A History of the USS Calvert - Research notes for the period January 1, 1956 to August 27, 1956

Year	Month	Day	Location / Movement	Historical Details	Sources, Notes

Introduction
This document is a chronologically ordered set of historical research notes for the period January 1, 1956 to August 27, 1956.

Chronological highlights for January 1, 1956 to August 27, 1958

For the period covered in this document, the USS Calvert underwent a significant overhaul from mid-January to early-May, and then the ship and her crew exercised as frequent training exercises in the vicinity of San Diego, Coronado Roads, and Camp Pendleton.

* San Diego Naval Station - January 1 - 3
* San Diego Fleet Operating Area - January 4 - 6
* San Diego Bay and Naval Station - January 7 - 16
* San Diego to Long Beach - January 17
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* San Diego and San Diego Operating Area - May 11 - July 10
* San Diego and Coronado Roads - July 11 - July 20
* San Diego and San Diego Operating Area - July 21 - 25
* San Diego to Camp Pendleton, and return - July 26 -27
* San Diego, San Diego Operating Area, and Camp Pendleton - July 28 - August 3
* San Diego Harbor and San Diego Naval Station - August 4 - 27 - Preparation for Far East Cruise (August 28, 1956 - April 1957)

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

* Deck Log Books, USS Calvert. When available online at the National Archives Online Catalog
  * January 1956. Online https//catalog.archives.gov/id/217331495
  * February 1956. Online https//catalog.archives.gov/id/217331639
  * March 1956. Online https//catalog.archives.gov/id/217331773
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Selected maps and charts

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

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Notes

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

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

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

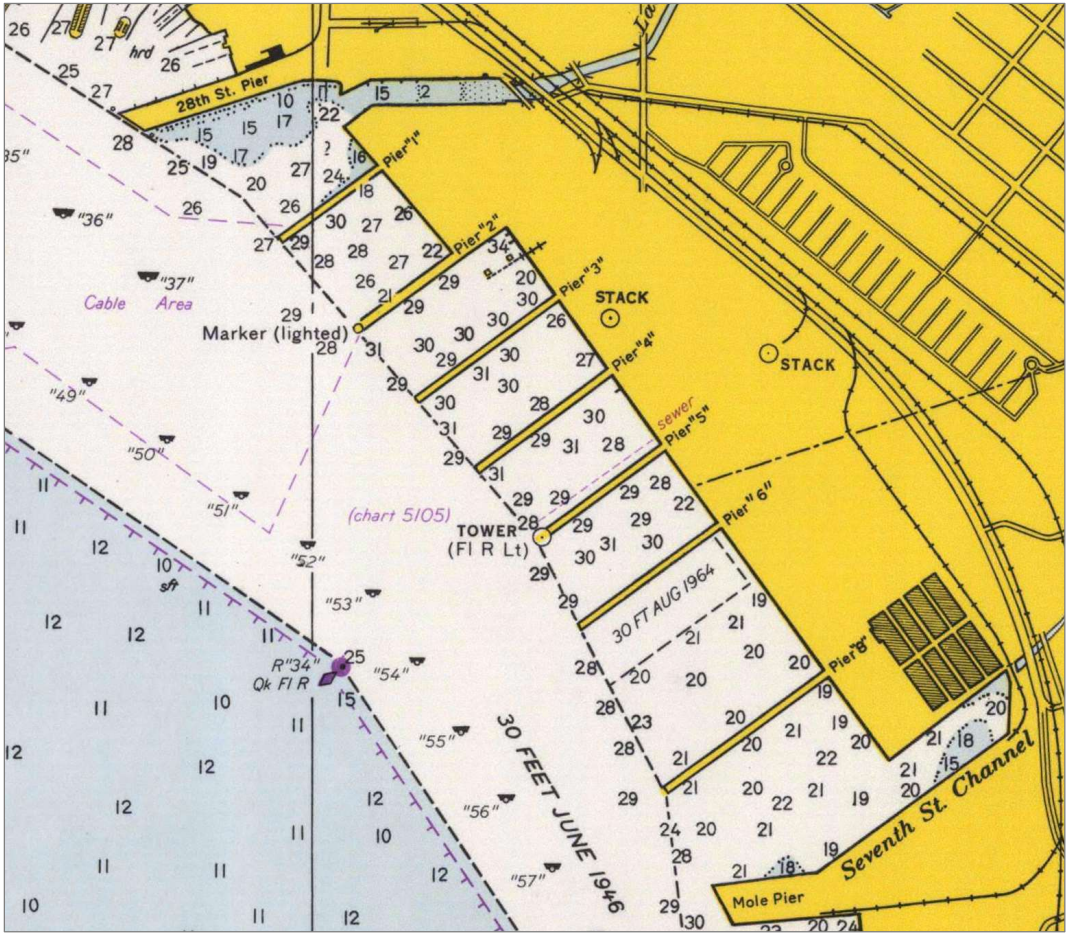


USS Calvert, circa 1956 to 1957. Possibly before overhaul period in early 1956.

Photograph provided by Ivan Roy Vail, Gunnersmate 1956-1958

1956	January	1	US Naval Station, San Diego	**New Years Day Poem** Sunday, January 1, 1956 Moored starboard side to port side USS Estes (AGC-12), pier 5, berth 55, US Naval Station, San Diego. Receiving telephone and fresh water from the pier. Boiler number 2 and 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. The time, New Year's morning, 0 to 4. The place was the USS CALVERT still moored With starboard to port of an AGC. The USS ESTES, at pier 5, stood she. At San Diego Naval Station In berth 55, She had spent some duration. From the pier came water and phone service with ease, But limit your call to 5 minutes please. The boiler was 2 and generator 3 And both were in use as auxiliary Ships present were many and always in view U. N. ships, and yard craft, and district craft, too. In Coronade across the bay, The SOPA (COMAIRPAC) was present today. Your narrator is BOUDREAUX, and Ensign forlorn, Who had to turn poet for this New Year's morn. At one in the morning no words seem to flow Except rack and sack, bed and stead, blow and go Happy New Year, this is it, I quit. L. S. Boudreaux L. S. BOUDREAUX Ens., USN	Deck Log Book, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	1	San Diego Naval Station	1144 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1145 Mustered crew on stations	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	2	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. 0850 Made daily inspection of magazines and smokeless powder samples; conditions normal. 1145 Mustered crew on stations. 1927 Commenced blowing tubes; completed at 1937.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

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



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

Full chart online
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1956	January	3	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	4	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. 0500 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0920 Underway for San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 1048 Departed inland waters; speed 16 knots. 1105 Set General Quarters. 1123 Exercised at abandon ship drill; secured at 1140.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

1956	January	4	San Diego Naval Station Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas	Moored as before. 0500 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0920 Underway for San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 1048 Departed inland waters; speed 16 knots. 1105 Set General Quarters. 1123 Exercised at abandon ship drill; Secured at 1140. 1125 Visibility decreased to approximately 1/2 mile; commenced sounding fog signals; reduced speed. 1128 Stopped all engines. 1129 All engines back full. 1131 Stopped all engines. 1133 Proceeding at reduced speeds on various courses in heavy fog with various units of fleet in vicinity. 1201 Secured from General Quarters; set regular steaming watch condition IV. 1211 Visibility increased to 3 miles; resumed course at speed 10 knots. 1238 Visibility increased to 4 miles; ceased sounding fog signals; resumed speed 16 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	4	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas	1314 Set General Quarters. 1410 Commenced blowing tubes; completed at 1421. 1426 Proceeded to rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199). 1440 Stopped all engines. 1453 Maneuvering to take station 1000 yards astern USS Magoffin to conduct gunnery exercise. 1508 USS Calvert on station 1000 yards astern USS Magoffin; USS Magoffin serving as guide. 1550 Commenced scheduled gunnery exercise Z-1-G. 1618 Completed gunnery exercise Z-1-G; expended 700 rounds of 20mm and 226 rounds of 40mm ammunition. Proceeding independently. 1622 Secured from General Quarters; set regular steaming watch. 1633 Commenced man overboard drill; completed at 1654. 1618 Completed scheduled gunnery exercise Z-1-G having expended 700 rounds of 20MM and 226 rounds of 4OMM ammunition. Proceeding independently. 1622 Secured from general quarters, set the regular steaming watch. 1633 Commenced exercising the crew at man overboard drill and completed 1654.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

1956	January	5	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas	0000 Steaming as before, independently on the boundaries of San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0727 Visibility decreased to 500 yards; commenced sounding fog signals. 0740 Visibility decreased to zero; all engines stopped; maneuvering to avoid unidentified vessel. 0757 All engines ahead one-third speed; clear of unidentified vessel. 0810 Set General Quarters. 0840 Scheduled gunnery exercise Z-6-G delayed due to fog. 0904 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Three. 0907 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Two. 0915 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple One; Secured at 0951. 0921 Visibility increased to four miles; Ceased sounding fog signals. 1011 Secured from General Quarters. 1032 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1045. 1100 Set General Quarters to conduct gunnery exercise Z-12-G. 1152 Exercise Z-12-G not conducted due to poor visibility and inability of control vessel to control drone. 1231 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-23-G; Completed at 1240 Expended 8 rounds AAC and 8 rounds VT Non-Frag 5"/38 ammunition. 1329 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-12-G; Completed at 1401. 1416 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-6-G; Completed at 1451. Ammunition expended for Z-6-G and Z-12-G: 550 rounds 40mm, 31 rounds 3"/50, and 1,150 rounds 20mm. 1457 Maneuvering to pick up sleeve; Retrieved sleeve at 1557. 1601 Commenced man overboard drill; Completed at 1647. 1900 Exercised crew at fire quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	6	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming independently on the boundaries of San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0555 Visibility decreased to 1/2 mile; commenced sounding fog signals. 0707 Set special sea and anchor detail; made all preparations for entering port. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0730 Steering various courses at various speeds to conform with San Diego Harbor Channel. 1045 Moored fore and aft to buoys No. 30 and No. 31, San Diego, California. 2350 Visibility reduced to 500 yards; commenced sounding fog signals.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	7	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to buoys No. 30 and No. 31, San Diego, California, with 17 fathoms of chain through the bullnose and a 13" wire and 8" manila aft. Boiler No. 1 and Generator No. 3 in use for auxiliary purposes. Various ships and units of the United Nations Fleet, yard and district craft present. SOPA (COMAIRPAC) at US Naval Air Station, Coronado, California. Due to heavy fog, visibility less than 1/10 mile; sounding fog signals. 0320 Visibility increased to 1500 yards; Ceased sounding fog signals. 0440 Visibility decreased to 500 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals. 0530 Visibility increased to one mile; Ceased sounding fog signals. 0545 Visibility decreased to 1000 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals. 0700 Visibility increased to 1.5 miles; Ceased sounding fog signals. 0830 Visibility decreased to 300 yards; Commenced sounding fog signals. 0920 Visibility increased to 1.5 miles; Ceased sounding fog signals. 1500 Visibility increased to 4 miles.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

