inchon, and two of us slipped on ice on deck and fell in the water. Lt. jg. Willhite pulled us both out, and ripped his bicept in the process." | Interview, crew reunion 2015: Bob Upton, Signalman, '52-'55 |

**Selected legs, Inchon to Sasebo, Sasebo to Inchon, and return to Sasebo - Late November to mid-December, 1952**



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| 1952 | December | 15-18 | Tokchock Islands area, Korea | **Marlex 12 (Marine Landing Exercise) - Tokchock Island, Korea**<br><br>1) Dec 15th - Embarked 625 military personnel. Submitted on Sailing.<br>Dec 16th - Embarked 158 military personnel.<br><br>2) Marlex 12<br>Marlex 12 Operational Order, schedule as follows.<br>Dec 15: Load troops, proceed to Chokto.<br>Day 16. H Hour 1030.<br>Dec 17. D-Day, H-Hour 1100.<br>Dec 18: Return Inchon. Commence back loading. | 1) USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>2) 1st Marine Division, Command Diary, December 1952<br>From: CTE 90.85 \| To: CG 1st MARDIV \| Marlex 12<br>Online:<br>http://www.koreanwar2.org/kwp2/usmc/001_2/M001_CD24_1952_12_2635.pdf<br><br>Note: Tokchock Islands, aka: Tokchock-do, Tokcho, Deokjeok, Deokjeokdo |
| 1952 | December | 18 - 20 | Tokchock-To to Incheon | December 18: Sailed to Incheon, 37 nautical miles.<br><br>December 18 - 19: Incheon, debarked troops at Incheon. | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>1st Marine Division, Command Diary, December 1952<br>Online:<br>http://www.koreanwar2.org/kwp2/usmc/001_2/M001_CD24_1952_12_2635.pdf |
| 1952 | December | Early or Mid | Incheon harbor (presumed) | **Party aboard the Calvert for a Incheon Orphanage**<br><br>"My most memorable experience aboard the Calvert, was a party the ship threw in Inchon Harbor for an entire Korean orphanage." | Calversion, Vol 41, p2 - Paul Marianetti (Actor Paul Mantee). |

Children from the Incheon orphanage (presumed).

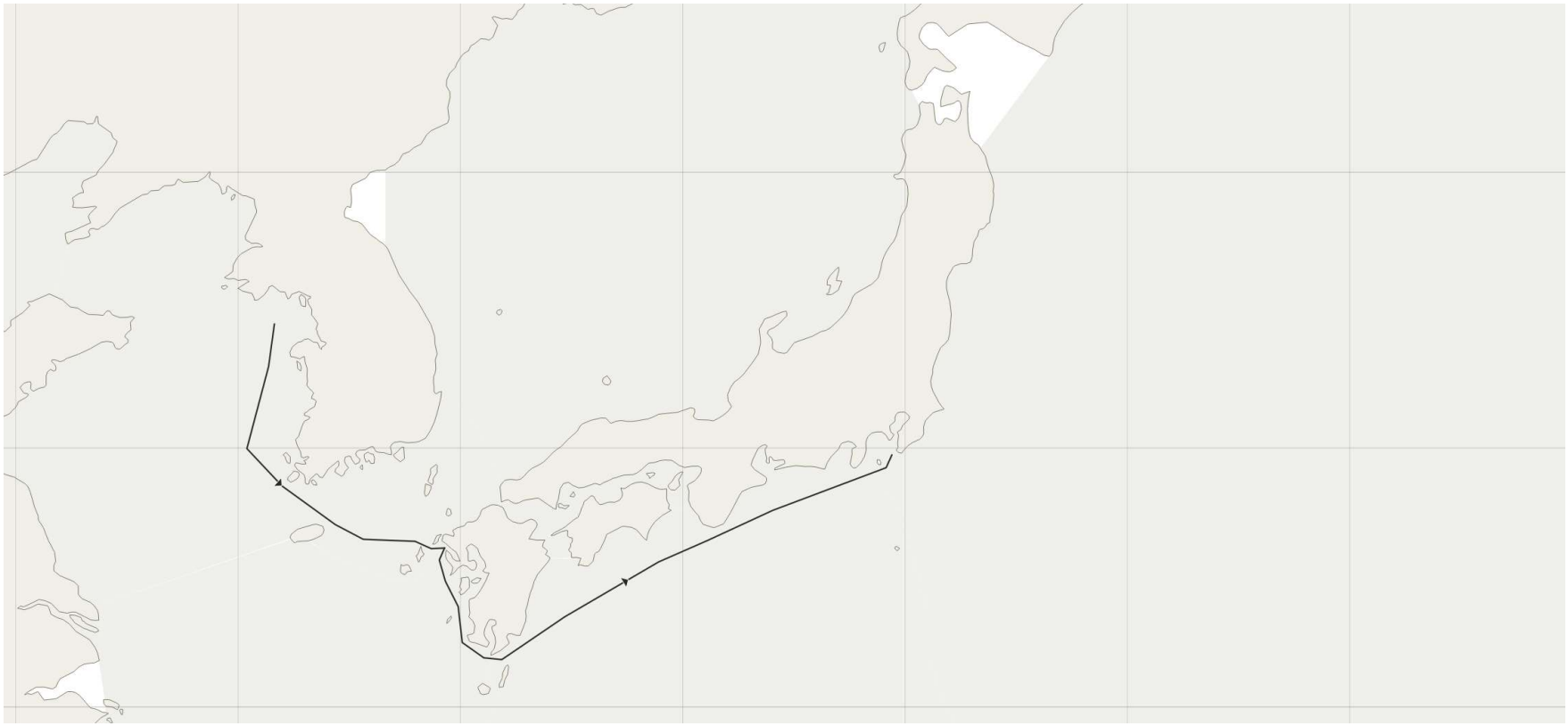




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| 1952 | December | 18 - 20 | Incheon<br>to<br>Sasebo, Japan<br><br>then to<br>Yokosuka | **Return to Sasebo, then Yokosuka**<br><br>December 19 - 20: Sailed to Sasebo, Japan, 509 nautical miles<br><br>December 20: Sasebo, debarked 825 military personnel.<br><br>December 20 - 23: Sailed from Sasebo to Yokosuka, 715 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>USS Calvert's 1952 Personnel Diary<br><br>1st Marine Division, Command Diary, December 1952 |

**Inchon to Sasebo, then to Yokosuka - Late December, 1952**



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| 1953 | January | 1 - 6 | Yokosuka<br>to<br>Hong Kong | **Departure for Hong Kong**<br><br>Yokosuka to Hong Kong, 1,806 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| **Yokosuka to Hong Kong- January 1 to 6, 1953** | | | | | |
| | | | | **Station ship, Hong Kong, for the month of January 1953** | |
| 1953 | January | 6 | Hong Kong | "The Calvert was sent to Hong Kong during the month of January 1953 for duty as United States Navy station ship."<br><br>Note: A U.S. Navy station ship performed logistical services for other U.S. Naval ships entering and leaving the foreign harbor. | Cullen, Page 20 |

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**Hong Kong Harbor**

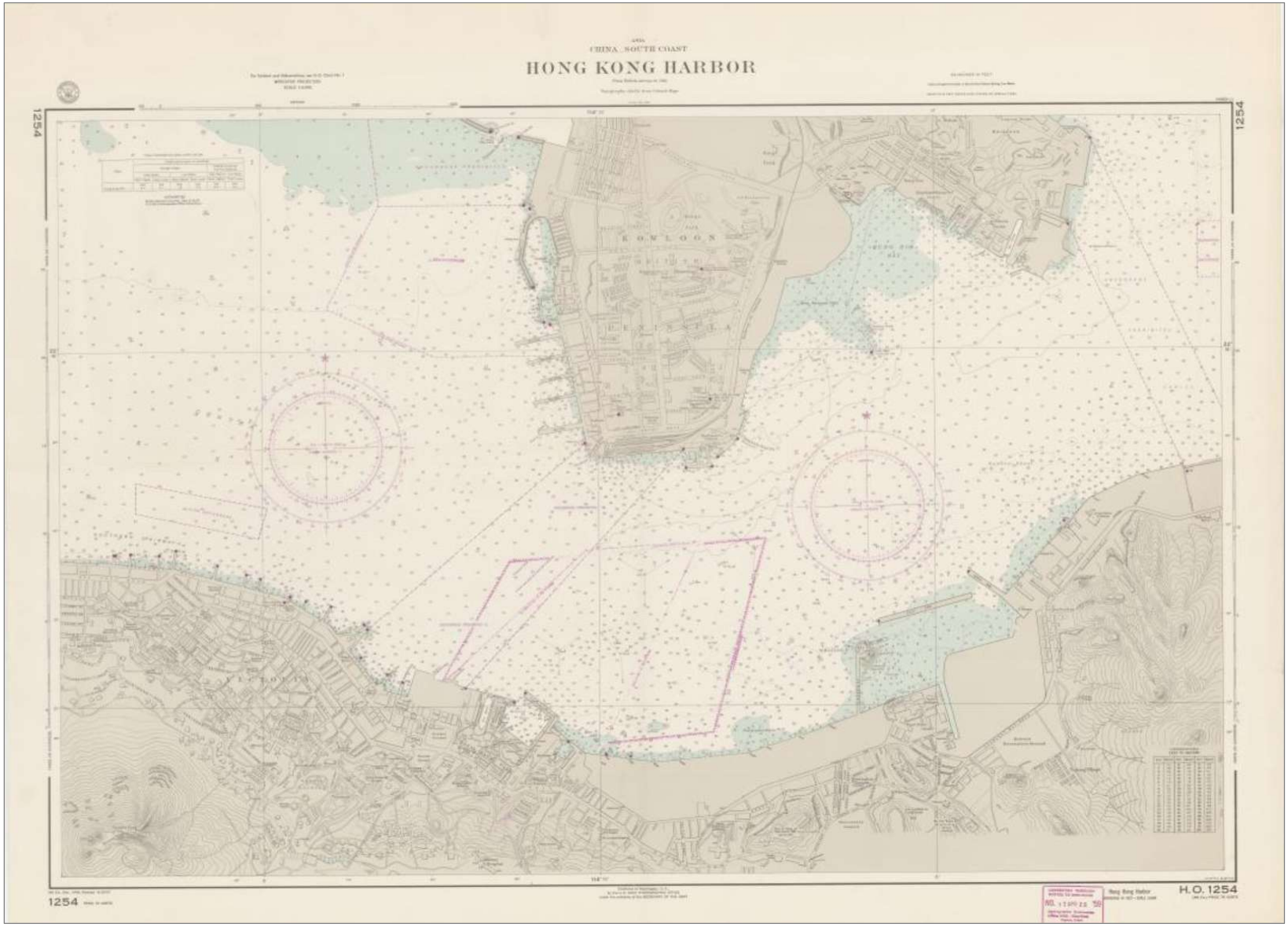



Chart: China-south coast : Hong Kong Harbor, No. 1254, 9th edition
United States Hydrographic Office, 1957

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| | | | | **Return to Japan** | |
| 1953 | January | 22 - 31 | Hong Kong<br>to<br>Yokosuka, Japan | January 22 - 27: Sailing, Hong Kong to Yokosuka, 1,707 nautical miles<br><br>January 27 -31: Yokosuka | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

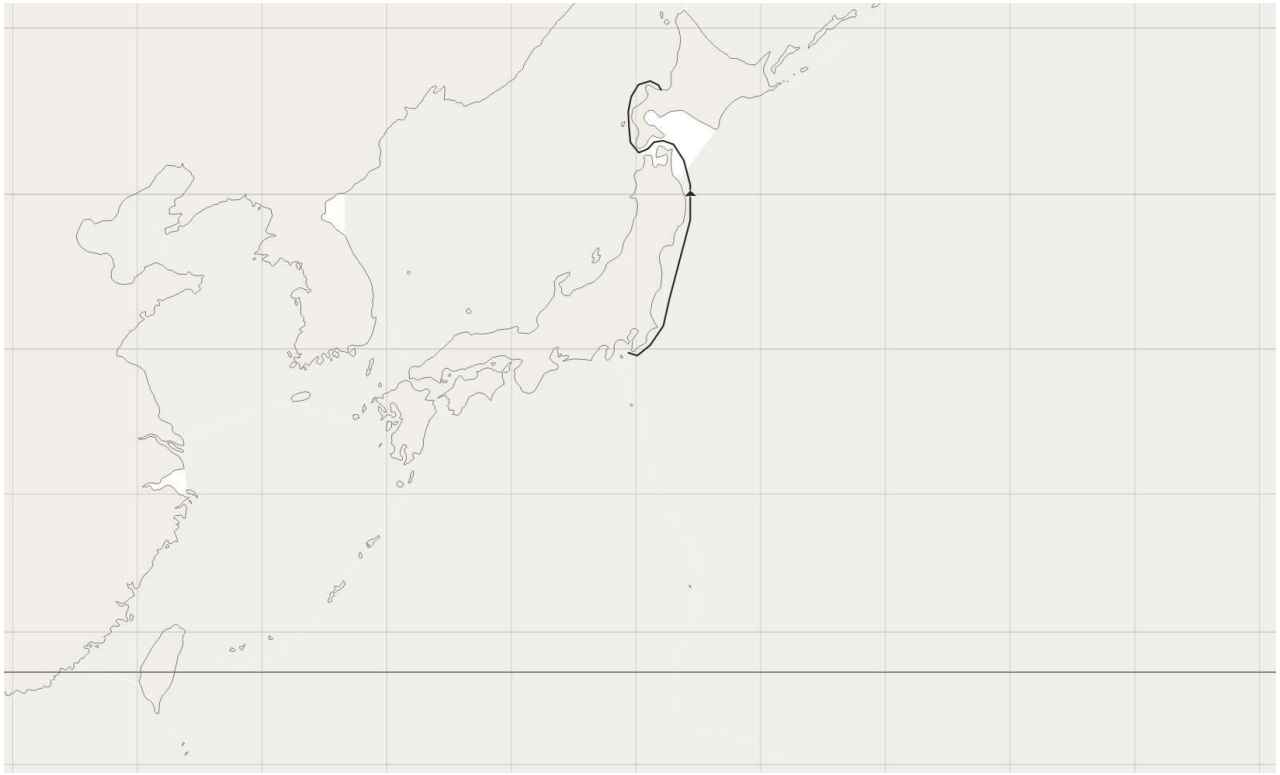
**Hong Kong to Yokosuka - January 22 to 31, 1953**



