

A History of the USS Calvert. Chronological Research Notes for the Period December 10, 1944 to February 9, 1945

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Introduction for the period December 10, 1944 to February 9, 1945

This document contains research notes and content for the period December 1, 1944 to February 10, 1945. During this period the Calvert and crew participated in 2 amphibious landing operations in the Philippines operating area.

- * Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippines, January 9, 1945 - Amphibious assault landing.
- * Mindoro, Philippines, February 9, 1945 - Amphibious assault landing.

By the end of this period the crew had been away from U.S. soil for nearly five months, last departing the Hawaiian Islands on September 15, 1944. In addition to the assault landings listed above the Calvert and crew participated in several landing exercises with embarked units of the U.S. Army. This operating period was an exhausting time for the crew.

Sequence of events

December 10 - 11 Underway from Borgen Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Britain to Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, Papua New Guinea.

December 11 - 15 Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.

December 16 - 18 Underway for Huon Gulf, New Guinea.

December 18 - 20 Huon Gulf, with an amphibious training exercise taking place on December 18.

December 20 - 21 Underway to Manus Island.

December 22 - 31 - Manus Island.

December 31 - January 8 Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines.

January 9 Luzon amphibious landing operation, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines.

January 10 - 12 Underway to Leyte.

January 13 - 17 Leyte Gulf, Philippines.

January 18 - 22 Underway to Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands, New Guinea.

Jan 21 Crossed the Equator.

January 22 - February 3 Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands, New Guinea.

February 4 - 5 Underway to Leyte, Philippines.

February 6 - 7 Leyte, Philippines.

February 8 Underway for Mindor, Philippines.

February 9 Amphibious Landing Operation at Mindor, Philippines

Primary sources for this period

- * A History of the USS Calvert (APA-32), David B. Cullen
- * Calversion newsletter, various editions, published by John Cole
- * Adventures of a Landing Craft Coxswain, Christian Funck, 2006
- * Beach Party, Billy Lee Bell, San Antonio Heights Publishing Co. Upland, CA. 1999
- * War Diaries, Operation Reports, and Muster Rolls for the USS Calvert, Transport Divisions, Transport Group Ships, and Upper Commands.

Notes:

- * All times are in "24-hour" time. For example, 0000 is midnight, 0400 is 4am, ... 1200 is noon, 2000 is 8pm ..., and so on.
- * Certain details and personal accounts are corroborated, and in some cases corrected, by official Navy records.

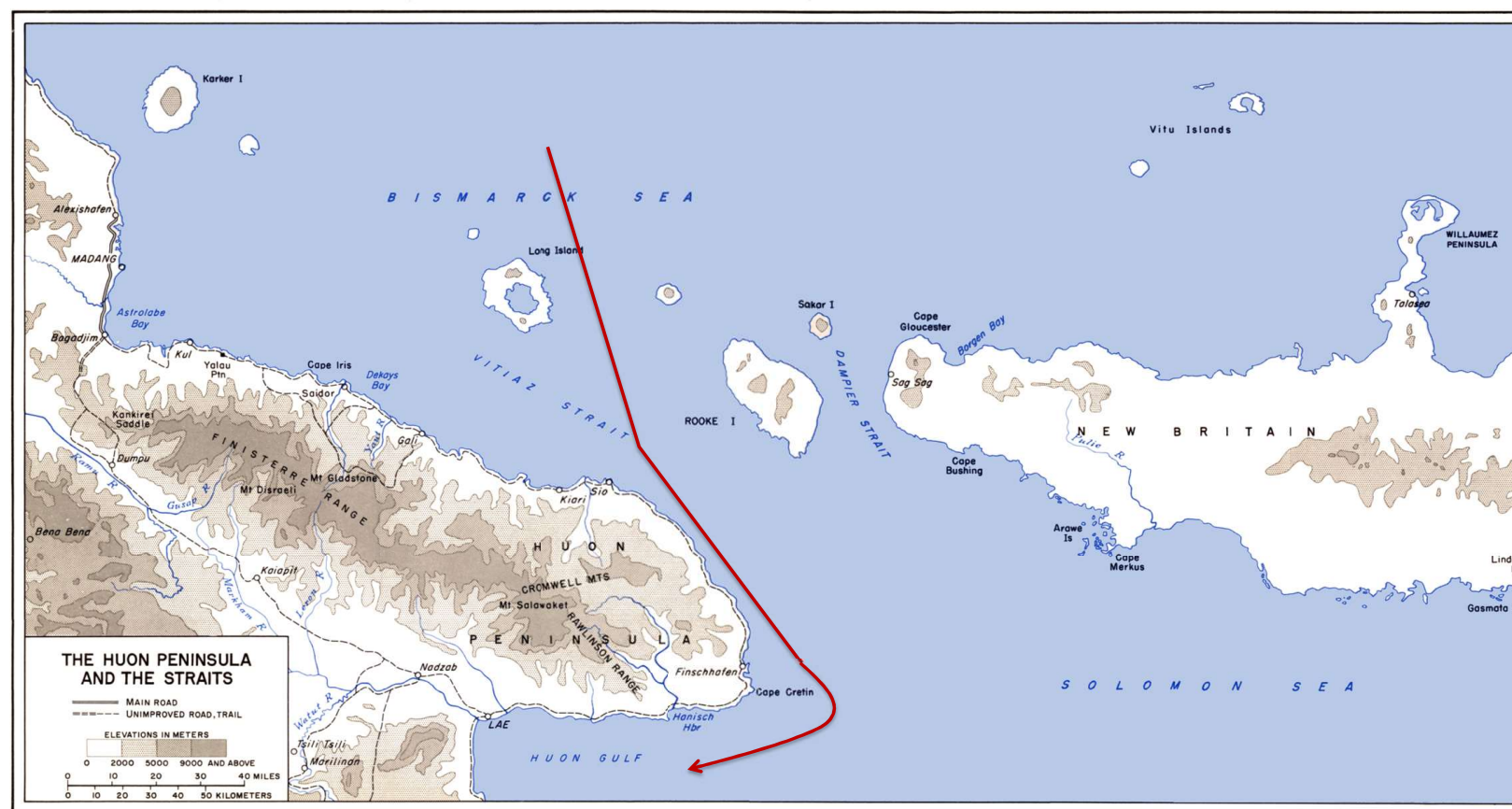
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				Underway from Borgen Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Britain to Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, Papua New Guinea.	
				1) On 10 December the group departed Cape Gloucester and anchored at Seeadler Harbor the next morning.	
1944	December	10	Anchored in Borgen Bay Area, Cape Gloucester, New Britain	2) Anchored as before with TG 79.4, off Borgen Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Britain. 0650 Underway. 0740 Passed through barrier reef and sortied with TG 79.4 for Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island. Calvert is a unit of Transport Division 30 (Temp) - Captain Short, USN in USS Knox. Course 286 degrees True and standard speed 12 knots set. Cruising formation #2 was formed and is screened by DesDiv 98. The route from Cape Gloucester to Seeadler's Harbor is the "Standard Route" as set forth by Attack Plan A305-44.	1) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16
			Enroute to Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	1330 to 1500 Ship in company with the Task Unit was exercised in Tactical Maneuvers with CTC and Fleet Guide in the USS Cambria. 1633 Cruising disposition #4 was formed for the night's steaming.	2) War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
				Weather through out the day was a small sea, light winds, slight swell and partly cloudy skies.	