1956	January	8 - 15	San Diego Harbor San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. January 8 - 11: Periods of heavy fog. January 13: Relocated to Pier 5, San Diego Naval Station.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	16	San Diego Naval Station Underway for Long Beach	0000 Moored starboard side to port side of USS Estes (AGC-12) at Pier 5, Berth 55, US Naval Station, San Diego, California. Boiler No. 2 and Generator No. 1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Fresh water and telephone services received from the pier. Various ships and units of the United Nations Fleet, yard and district craft present. SOPA (COMAIRPAC) at US Naval Air Station, Coronado, California. 0600 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 0845 Underway to stand out of San Diego Harbor. 1014 Departed inland waters; Set speed 16 knots. 1100 Commenced full power run at 17.5 knots. 1300 Completed full power run. 1308 Passed Kelp Cutter El Captain abeam to starboard, distance 800 yards. 1325 Sighted Santa Catalina Island, distance 20 miles. 1700 Conducted test of steering engines; completed at 1719. 1719 All engines stopped. 1720 Secured all ship's power; Commenced electronics interference test. 1730 Lying to with no way on in Operational Area PP-7. 2110 Restored all ship's power; Under command. 2144 Completed electronics interference test. 2345 Set speed 5 knots; Maneuvering to avoid tug with tow.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

Overhaul, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, California - January 17 - April 18

1, 2) The Calvert remained in the yard until 15 April. During this time she received a considerable alteration to her electronic and control installations. This modernized her relief ACG (Amphibious Force Flagship) capabiliities originally installed in 1945. Like the earlier overhaul, this too reduced her troop carrying capacity capability to some 900. It further provided adequate facilities for her service as a Squadron Commander's flagship and Assistant Division Commander's headquarters.

3) Dry dock. Modern radar for both surface (SPS-10) and air (SPS-6). Prior to this work, Calvert still had WWII-era surface radar.

4) LBNS operated until 1997, located on Terminal Island between the city of Long Beach and the San Pedro district of Los Angeles, approximately 23 miles south of the Los Angeles International Airport.

1) Cullen, Pages 22 & 23

2) Calversion, Vol 31, P5 - All Hands, October 1959 - T.W. Glickman, LTJG, USN.

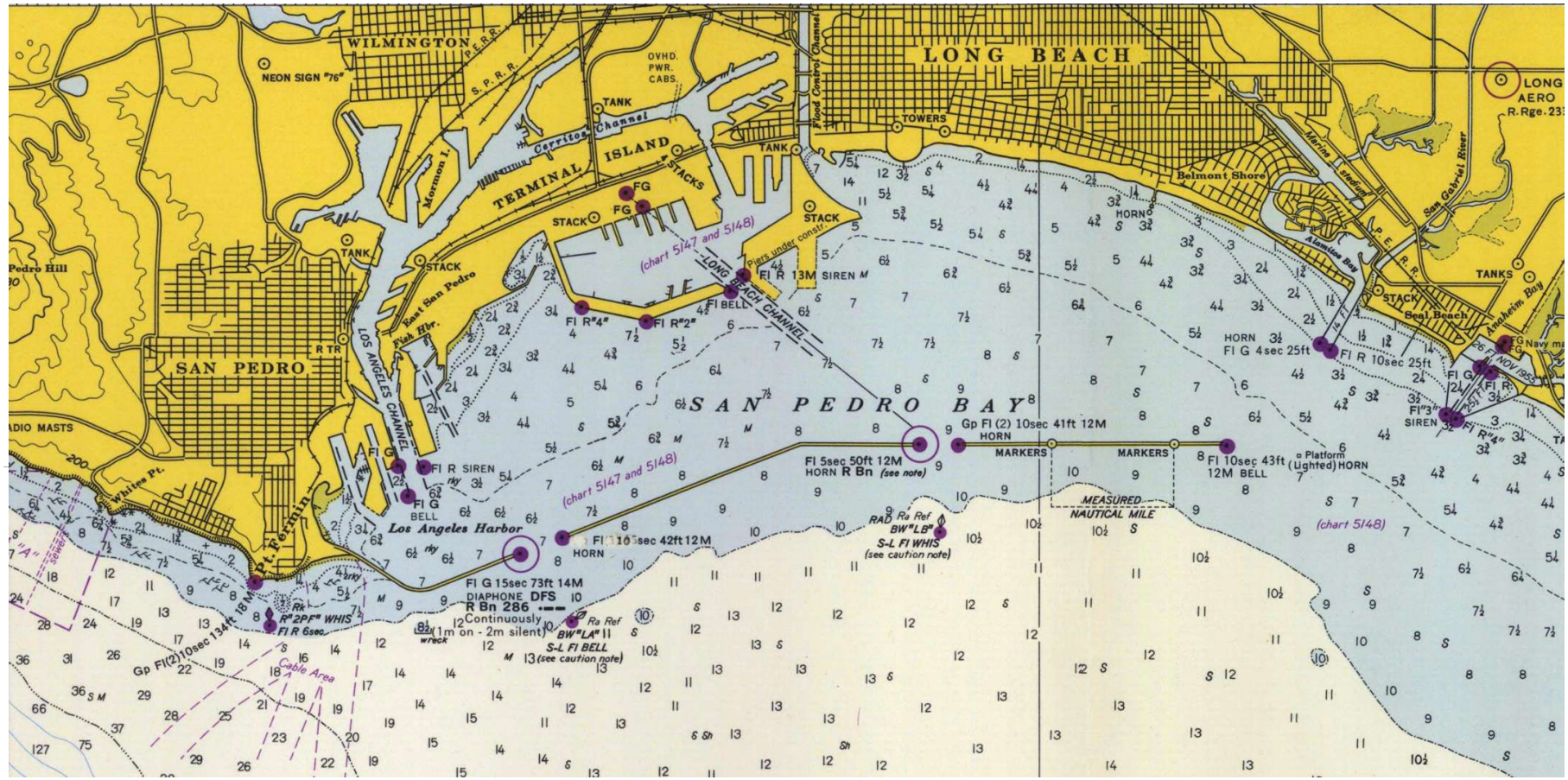
3) Al Bradbury, '54-'55 - RDM

4) LBNS Wikipedia entry: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_Beach_Naval_Shipyard

1956	January	17	Underway to Long Beach Long Beach Outer Harbor	0000 Steaming independently enroute Long Beach. 0044 Anchored in Explosives Anchorage No. 2, Berth B-9, Long Beach Outer Harbor, Long Beach. 0807 Harbor tug YTB 397 delivered ammunition barge YFN 954 to port side No. 1 hatch. 0808 Commenced transfer of ammunition to barge; completed discharge at 0916. 0950 Ammunition barge shifted to port side No. 6 hatch; Commenced transfer of ammunition to barge; YTB 703 departed. 1335 Completed offloading entire ship's ammunition allowance in preparation for entering Long Beach Naval Shipyard. 1336 Ammunition barge YFN 954 and YTB 400 departed from alongside. 1354 Commenced discharging fuel to starboard. 1422 Commenced discharging diesel fuel to port. 1500 Lighted fires under No. 1 boiler. 1705 YO 220 cleared from port.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	17	Long Beach Naval Shipyard	1801 Underway from anchorage for Long Beach Naval Shipyard; pilot at the conn with captain, executive officer, and navigator on the bridge; steering various courses at various speeds to enter Long Beach Channel and inner harbor. 1842 Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 33 with standard mooring lines doubled up, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California. 1854 Secured Boiler No. 1.	

Chart of San Pedro Bay,
An extract of San Pedro Channel, #5142 | 80,000 scale. Soundings in feet. | 2nd Edition, December 1958 |US Coastal and Geodetic Survey