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| 1953 | February | 1 - 10 | Yokosuka, Japan to Otaru, Japan<br><br>Otaru, Japan | February 1 - 2: Sailing, Yokosuka to Otaru, Japan, 746 nautical miles<br><br>February 2 - 10: Otaru, Japan | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

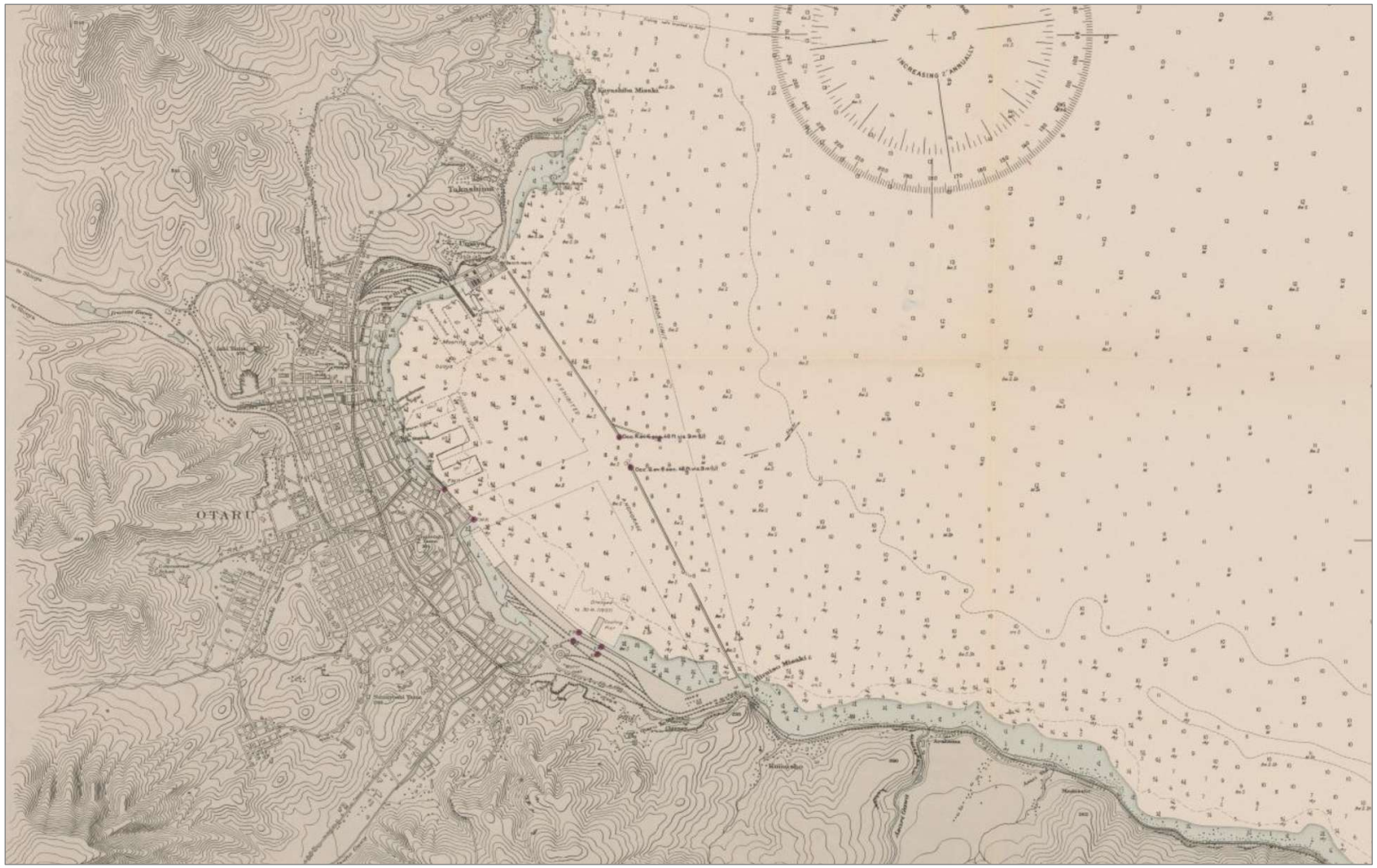
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**Yokosuka to Otaru, Japan - February 1-2**



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**Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan**



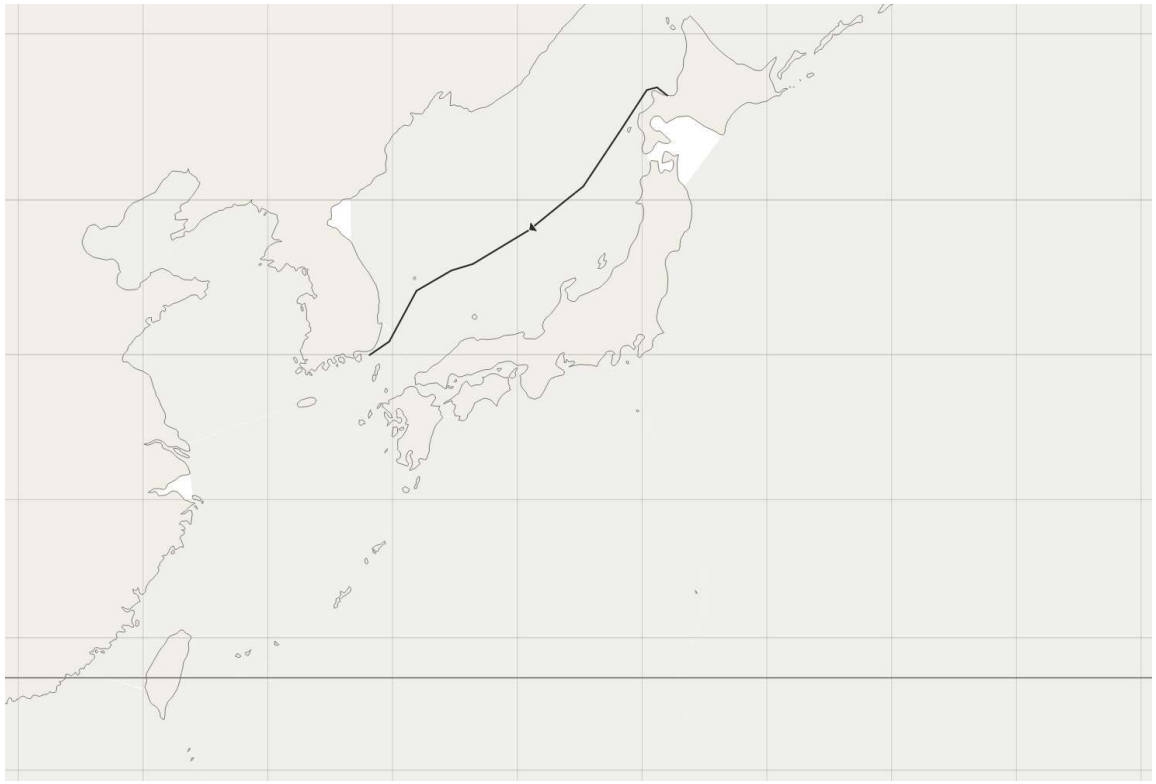

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| 1953 | February | 10 - 13 | Otaru, Japan<br>to<br>Pusan, Korea | 1) "The Calvert redeployed the 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment and 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division from Otaru, Japan to Pusan (Busan), Korea."<br><br>2) February 10 - 13: Otaru, Japan to Pusan, Korea, 806 nautical miles.<br><br>2) February 13 - 15: Pusan, Korea | 1) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>Note on Korean geographical names: Pusan, aka Busan |

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**Otaru, Japan to Pusan, Korea - February 1-2**



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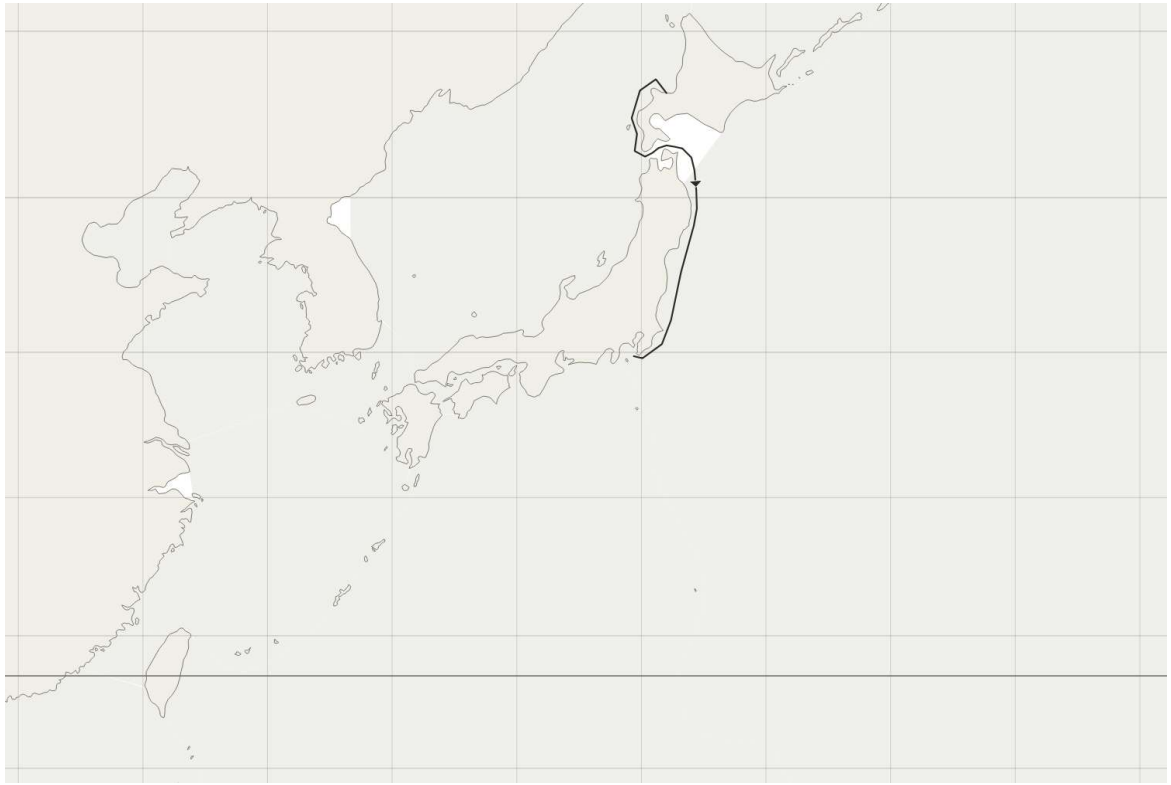
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| 1953 | February | 15 - 18 | Pusan, Korea<br>to<br>Otaru, Japan | February 15 - 18: Pusan, Korea to Otaru, Japan, 806 nautical miles.<br><br>The Calvert and crew were eligible for the Third Korean Winter Campaign Ribbon for this period. | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>Navsource:<br>http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm |

**Pusan, Korea to Otaru, Japan - February 15-18, 1953**



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| 1953 | February | 18 - 22 | Otaru, Japan to Yokosuka | 746 miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

**Otaru, Japan to Yokosuka - February 18-22, 1953 | 746 nautical miles**

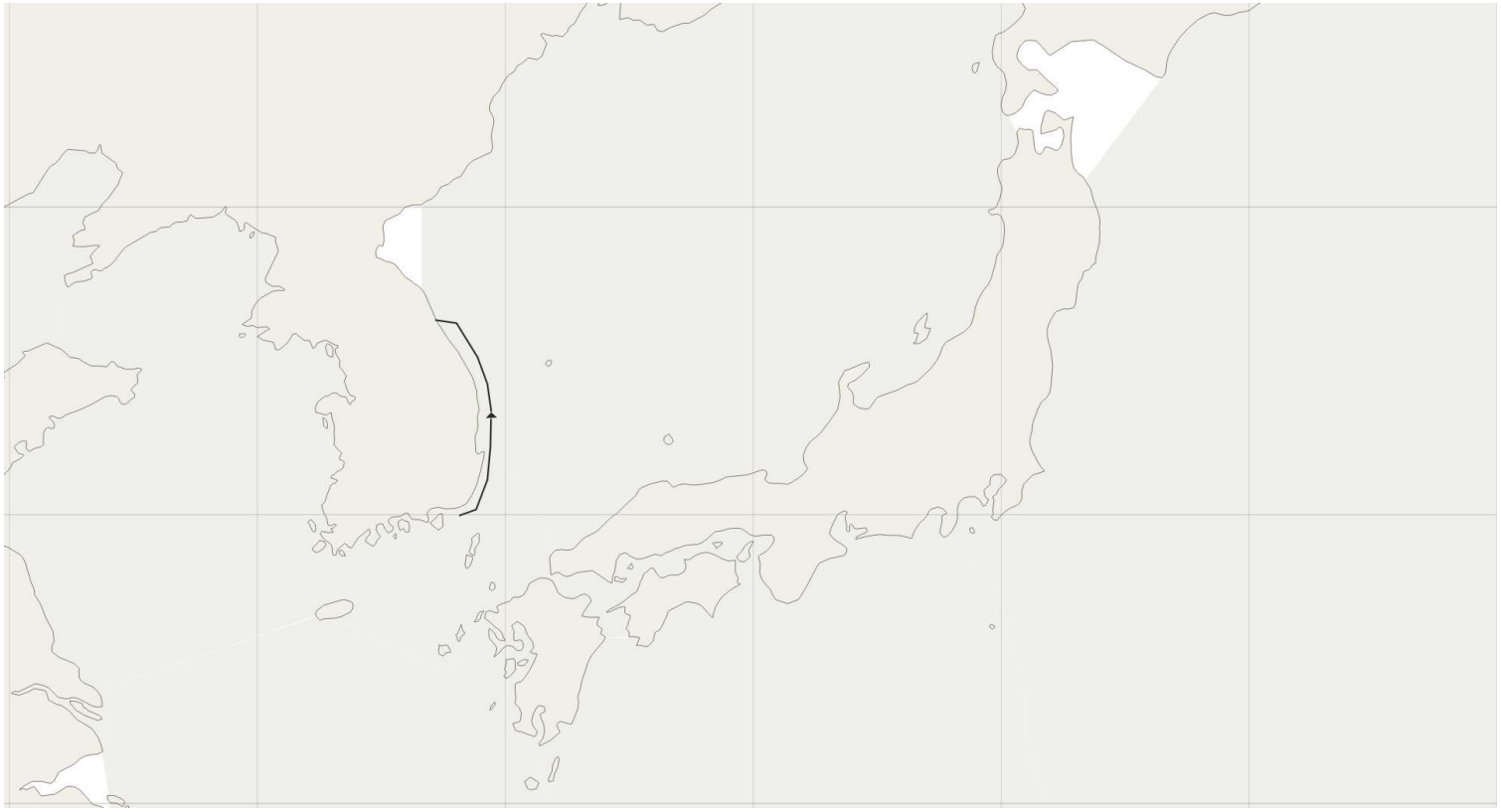


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| 1953 | March | 11 - 14 | Yokosuka to Pusan, Korea | 854 nautical miles | 1) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br>2) Cullen, Page 20 |