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1944	December	11	Enroute to Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor	<p>Steaming as before with TU 79.4 with OTC Fleet Guide and CTU in the USS Cambria. Enroute to Manus Island on course 343 degrees True. Speed 12 knots.</p> <p>0000 Alim Island passed abeam to port 10 miles off. Course altered to correct for strong easterly set. 0055 to 0445 Various course changes to clear of the Bismark Sea and Islands east of Manus.</p> <p>0707 to 0843 The Task Unit entered the firing areas North East of Manus Island to conduct A.A. practice. Cruising disposition #5 was formed to conduct this exercise on various courses.</p> <p>Upon completion of the Gunnery Exercises, ship in company with the Task Unit formed "Entry Disposition" and proceeded to Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>1058 -Ship entered Seeadler's Harbor and proceeded to Berth 239. 1149 Anchored in Berth 239.</p> <p>The weather during the passage through the islands and during Gunnery Exercises was: Small Sea, slight swell and partly cloudy skies. Radar was extensively employed, through the right passage of the islands, for navigational purposes.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	12	Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before in Berth 293 Seeadler's Harbor in company with TU 79.4.</p> <p>0559 Ship got underway and proceeded to Berth 344 for fueling. 0705 Secured along side of USS Silver Cloud. Fueling was completed at 0858. 0915 Ship got underway again for Berth 293. 1003 Anchored in Berth 293.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	13	Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>1) Anchored as before in Berth 293 Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island. General rehabilitation of Troops, overhaul of ship's gear and final preparations for forth coming Training Operation being conducted.</p> <p>Diesel Fuel for Landing Craft was replenished from a Yard Oiler.</p> <p>2) "A lot of stores came aboard and we took on more ammunition."</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944</p> <p>2) Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p81 (Chapter 25)</p>
1944	December	14	Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before.</p> <p>No further remarks.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	15	Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before.</p> <p>Making final preparations aboard ship for Training Operations with Task Unit 79.4.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

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1944	December	16	Anchored in Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island Underway for Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>Underway to Huon Gulf, New Guinea, for training exercises.</p> <p>1) The group sailed for New Guinea for training exercises.</p> <p>2) Anchored as before.</p> <p>0700 Underway. 0757 Ship sortied with TG 79.4 from Seeadler's Harbor passing through A/T net.</p> <p>1355 to 1450 Ship exercised at streaming paravanes. Cruising formation six was formed (two columns) upon sortie of the TF. Anti Air Craft Gunnery Exercises were conducted on various courses of 205 degrees True, speed 12 knots was set for Los Negros - Pak Island Passage. Sea condition during Paravane Drill: gentle swell, small sea, light south easterly breeze and partly cloudy sky.</p> <p>Upon retrieving paravanes the safety link of the port paravane parted and required stopping the ship to recover it.</p> <p>1343 Course was altered. Ship is headed for a point one mile west of Pearse Shoal.</p> <p>Training Order provides that Attack Group Baker will conduct training in the landing of the 40th Infantry Division over the designated beaches in the Huon Gulf Area and will reembark and rehabilitate personnel and equipment upon completion of the exercise.</p>	<p>1) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16</p> <p>2) War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944</p>
1944	December	16	Underway for Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>"While we are underway we go through all the drills and have gunnery exercise and streamed the paravanes, but when we started retrieving them the port paravane fouled and we had to stop the ship to retrieve it. To retrieve the paravane we have to get out of the convoy and then when we get it we go back and assume our position."</p>	<p>Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p84 (Chapter 27)</p>

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Approximate route to Huon Gulf indicated in red.