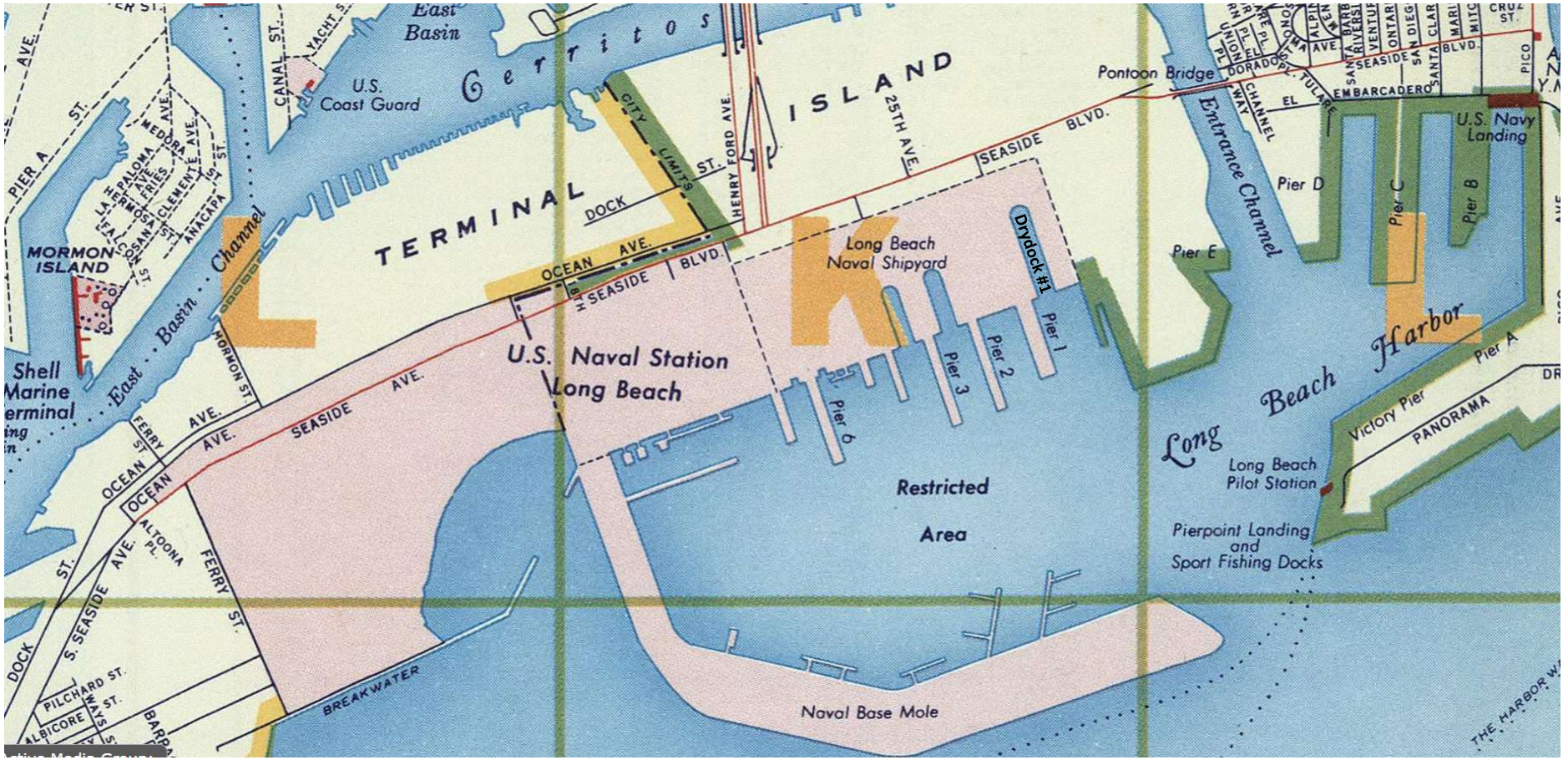
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1956	January	18	Long Beach Naval Shipyard	0000 Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 33 with standard mooring lines, US Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California. 1000 Commanding Officer left the ship to call officially on Commander, Long Beach Naval Shipyard; returned at 1157. 1218 Fuel oil barge YO 220 moored alongside to starboard. 1235 Commenced discharging diesel oil. 1759 Completed discharging diesel oil; total discharged 8,316 gallons. 1830 Secured Boiler No. 2; commenced taking on steam from the pier.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956
1956	January	19 - 31	Long Beach Naval Shipyard	Moored as before	Deck Log, USS Calvert, January 1956

1956	February	1 - 20	Long Beach Naval Shipyard	Feb 17th: 1715 Number 7 ten ton boom on Number 4 hatch fell across starboard life lines due to unspooling of topping lift wire from winch drum caused by ratchet paul becoming disengaged.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February 1956
1956	February 21 - March 15		Long Beach Naval Shipyard Drydock	February 21: Relocated to drydock number 1, Long Beach Naval Station. February 23: 0907 - 0914 Fire in Admiral's Cabin, A-0202-L. Estimated fire damage approximately seven hundred dollars.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, February and March 1956

Street Map of Long Beach and Los Angeles Southern Section
Shell Oil Company, 1956
Full map available online: https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~212243~5500310:Street-Map-of-Long-Beach-and-Los-An?mi=16&trs=17&qvq=w4s:/where%2FLong%2BBeach%2B(Calif.)%2F;lc:RUMSEY~8~1



1956	March 16 - May 6		Long Beach Naval Shipyard	March 13: Relocated from drydock to Berth 33, Pier 3, Long Beach Naval Shipyard. Remainder of this time, moored Berth 33, Pier 3, Long Beach Naval Shipyard.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, March 1956 Deck Log, USS Calvert, April 1956 Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956

1956	May	7	Long Beach Naval Shipyard Underway. Long Beach Operating Area	0000 Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 33, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California. 0100 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0511 Underway for Operating Areas PP 14 and 15 to conduct radiation tests. 0556 Departed inland waters; entered international waters at Long Beach breakwater. 0559 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0643 Commenced radiation tests. 1830 Completed radiation tests. 1830 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1920 Entered inland waters at Long Beach Harbor breakwater. 1957 Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 33, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	8	Long Beach Naval Shipyard	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	9	Long Beach Naval Shipyard / Long Beach Outer Harbor Ammunition Anchorage	0000 Moored port side to Pier 3, Berth 33, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California. 0600 Underway to shift berths to Ammunition Anchorage 2 Bravo 8, Long Beach Outer Harbor. 0650 Anchored at Ammunition Anchorage 2 Bravo 8, Long Beach Outer Harbor, Long Beach, California. 0703 Secured No. 2 Boiler. 0730 Commenced loading ammunition. 2008 Completed loading ammunition; Received from U.S. Naval Ammunition and Net Depot, Seal Beach, California: 5"/38: 33 rounds AAC, 162 rounds VT, 12 rounds VTNF, 44 rounds target, 311 powder cartridges; 3"/50: 196 rounds AA, 344 rounds VT, 76 rounds AP, 76 rounds ILL, 176 rounds VTNF, 24 rounds target; 40mm: 3,840 rounds HET, 1,472 rounds HEI, 960 rounds BL&T, 544 rounds APT; 20mm: 16,920 rounds HEI, 8,460 rounds HET, 540 rounds BL&P.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	10	Underway Operating Areas PP-7 and JJ-18	0000 Anchored at Ammunition Anchorage 2 Bravo 8, Long Beach Outer Harbor, Long Beach, California. 0200 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0452 Commenced maneuvering to swing ship using port anchor. 0543 Departed inland waters; entered international waters at Long Beach breakwater. 0548 Increased speed to 16 knots. 0552 Underway for Operating Areas PP 7 and JJ 18 to conduct electronic interference survey. 0749 All engines stopped; hove to in preparation for electronic interference survey. 0805 Commenced electronic interference survey. 2012 Completed electronic interference survey. 2017 Underway for position four miles offshore to conduct measured mile run north of Point La Jolla.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	11	Underway San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming as before, proceeding to position four miles offshore to conduct measured mile run north of Point La Jolla, California. 0238 Altered course and speed to avoid unidentified small craft. 0615 Commenced measured mile run. 1125 Completed measured mile run. 1131 Increased speed to 16 knots; proceeding to San Diego entrance buoy. 1135 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1243 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1345 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1442 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956

				Moored as before. May 14: Received 35,000 gallons fresh water. May 17: Reeceiving 1011 gallons of lube oil.	
1956	May	12 - 20	San Diego Harbor		Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	21	San Diego Harbor Underway, San Diego Operating Area	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0930 Underway for San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 1038 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1046 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 1132 Secured from General Quarters; Set Material Condition Bravo. 1319 Set General Quarters. 1330 Set Material Condition Alfa. 1353 Conducted abandon ship drill. 1429 Secured from abandon ship drill; Resumed General Quarters stations. 1438 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Three. 1447 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Two. 1456 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple One; Simulated atomic surface burst bearing 040, distance 3,000 yards. 1518 Secured from General Quarters and ABC Defense drills. 1540 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1557. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1903. 1945 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2030 Lighted ship.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	22	Underway San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas WV 1, 3, and 5. 0745 Rendezvoused with USS Ponchatoula (AO-148) to conduct seamanship exercises. 0840 Commenced seamanship exercises with USS Ponchatoula (AO-148). 0900 Fueling connections made; Commenced receiving token fuel. 0910 Completed receiving token fuel; Received 60 barrels. 0920 All lines and equipment recovered aft. 0930 Broke fuel connections forward. 0941 Completed seamanship exercises with USS Ponchatoula (AO-148). 0941 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1038 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1126. 1251 Conducted collision drill. 1303 Set Material Condition Alfa; Set Material Condition Bravo at 1315; Secured at 1319. 1327 Maneuvering to rendezvous with USS Pictor (AF-54). 1449 Commenced seamanship exercises with USS Pictor (AF-54); Completed at 1525. 1536 Conducted man overboard drill. Secured from drill 1605. 1905 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1919. 1945 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2019 Lighted ship. 2135 Conducted steering casualty drill; After steering lost steering control at 2138; All engines stopped and breakdown lights turned on at 2140; Regained bridge steering control at 2142.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956

1956	May	23	Underway San Diego Fleet Operating Areas	0000 Steaming as before, on boundaries of San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0748 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 0818. 0819 Commenced steering various courses to compensate magnetic compasses. 0846 Set Condition of Readiness 3.1003 Set Condition of Readiness 2.1031 Set Condition of Readiness 4. 1051 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1122. 1142 Conducted collision drill. 1158 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1326 Commenced steering casualty drills; Completed at 1347. 1349 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Three. 1350 Set Material Condition Alfa; Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Two. 1356 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple One; Simulated atomic surface burst, bearing 060, range 3,000 yards. 1418 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1425 Completed ABC Defense drill; Secured from General Quarters. 1434 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1454. 1510 Commenced swinging ship to compensate compasses; Completed at 1539. 1559 Made rendezvous with USS Montrose (APA-212). 1618 Commenced zigzag exercise Z-45-CC with USS Montrose (APA-212); Completed at 1709. 1740 Commenced tactical exercise Z-2-C with USS Montrose (APA-212) on station 1,000 yards astern. 1908 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1923. 2112 USS Montrose (APA-212) increased interval to 1,500 yards. 2200 Released USS Montrose (APA-212) to proceed independently.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	24	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, on boundaries of San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0748 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 0818. 0819 Commenced steering various courses to compensate magnetic compasses. 1051 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1122. 1142 Conducted collision drill. 1158 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1326 Commenced steering casualty drills; Completed at 1347. 1349 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Three. 1350 Set Material Condition Alfa; Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Two. 1356 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple One; Simulated atomic surface burst, bearing 060, range 3,000 yards. 1418 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1425 Completed ABC Defense drill; Secured from General Quarters. 1434 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1454. 1559 Made rendezvous with USS Montrose (APA-212). 1618 Commenced zigzag exercise Z-45-CC with USS Montrose (APA-212); Completed at 1709. 1740 Commenced tactical exercise Z-2-C with USS Montrose (APA-212) on station 1,000 yards astern. 1908 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1923. 2112 USS Montrose (APA-212) increased interval to 1,500 yards. 2200 Released USS Montrose (APA-212) to proceed independently.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956