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| **Yokosuka to Pusan, Korea - March 11-14, 1953 \| 854 nautical miles** | | | | | |
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| **The Calvert and crew were eligible for the Third Korean Winter Campaign Ribbon for the period March 14 to 19, 1953** | | | | | Navsource: http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/03/03032.htm |
| 1953 | March | 14-15 | Pusan, Korea | Pusan, Korea | 1) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br>2) Cullen, Page 20 |
| 1953 | March | 15-16 | Pusan, Korea to Sokcho-Ri, Korea | 1) 237 nautical miles<br>2) At Sokcho-Ri, Korea, the Calvert embarked the 1st Battalion, 279th Regiment, 45th Infantry Division.<br>3) "We were not assured that the harbor was free of mines and we were ordered to rig paravanes one time going into the harbor to pick up American troops. [presumed Sokcho-Ri, Korea] ... The Inland Sea [Japan] had swept lanes and we kept very close to the center of those swept lanes." | 1) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br>2) Cullen, Page 20<br>3) Interview: Dale Willhite 52-54; Bob Upon 52-56 |

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**Pusan, Korea to Sokcho-Ri, Korea, March 15-15, 1953 | 237 miles**



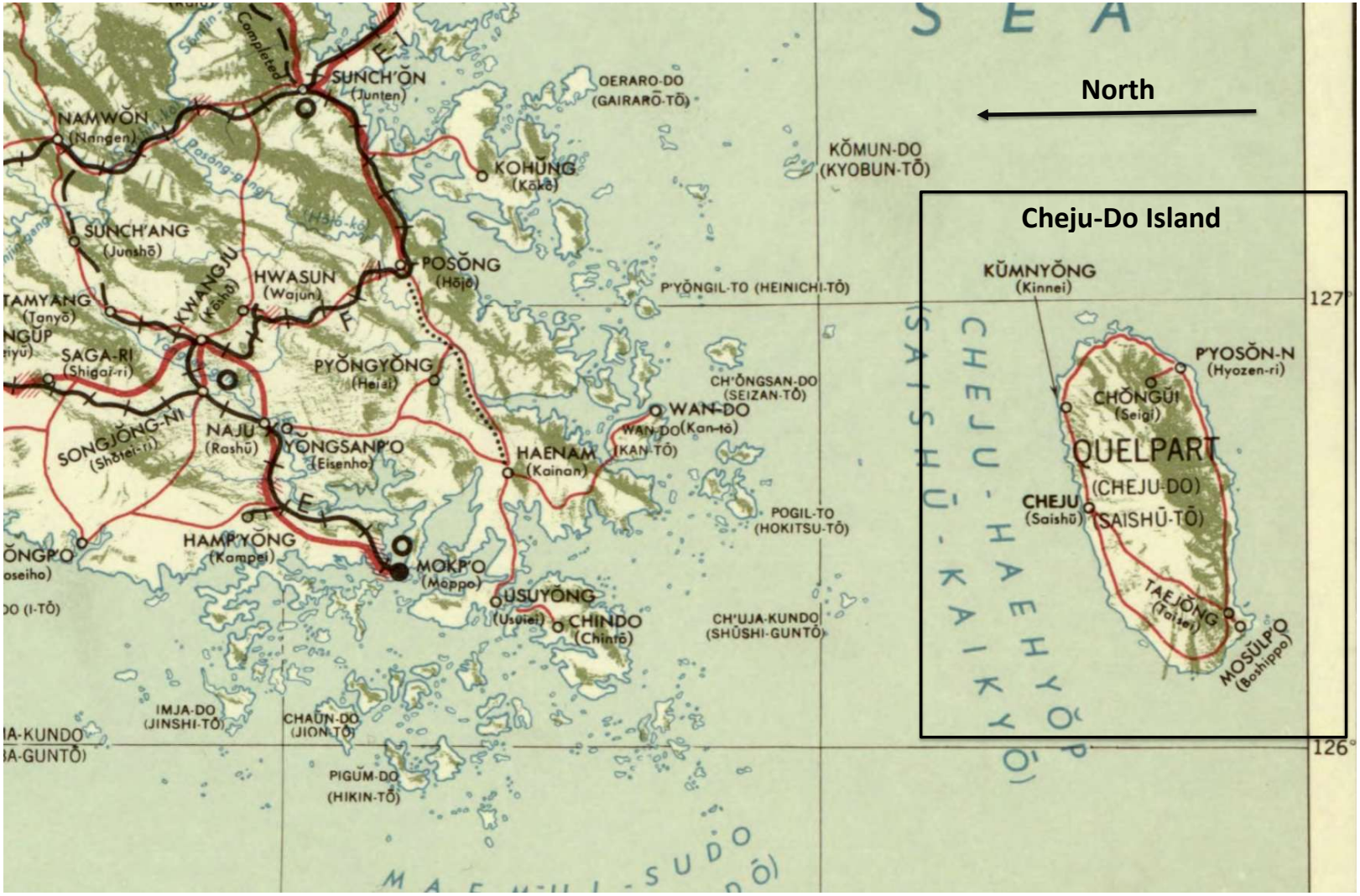
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| 1953 | March | 17-18 | Sokcho-Ri, Korea to Cheju-Do Island, Korea | 1) 400 nautical miles<br>2) The Calvert redeployed the 1st Battalion, 279th Regiment, 45th Infantry Division from Sokcho Ri, Korea to Cheju Do (Jeju-do), Korea. | 1) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br>2) Cullen, Page 20 |

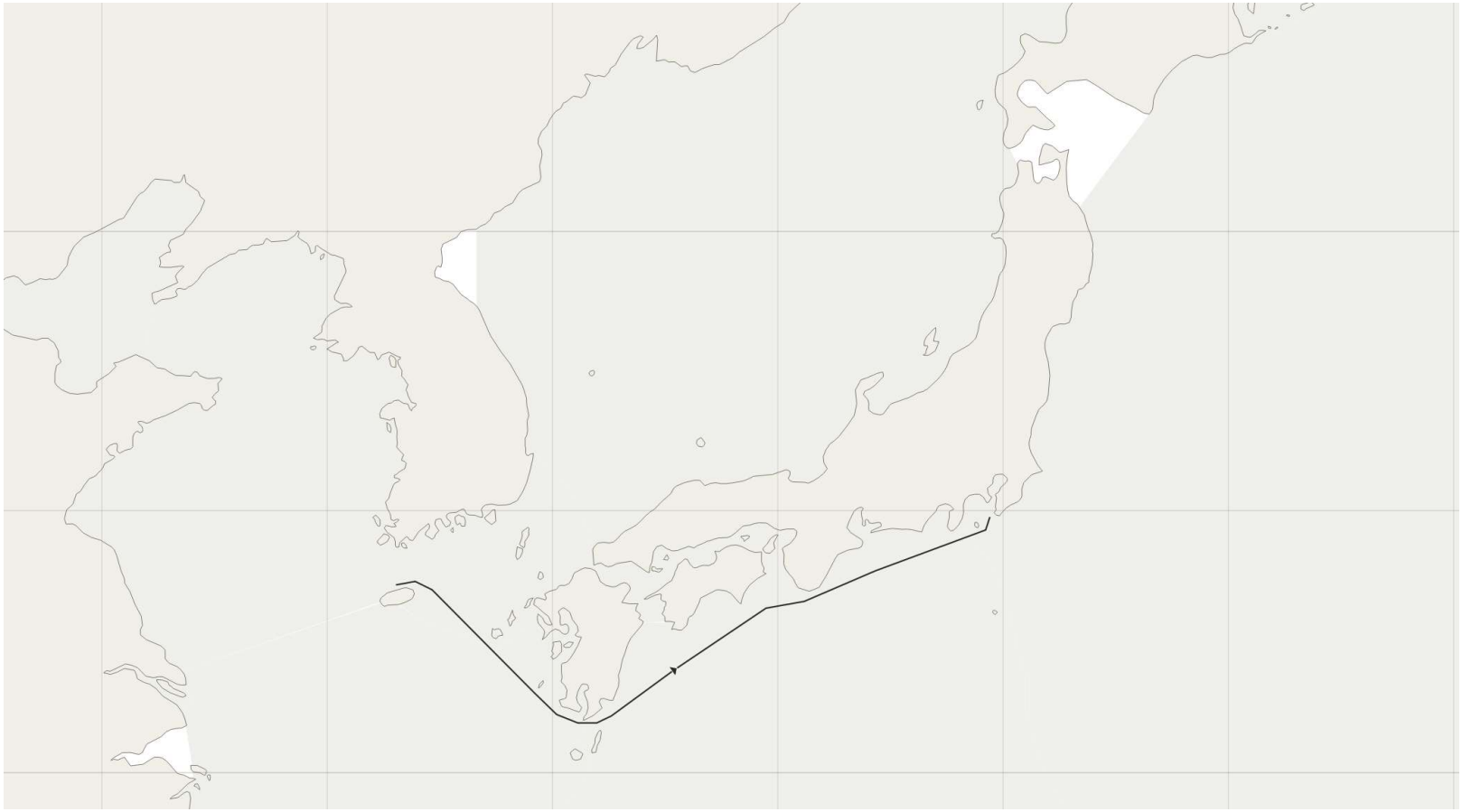
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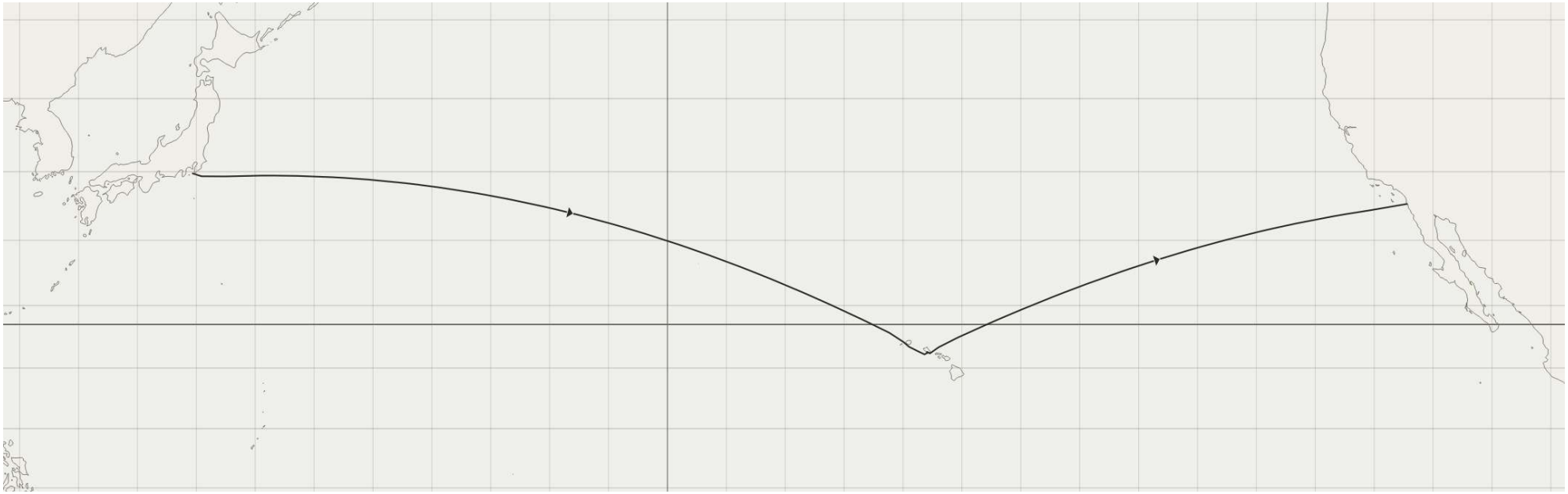
**Sokcho-Ri, Korea to Cheju Do (Jeju-do) Island, March 17-18, 1953 | 400 nautical miles**