MAP 12

Map 12: Huon Gulf, New Guinea
 The U.S. Army in World War II. The War
 in the Pacific. Cartwheel: The Reduction
 of Rabaul
 CHAPTER XI: The Markham Valley and
 the Huon Peninsula

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1944	December	17	Underway for Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>An uneventful passage through the Islands south east of Manus Island and across the Bismark Sea was made for the Tolokiwa - Long Island Passage.</p> <p>0600 - The TF passed through the Tolokiwa - Long Island Passage and proceeded down the coast of New Guinea on course 145 degrees True, speed 13 knots.</p> <p>1005 - Cruising formation 4 was formed and this ship was exercised in company with the TF in streaming and retrieving paravanes.</p> <p>1203 Fleet course and axis changed to 100 degrees True conforming with assault track. Task unit is now proceeding eastward south of New Britain conforming with the approach track.</p> <p>1311 to 1405 Ship was exercised in executing emergency turns.</p> <p>1605 Fleet course and axis was reversed to course 245 degree True.</p> <p>1815 Final course being assumed.</p> <p>1830 speed was reduced to 6 knots and paravanes were streamed.</p> <p>1915 Speed of 13 knots was resumed. Conforming to the approach track (heading for Huon Gulf, New Guinea).</p> <p>Sea and Weather conditions: Sea was slight, swell was slight, sky was partly cloudy through out the day.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	18	Underway for Huon Gulf, New Guinea Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TF 79.2 with CTC fleet guide and CTF in the USS Rocky Mount. Fleet disposition 4, fleet course and axis 217 T, fleet speed 13 knots. Proceeding along approach track headed for Assault Beaches in the Huon Gulf, New Guinea. Ship's paravanes are streaming.</p> <p>0620 speed was reduced to 5 knots.</p> <p>0630 Paravanes were recovered. Final approach course of 264 T was assumed.</p> <p>0639 Formed special approach disposition. This formation places the ship in the first line of ships as she is carrying an "assault landing team".</p> <p>0732 Ship entered Transport Area 2 and took her proper station.</p> <p>2) "They joined the invasion force at Huon Gulf."</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944</p> <p>2) Mark Fountain - "Matt - A Fond Appreciation of Matthew S. Fountain" p70. 1999</p>

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Amphibious Training Exercise, Huon Gulf, New Guinea					
1944	December	18	Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>0738 Lowering of all hatch stowed landing craft to the water commenced. Hatches were stripped for unloading as soon as they were cleared.</p> <p>0800 Troops were prepared for debarkation.</p> <p>0805 All hatch stowed boats were waterborne.</p> <p>0806 Commenced debarkation of the assault personnel and commenced rail loading davit boats.</p> <p>0830 All davit boats were waterborne.</p> <p>0857 All personnel and cargo of the assault waves was debarked.</p> <p>0913 Ship's beach party was debarked. The 3 assault waves were formed and then dispatched for the beach.</p> <p>0938 - 4th Wave landed on beach.</p> <p>1053 - 5th Wave landed on beach.</p> <p>1057 - 6th Wave landed on beach.</p> <p>0936 Last of the token cargo loads left the ship.</p> <p>1116 Re-embarkation of troops and cargo was commenced.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	18	Huon Gulf, New Guinea	"We get to Huon Gulf and all the transports move into the transport area and everything goes off just like a real invasion. Our beach party hits the beach in the first wave, with the assault troops, and after a short period of time there is not much for us to do."	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p84 (Chapter 27)
1944	December	18	Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>1200 Ship underway to close beach (Transport Area 3).</p> <p>1245 Took station in Transport Area 3.</p> <p>1615 The last vehicle was reloaded and all combat personnel was embarked.</p> <p>1805 Ship anchored off Sugar Loaf Hill, Huon Gulf in 20 fathoms of water in company with TU 79.4. Landing craft were hoisted upon being unloaded of cargo.</p> <p>1909 Ship's Beach Party returned to the ship was secured.</p> <p>1915 to 1935 Held smoke screen drill with smoke boats and smoke generators.</p> <p>The weather through out the day was ideal for Amphibious Operations. There being a smooth sea, slight swell and partly cloudy sky. A fresh breeze at dark caused rapid dissipation of an otherwise successful smoke screen over the transports.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