1956	May	25	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Area San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas II9 and SS4. 0809 Commenced precision anchoring exercises at Anchorage 126, Coronado Roads; Completed at 0917. 0917 Commenced making practice approaches for mooring and docking on assigned mooring buoys, Coronado Roads; Completed at 1110. 1115 Anchored in Berth 126, Coronado Roads. 1243 Underway for San Diego Harbor. 1414 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego. 1517 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1845 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1855. 1907 Conducted collision drill; Secured at 1917. 1948 Conducted collision drill; Secured at 1955.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	26 - 27	San Diego Harbor	Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	28	San Diego Harbor Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0230 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0640 Underway for San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0802 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0808. 0815 Commenced battle problem. 0915 Set Material Condition Bravo. 0920 Secured from General Quarters. 0937 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 0953. 1005 Commenced engineering exercises. 1017 During Generator Overload Exercise, actual casualty occurred; Lost load on all generators; Fires out under boilers; hoisted Not-Under-Command signal. 1024 No. 1 and No. 3 generators back on the line. 1025 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 1030 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1035 Resumed propulsion at one-third speed; Hauled down Not-Under-Command signal. 1050 Engineering casualty recurred; All engines stopped; Hoisted Not-Under-Command signal. 1057 Resumed propulsion; Hauled down Not-Under-Command signal. 1100 Secured from engineering exercises.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956

1956	May	28	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1110 Called away Rescue and Assistance Detail; Secured at 1139. 1400 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1405. 1433 Report received that tractor aircraft would rendezvous late; Secured from General Quarters. 1500 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1505. 1507 Tractor aircraft arrived on station. 1520 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1534 Commenced firing exercise Z-6-G. 1601 Completed firing exercise Z-6-G. 1602 Set Material Condition Bravo; Secured from General Quarters. 1637 Set General Quarters; Rendezvoused with USS Mataco (ATF-56) with sled. 1645 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1657 Commenced firing exercise Z-21-G. 1810 Completed firing exercise Z-21-G Expended during exercises: 260 rounds 20mm AA, 20 rounds 20mm TAR, 123 rounds 40mm AA, 4 rounds 40mm TAR, 32 rounds 3"/50 AA, 9 rounds 3"/50 VT, and 14 rounds 5"/38 VT. 1810 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May	29	Underway, San Diego Fleet Operating Area San Diego Harbor	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas MM 18 and 19. 0132 Maneuvered to pass clear of LOCATRO (YAGR-6). 0214 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0815 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0819. 0840 Tractor aircraft No. 2 rendezvoused with ship. 0853 Commenced firing exercise Z-1-G; Completed at 0929. 0930 Set Material Condition Bravo; Secured from General Quarters at 0938. 1036 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1051. 1100 Called away Rescue and Assistance Party; Secured at 1117. 1120 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1123. 1125 Rendezvoused with YV-1. 1128 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1131 Commenced firing exercise Z-12-G; Completed at 1204. 1204 Expended during exercises Z-1-G and Z-12-G: 2,020 rounds 20mm AA, 90 rounds 20mm TAR, 824 rounds 40mm AA, 172 rounds 40mm TAR, 30 rounds 3"/50 UTNF, 35 rounds 3"/50 VT, and 3 rounds 6"/38 TAR. 1230 Secured from General Quarters. 1231 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1525 Passed Sea buoy 1SD abeam to port; entered inland waters. 1536 Entered inland waters. 1705 Moored starboard side to port side of USS Bayfield (APA-33), to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956
1956	May 30 - June 10		San Diego Harbor	Moored as before, Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor. June 2: Received 104,356 gallons NSFO. June 4: Exercised fire drill; Exercised in-port collision drill.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, May 1956 Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	11	San Diego Harbor North San Diego Bay	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0530 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0930 Underway to shift berths to Anchorage 206, North San Diego Bay. 1045 Anchored at Anchorage 206, North San Diego Bay. 1220 Set Condition of Readiness One with engineering and communications personnel; Set Condition of Readiness Three throughout the ship. 1248 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 1301 Commenced Fleet Training Group Training Readiness battle problem; Completed at 1331. 1331 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1346 Secured from General Quarters. 1610 Commenced maneuvering to clear anchorage; Experienced casualty to anchor windlass. 1957 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 2023. 2148 Visibility decreased to 200 yards due to fog; Commenced sounding prescribed fog signals. 2150 Secured power on radar mast; Commenced repairs to air search radar antenna. 2208 Secured from sounding fog signals; Visibility increased to two miles. 2313 Visibility decreased to 200 yards due to fog; Commenced sounding prescribed fog signals.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	12	North San Diego Bay Underway off San Diego	0000 Anchored at Berth 206, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California; Continuing repairs to anchor windlass motor and air search radar. 0145 Completed repairs to air search radar; Energized radars. 0740 Visibility increased to two miles; Ceased sounding fog signals. 0752 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 0817 Set Material Condition Bravo. 0830 Commenced steering casualty exercises. 0903 Secured from General Quarters. 0938 Underway from Anchorage 206, North San Diego Bay. 1015 Commenced sounding prescribed fog signals. 1020 Entered heavy fog bank, visibility zero; Commenced maneuvering to clear contacts in area. 1147 Visibility increased to 300 yards; Fog lifting. 1150 Sighted USS Magoffin (APA-199) bearing 020, distance two miles. 1153 Ceased sounding fog signals. 1236 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1332 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1333 Increased speed to 17 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	12	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1336 On station with USS Magoffin (APA-199), bearing 029 true, distance 1,100 yards. 1407 Commenced maneuvering to rendezvous with USS Tolovana (AO-64) in Operating Area MM 17 to conduct fueling at sea exercise. 1450 On station port side of USS Tolovana (AO-64). 1516 Commenced receiving fuel. 1525 Completed receiving fuel; Received 500 gallons NSFO. 1541 Completed fueling at sea exercise with USS Tolovana (AO-64). 1553 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1631 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1705. 1858 Made rendezvous with USS Hector (AR-7), USS Magoffin (APA-199), USS Skagit (APA-105), USS Montrose (APA-212), and USS Interceptor (YAGR-8); Formed column formation with USS Hector as guide and OTC, base course 245, speed four knots, distance 1,000 yards; USS Calvert (APA-32) proceeded to station three. 1912 Commenced tactical exercises. 2005 USS Magoffin (APA-199) assumed OTC and guide. 2158 Completed tactical maneuvering and ship control exercises; Set course for night steaming.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	13	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Area MM 17. 0827 Conducted man overboard drill; Completed at 0849. 0905 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 0922 Lowered target into water; Commenced maneuvering to make firing runs on target. 0932 Commenced 20mm and 40mm firing calibration exercise; Ceased fire at 0952. 0954 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 1013. 1017 Made rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199); USS Magoffin OTC and guide, base course 140, speed seven knots. 1025 Made rendezvous with tractor aircraft. 1038 Commenced anti-aircraft tracking runs; Completed at 1135; Tractor 2 released. 1138 USS Calvert (APA-32) released by OTC.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	13	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1208 Commenced tactical maneuvering exercises with USS Magoffin (APA-199); USS Magoffin OTC and guide. 1228 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1235 Secured from General Quarters. 1247 Completed tactical maneuvering exercises. 1304 Set General Quarters. 1310 Conducted steering casualty exercise; Completed at 1333. 1338 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1405 Commenced gunnery exercise Z-28-G; Completed at 1532; Expended 18 rounds 3"/50 BL&P and 11 rounds 5"/38 BL&P. 1536 Secured from General Quarters. 1558 Increased speed to 15 knots; Commenced engineering exercise 154-E. 1609 Completed engineering exercise 154-E. 1613 Commenced engineering exercise 30-E; Completed at 1617. 1619 Commenced engineering exercise 38-E; Completed at 1621. 1632 Commenced exercise 180-D; Completed at 1650. 1652 Two personnel injured during General Quarters evolution; One sustained contusions and abrasions to right leg from a fall on deck; One sustained a chipped fracture of the right styloid process of the radius when caught by gun rammer during a rammer failure on the 5"/38 mount; Both treated by medical staff; One placed on binnacle list, one admitted to sick bay. 1827 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1909. 2124 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 2158.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	14	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Area II 14. 0210 Altered course and stopped engines to clear contact; Passed tuna fisherman TOLUCA close aboard to starboard. 0549 USS Brush (DD-745) passed abeam to port, distance 500 yards. 0620 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0635. 0712 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0837 Commenced approach on USS Tolovana (AO-64) to conduct underway rearming exercise, base course 324, speed 12 knots. 0903 Completed seamanship exercises with USS Tolovana (AO-64); All lines clear. 0906 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0927 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 0949. 0957 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1003. 1015 Commenced local control practice and anti-aircraft tracking exercise for 3" and 5" guns with tow plane tractor. 1038 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1130 Completed exercise; Set Material Condition Bravo. 1132 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1137. 1137 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	14	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1153 USS Kermit Roosevelt (ARG-16) passed ahead, distance 3,200 yards. 1300 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1320. 1325 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1355; Maneuvered to disperse dye marking; Completed at 1414. 1415 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Three. 1417 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 1418 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Two. 1422 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1436. 1432 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple One. 1457 Conducted engine order telegraph failure drill; Completed at 1507. 1507 Secured from General Quarters; Set Material Condition Bravo. 1518 Commenced precision anchoring exercise, approaching Anchorage 158, Coronado Roads. 1535 Anchored in Berth 158, Coronado Roads. 1544 Underway to conduct practice moorings and approaches on buoys, Coronado Roads. 1700 Completed practice moorings; Proceeded to Anchorage 158 for anchorage exercises. 1728 Anchored in Berth 158, Coronado Roads. 1738 Underway for Operating Area MM 19 for night steaming. 1753 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1910 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 2018. 2003 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2034 Lighted ship. 2021 Sighted Point Loma Light bearing 109, approximate distance 17 miles. 2227 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 2230.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	15	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Area MM 19. 0040 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0050. 0426 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0437. 0739 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0746 Made rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Commenced maneuvering to take station. 0833 Commenced approach on USS Magoffin (APA-199) port side; Commenced seamanship exercises, base course 250, speed 12 knots. 0947 Completed seamanship exercises with USS Magoffin (APA-199). 0951 Increased speed to 15 knots. 0956 Set General Quarters for anti-aircraft gunnery tracking exercise; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1001. 1033 Tractor aircraft made rendezvous with ship; Commenced anti-aircraft tracking exercise. 1133 Completed gunnery tracking exercise. 1143 Secured from General Quarters. 1203 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1358 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 1426. 1434 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1504. 1505 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1552 Increased speed to 17 knots; Maneuvering to pass northward of USS Magoffin (APA-199).	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	15	San Diego Harbor North San Diego Bay	1616 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1635 Lying to in Area Charlie to await clearing of assigned anchorage. 1712 Anchored in Berth 204, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 1717 Secured No. 1 Boiler. 1727 Secured No. 1 Generator. 2359 Secured No. 2 Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	16 - 17	North San Diego Bay	Anchored at Berth 204, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	18	North San Diego Bay San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Anchored at Berth 204, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 0430 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0757 Underway for San Diego Fleet Operating Areas. 0826 Entered international waters; Proceeded to transit simulated mine field. 0841 Commenced swept channel transit exercise, base course 323, speed 12 knots; Completed at 0910. 0859 Increased speed to 16 knots. 0927 Conducted man overboard drill; Secured at 0952. 0958 Commenced homing lost aircraft exercise (actual); Completed at 1130. 1230 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa; Made rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Took station 1,000 yards astern, USS Magoffin OTC and guide, base course 320, speed 10 knots. 1310 Conducted steering casualty drill; Secured at 1322. 1350 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1357 Secured from General Quarters. 1422 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	18	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1425 USS Magoffin (APA-199) commenced approach on port side. 1437 Commenced underway transfer exercise with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Completed at 1510. 1510 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Three. 1516 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 1526 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple Two. 1545 Set ABC Defense Phase Purple One. 1545 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1638 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 1705. 1709 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1716 Secured from General Quarters. 1839 Maneuvering to take station in column formation with USS Hector (AR-7), USS Magoffin (APA-199), and USS Interceptor (YAGR-8); Base course 240, speed seven knots; USS Hector guide, bearing 240, range 2,000 yards. 1904 Commenced tactical exercises. 2029 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed OTC and guide. 2152 Completed tactical maneuvers; Proceeded for night steaming in Operating Areas II 2 and 3 with USS Magoffin (APA-199). 2219 On station with USS Magoffin (APA-199); USS Magoffin OTC and guide, base course 180, speed eight knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	19	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming in company with USS Magoffin (APA-199), San Diego Fleet Operating Areas II 2 and 3; USS Magoffin OTC. 0000 USS Calvert (APA-32) assumed guide. 0312 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0316. 0603 Released by OTC; Proceeded independently. 0610 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0616. 0723 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 0759. 0747 Conducted fire drill; Completed at 0802. 0815 Set General Quarters; Commenced maneuvering to rendezvous with tractor. 0837 Made rendezvous with tractor; Gunnery exercise cancelled due to poor visibility. 0838 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0911. 0919 Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	19	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0919 Made rendezvous with USS Chemung (AO-30); Commenced maneuvering to take station astern for seamanship exercises. 0958 Commenced approach on starboard side of USS Chemung (AO-30), base course 085, speed eight knots. 1034 Completed seamanship exercises with USS Chemung (AO-30). 1036 Increased speed to 17 knots; Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199). 1053 Conducted man overboard drill; Completed at 1112. 1113 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1222 Commenced maneuvering to form up with USS Magoffin (APA-199) and USS Hector (AR-7); USS Hector OTC and guide. 1230 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1235. 1257 Made rendezvous with aircraft; Commenced target acquisition and designation exercise. 1304 On station; USS Hector bearing 030, range 3,500 yards. 1332 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1344 Completed target acquisition and designation exercise. 1347 Secured from General Quarters; Released by OTC. 1354 Proceeded to Operating Area MM 17 in company with USS Magoffin (APA-199), speed 12 knots. 1428 On station 1,000 yards astern of USS Magoffin (APA-199).	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	19	San Diego Fleet Operating Area North San Diego Bay	1430 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1435. 1456 Made rendezvous with Tractor 7. 1510 Commenced gunnery exercises Z-1-G and Z-3-G. 1546 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1624 Secured from General Quarters; Set Material Condition Bravo. 1646 Commenced highline transfer exercise with USS Magoffin (APA-199), USS Magoffin delivering ship; Completed at 1721. 1731 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1841 Sighted Point Loma bearing 062.5, distance approximately 15 miles. 1930 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1959 Anchored in Berth 204, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	20	North San Diego Bay San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Anchored at Berth 204, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 0553 Underway for Operating Area SS1. 0620 Increased speed to 16 knots. 0741 Commenced maneuvering to rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199) for towing exercises. 0756 Stopped all engines; Lying to in preparation to be taken in tow by USS Magoffin (APA-199). 0920 USS Magoffin (APA-199) commenced towing USS Calvert (APA-32). 1020 Towing connections broken with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Commenced maneuvering to take USS Magoffin in tow. 1138 Underway with USS Magoffin (APA-199) in tow, course 012, speed five knots. 1159 Completed towing exercise with USS Magoffin (APA-199); Broke towing gear connections. 1240 Hoisted not-under-command signal.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	20	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	1248 Made rendezvous with two aircraft for exercise Z-50-CC. 1300 Commenced exercise Z-50-CC; Completed at 1500. 1309 Hauled down not-under-command signal. 1316 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1417 Conducted engine order telegraph casualty exercise; Secured at 1418. 1511 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1516. 1532 Commenced anti-aircraft firing exercise Z-12-G with pilotless aircraft; USS YV-1 control vessel. 1620 Completed firing exercise Z-12-G; Released aircraft control vessel YV-2; Expended 70 rounds 3"/50 VTNF, 599 rounds 40mm AA, and 1,104 rounds 20mm. 1629 Secured from General Quarters. 1711 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1728. 1855 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 1900. 1925 Commenced engineering exercises; Completed at 1950. 2200 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 2227.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	21	San Diego Fleet Operating Area	0000 Steaming as before, San Diego Fleet Operating Areas SS1 and II 3. 0039 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0104. 0423 Conducted steering casualty drill; Completed at 0447. 0530 Commenced maneuvering to rendezvous with USS Hector (AR-7) in Operating Area MM 17 for anti-aircraft firing exercises. 0805 Took station 1,000 yards astern of USS Hector (AR-7); Completed at 0818, course 270, speed 10 knots. 0825 Set General Quarters. 0826 Actual steering casualty; Steering shifted aft and restored to bridge at 0828. 0831 Set Material Condition Alfa. 0840 Commenced tracking exercise; Completed at 0858. 0858 Set Material Condition Bravo; Anti-aircraft firing exercise cancelled due to poor visibility. 0900 Released by USS Hector (AR-7) to proceed independently; Secured from General Quarters.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	21	San Diego Fleet Operating Area San Diego Harbor	0900 Increased speed to 15 knots; Proceeding to rendezvous with USS Chemung (AO-30) for replenishment exercise. 0920 Made rendezvous with USS Chemung (AO-30); Commenced maneuvering for approach for fueling and transfer at sea exercise. 1000 On station starboard side of USS Chemung (AO-30). 1021 Commenced receiving token fuel; Completed at 1023. 1048 Commenced transfer at sea exercise with USS Chemung (AO-30); Completed at 1106; Received four personnel for further transfer ashore. 1116 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1230 Set General Quarters; Commenced maneuvering to rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199) and USS YV-1 for gunnery exercise. 1344 Made rendezvous with USS Magoffin (APA-199) and USS YV-1. 1421 Commenced gunnery exercise; Completed at 1440; Expended 55 rounds 3"/50 VTNF, 501 rounds 40mm AA, and 760 rounds 20mm AA. 1446 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1500 Secured from General Quarters. 1630 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1759 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1800 Broke the command pennant and absentee pennant of COMPHIBRON V.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	June	22	San Diego Harbor San Diego Fleet Operating Area San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0630 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1000 COMPHIBRON Five change of command ceremony conducted; Incoming and outgoing commanders present with representatives from multiple commands embarked. 1152 Underway for Fleet Operating Area YY-4 to conduct final Fleet Training Group battle problem. 1258 Set General Quarters to conduct Fleet Training Group final battle problem; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1303. 1307 Entered international waters. 1329 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1335 Set Atomic Defense Phase Purple Three. 1353 Commenced battle problem; Completed at 1452. 1452 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1455 Secured from General Quarters; Set course to return to port, speed 17 knots. 1519 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1556 Anchored at Berth 208, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 1720 Underway to shift berths to Buoys No. 30 and 31. 1841 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956