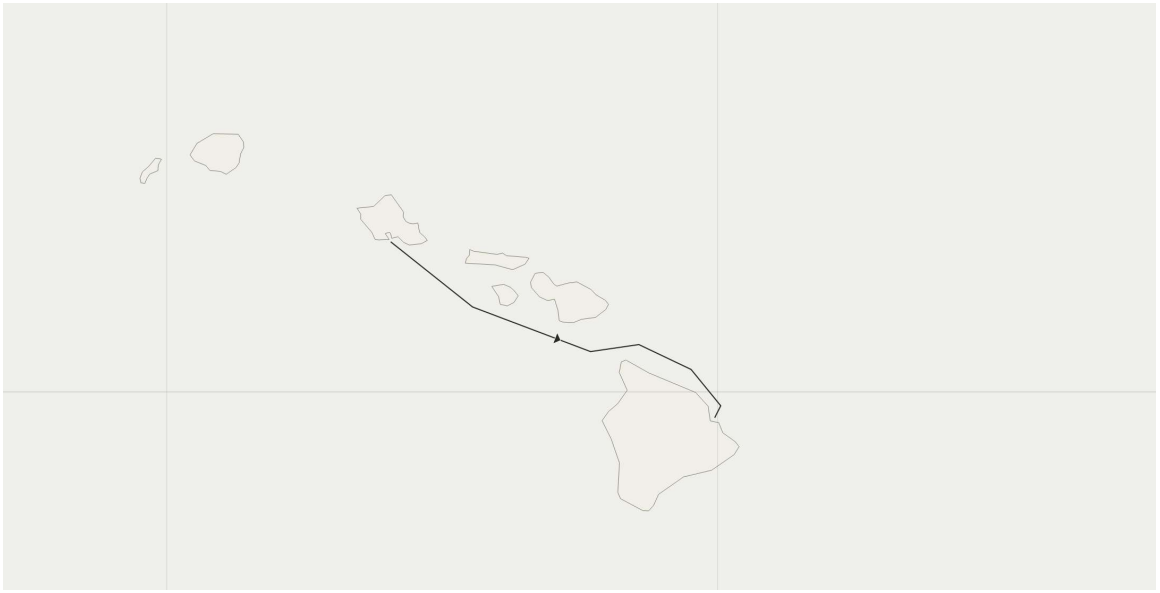
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| 1953 | March | 18-19 | Cheju-Do Island, Korea | **Cheju Do (Jeju-do) Island - UN Prisoner of War Camp**<br><br>2) The Calvert redeployed the 1st Battalion, 279th Regiment, 45th Infantry Division from Sokcho Ri, Korea to Cheju Do (Jeju-do), Korea.<br><br>3) Cheju Do (Jeju-do) Island - During the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, the prisoners of war (POWs) who fought for the communist side of North Korea and the People's Republic of China were held captive in United Nations-administered POW camps. The camps were built on Jeju-do, Geoje-do (Geoje island), and several mainland areas of the southern part of the Korean peninsula under US direction. | 2) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>3) Causes of Death of Prisoners of War during the Korean War (1950-1953) - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3575971/<br><br>4) All Hands - October, 1959 - p30 - Online: https://media.defense.gov/2019/Jul/25/2002162173/-1/-1/0/AH195910.PDF |

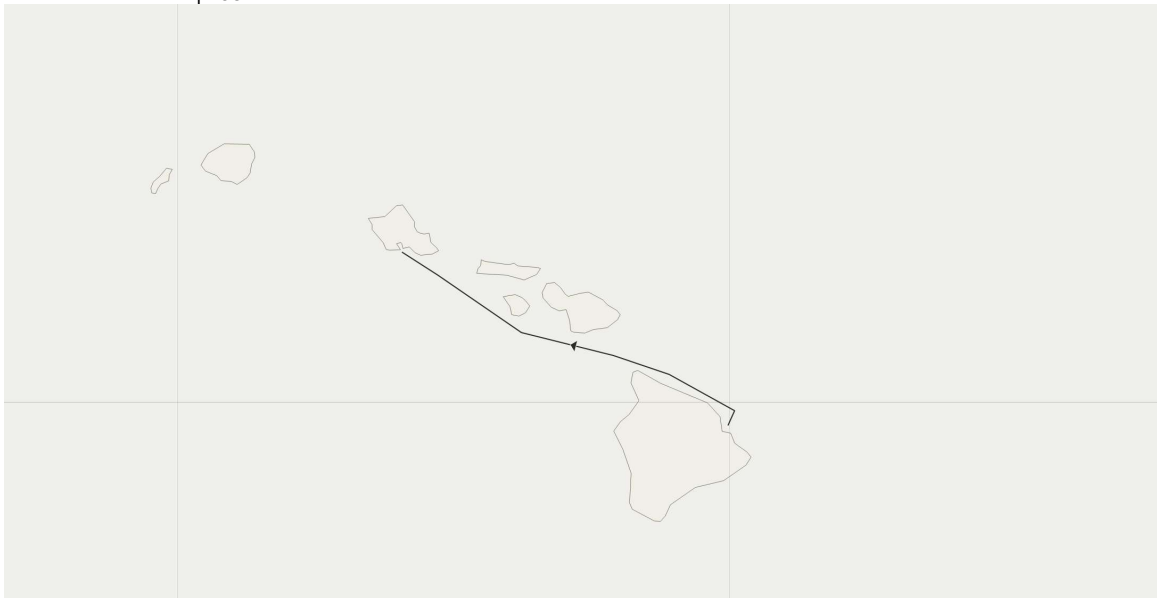
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| **Cheju Do (Jeju-do) Island, aka Quelpart Island - Located southern end of the Korean Peninsula** | | | | | |
| | | | |  <br>Extract of: Korea, including Quelpart and Tsuhima, Roads and Railroads Transportation Facilities<br>No. 6171 - R &A, OSS<br>1:2,000,000 scale (original)<br>1945-February<br><br>Full chart online:<br>https://collections.lib.uwm.edu/digital/collection/agdm/id/630/ |
| 1953 | March | 19 - 22 | Cheju-Do Island, Korea<br>to<br>Yokosuka, Japan | 818 nautical miles<br><br>March 22 - April 1: Yokosuka, Japan | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| **Cheju Do Island to Yokosuka, March 19-22, 1953 \| 818 nautical miles** | | | | | |
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| 1953 | March 22 - April 1 | | Yokosuka, Japan | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| | | | | **Return to San Diego, via Pearl Harbor** | |
| 1953 | April | 1 - 20 | Yokosuka<br>to<br>Pearl Harbor, T.H. | April 1 - 11: Yokosuka to Pearl Harbor, T.H. \| 3,501 nautical miles<br>April 12 - 13: Pearl Harbor, T.H.<br>April 13 - 20: Pearl Harbor to San Diego \| 2,323 nautical miles | Cullen, Page 20<br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| **Yokosuka, Japan to San Diego, via Pearl Harbor \| April 1-20, 1953 \| 5,824 nautical miles** | | | | | |
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| 1953 | April | 20 | San Diego | **Arrival, San Diego**<br><br>Two APAs, One AKA, APD And LSD Return Home from Westpac<br>Over a thousand friends and relatives were on hand to greet one of the largest groups of PhibPac ships to return from the Far East at one time since the Korean conflict started. Five Amphibious Force ships arrived in San Diego this week from the war zone. Next to dock was the USS Calvert (APA-32), which also carried Capt. T.F. Conley, Jr., ComTransDiv13, and his staff. The return of the Calvert marks the end of her second Far East duty tour. Lt. M. H. Dodge, ComLCUDiv13, and his staff was embarked on the ship. Capt. L. F. Freidburghouse commands the Calvert."<br><br>2) Five Navy Ships Due From Far East Monday (April 20th)<br>One of the largest groups of Amphibious Force ships to return from Far East duty will doc at the Broadway and Navy Piers at 10:30 Monday morning. The ships are the USS Calvert, Telfair, Andromeda, Weiss and Tortuga. Embarked aboard the Calvert is Captain T.F. Conley Jr., Commander Transport Division 13 and his staff. | 1) Calversion, Vol 24, P3 - Two APAs, One AKA, APD And LSD Return Home from Westpac, The Amphibian, Volume 5, Number 15 - Saturday, April 25, 1953<br><br>2) San Diego Union, Saturday, April 18, 1953, p9 |
| 1953 | April | Late | San Diego | A few weeks leave and upkeep. | Cullen, Page 20 |

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| | | | | **To Hawaii for Battalion Landing Team Exercise (BLTLEX) 53F**<br>San Diego to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, T.H. \| May 11-18, 1953 \| 2,323 nautical miles | Cullen, Page 20 |
| | | | | The Calvert embarked the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division and sailed to the Hawaiian Islands to participate in Battalion Landing Team Exercise (BLTLEX) 53F. | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| | | | | **San Diego to Pearl Harbor \| May 11-18, 1953 \| 2,323 nautical miles** | |
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| 1953 | May | 18-19 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | | Cullen, Page 20<br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

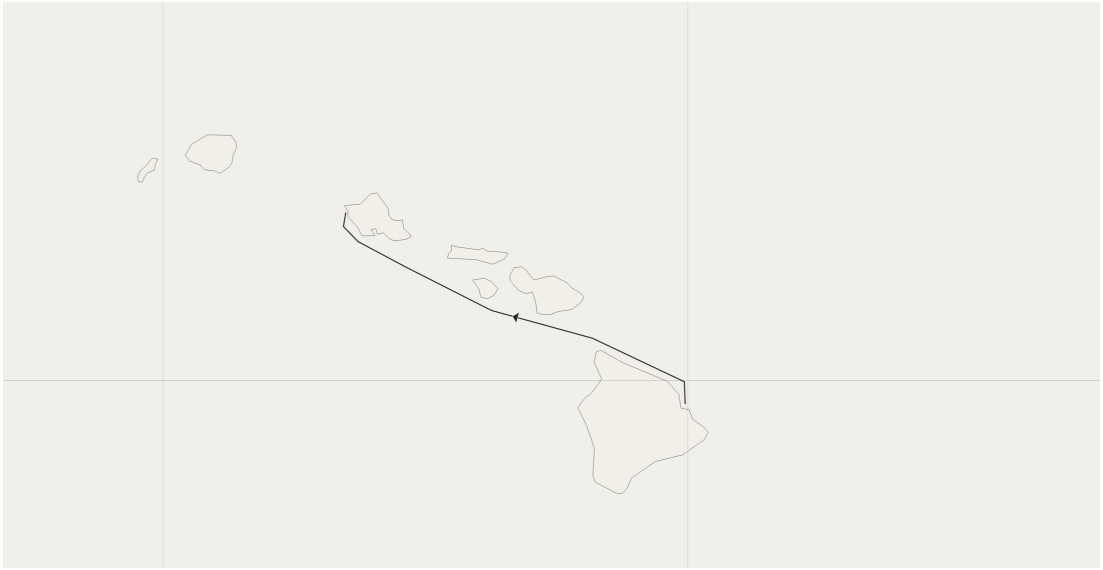
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| 1953 | May | 19-20 | Pearl Harbor to Hilo \| 198 nautical miles  | | Cullen, Page 20<br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | May | 20 | Hilo, Hawaii | 800 Marines Land Here<br>About 800 Marines landed here this morning [May 20)] aboard the Navy attack transport Calvert and were trucked up to Pohakuloa area today to begin two weeks of training. … During the two week training period the Calvert will be anchored in Hilo Bay. ... The Third BLT will conduct amphibious operations on Maui after completing exercises here. | Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). May 20, 1953. p1. |

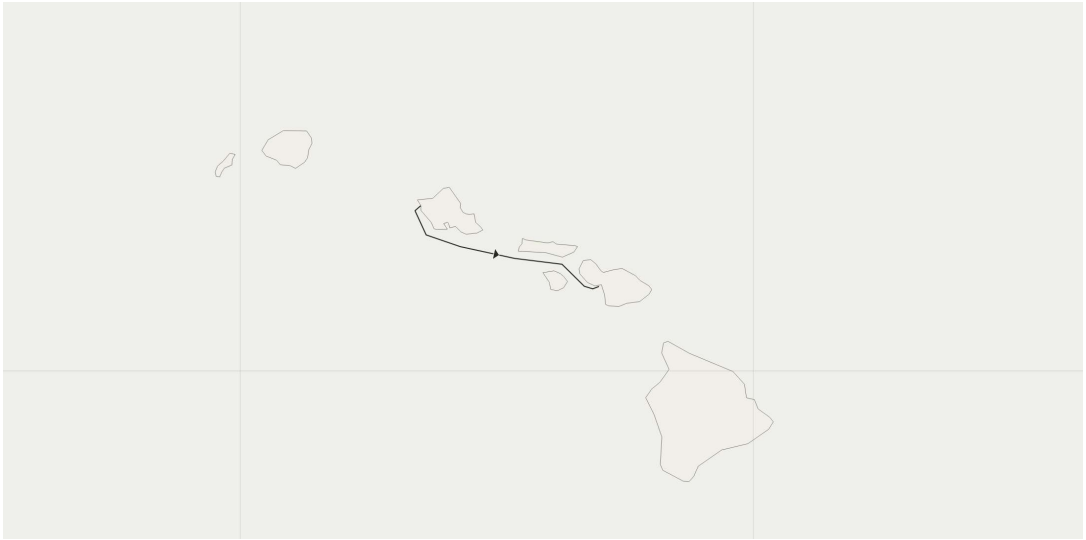
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| 1953 | May | 20-21 | Hilo to Pearl Harbor \| 198 nautical miles  | | Cullen, Page 20<br><br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | May | 21-22 | Hilo, T.H | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | May | 22-23 | Hilo, T.H to Pearl Harbor, T.H. | **3rd Marines, HOW and ITEM Companies embark the Calvert for transport to Hilo**<br><br>"22 May, 1953, embarked (HOW & ITEM Companies, 11 officers and 403 enlisted men) and sailed aboard USS CALVERT (APA 32) at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. and arrived and disembarked at Hilo, T.H. on 23 May, 1953. Disembarking at Hilo where we were greeted by large crowds for many of the Hawaiians in our battalion were from that island. We trained and conducted live firing at Kahuka Ridge, a training area for the Hawaiian National Guard preparing for a forthcoming amphibious landing with air cover, on the island of Maui." | ITEM Company. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII<br><br>Online: http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html |