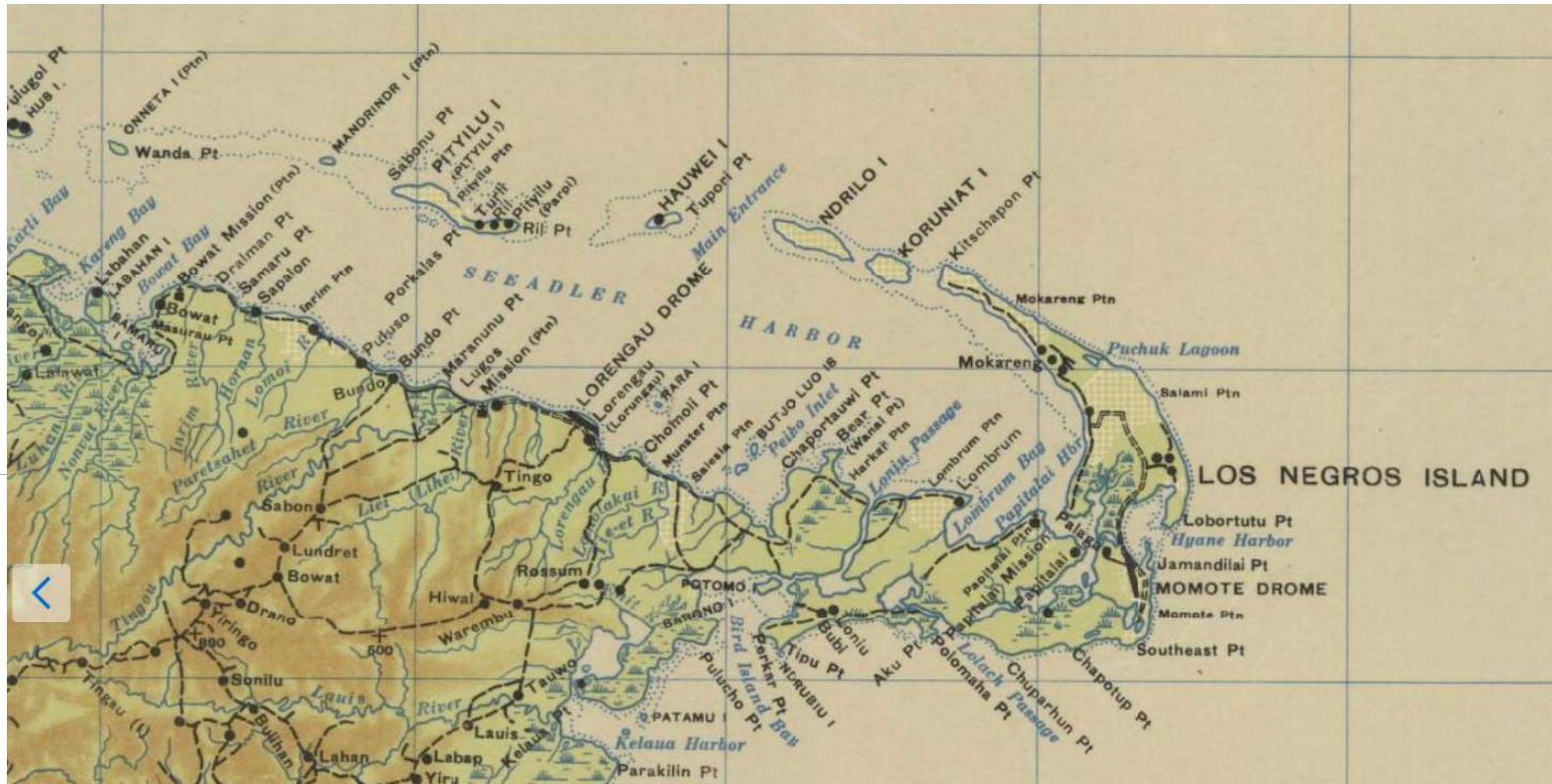
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1944	December	19	Huon Gulf, New Guinea	<p>0000 Anchored off Sugar Loaf Hill, Huon Gulf, New Guinea in company with TF 79.2 USS Rocky Mount is CTU 79.2 and SOPA.</p> <p>0601 to 0630 Conducted smoke screen drill employing smoke boats and ship's smoke generators during the morning general quarters period.</p> <p>0656 Ship got underway and proceeded to her assigned station in Transport Area #2 to conduct an independent debarkation drill for the embarked Landing Team.</p> <p>0807 Arrived, Transport Area #2, the ship lay to.</p> <p>0931 Condition One Able was set.</p> <p>0955 to 1110 Conducted debarkation employing ship's landing craft. Upon completion all boats were again hoisted aboard. During this drill a smooth sea and slight swell made it ideal.</p> <p>1140 Set normal cruising condition.</p> <p>During the afternoon ship's company and embarked troops were exercised in General Drills.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	19	Underway to Manus Island	<p>Underway for Manus Island</p> <p>1530 The Task Force started forming up and at 1615 ship sortied in company with Task Force, from Huon Gulf for Manus Island. The route to Manus Island is the standard route. Cruising disposition 4 was formed on course 095 degrees T. Fleet speed is 10 knots. The transport group was exercised in maneuvering by Radar.</p> <p>2210 Ship now out of Huon Gulf and rounding Huon Peninsular, course 016 degrees T was set.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	20	Underway to Manus Island	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 79.2, fleet disposition 4, fleet course and axis 016 T, fleet speed 12 knots.</p> <p>0415 Fleet course and axis altered to 326 degrees T. Approaching Long Island - Tolskiwa Island Passage into the Bismark Sea.</p> <p>0700 Passed between Long Island - Tolokwaisland and entered the Bismark Sea.</p> <p>0800 to 0929 The ship in company with the transport group conducted paravane drill, streaming and recovering paravanes on signal from OTC. On ships of this type, cargo booms are used to swing out and recover paravanes. Speed during drill was 8 knots.</p> <p>0930 to 1130 Tactical maneuvers for all ships was conducted with USS Cambria, Capt. Knowles, USN as OTC. The maneuvers stressed emergency turns and forming the various cruising dispositions for the Transport Group. A variety of ship types as is found in a transport group makes execution of complex maneuvers in a uniform manner difficult. A similar exercise was conducted during the afternoon from 1300 to 1600 with Rear Admiral Royal in USS Rocky Mount as OTC. This drill consisted of various compound formations. Finally steadied down on course 350 degree T, speed 10 knots.</p> <p>Radar landfall was made at 2215 on Baluan Island bearing 352 degrees T, 31 miles distant. At 2300 course was altered to 346 degrees T. A strong easterly current having set the TG far to the eastward of our assigned track. Course was frequently altered to the left of 306 degrees T.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