1956	June	23 - 30	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, June 1956
1956	July	1	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	2	San Diego Harbor San Diego Naval Station	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0400 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0825 Underway to shift berths to Pier 1, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0911 Moored port side to starboard side of USS McKinley (AGC-7), Berth 12, Pier 1, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 1252 Commenced receiving fuel oil from YO-203; Completed at 1425, having received 108,234 gallons.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	3	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. 0813 Set Condition ONE ABLE for walk-through of personnel on stations.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	4 - 8	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	9	San Diego Naval Station San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored port side to starboard side of USS Mount McKinley (AGC-7), Pier 1, Berth 12, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0000 COMPHIBTRAPAC assumed operational control of USS Calvert (APA-32) for two weeks of Amphibious Refresher Training, to complete 20 July 1956. 0430 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0803 Underway to shift berths to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor. 0842 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1032 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa; Set Material Condition Bravo at 1040. 1046 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1120 Commenced lowering all boats. 1148 Commenced hoisting boats aboard; Completed at 1255. 1230 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1338 USS Hamner (DD-718) capsized her motor whaleboat while passing to port; Boat crew recovered by USS Hamner. 1348 Set General Quarters; Set Condition One-Alfa at 1355. 1413 Commenced lowering boats into the water; Completed at 1515. 1454 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1545 Secured from Condition One-Alfa with the exception of Number 5 Hatch crew.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	10	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0823 Set General Quarters. 0831 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 1008 Exercised at handling of casualties. 1025 Commenced hoisting boats; Completed at 1110. 1117 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1218 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 1315 Dispatched boats to Beach Alfa, Inner Harbor, Silver Strand, to conduct beaching and retracting exercises. 1355 LCU-1273 came alongside starboard side forward. 1412 Commenced loading dummy cargo from LCU-1273 into No. 3 hatch; Completed at 1618; LCU-1273 shifted to port side, No. 5 hatch. 1636 Commenced loading dummy cargo into No. 5 hatch from LCU-1273; Completed at 1648; LCU-1273 clear of side. 1659 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1900 Secured No. 2 DC Generator. 1953 Energized No. 1 DC Generator; Secured No. 3 DC Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	11	San Diego Harbor Coronado Roads	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0415 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0800 COMPHIBRON Five broke his flag in USS Telfair (APA-210); COMPHIBRON Five administrative function remained in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0815 Underway for anchorage in Coronado Roads. 0923 Entered international waters; Increased speed to 15 knots. 0956 Anchored at line of departure, left flank Beach Lane Four, Coronado Roads. 1130 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 1232 All boats in water. 1242 Boats proceeded to rendezvous area. 1315 Commenced ship-to-shore movement from rendezvous area; USS Weiss (APD-135) controlling USS Calvert (APA-32) boats. 1545 Vice Admiral COMPHIBPAC assumed SOPA at U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California. 1634 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1738 All boats aboard; Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1744 Underway to dump trash and garbage; Increased speed to 15 knots. 1841 Commenced blowing tubes and dumping trash and garbage; Completed at 1855. 1855 Set course to return to anchorage, speed 15 knots. 1958 Anchored in Coronado Roads, left flank of line of departure, Beach Lane Four. 2610 Secured No. 2 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