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| 1953 | May | 22-23 | Pearl Harbor to Hilo \| 198 nautical miles  | | Cullen, Page 20<br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | May 23 - June 1 | | Hilo, T.H | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| 1953 | June | 1 - 2 | Hilo to Maui, T.H. | 145 nautical miles  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 2 | Maui | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| 1953 | June | 2 - 3 | Maui to Hilo | 145 nautical miles  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 4 - 11 | Hilo, T.H. | 10 Navy Ships To Arrive Here In Next 5 Days<br>… The troopship USS Calvert now [Friday, June 5] is anchored in the harbor waiting for the first platoons to arrive from the Pohakuloa area. It is scheduled to depart for Maui on Monday." [Monday, June 8, subsequently reschduled to June 11]. | Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). June 5, 1953. p12. |
| 1953 | June | 4 - 11 | Hilo, T.H. | 1) "On 8 June, 1953 we board the USS CALVERT (APA 32) from the beach at Hilo, T.H."<br><br>2) "… The vessels have been staging mock landing attacks on Hilo's shores this week, including the landing of "ducks" the laying of smoke screens, and underwater demolition attacks by Navy frogmen."<br><br>3) Members of the softball team of the USS Calvert troop ship and the interdivisional champions from the flotilla anchored here are giving a dance at 8 tonight [June 10] at the Elks club. The team will have dinner at Ocean View club prior to the dance. Ensign Stein, public information officer of the Calvert, is in charge of arrangements.<br><br>4) "The 'liberation force' to hit the Maui beaches will leave Hilo [June 11] in two LSTs, a landing ship and an attack transport the Calvert."<br><br>5) Marines Prepare To Leave After Mock Raids Here<br>… Carrying the largest complement of the Marines force is the USS Calvert the troopship that brought the "Semper Fidelis" forces to the Big Island. … | 1) Item Co. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII page Online: http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html<br><br>2) Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). June 10, 1953. Marines Prepare To Leave After Mock Raids Here<br><br>3) Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). June 10, 1953. Page 2.<br><br>4) Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). June 8, 1953.<br><br>5) 1) Hawaii Tribune-Herald (Hilo, Hawaii). June 10, 1953. |

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| 1953 | June | 11 | Hilo, T.H. | "This was the first time that we left from the beach and embarked off shore. We struck our camp early in the AM and moved down to Hilo where we sat on the beach until about half a day and then embarked onto the USS CALVERT." | ITEM Company. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII<br><br>Online:<br>http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html |
| 1953 | June | 12-13 | Hilo to Makua, Oahu | 285 nautical miles<br>  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 13 | Makua, Oahu, T.H. | "We (Item Co. 3rd Marines) made a landing near Makua, Oahu, TH, we landed and returned to the Calvert that day." | ITEM Company. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII<br><br>Online:<br>http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html |

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| 1953 | June | 13 - 14 | Makua, Oahu to Maui | 53 nautical miles  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

**BLTLEX 53F - June 15th and 17th, 1953, Maui**

Marines Attack Maui 'Guided Missile' Base

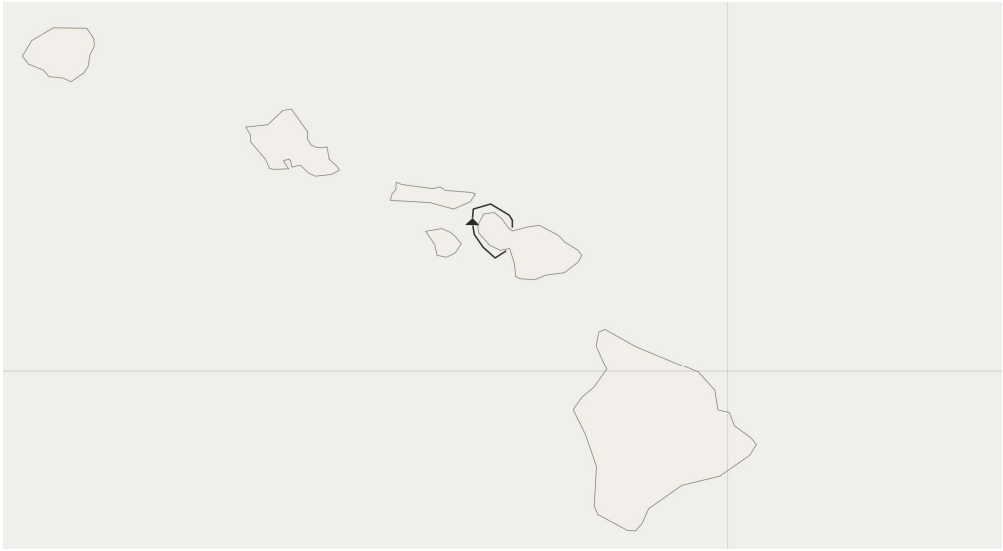
Sixteen hundred Marines are fighting their way up the rock-studded, brush tangled slopes of Maui's Kula Mt. this morning to seize an enemy-held simulated guided missel station as Operation BLTLEX 53F moves into the final day of a two-day amphibious operation.

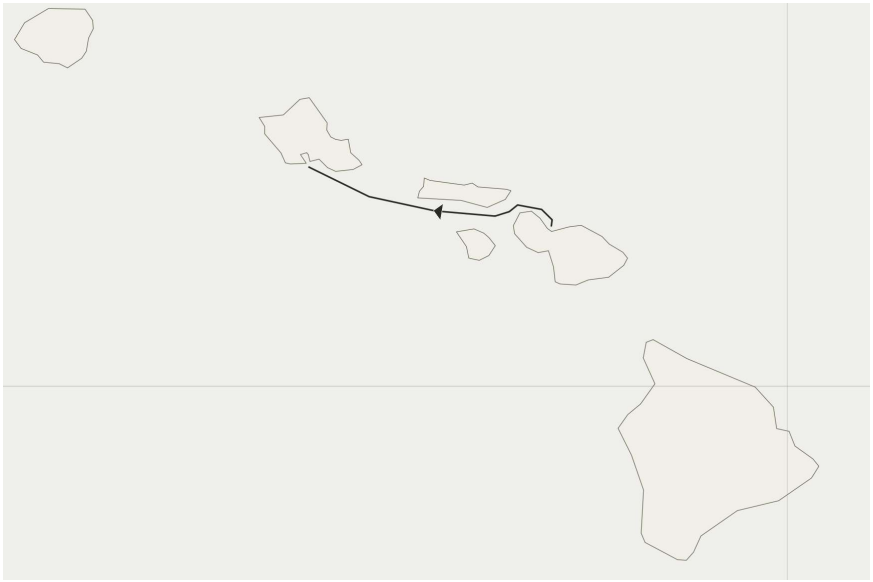
The training exercise, largest of all-Marine landing operations to take place in the Islands since World War II, required a total of 3,130 Leathernecks, 3,000 Navy personnel, 53 Marine Panther Jet fighters, seven Corsair fighters, 10 Navy ships, 50 amphibious landing craft and nine transport helicopters.

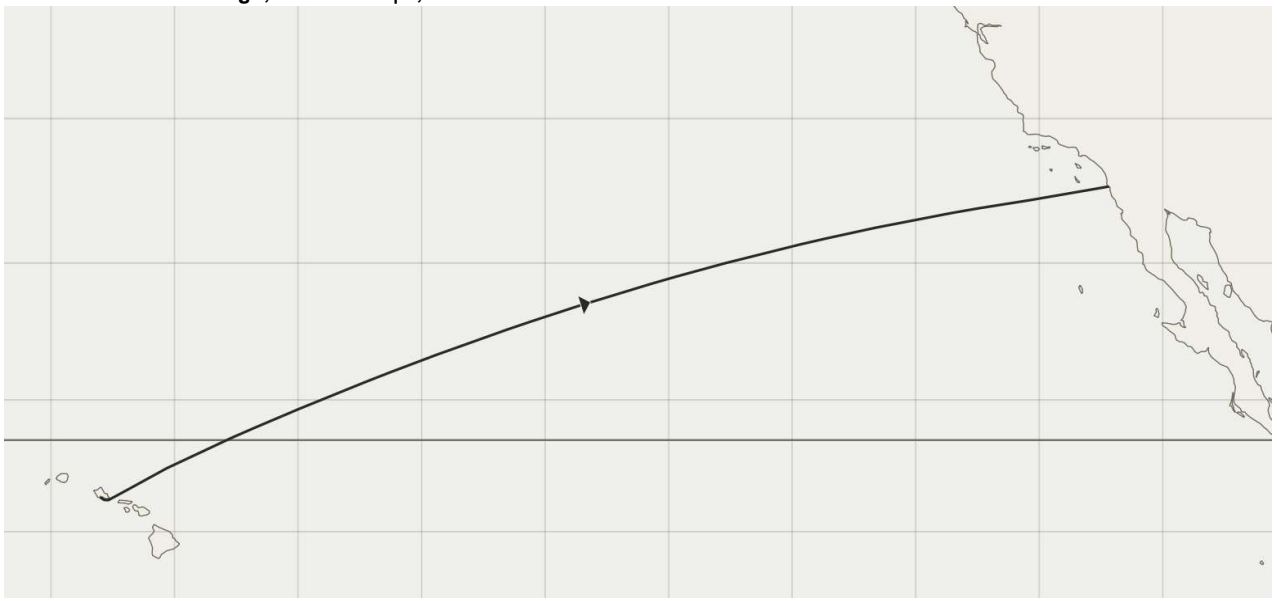
Shortly before 9am yesterday the first wave of Leathernecks from the 3rd battalion landing team spilled onto the 400-yard strip of Walmea beach, while at the same time a reinforced platoon of Marines was flown behind enemy lines in 10-passenger transport helicopters.

On hand to watch the amphibious assault were hundreds of youngsters, who scrambled about the shoreline rocks to catch a better view of the lumbering land-and-water tractors as they churned their way beachward. Overhead jets and propeller driven airplanes staged mocked dog fights, after "enemy" aircraft were intercepted while "strafing" ships engaged in the invasion.

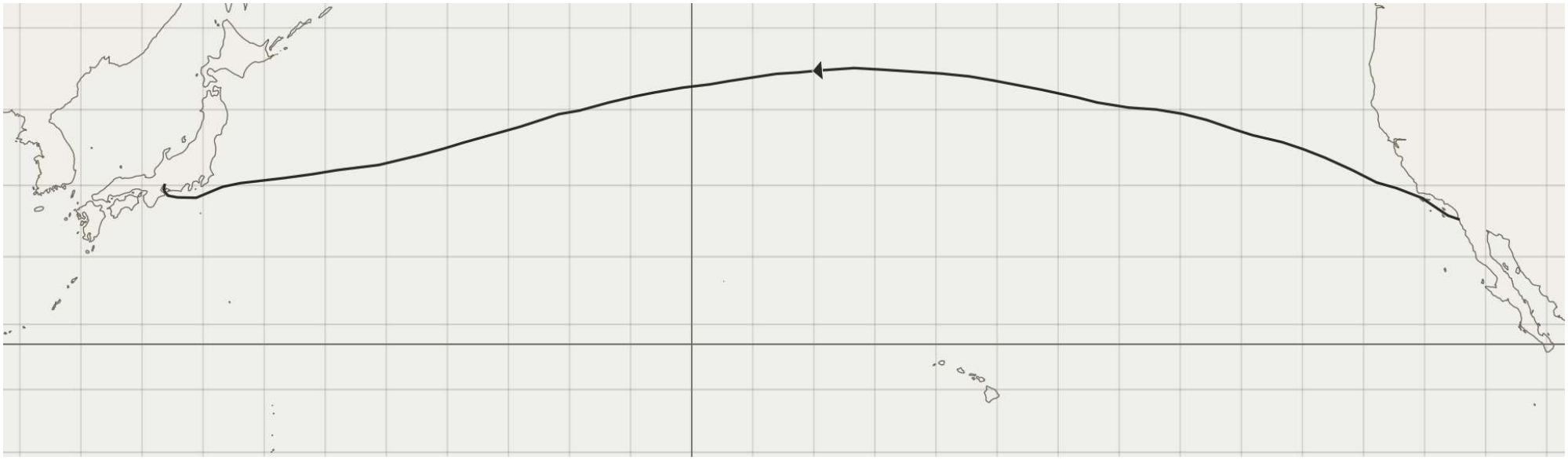
The Honolulu Advertiser (Honolulu, Hawaii). June 16, 1953. P1. Jack Boyer

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| **Filming of The Cain Mutiny movie footage - "Yellow Stain" incident during BLTLEX 53F**<br>Mid June, 1953 \| Hilo, T.H. and Maui, T.H.<br><br>1) We also took some Marines to Hawaii for maneuvers on the big island in June ~~[July]~~ of 53. What a good deal that was - we sat in Hilo for three weeks while the Marines were running around inland and acted as supply ship for them. We also got some of our practice landings filmed as part of the "Yellow Stain Incident" in the movie "The Caine Mutiny", which was filmed in Hawaii that summer."<br><br>2) On 14 June 1953, we ... made a landing BLTLEX 53F at Maalaea Bay, Maui. ... We landed between the towns of Wailei and Keawakapu with air support from Marine Air Group 13, the Black Sheep and the Death Angels Squadrons, and a Naval task group consisting of destroyers, transports, LST's, LSD's, and other types of amphibious shipping. The landing was filmed and later used in the movie The Cain Mutiny. | | | | | 1) Calversion, Vol 30, P3 - Jim Morrow, QMS3<br><br>2) Item Co. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII page http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html<br><br>3) Online: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Caine_Mutiny_(film) |
| 1953 | June | 15 - 17 | Maui | June 17: "We re-boarded The USS CALVERT (APA 32) at Maui, T.H." | 1) Item Co. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII page Online: http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html<br><br>2) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 17 - 18 | Maui to Kahului, Maui | 35 nautical miles<br>  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 18 | Kahului, Maui | "We had one day of liberty on Kahului, Maui, T.H." | 1) Item Co. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII page Online: http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html |