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1944	December	21	Underway to Manus Island Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	<p>000 Steaming in company with TG 79.2 through the Islands southeast of Manus Island with OTC and CTG in USS Rocky Mount.</p> <p>0630 Ship was clear of the Pak Island - Los Negros Island passage and headed for firing area north east of Manus Island.</p> <p>0900 to 1045 Conducted gunnery exercises using all A.A. weapons on towed sleeves. This ship's division accounted for 5 sleeves shot down.</p> <p>1016 Ship's were formed into entry formation and this ship entered Seeadler's Harbor.</p> <p>1117 Let go anchor in berth W49.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	22	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before in berth W49, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>Overhauling cargo, boom, and davit gear after last week's drills.</p> <p>Overhauling paravane gear. Troops are occupied in overhaul of rolling stock and weapons.</p> <p>Main propulsion plant undergoing minor repairs.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	23	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before in berth W49, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>General maintenance, overhaul and resupply continue with ship and troops.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	24	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	<p>Anchored as before in berth W49, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>0654 Ship underway and stood down to berth 344</p> <p>0848 Moored starboard side to USS Silver Cloud, IX 143, for fuel.</p> <p>0848 - 1040 Fueling.</p> <p>1055 Ship underway</p> <p>1136 Anchored in berth 243 in the South East end of the harbor off Los Negros Island.</p> <p>Ship is now preparing to conduct a training exercise in accordance with Training Memorandum #2 of FTG 79.4. This training order calls for complete debarkation of assault waves, complete discharge of all cargo under simulated battle conditions expected on the actual assault run, following by complete reloading of all personnel and cargo immediately after the ship is empty. Ship's boats, LCT's and landing craft from other vessels; as is planned in forth coming assault; will be employed in the ship to shore maneuver and also in the reloading.</p> <p>The training run is for the purposes of indoctrinating the Army Shore Party with their duties, exercise Beach Parties in their duties and exercise communications (radio and visual) and to drill Army and Ship Hatch Parties at their tasks. It is also intended to iron the wrinkle and minor troubles in debarkation of the assault waves.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

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1944	December	25	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	Anchored as before: berth 243. Preparing the ship, gear and troops for training exercise to be held tomorrow, landing assault troops and equipment on beaches on Los Negros Island.	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
				0000 Anchored as before in berth 243. Amphibious Training Exercise, Los Negros Island In accordance with training memorandum as out lined, this ship is conducted in a simulated assault landing on beaches on Los Negros Island. Landed were 1st BLT. 160th Infantry, attached units, vehicles, and cargo.	
1944	December	26	Anchored, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island	0520 Condition One Able was set. 0530 Commenced lowering batch boats. 0558 Commenced debarkation by nets. 0600 Commenced debarkation by rail loaded davit boats. 0620 All davit boats waterborne. 0650 All assault personnel debarked. 0705 Dispatched 1st wave. 0712 First wave landed. 0710 Dispatched 2nd wave. 0721 Second wave landed. 0715 Dispatched 3rd wave. 0726 Third wave landed. 0720 Dispatched 4th wave.	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

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Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, Papua New Guinea