Beach Lane Blue 2, Coronado Roads indicaed by black rectangle.
Chart of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches. Coronado Roads, Silver Strand, San Diego, CA.
Editor's note: Presumed to represent the general location of anchorages, boat lanes, and landing beaches of earlier decades.
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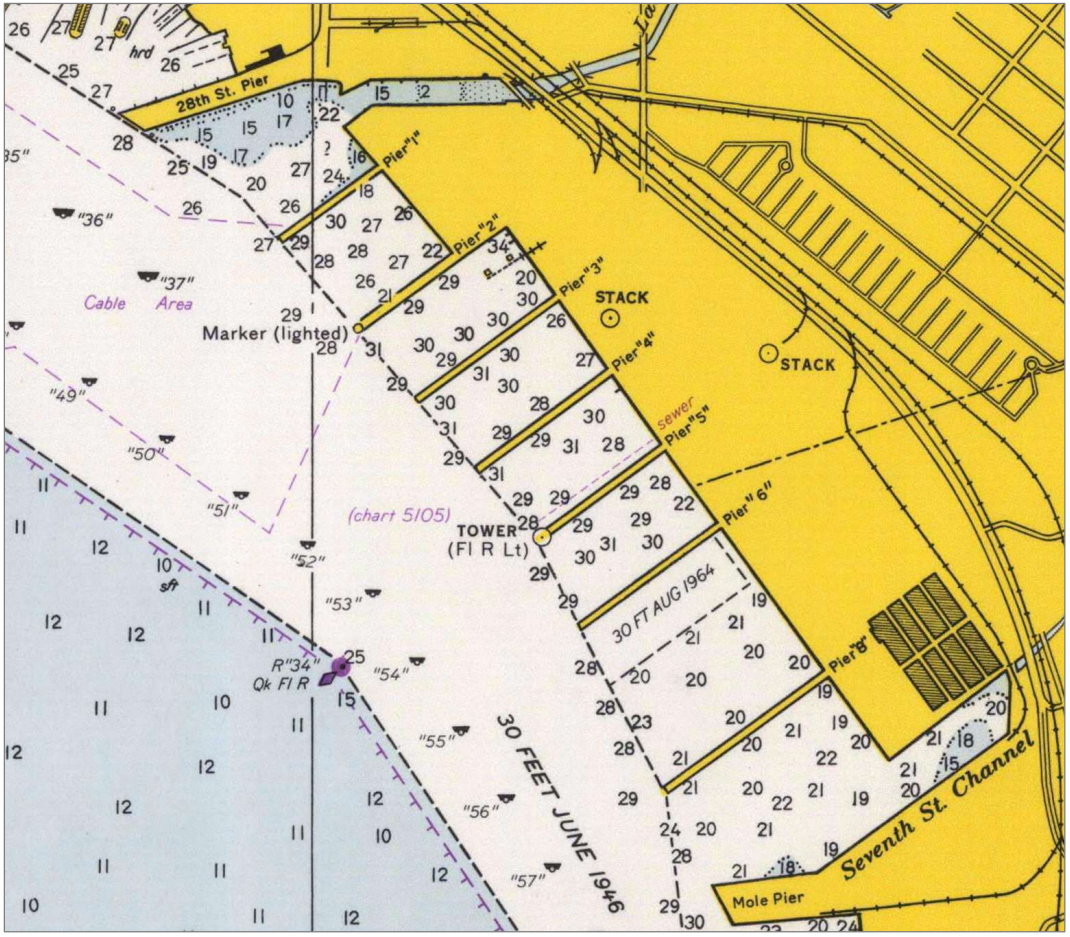
1956	July	12	Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Four, Coronado Roads. 0615 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 0709 All boats in water; Commenced ship-to-shore movement. 1027 Commenced hoisting boats aboard; Completed at 1122. 1113 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1300 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 1414 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1417 All boats in water; Commenced ship-to-shore landing exercise. 1539 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1609 Man overboard from LCVP 18 at No. 4 davit while securing steadying line during hoisting; Recovered at 1610; No injuries; Restored to duty. 1654 All boats aboard; Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1656 Underway to dump trash and garbage. 1852 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Four, Coronado Roads. 1907 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1915 Secured No. 2 Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	13	Coronado Roads San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Four, Coronado Roads; Ships present: USS Weiss (APD-135), USS Montrose (APA-212), and USS Lenawee (APA-195) in anchorage. 0615 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 0735 All boats departed for rendezvous area to conduct ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0906 Conducted loading and unloading of dummy cargo exercise; All boats returned to ship. 0940 Boats departed for rendezvous area for second ship-to-shore movement exercise. 1142 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1258 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1350 Underway to proceed into San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1413 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1521 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1542 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler; Secured No. 2 Generator. 2215 Secured No. 3 DC Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	14 - 15	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	16	San Diego Harbor Coronado Roads	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0430 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0803 Underway for Coronado Roads. 1007 Entered international waters; Commenced approach to assigned anchorage. 1044 Anchored on left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads. 1130 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 1250 Boats proceeded to rendezvous area for ship-to-shore movement exercise. 1356 Boats returned to ship; Completed ship-to-shore movement exercise. 1403 Commenced loading and unloading boat exercise with dummy cargo; Completed at 1546. 1417 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1549 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1701 Underway to proceed to sea to dump trash and garbage; Speed 15 knots. 1920 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads. 2050 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	17	Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads, California. 0730 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats for ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0832 Boats departed for rendezvous area to conduct ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0954 Boats returned to ship; Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1107 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1119 All boats hoisted aboard. 1215 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 1313 Boats proceeded to rendezvous area. 1415 Commenced ship-to-shore movement. 1520 All boats returned to ship; Commenced hoisting boats. 1559 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1652 Completed hoisting all boats aboard. 1930 Darkened ship. 1945 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1954 COMAIRPAC assumed SOPA in USS Bennington (CVA-20). 2015 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 2016 Lighted ship.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	18	Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads, California. 0115 Low water pressure in No. 1 Boiler; Secured No. 1 Boiler; Lost all power. 0130 Secured No. 1 and No. 3 Generators. 0135 Energized emergency diesel generator. 0140 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler; Restored to line at 0157. 0220 Energized No. 1 Generator; Restored all power. 0225 Energized No. 3 Generator; Paralleled No. 1 and No. 3 Generators at 0230. 0713 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 0830 LCU-539 alongside to receive dummy cargo at No. 5 hatch, port side; Shifted to starboard bow to receive dummy cargo from No. 2 and No. 3 hatches. 0845 Commenced ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0927 Boats commenced returning to ship; Commenced hoisting boats at 0933. 1018 Dummy cargo offloaded; LCU-539 released. 1055 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1120 All boats aboard.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	18	Coronado Roads	1215 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering boats. 1250 Commenced debarkation exercise; Completed at 1305. 1309 Boats departed for rendezvous area to conduct ship-to-shore movement exercise. 1325 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1435 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1602 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1607 Underway to proceed to sea to dump trash and garbage; Increased speed to 16 knots. 1611 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1656 Underway on return course to anchorage; Speed 16 knots. 1700 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1737 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads, California; Ships present in vicinity: USS Algol (AKA-54), USS Bexar (APA-237), USS Noble (APA-218), USS Colonial (LSD-18), and USS Anderson (DD-786). 1744 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1908 USS Kemper County (LST-854) stood in and anchored at Anchorage 127. 1955 Darkened ship except for anchor and aircraft warning lights.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	19	Coronado Roads	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads, California; Ship darkened except for aircraft warning and anchor lights. 0243 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 0358 Boats departed for rendezvous area to conduct pre-dawn ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0540 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 0545 Lighted ship. 0638 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 0647 Underway to dump trash and garbage. 0720 Increased speed to 16 knots. 0728 Stopped all engines; Hove to dump trash and garbage. 1012 Anchored in Coronado Roads, left flank of Beach Lane Three, line of departure. 1020 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1600 COMFIRSTFLT assumed SOPA, San Diego area. 1954 Darkened ship except for anchor and aircraft warning lights.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	20	Coronado Roads San Diego Harbor	0000 Anchored at line of departure, left flank of Beach Lane Three, Coronado Roads, California; Ship darkened except for aircraft warning and anchor lights. 0240 Set Condition One-Alfa; Commenced lowering all boats. 0300 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0353 Boats departed for rendezvous area to conduct pre-dawn ship-to-shore movement exercise. 0511 Commenced hoisting boats aboard; Completed at 0611. 0629 Underway for San Diego Harbor. 0645 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 0805 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0846 Let fires die under No. 1 Boiler. 0848 Secured No. 3 Generator. 0915 Commenced fueling from YO-131; Completed at 1010, having received 58,271 gallons NSFO. 1006 USS Calvert (APA-32) released from operational control of COMPHIBTRAPAC; Reported to COMPHIBRON Five for operational control.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	21 - 22	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before. July 21: 0750 Mustered the crew at quarters for personnel inspection by Executive Officer. Secured at 0827.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	23	San Diego Harbor Underway off San Diego	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0357 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0840 Underway; COMPHIBRON Five OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1021 Set General Quarters. 1033 Entered international waters. 1040 Commenced maneuvering to conform to OTC signals. 1109 Conducted abandon ship drill; Secured at 1124. 1131 Secured from General Quarters. 1311 Conducted simulated man overboard drill; Completed at 1321. 1510 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Three. 1517 Set General Quarters; Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple Two. 1525 Set Material Condition Alfa. 1530 Set Atomic Attack Phase Purple One. 1535 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1554 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1556 Secured from General Quarters. 1609 Resumed station 0000 in formation 51C; Speed 10 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide. 1844 Conducted fire drill; Secured at 1900.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	24	Underway off San Diego	0000 Steaming in formation 51C, base course 269, formation axis 180, speed eight knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000; Formation: USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station A-1, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station A-2, USS Comstock (LSD-19) station A-3, USS Algol (AKA-54) station A-4, USS Montrose (APA-212) station A-5; COMPHIBRON Five OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0613 Sighted USS Chemung (AO-30) bearing 240, distance five miles; Set Replenishment at Sea Detail. 0630 Changed formation to Formation 6; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 11; USS Montrose (APA-212) station 12, USS Algol (AKA-54) station 13, USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station 21, USS Comstock (LSD-19) station 22, USS Diachenko (APD-123) safety vessel; Standard distance 1,000 yards, standard interval 2,000 yards. 0735 Commenced approach on starboard side of USS Chemung (AO-30) for replenishment at sea exercise, base course 265, speed 10 knots. 0757 Hose received; Connections made; Commenced receiving token fuel from USS Chemung (AO-30). 0803 Fueling completed; All lines and hoses clear at 0814. 0830 Assumed station 13 in Formation G. 1022 Increased speed to 15 knots. 1040 Released from formation to proceed independently to San Diego; Increased speed to 17 knots.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	24	San Diego Naval Station	1343 Sighted Point Loma bearing 080, distance 14.6 miles. 1454 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1628 Moored port side to west side of Mole Pier, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