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| 1953 | June | 19 | Kahului Maui<br>to<br>Pearl Harbor | 1) 92 nautical miles; 2) "We returned to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. arriving on 19 June, 1953."<br>  | 1) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet<br><br>2) Item Co. 3rd Marines 1951-54 website - ITEM CO. 3/3, HAWAII page<br>Online:<br>http://www.oocities.org/itemco3d/hawaii0.html |
| 1953 | June | 23 - 30 | Pearl Harbor<br>to<br>San Diego | **Return to San Diego \| 2,323 miles**<br><br>1) Completing this landing exercise, the Calvert returned to San Diego where she debarked her Marines, who returned to their parent division at Camp Pendleton.<br><br>2) Returned to the United States for training with the Third Marine Division, which was then being formed. | 1) Cullen, Page 20<br><br>2) All Hands - October, 1959 - p30 - Online:<br>https://media.defense.gov/2019/Jul/25/2002162173/-1/-1/0/AH195910.PDF<br><br>3) Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| 1953 | June | 23 - 30 | **Pearl Harbor to San Diego, June 23-30 \| 2,232 nautical miles**  | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | June | 30 | San Diego | Returning Transports<br>San Diego (AP) - The Navy transport Calvert arrives today with 1,600 Third Division Marines who have completed six months amphibious training in Hawaii. Returning is the Third Battalion reinforced of the Third Regiment. | San Bernadino Sun, California. Volume 59, Number 258, June 30, 1953. p2 |
| 1953 | July | | San Diego (presumed) | No research details are currently available for July 1953. | |
| 1953 | August | 1-4 | San Diego | 1) During 1 - 4 August 1953, the Headquarters and Supply Company, and an advance party of the 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division embarked preparatory to that division's deployment to the Far East (Japan).<br><br>2) The Calvert helped carry the Third Marine Division to Japan. | 1) Cullen, Page 21<br><br>2) All Hands - October, 1959 - P30. |
| 1953 | August | 4 | San Diego | 1) "Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived here from Washington yesterday to watch the 3rd Marines Division "Loading Out." He said the situation remains critical in the Far East and "that's why the 3rd Division is going." Shepherd paid a quick visit to camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, home of the division since it was activated 19 months ago, and then came here where he saw units of the 9th Marine Regiment load aboard the transport Calvert."<br><br>2) "Aboard the transport Calvert, Shepherd made a brief speech to the troops. "I left here 11 years ago from this same port during World War II. You're going over the same path several generations of marines have trod in the past. Good luck - I hope you can bring home some peace. And God bless you." | 1) Marine Corps Chief Sees Unit Load Up. Las Vegas Revie-Journal. Wednesday, August 5, 1953. p2.<br><br>2) San Diego Union. Wednesday, August 5, 1953. P11. |

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| 1953 | August | 4 | San Diego | **Change of Command: Captain Otto A. Scherini, USN, relieved Captain Leon F Freiburghouse, USN, as Commanding Officer.**<br><br>2) Captain Freidburghouse was assigned to command Escort Destroyers, Squadron 4, Norfolk Virginia. | 1) Cullen, Page 21<br><br>2) San Diego Union, Sunday, July 12, 1953, San Diego, CA, p65 |
| **The USS Calvert's Third Far East Tour - August 5, 1953 to September 16, 1953** | | | | | |
| 1953 | August | 5-22 | San Diego<br>to<br>Nagoya, Japan | 1) "On the 5th, flying the pennant of Captain Walter C. Winn, USN, Commander, Transport Division Thirteen, the Calvert sailed for Nagoya, Japan, arriving August 22.<br><br>Upon completion of the debarkation of the 3rd Marine Division advance party, the Calvert replenished." | Cullen, Page 21<br><br>Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| **San Diego to Nagoya, Japan \| August 5, 1953 - August 22, 1953 \| 5,364 nautical miles** | | | | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |



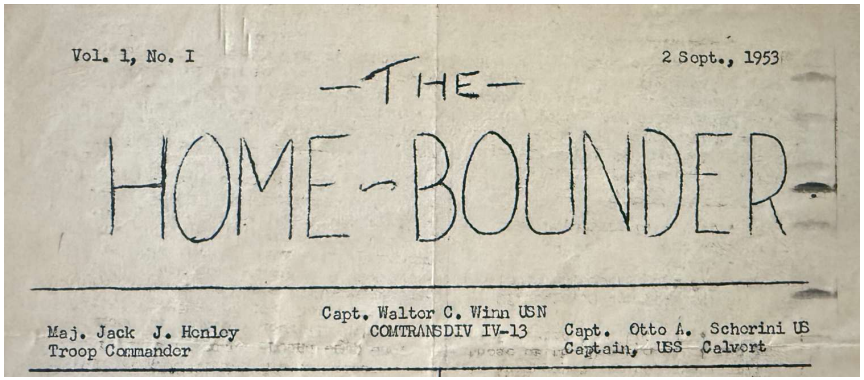
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| 1953 | August | 23 - 25 | Nagoya, Japan | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

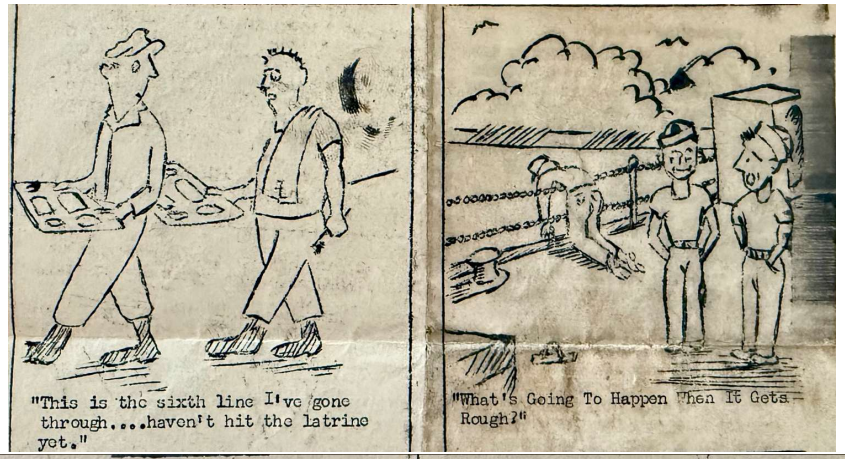
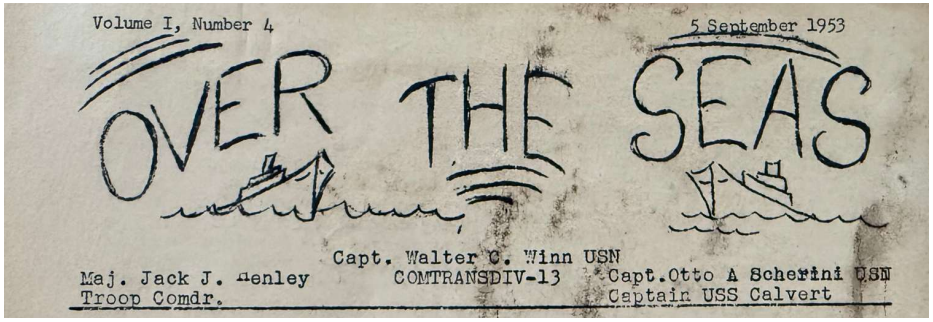
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| 1953, August 23 - 25: Nagoya to Sasebo, Japan<br><br>1953, August 26-29: Sasebo, Japan<br><br>1953, August 30-31: Sasebo to Pusan, Korea | | | | **Nagoya, Japan to Sasebo, Japan \| 612 nautical miles \|\| Sasebo to Pusan, Korea \| 104 nautical miles**<br>  | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| 1953 | August | 31 | Pusan, Korea | **U.S. Army troops embark at Pusan for their return voyage to the Contintental United States**<br><br>1) At Pusan, "the Calvert embarked over 900 U.S. Army casuals for rotation to the United States."<br><br>Editor's note: "causals" i.e., Soldiers, airmen, or sailors who are awaiting orders, or clearances, or are otherwise between jobs. | 1) Cullen, Page 21<br><br>Date: Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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| **Pusan, Korea to San Francisco \| September 1st - 16th, 1953 \| 5370 miles \|\| San Francisco to San Diego \| September 17-19 \| 436 nautical miles** | | | | | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |
| | | | | **A GI's experience during his time aboard the aboard the Calvert voyage home from Korea**<br><br>"I was one of the GI's transported home from Korea on Her Sept 1953. What a wonderful trip!!! Going home!!! Was with the Army Security Agency, 330th Communications Reconnaissance Company assigned to various intercept sites. ... Many thanks to that crew!!! | |
| 1953 | August | | Pusan, Korea<br>to<br>San Francisco | As for the voyage, it was indeed memorable, my first ever and not quite a cruise ship (which later in life I took many) but probably one of the happiest!!! I was 21 at the time and was very excited about going home! I was very fortunate in that they quartered all those involved in the intelligence business in separate quarters and had no details, KP etc. Very, very fortunate but I felt guilty about it because the true combat vets were down in the hold with the masses (many of whom got seasick I'm sure) and many who surely outranked me a Cpl. But what could I do!!! The chow was very good and the crew very good. In fact one of the crew gave me some good advise about sea sickness prevention whether true or not it worked for me. Try to sleep with your feet in the direction of the bow and don't miss a meal even if you don't feel up to it! Weather was good, hit just one storm and I, as a young naive kid thought it was pretty exciting! Anyhow, arrived home safely. " | Chauncey P. Reich, US Army - USS Calvert website comment; Email correspondence. |

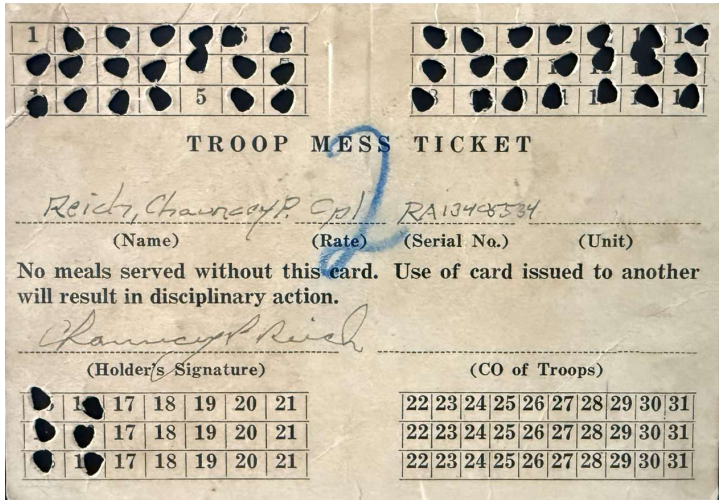
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| 1953 | Late August to mid-September | | Pusan, Korea to San Francisco | **American Prisoners of War return home aboard the USS Calvert**<br><br>For the return trip to the Continental U.S., the Calvert is reported to have transported at least a few recently released U.S. prisoners of war as part of Operation Big Switch.<br><br>"We went in and brought U.S. prisonsers to the Calvert, and they were in terrible shape. They were skin and bones. We carried them back to the states. I took two twin brothers from my hometown, they recognized me, they were skin and bones, and I took them up to the bridge and in the bunting room where we repaired the flags I set them up with two bunks."<br><br>The North Korean prisoners did not want to go back to North Korea." | Interview with Dale Willhite and Bob Upton, October 6, 2023, USS Calvert Associates Reunion, Saratoga Springs, NY<br><br>More on Operation Big Switch at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Big_Switch |
| 1953 | September | 1 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | **Memorandum dated September 1, 1953: To the Officers and men of the U.S. Army Rotation Group**<br><br>"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the CALVERT. I hope that this voyage will turn out to be a pleasant and enjoyable one for you. We are glad to have you with us and proud to be the ones to take you home.<br>...<br>Rules: As you know, any ship having so many individuals living closely together has certain rules and regulations. These rules have been drawn up over many years of experience at sea. I'm sure you understand that strict compliance is not only essential, but will help make the voyage a happier and safer one for all hands.<br><br>Smoking: The Navy lingo for NO SMOKING is "THE SMOKING LAMP IS OUT." When this word is passed "butt" your cigarette immediately and remind any buddies who may have failed to get the word. Fire at sea is one of the sailor's worst enemies. Always butt and extinguish a cigarette before discarding it, and NEVER try to throw a lighted cigarette over the side.<br><br>Man Overboard: Another ever-present danger is that of falling overboard. Please take heed. Stay clear of the ship's rails and lifelines.<br><br>Fresh Water: Due to the limited storage capacity for fresh water, the CALVERT must exercise strict control over its use. The ship must distill its water supply. To prevent the imposing of water hours, use fresh water sparingly at all times. In the showers always use the rule: Wet down, soap down, rinse down.<br><br>Laundry: Service depends on the amount of water available and will be announced as soon as the rate of water consumption is known. | Original memorandum provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army.<br><br>Note: The Calvert's fresh water capacity at this time was 85,665 gallons. |

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| 1953 | September | 1 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Ship Areas: As passengers on the CALVERT you will have access to most of the ship. However, certain areas are necessarily restricted, such as gunnery spaces, the boats, machinery spaces and the bridge. Officer's country is out of bounds for enlisted personnel unless on official business. A complete list of restricted areas will be posted.<br><br>The following facilities and services are available on board for your enjoyment and convenience:<br><br>Ship's Store, forward of the crew's mess hall on port side: 0915-1045 Troops; 1430-1600 Crew (head of line privilege) and troops; 1930-2100 Crew and troops. \| The service line will form in No. 3 hold, second deck, port side. Entry to No. 3 hold may be made via the ladder at frame 70. Entry or exit will not be made through the mess hall. Only one man at a time will be allowed at the service counter and the ship's guard will maintain order at all times. Cigarettes will be sold by the carton only.<br><br>Ship's Fountain, forward of the crew's mess hall on starboard side: 0915-1045 Crew and troops; 1830-1930 Crew; 1930-2100 Crew and troops. The service line will form in No. 3 hold, second deck, starboard side. Entry to No. 3 hold may be made via the ladder at frame 70. Entry or exit will not be made through the mess hall. Only one man at a time will be allowed at the service counter and the ship's guard will maintain order at all times.<br><br>Barber shop, second deck, starboard side, compartment C-217: 0800-1130 Crew - 2 crew barbers; 1300-1600 Crew - 2 crew barbers; 1600-2200 Troops - 2 troop barbers. Appointments required.<br><br>Ship's library, second deck, starboard side, compartment C-213-L: Saturdays and Sundays, 1000-2130 All Hands; Week days, Troops 0730-1630, Crew 1730-2130 | Original memorandum provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |
| 1953 | September | 1 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Divine Services, to be announced in the Plan-of-the-Day.<br><br>Movies, will be shown as operations permit, in accordance with the following schedule and/or as indicated in the PotD. 0900 - Troops, #3 hold, 2nd deck; 1400 - Troops, #3 hold, 2nd deck; 1415 - Wardroom for Troop 1st and 2nd LTs and WOs. 2000 Wardroom for Captain's, Majors, and all ship's officers; 2000 - No. 4 hatch for crew.<br><br>Messing: A mess ticket will be issued to each of the troops and will indicate group 1 or group 2 assignment. Troops must be in the mess line at least 15 minutes prior to the close of that group's messing time.<br>- Breakfast: 0600 - 0800, 15 minute increments for troop groups and crew.<br>- Dinner: 1115 - 1315, 30 minute increments for troop groups and crew.<br>- Supper: 1630-1830, 15 minute increments for troop groups and crew.<br><br>The mess line will form from on the Main Deck, frame 140, port and starboard. The Ship's Guard will permit men through in small groups. All hands will eat standing and there will be no loitering in the mess hall during meal hours.<br><br>....<br><br>Again, my best wishes for a pleasant cruise and happy homecoming.<br><br>Signed, O. A. Scherini, Captain, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer | Original memorandum provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |

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| 1953 | September | 1 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Memorandum dated September 2, 1953: To the Officers and men of the U.S. Army Rotation Group<br><br>Uniform Regulations:<br>- Mess and Movies: Complete uniform worn, no mixed uniforms.<br>- Bed slippers or Korean rubber shows will not be worn outside of sleeping quarters.<br>- T-Shirt may be worn as an outer garment while on deck.<br><br>Pay and Currency: You will not receive any further pay until after you arrive in the states. Therefore you should budget your money, that is plan how you are going to spend your money, so that you will have enough for your personal needs until that time. | Original memorandum provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |
| 1953 | September | 2 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>  <br>Vol. 1, No. I 2 Sept., 1953<br>-THE-<br>HOME-BOUNDER-<br>Maj. Jack J. Henley, Troop Commander<br>Capt. Walter C. Winn USN, COMTRANSDIV IV-13<br>Capt. Otto A. Schorini US, Captain, USS Calvert<br><br>September 2nd: "The ship is going to be your home for two weeks. Let's treat it as such. There's thousands of square miles of waste basket right over the nearest rail, so don't drop cigarette butts, waste paper, etc., on the decks." | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army.<br><br>Note: "The HOMEBOUNDER is published daily on board the USS CALVERT for distribution to Army and Navy personnel on board this ship."<br><br>Editor's note: The daily newsletter contained a variety of world and U.S. news, sports recaps, and weather reports from the continetal U.S. Occasionally there were brief pieces regarding life aboard the ship and hand-drawn cartoons. |

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| 1953 | September | 3 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco |  | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army.<br><br>Caption in bottom image: "Days Out: 3" |
| 1953 | September | 5 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco |  <br>Variety Show:<br>13:30 -- Troop Section #1<br>15:30 -- Troop Section #2<br>Shown in #3 Hold | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |

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| 1953 | September | 6 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Yesterday's Variety Show<br><br>The troops and the ship's crew aboard the USS Calvert were the recipients of a top-notch variety show put on by a troupe who called themselves the Calverteers. Included in the troupe were John Picini to whom we own many thanks for organizing the show--on the piano; Jack Ventura on the drums; Carmen Lombardo on the bass; and Dave Thomas, who did the vocalizing. Dick Paterson was MC and comedian. ... The best variety show I have seen." | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |
| 1953 | September | 7 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | Heavy Weather<br><br>Hail, brothers of the green complexion and queasy stomach. Having just returned from refreshing myself by gulping great mouthfulls of salt-sea air---liberally mixed with wind-blown spatterings of old briney--I will do my best to fulfill my appointed task---writing a humorous column.<br><br>The idea of writing something even remotely [?] in my present state of agony is in itself a laugh. In fact I would laugh, except that even a tiny chuckle would send me scurrying for the nearest rail. How can I be humorous and at the same time plead for a quick and merciful death?<br><br>So here I sit, sliding back and forth, bulkhead to bulkhead, taking a stab at the typewriter key as I fly past the machine. I think we should all rate at least another battle star for thsi experience, maybe even hazardous duty pay. Think of the combat stories I can tell. "Was you wounded in Korea?" "Nah, but I lost a stomach on the way back." "Win any medals?" "Yeah, the Distinquished Retch and the Meritoriaou Nasea Citation." | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |
| 1953 | September | 8 | At sea, enroute to San Francisco | gallons are distilled per day … which means we have to draw upon the reserve, which is limited. Conserve water, or you'll be without!<br><br>  <br> | Excerpts from The Home Bounder, the Calvert's daily newsletter<br><br>Original copies provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. |

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| 1953 | September | Early-to-mid | At sea, enroute to San Francisco |  | Chauncy P. Reich's Troop Mess Ticket, Group 2, from aboard the USS Calvert<br><br>Original provided by Chauncey P. Reich, U.S. Army. . |
| 1953 | September | 16 | San Francisco | 1) The USS Calvert will tie up at Pier 17, Treasure Island, at 9:15am, with 958 soldiers aboard.<br><br>2) These men [900 GIs] were debarked at San Francisco on 16 September 1953. Over the previsous 41 days the Calvert had steamed approximately 11,000 miles. | 1) San Francisco Chronicle, Wednesday, September 16, 1953, San Francisco, CA, p5<br><br>2) Cullen, Page 21 |
| 1953 | September | 17 - 19 | San Francisco to San Diego | 436 nautical miles | Oct '52 to Oct '53 cruise pamphlet |

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**Pamphlet, USS Calvert - APA-32 - Dates and Ports - October '52 - October '53 | In the course of one year, the USS Calvert steamed 42,051 nautical miles**

# United States Ship CALVERT-APA-32



## DATES and PORTS

## OCTOBER '52 to OCTOBER '53

| Date | Departed | Date | Arrived | Miles |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 Oct. 52 | San Diego, Calif. | 28 Oct. 52 | San Francisco, Cal. | 436 |
| 29 Oct. 52 | San Francisco, Cal. | 14 Nov. 52 | Yokosuka, Japan | 5010 |
| 24 Nov. 52 | Yokosuka, Japan | 26 Nov. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 715 |
| 28 Nov. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 30 Nov. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 509 |
| 2 Dec. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 3 Dec. 52 | Tokchok-To, Korea | 37 |
| 4 Dec. 52 | Tokchok-To, Korea | 6 Dec. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 470 |
| 10 Dec. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 12 Dec. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 509 |
| 14 Dec. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 14 Dec. 52 | Tokchok-To, Korea | 37 |
| 18 Dec. 52 | Tokchok-To, Korea | 18 Dec. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 37 |
| 19 Dec. 52 | Inchon, Korea | 20 Dec. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 509 |
| 20 Dec. 52 | Sasebo, Japan | 23 Dec. 52 | Yokosuka, Japan | 715 |
| 1 Jan. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 6 Jan. 53 | Hong Kong, China | 1806 |
| 22 Jan. 53 | Hong Kong, China | 27 Jan. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 1707 |
| 31 Jan. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 2 Feb. 53 | Otaru, Japan | 746 |
| 10 Feb. 53 | Otaru, Japan | 13 Feb. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 806 |
| 15 Feb. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 18 Feb. 53 | Otaru, Japan | 806 |
| 18 Feb. 53 | Otaru, Japan | 22 Feb. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 746 |
| 11 Mar. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 14 Mar. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 854 |
| 15 Mar. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 16 Mar. 53 | Sokcho-Ri, Korea | 237 |
| 17 Mar. 53 | Sokcho-Ri, Korea | 18 Mar. 53 | Cheju-Do, Korea | 400 |
| 19 Mar. 53 | Cheju-Do, Korea | 22 Mar. 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 818 |

| Date | Departed | Date | Arrived | Miles |
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| 1 April 53 | Yokosuka, Japan | 11 April 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 3501 |
| 13 April 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 20 April 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 2323 |
| 11 May 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 18 May 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 2323 |
| 19 May 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 20 May 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 198 |
| 20 May 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 21 May 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 198 |
| 22 May 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 23 May 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 198 |
| 1 June 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 2 June 53 | Maui, T.H. | 145 |
| 2 June 53 | Maui, T.H. | 3 June 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 145 |
| 12 June 53 | Hilo, T.H. | 13 June 53 | Oahu, T.H. | 285 |
| 13 June 53 | Oahu, T.H. | 14 June 53 | Maui, T.H. | 53 |
| 17 June 53 | Maui, T.H. | 18 June 53 | Kahului, Maui, T.H. | 35 |
| 19 June 53 | Kahului, Maui, T.H. | 19 June 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 92 |
| 23 June 53 | Pearl Harbor, T.H. | 30 June 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 2323 |
| 5 Aug. 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 22 Aug. 53 | Nagoya, Japan | 5364 |
| 23 Aug. 53 | Nagoya, Japan | 25 Aug. 53 | Sasebo, Japan | 612 |
| 30 Aug. 53 | Sasebo, Japan | 31 Aug. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 104 |
| 31 Aug. 53 | Pusan, Korea | 16 Sept. 53 | San Francisco, Cal. | 5370 |
| 17 Sept. 53 | San Francisco, Cal. | 19 Sept. 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 436 |
| 3 Oct. 53 | San Diego, Calif. | 5 Oct. 53 | San Francisco, Cal. | 436 |

Total Miles.....42,051

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| 1953 | October | 3-5 | San Diego to San Francisco | 436 nautical miles | Cullen, Page 21 |

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| | | | | **Drydock and overhaul - San Francisco, Alameda** | |
| 1953 | Early October through Mid-December | | San Francisco & Plant Brothers Shipyard, Alameda | 1) "After a brief layover in San Diego, the Calvert returned to San Francisco and proceeded to Plant Brothers Shipyard in Alameda for an eight day drydocking. Her docking completed, the Calvert crossed the bay to Pier 64, San Francisco, where she was overhauled by the Triple "A" Machine Works." | Cullen, Page 21 |

Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay, and Alameda

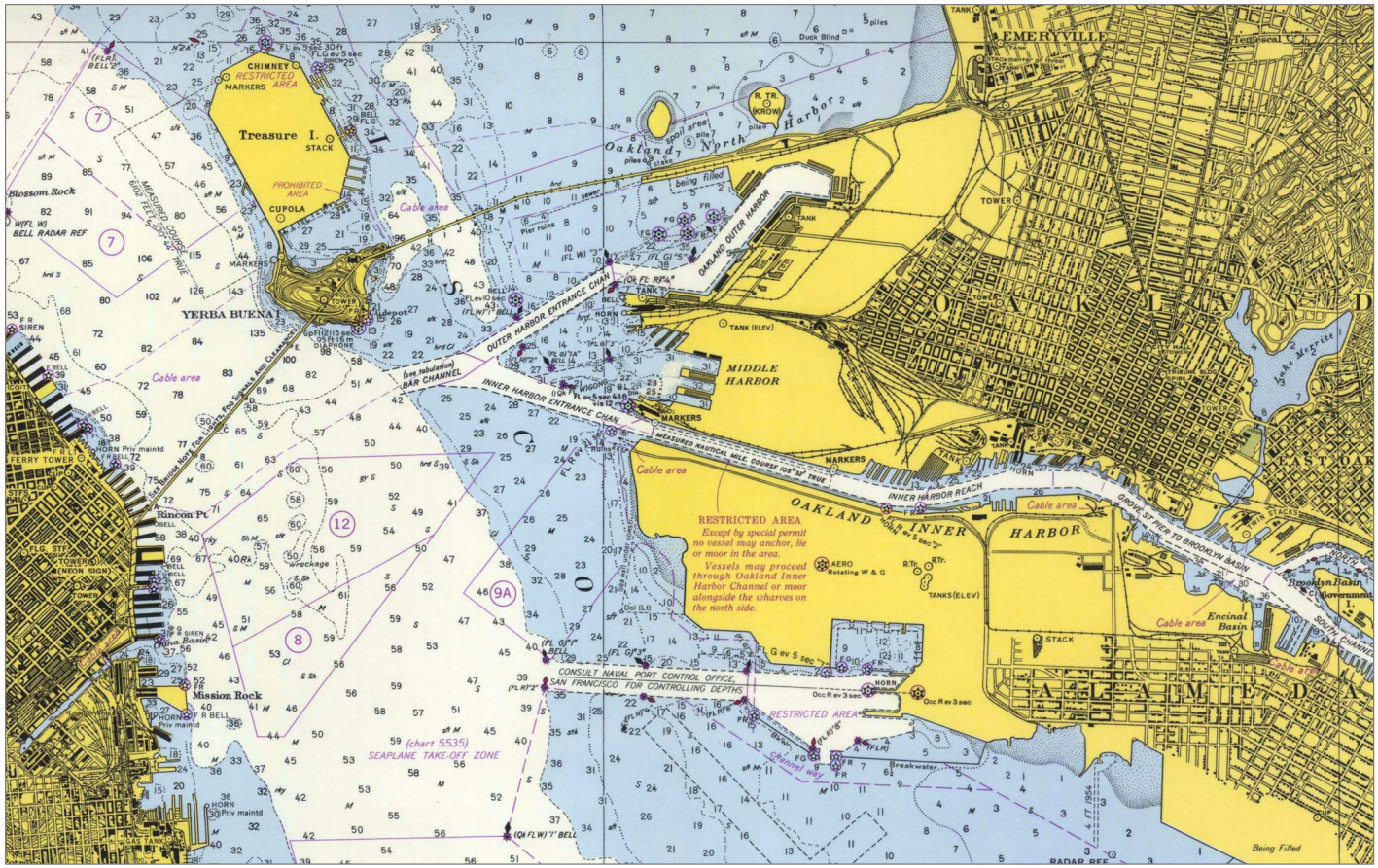
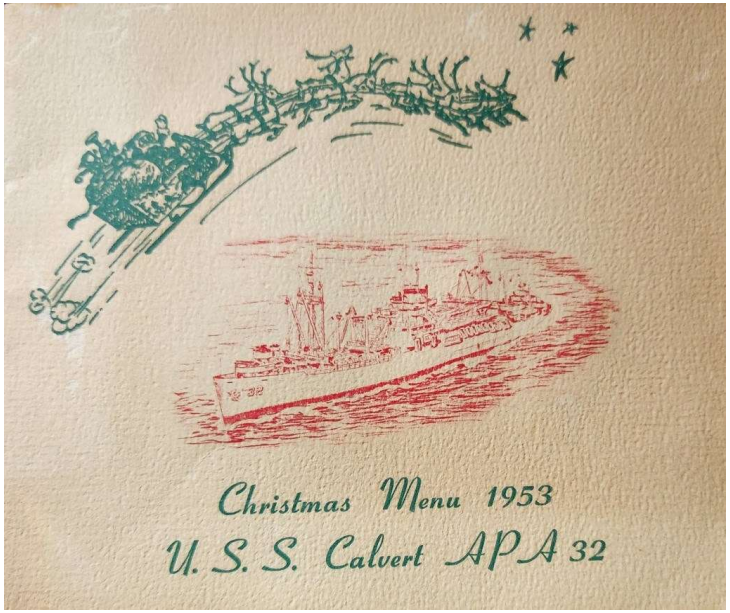
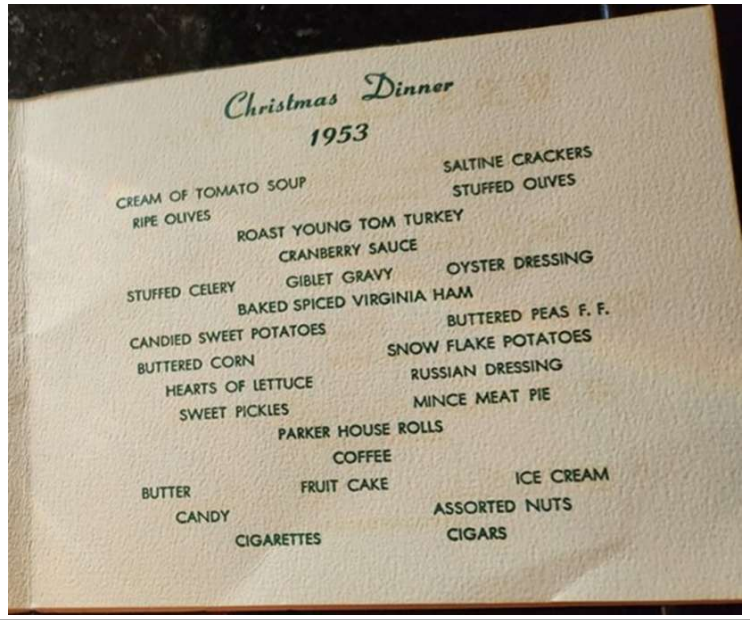