Manus and adjacent islands, Admiralty Islands : Provisional Map, 1944

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1944	December	26	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	<p>0921 Hold #1 completed unloaded 0935 Hold #5 completely unloaded 1030 Hold #6 completely unloaded 1043 Hold #4 completely unloaded 1216 Hold #2 completely unloaded 1300 Hold #3 completely unloaded 1325 All cargo ashore.</p> <p>Cargo landed - Vehicles, weapons, ammunition, fuel, water, rations, etc., a total of 487 tons. Place landed - "Red Beach" inside Seeadler's Harbor on Los Negros Island. Method landed - Ship's landing craft, LCT's and landing craft from other ships of TD 30. Ship entirely unloaded of assault team and cargo in seven (7) hours time.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
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1944	December	26	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	<p>1) 1419 Reloading commenced using ship's landing craft and LCT's. 1700 Hold #6 reloaded. 1745 Hold #2 reloaded. 1750 Hold #1 reloaded. 1801 Hold #4 reloaded. 1822 All cargo and personnel off the beach. 1955 Hold #3 reloaded. 2135 Hold #2 reloaded.</p> <p>All combat personnel and all cargo aboard ship. Seven (7) hours and sixteen (16) minutes to reload ship. Weather was partial cloudy - occasional rain squalls, small sea, no swell. Casualties to gear and boats were the usual amounts experienced in these operations.</p> <p>2) This performance was deemed "peak performance for this type of ship in connection with an amphibious landing."</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944</p> <p>2) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16</p>
1944	December	27	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	<p>Anchored in berth 243, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>0559 Ship got underway and proceeded to berth W49. 0707 Anchored in company with TG 79.2</p> <p>Maintenance and repair continues on gear and cargo equipment. Stores, ammunition, etc. being taken aboard. Liberty ashore is being extended ship's personnel and embarked troops.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	Late	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island	"We start right away taking on all sorts of things, like dry provisions from the USS Phobus and oil from the USS Silver. I thought the Leyte invasion was a big one, but I don't think I've ever seen so many ships together in one place in my life."	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p85 (Chapter 27)
1944	December	28 - 30	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	Anchored as before. Ship's routine continues. Preparing for forth coming assault landing.	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	31	Anchored, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus	<p>0000 Anchored as before, Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island.</p> <p>0610 Underway from berth W49.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944

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1944	December	31	Underway for Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Underway for Lingayen Gulf, Philippines, Luzon amphibious landing operation</p> <p>0700 The USS Calvert sortied from Seeadler's Harbor, Manus Island, assigned part of TG 79.4 (Transport Group "Baker"), Commander Task Unit 79.4.3 Commander Transport Division 30 (Temp), Captain E.T.Short, in U.S.S. Knox, APA46.</p> <p>Upon sortie, Cruising Disposition "4CS" was formed on course 312 degrees T, speed 11 knots. OTC, fleet guide and CTG 79.2 in USS Rocky Mount.</p> <p>Sortie was in company with Task Group 79.2, TG 79.4, TU 77.11.2, TU 77.4 of the Luzon Attack Force.</p> <p>Orders call for assault landings to be made on beaches in the Lingayen Area, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.. Landings will be made by the Sixth US Army to seize and occupy the Lingayen Area to further secure Luzon Island.</p> <p>This ship carries 1st BLT. 160th Inf Reg. of 40th Inf. Div. and attached units which will be landed by ship's landing craft in the Lingayen Area, Luzon Island on "JIG" hour of "S" day.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
				<p>0830 Commenced zig-zagging on plan 9.</p> <p>1455 Ceased zig-zagging and commenced forming cruising disposition "ICS", Transport form 5.</p> <p>1530 Commenced A.A. Gunnery exercises on towed targets employing all weapons.</p> <p>1530 Ceased Gunnery exercises and formed cruising disposition "4CS" and then "3CS"</p> <p>1620 Commenced zig-zagging on plan 8.</p> <p>1900 to 1934 Conducted a night debarkation drill for embarked assault troops.</p>	
				<p>1900 to 2100 Conducted Plan "Golden Gate" which provides for maneuvering the Transport Group at night without signal; employing Radar to maintain station.</p> <p>1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course.</p> <p>2100 Commenced zig zagging on plan 9.</p> <p>The ship's company and troops embarked were thoroughly drilled at General Drills immediately upon Departure and during the day.</p> <p>Weather was unfavorable all day with moderate to rough seas, heavy rain squalls, fresh to strong winds and low visibility. Wind, sea and swell all from the North West. No observations were possible through out the day.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, December 1944
1944	December	31	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>"I now know we are underway for a big invasion. It might be my last one. I hope not. I don't think this one will be a picnic. We are heading North, so I guess we are going back to the Philippine Islands. We are loaded heavily with troops and every hold of the ship is filled with Army equipment. As we keep traveling north, the convoy keeps getting bigger and bigger. There are ships everywhere. All kinds and every make and description."</p>	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p85 (Chapter 27)

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1945-January				January 1 - 8 Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines.	
				January 9 Luzon amphibious landing operation, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines.	
				January 10 - 12 Underway to Leyte.	
				January 13 - 17 Leyte Gulf, Philippines.	
				January 18 - 22 Underway to Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands, New Guinea.	
				Jan 21 Crossed the Equator.	
				January 22 - 31 Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands, New Guinea.	