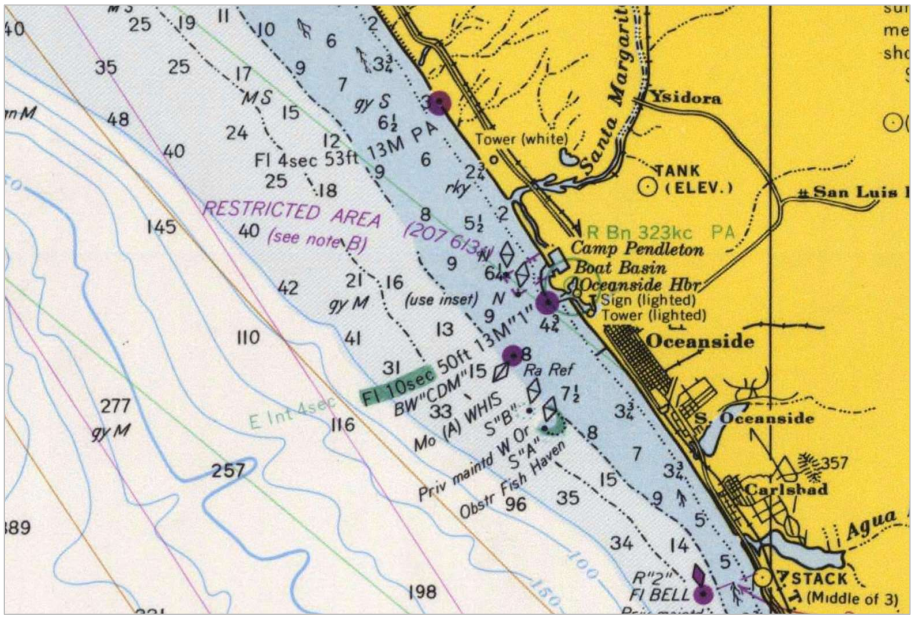
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			San Diego Naval Station		
1956	July	25	San Diego Naval Station	0000 Moored port side to west side, Mole Pier, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0810 Major Twyman R. HILL, 045538, USMC, reported aboard for Temporary Additional Duty, in connection with observing BLT LEX 57U, as directed by Commanding General, Landing Force Training Unit Orders	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	26	San Diego Naval Station Underway to Camp Pendleton	0000 Moored port side to west side, Mole Pier, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0930 Embarked personnel of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines (Reinforced), 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force: 12 USMC officers, 54 USMC enlisted, and 1 USN officer. 1235 Underway in accordance with COMPHIBRON Five OPORDER 3-56. 1356 Set General Quarters. 1403 Entered international waters; Set Material Condition Alfa; Commenced transit of swept channel at 16 knots. 1420 Completed swept channel transit exercise; Set Condition One-Alfa. 1511 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1547 Sighted SS Pioneer Mariner bearing 218, range 10 miles. 1625 SS Pioneer Mariner passed ahead from port to starboard, range 1,500 yards. 1633 Made rendezvous with USS Comstock (LSD-19) and USS Fort Marion (LSD-22). 1650 Formed column formation; USS Calvert (APA-32) No. 1 and guide, USS Comstock (LSD-19) No. 2, USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) No. 3; Standard distance 1,000 yards. 1735 Sighted San Clemente Island bearing 280, distance 17 miles. 1940 Sighted Santa Catalina Island bearing 335, distance 18 miles. 2349 Maneuvered to pass clear of small craft; Formation clear at 2356.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	27	Underway to Camp Pendleton	0000 Steaming in column formation, base course 042, speed 11 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide; Formation: USS Comstock (LSD-19), USS Fort Marion (LSD-22); COMPHIBRON Five OTC and CTE 53.4-1-1 embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0000 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 0107 Proceeded independently to assigned anchorage by order of OTC. 0135 Set Condition One-Alfa.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
Camp Pendleton area					Extract of Extract of U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map #5101 San Diego to Santa Rosa Island, 1966 1234,270 scale Original online https//www.historicalcharts.noaa.gov/image.php?filename=5101-1-1966

1956	July	27	Off Camp Pendleton	0208 Anchored at assigned anchorage. 0238 Underway to adjust anchorage. 0251 Re-anchored at assigned anchorage. 0254 Completed lowering all designated boats to the water. 0307 Secured No. 2 Boiler. 0310 Commenced off-loading cargo; Completed at 0418. 0330 Extinguished aircraft warning and anchor lights. 0350 Commenced debarkation of troops; Completed at 0427. 0450 Commenced receiving simulated casualties aboard from landing craft from USS Fort Marion (LSD-22), USS Comstock (LSD-19), and USS Diachenko (APD-123). 0613 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 0900 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0905 Completed handling of simulated casualties. 0910 Secured from Condition One-Alfa except for ship control stations.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	27	Underway for San Diego San Diego Harbor	1316 Underway to re-anchor on line of departure to facilitate recovery of boats. 1337 Anchored on line of departure. 1527 All boats aboard; Underway to proceed up shore to permit COMPHIBRON Five to observe status of broached LST. 1530 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1619 Increased speed to 17 knots; Proceeded to San Diego. 1909 Increased speed to 16 knots. 1917 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 2028 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	28	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0750 Mustered crew at quarters for personnel inspection by Executive Officer. 0950 Completed Executive Officer's personnel inspection. 1020 Commenced Executive Officer's lower deck inspection. 1113 Completed Executive Officer's lower deck inspection.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	29 - 30	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

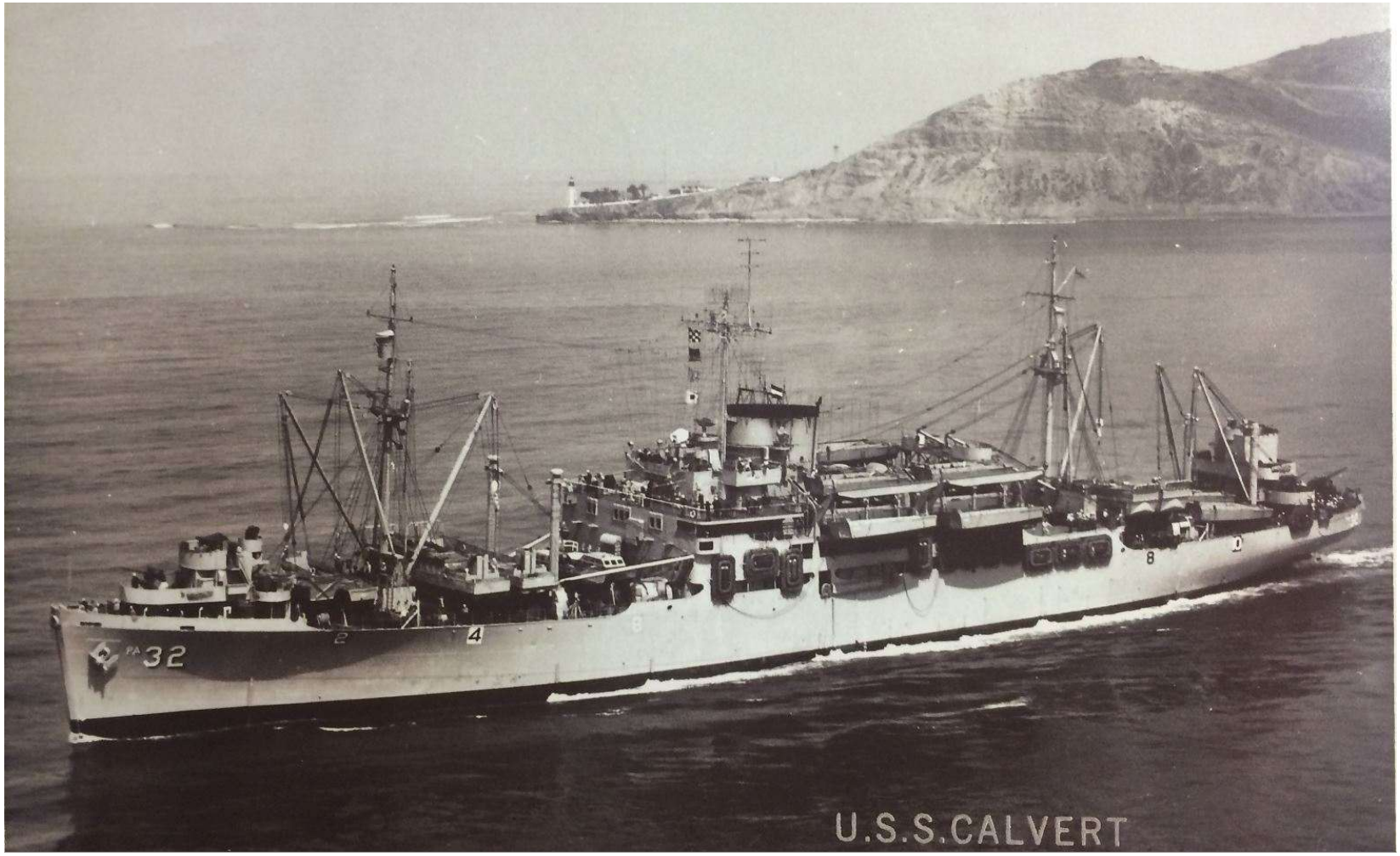
1956	July	30	San Diego Harbor Underway off San Diego	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 30 and 31, San Diego Harbor. 0500 Lighted fires under No. 1 Boiler. 0844 Underway in Task Unit 12.7.3, Heavy Ship Unit, to conduct opposed sortie exercise; USS Calvert (APA-32) fifth ship in column. 1015 Commenced transit of swept channel in column formation; Formation: USS Fort Marion (LSD-22), USS Algol (AKA-54), USS Union (AKA-106), USS Sperry (AS-12), USS Calvert (APA-32), USS Telfair (APA-210), and USSS Carron (IFS-1). 1019 Set General Quarters. 1028 Entered international waters. 1052 Completed swept channel transit; Increased speed to 17 knots. 1105 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station 0000, formation 51C; COMPHIBRON Five OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1154 Secured from General Quarters. 1251 Completed opposed sortie exercise; Task Unit 12.7.3 dissolved.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	July	30	Underway off San Diego	1255 Task Unit 53.4.6 activated. 1312 Formed division column line formation; Division One: USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) guide in station 11, USS Algol (AKA-54) station 12, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station 13; Division Two: USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 21, USS Telfair (APA-210) station 22; Standard distance and interval 2,000 yards. 1320 USS Calvert (APA-32) on station; Commenced exercise Z-2-CC; Completed at 1450. 1522 Took station 0000 in formation 51C; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide; Formation: USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station A-1, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station A-2, USS Algol (AKA-54) station A-3, USS Telfair (APA-210) station A-4; Formation axis 000, course 270, speed eight knots. 1930 Set General Quarters to conduct ADEX exercise; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1940. 1954 Darkened ship including navigation lights. 2102 Set Material Condition Bravo. 2110 Secured from General Quarters. 2202 Completed ADEX exercise; Lighted ship; Turned on all navigation lights.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956