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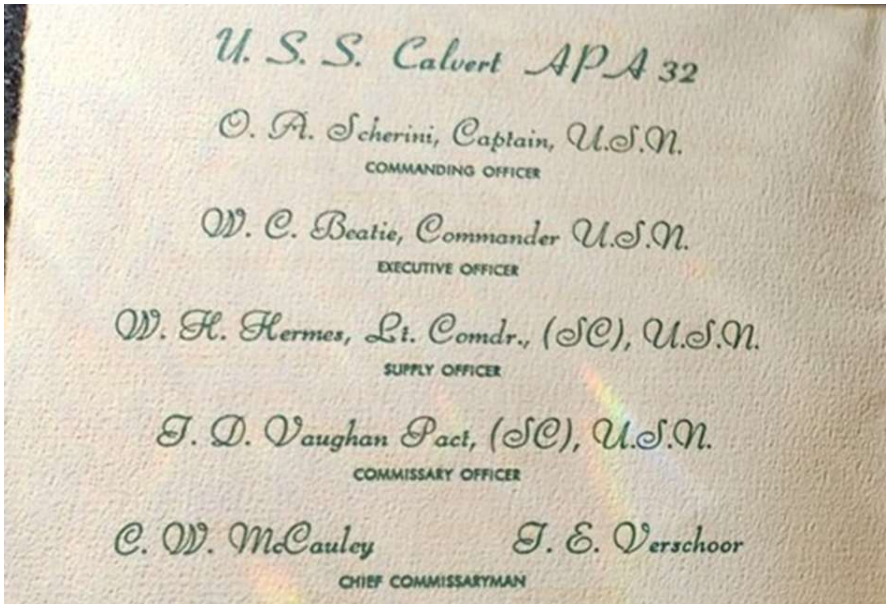
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| 1953 | December | Early-to-mid | San Francisco | **The Calvert's Rat Problem**<br><br>"One of my most memorable memories of the Calvert was the rats we had on board. In fact, I remember watching movies in the mess hall. Periodically, there was a clattering of chairs as someone made a dive for a rat moving along a bulkhead. A bounty of one carton of cigarettes had been placed on each rat tail turned-in.<br><br>As you may know, the Calvert was designed as a merchant ship and had most of its pipes and wires hidden by false overheads. That was a perfect hiding place for rats. The ship was fumigated at Treasure Island and the crew was moved to barracks for several days while the fumigation was in progress." | Calversion, V52, P3<br>Merril F. Davis, PN3 (Personnel Man)<br>Aboard late 1953 to Summer 1954 |
| 1953 | December | 18 | San Diego | 1) Her overhaul completed, the Calvert returned to the San Diego area on 18 December.<br><br>Editor's research note::<br>2) "A further relaxation in secrecy concerning Navy ship movements was announced yesterday by Western Sea Frontier headquarters at Treasure Island. Arrivals and departures of combat vessels headed for Hawaii or other ports can be reported. However, sailings to Far Eastern or other foreign ports will remain confidential." Ship Movement Secrecy to Be Lifted Further | 1) Cullen, Page 21<br><br>2) San Francisco Chronicle, Friday, December 18, 1953, p10 |
| 1953 | December | 25 | San Diego | **Christmas dinner menu** | Calversion V26, Page 7 |



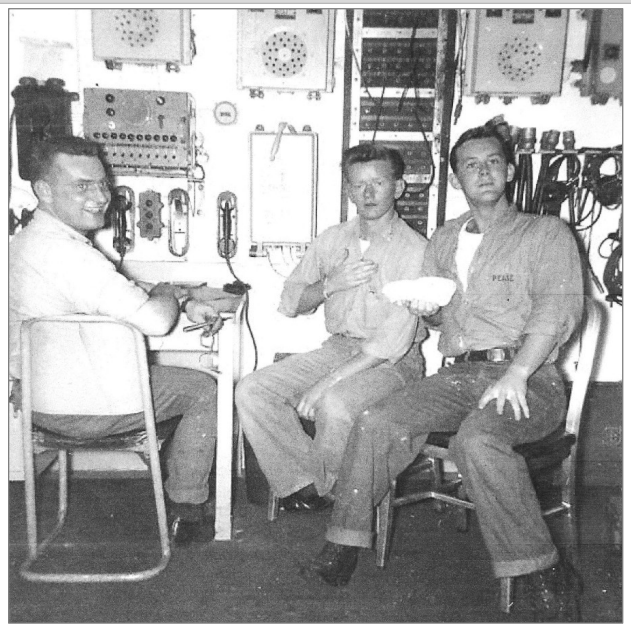
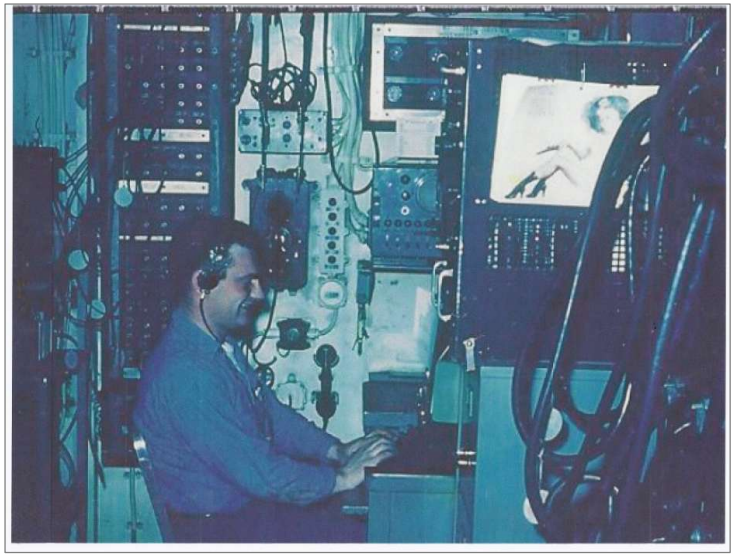




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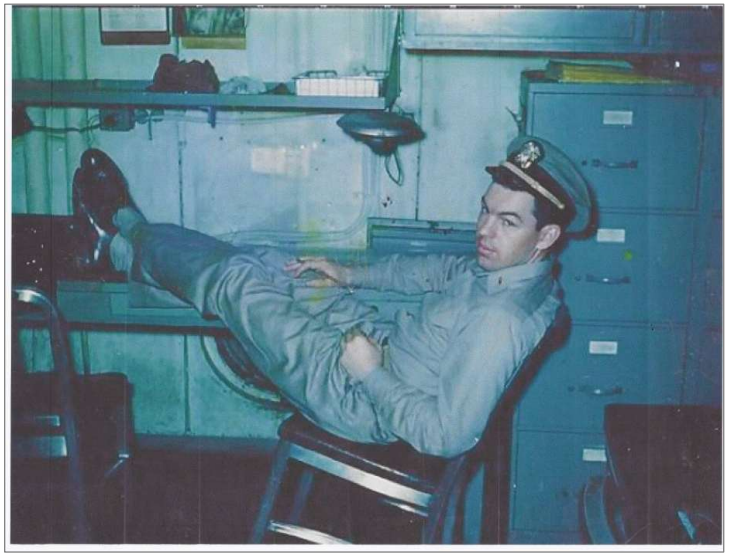
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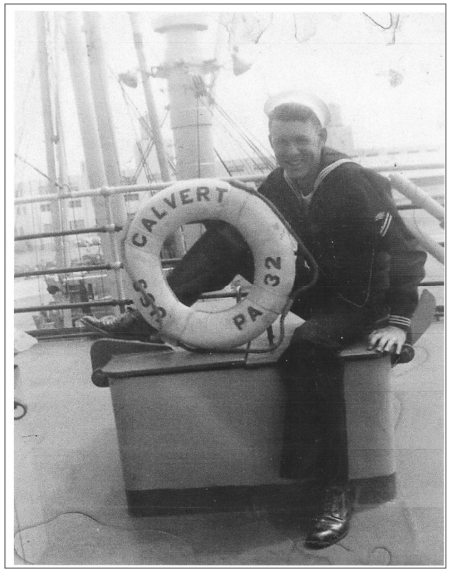


Additional photograph sets for the period 1951 - 1953

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| Left photo: Irving Hall is second from the left | | | |   | Photos of the Calvert's Radio Crew (Operations Division): Provided by Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd Class, 1951-53<br><br>Online: http://www.usscalvert.com/2013/11/08/radio-crew-early-1950s/ |
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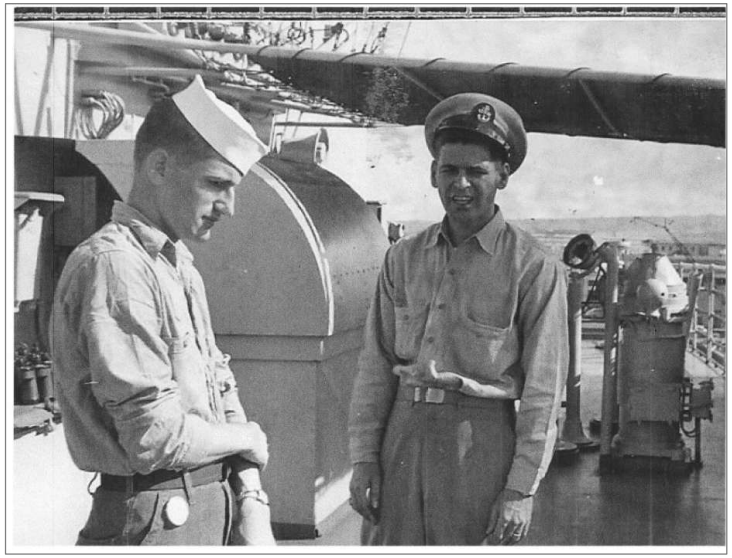





Left photograph: Lt. JG Dale Willhite - Navigator, O Division

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Deck photo (Left) and Radio Crew (Right)
Provided by Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd Class, 1951-53

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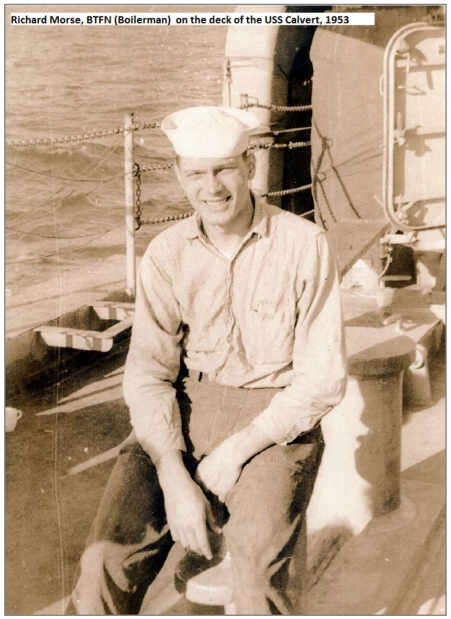





Deck photos taken by Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd class

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(Left) Deck photo taken by Irving Hall, Radioman 3rd class

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Right: Photo of Richard Morse,Boilerman - 1953: https://www.usscalvert.com/morse-richard-1953_rrm_on_ship_deck_-_5x7/

**End of research notes for the period June 1950 to December 1953.**

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