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* Reports of Anti-Aircraft Actions Off Luzon Island, Philippines on 1/8-9/45, USS Calvert - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/139836706>

1945	January	1	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 79.2 on course 296 deg T, standard speed 12 knots, fleet speed 11 knots. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan #9. OTC, GTG and Fleet Guide in USS Rocky Mount.</p> <p>0812 Fleet speed was reduced to 8 knots and zig-zagging ceased in preparation for paravane drill.</p> <p>0813 Launched port and starboard paravanes.</p> <p>0830 Fleet speed was increased to 12 knots.</p> <p>0918 Speed was reduced to recover paravanes (6 knots).</p> <p>0921 Commenced recovery of paravanes.</p> <p>0922 Port and starboard paravanes clear of water.</p> <p>0924 Starboard paravane on deck. 0927 Port paravane on deck, no casualties suffered to paravane gear.</p> <p>0929 Fleet speed resumed - 12 knots.</p> <p>0935 Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #7.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
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1945	January	1	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1003 Ceased zig zag. Commenced forming Cruising Formation 4-CS (TransForm 4) and thence formed Cruising Disposition 1-CG (TransForm 5) in preparation for Gunnery exercises.</p> <p>1042 Scheduled gunnery exercises commenced. AA practice on towed targets; Tow plans from escort carrier group.</p> <p>1108 Ceased gunnery exercises and formed Cruising Disposition 4-CS. 1203 Formed cruising disposition 3-CS (TransForm #3), speed 12.5 knots. 1315 to 1415 Tactical maneuvers were conducted by TG 79.4 with OTC and guide in USS Rocky Mount. Zig-Zagging was resumed on Plan #6.</p> <p>1543 - 1600 Debarkation Drill was conducted for the embarked assault troops.</p> <p>Weather conditions: The day started with overcast skies, heavy rain and wind squalls from the Northeast with moderate sea and swell. This condition continued through out the day-light hours. No observations have been possible since taking departure from Manus.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	2	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming as before with TG 79.2 on Cruising Disposition "3-CS" (TransForm #3), fleet course and axis 296 T, standard speed 12 knots, steaming at 12.5 knots and zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6.</p> <p>0628 Ceased zig-zag, resumed base course. 0630 Changed speed to 13.2 knots. A radar tracking and IFF exercise was conducted at dawn employing one vessel from TG 79.1 as a target.</p> <p>0835 Commenced forming Cruising Disposition "4-CS" and then Transport Formation #5; which was completed at 0920. 0930 - 1020 Conducted AA gunnery exercises on towed targets. Tow planes came from the Escort Carrier Group. 1040 Resumed Cruising Disposition "3-CS" (TransForm #5). 1100 Commenced zig-zagging as per Plan #6.</p> <p>During the afternoon, members of ship's company were given periods of briefing on the forth coming operation.</p> <p>Weather held as overcast with frequent rain squalls from the Northwest. Fresh to moderate WNW breezes, moderate sea and slight NW'ly swell.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	Early	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>"It isn't too long until we find out that we are going to invade Lingayen Gulf on the big island of Luzon. Our convoy has been traveling for several days and we are zig zagging back and forth and changing course every few minutes. We change speeds every few minutes too, because we are back in the Philippine waters and anything can happen now."</p>	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p86 (Chapter 28)
1944	January	Early	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>During the transit to the objective area, the force was harassed by four submarines contacts and five attacks from the air.</p>	A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16

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1945	January	3	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 79.2 with OTC, fleet guide and CTG in USS Rocky Mount (ACG-3). Cruising disposition "3-CS" Transport Formation 3, fleet course and axis 296 T at 13.2 knots speed, employing zig-zag Plan #6.</p> <p>0910 Changed fleet speed to 13 knots, continuing to zig-zag on Plan #6.</p> <p>1422 An underwater sound contact was reported by the screen and in company with the Transport Group various emergency turns were executed as evasive action.</p> <p>1450 The base course was resumed and at 1500 commenced zig-zagging as per Plan #8.</p> <p>1752 Another underwater sound contact was reported by the screen and various emergency turns were executed as evasive action.</p> <p>1800 Base course 298 T was resumed and commenced zig-zagging again on Plan #8 at 1803.</p> <p>1900 Ceased zig-zagging until moonrise when zig-zag #6 was resumed at 2200. Zig-zagging continued throughout the night.</p> <p>Weather: Mostly cloudy all day with small NW'ly sea and swell. Occasional rain squalls passed over. Excellent observations were obtained in the forenoon but none later in the day.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	4	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming as before. Cruising disposition "3-CS" (Transport Formation #3). Fleet course and axis 298 deg T, speed 13 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan #6.</p> <p>0200 Passed south of Angur Island (Palau Group), distance 70 miles.</p> <p>0810 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed the base course 098 deg T.</p> <p>0815 Forming cruising disposition "4-CS" (Transport Formation #4) and thence cruising disposition "2-CG" (transport formation #6).</p> <p>0926 Final formation was assumed.</p> <p>0930 - 1020 Ship's company went to General Quarters and conducted AA Gunnery exercises. Tow planes and targets were furnished by the Escort Carrier Group.</p> <p>1030 Upon completion of gunnery exercises, cruising disposition "4-CS" was formed and thence cruising disposition "3-CS" was formed.</p> <p>1155 Zig-zagging was resumed on Plan #19, speed 12 knots.</p> <p>1230 An underwater sound contact was reported by the screen. Transport group executed numerous emergency turns while screening vessels attacked with depth charges. No results of the attack were made known to this ship.</p> <p>1238 Base course was resumed and zig-zagging commenced at 1250 on Plan #19.</p> <p>1330 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