1956	July	31	Underway off San Diego	0000 Steaming in formation 51C, formation axis 000, course 180, speed 10 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 0000; Formation: USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station A-1, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station A-2, USS Algol (AKA-54) station A-3, USS Telfair (APA-210) station A-4; COMPHIBRON Five CTU 53.4.6 and OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0803 Set General Quarters to conduct ADEX exercise; Set Material Condition Alfa at 0808. 0830 Set Material Condition Bravo. 0837 Secured from General Quarters. 1109 Completed ADEX exercise. 1321 Set General Quarters; Commenced ADEX exercise; Set Material Condition Alfa at 1326. 1357 Set Material Condition Bravo. 1410 Secured from General Quarters with the exception of CIC and gun control stations. 1437 Commenced tactical maneuvers; Completed at 1637. 1523 Completed ADEX exercise; Secured CIC and gun control from General Quarters. 1640 Formation change; USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) guide in station 0000, USS Calvert (APA-32) station A-3, USS Telfair (APA-210) station A-1, USS Algol (AKA-54) station A-2, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station A-4; Formation axis 315, course 090, speed 10 knots. 1915 Set General Quarters; Commenced ADEX exercise. 2000 Darkened ship including navigation lights. 2200 Lighted ship; Turned on navigation lights. 2205 Completed ADEX exercise. 2240 Formed column formation; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 1, USS Algol (AKA-54) station 2, USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station 3, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station 4; USS Telfair (APA-210) detached from formation.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, July 1956
1956	August	1	Underway off San Diego San Diego Naval Station	0000 Steaming in column formation, course 000, speed 10 knots; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 1; Formation: USS Algol (AKA-54) station 2, USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) station 3, USS Diachenko (APD-123) station 4; Distance 1,000 yards; COMPHIBRON Five CTU 53.4.6 and OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32). 0408 Sighted Los Coronado Light bearing 128. 0415 Sighted Point Loma Light bearing 077, distance approximately 17 miles. 0600 Task Unit 53.4.6 dissolved by Task Unit Commander. 0612 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor; Proceeding to Berth 32, Pier 3, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0815 Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Berth 32, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0945 COMPHIBRON Five departed the ship to attend change of command ceremonies aboard USS Henrico (APA-45). 1236 COMPHIBRON Five returned aboard. 1358 Vice Admiral COMPHIBPAC came aboard to return official call of COMPHIBRON Five; Departed at 1431.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956

1956	August	2	San Diego Naval Station Underway off San Diego	0000 Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Berth 32, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 1000 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 1000 Embarked 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, and supporting elements from Camp Pendleton, California: 20 USMC officers, 1 Naval officer, 458 USMC enlisted, and 5 Naval enlisted. 1245 Rear Admiral COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC came aboard and broke his flag in USS Calvert (APA-32) to observe BLTLEX 57W; COMPHIBRON Five hauled down his flag. 1300 Underway; Maneuvering to clear berth. 1404 Set Condition One-Alfa. 1413 Entered international waters; Increased speed to 15 knots; Commenced transit of swept channel. 1433 Secured from Condition One-Alfa; Cleared swept channel at 1440. 1502 Increased speed to 15 knots; Formed Formation One; USS Calvert (APA-32) guide in station 1, USS Algol (AKA-54) station 2; COMPHIBRON Five OTC embarked in USS Calvert (APA-32); Standard distance 1,000 yards. 1523 Set General Quarters; Set Condition One-Alfa at 1533. 1620 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 1705 Made rendezvous with USS Fort Marion (LSD-22); USS Fort Marion commenced maneuvering to take station 1,000 yards astern of USS Algol (AKA-54).	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	2	Underway off Camp Pendleton	1946 Darkened ship except for navigation lights. 2000 Turned off all navigation lights; Proceeded independently to assigned BLTLEX Whiskey objective area anchorage on orders of OTC. 2001 Increased speed to 14 knots. 2006 Set General Quarters; Set Material Condition Alfa. 2025 Set Condition One-Alfa; Set Material Condition Bravo. 2054 Commenced walking out starboard anchor chain; Commenced lowering boats into water. 2106 Anchored off Camp Pendleton, California. 2120 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 2140 Commenced ship-to-shore movement of troops and cargo.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	3	Underway off Camp Pendleton Camp Pendleton	0000 Anchored off Camp Pendleton, California; Conducting ship-to-shore movement, BLTLEX 57 Whiskey; Ship darkened; Condition One-Alfa set. 0131 Received 10 simulated casualties from USS Fort Marion (LSD-22); Processed and returned to USS Fort Marion (LSD-22). 0152 LCU-1387 secured alongside port, No. 2 and No. 3 hatches; Commenced unloading cargo. 0415 Received five simulated casualties from USS Diachenko (APD-123); Processed and returned to USS Diachenko (APD-123). 0518 All troops and cargo unloaded into LCU-1387; LCU-1387 departed for Primary Control Vessel. 0525 Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 0552 Lighted ship. 0623 Underway to shift berths to line of departure to facilitate reloading of boats. 0649 Anchored on line of departure.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956

1956	August	3	Camp Pendleton Underway for San Diego San Diego Harbor	0743 Underway to proceed to San Diego, California; Commenced hoisting remaining boats. 0755 All boats aboard; Set course for San Diego. 0800 Secured from Condition One-Alfa. 0805 Increased speed to 17 knots. 1044 Entered inland waters, standing into San Diego Harbor. 1207 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1212 Rear Admiral COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC departed and shifted flag to U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California; COMPHIBRON Five broke his flag in USS Calvert (APA-32). 1253 Let fires die under No. 2 Boiler. 1300 Secured main engines; Engine room placed on four-hour standby. 1400 Task Unit 53.4.3 dissolved by Task Unit Commander.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	4	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0849 COMTRANSDIV 52 staff, Commanding Officers and officers of PHIBRON Five ships, and Commanding Officer and officers of Beach Jumper Unit No. 1 came aboard for conference on amphibious operations; Departed at 1200.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	5	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	6	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0500 Lighted fires under No. 2 Boiler. 0837 Underway for Anchorage 208, North San Diego Bay, to load ammunition. 0926 Anchored at Anchorage 208, North San Diego Bay, San Diego, California. 1148 Ammunition barge secured alongside No. 1 hatch; Commenced loading ammunition. 1215 Completed loading ammunition; Received: 5"/38: 28 powder cartridges; 3"/50: 120 rounds VTF, 84 rounds VTNF, 76 rounds HI&I; 20mm: 5,400 rounds HEI, 2,700 rounds HET, 720 rounds BL&P. 1320 Underway for Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1406 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	7	San Diego Harbor	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 1915 Secured No. 2 DC Generator.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	8 - 10	San Diego Harbor	Moored as before.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	11 - 12	San Diego Harbor San Diego Naval Station	0000 Moored fore and aft to Buoys No. 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor, San Diego, California. 0756 Underway to shift berths to moor starboard side to port side of USS Ajax (AR-6), Pier 1, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. 0838 Moored starboard side to USS Ajax (AR-6), Pier 1, Berth 13, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956
1956	August	13	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. Let fires die under boilers. Set cold iron watch.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956

1956	August	18 - 27	San Diego Naval Station	Moored as before. August 18: 1000 Quarters for Captain's Personnel and Lower Decks Inspection. 1102 Secured from inspection. August 22: Lit fires under number 2 boiler. August 23: 1330 While spinning main engines with steam, a loud noise developed in Reduction Gears. Engines were secured immediately for investigation and repairs.2140 Commenced spinning main engines with steam for test. Secured spinning main engines, continued work on Reduction Gear. August 24: 0231 Commenced spinning main engines with steam for test. 0250 Secured spinning main engines; test satisfactory. 0800 Shifted berths to port side to west Mole Pier, U.S. Naval Station. August 27: Attached to COMPHIBRON FIVE Staff for Convoy Commodore Routing Exercise 57B.	Deck Log, USS Calvert, August 1956



USS Calvert, circa 1956 to 1957. Likely after overhaul period in early 1956.

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