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1945	January	4	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1335 - 1447 The transport group was exercised at tactical maneuvers (ship handling). OTC for this exercise was in USS Rocky Mount.</p> <p>1450 Speed was reduced to 11 knots and zig-zagging was resumed on Plan #19.</p> <p>1915 - 2300 Zig-zagging ceased until moonrise.</p> <p>2015 A debarkation drill was conducted for the embarked assault team.</p> <p>2300 Speed was reduced to 8 knots. Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #7.</p> <p>Weather: Sky - Mostly cloudy. Sea - Small from WNW. Swell - Long deep swells from NW. Wind - Light to moderate breezes from NW. Barometer - Steady at 29:86.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	5	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming as before with TG 79.2 and Transport Group Baker of the Luzon Attack Force. Course 309 deg T, speed 8 knots, zig-zag Plan #7; cruising disposition "3-CS" with OTC and fleet guide in the USS Rocky Mount.</p> <p>0640 Ceased zig-zag, resumed base course.</p> <p>0740 Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #24</p> <p>0842 Changed speed to 9 knots.</p> <p>0855 Changed speed to 10 knots.</p> <p>0700 Rendezvous was made with the scheduled oiler unit of 2 AO's. Vessels of the screen conducted fueling operations.</p> <p>0930 - 1000 General drills were conducted for ship's company.</p> <p>Speeds were varied through out the day in order to maintain scheduled speed of advance.</p> <p>1600 Cruising disposition "4-CS" was formed to facilitate entry into Leyte Gulf. Course and speeds were adjusted frequently through the night in order to conform with the assigned track and speed of advance.</p> <p>2130 Radar landfall was made on Siargas Island bearing 270 deg T, distance 35 miles.</p> <p>2315 Approaching entrance to Leyte Gulf at speed of 12 knots.</p> <p>Wind and weather this day: Sea and swell were moderate from NE. Wind held from E at 8 knots during forenoon, shifting to NW during afternoon at 10 knots it again shifted at right to NE at 10 knots. Sky was mostly cloudy during forenoon clearing in late afternoon.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

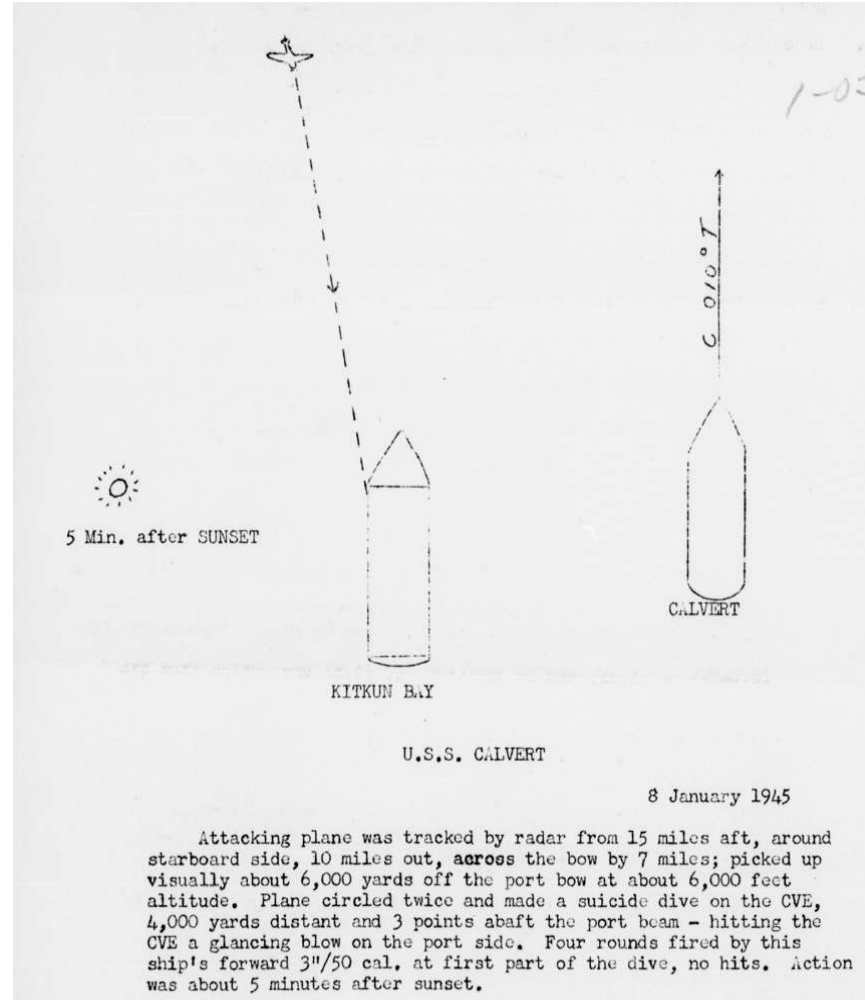
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1945	January	6	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming on course 313 deg T, speed 11.3 knots in company with TG 79.2, approaching entrance to Leyte Gulf. Cruising disposition "4-cs" (Transport formation #4). Various courses and speeds were made with zig-zagging between courses changed to correct for variable currents.</p> <p>0354 Entered Surigao Strait between Desolation Point and Homonhon Island. Homonhon Island was abeam 000 deg T, distance 8 miles.</p> <p>0530 Hibuson Island was rounded 7 miles off and TG is now steaming between Dinagat and Leyte Islands through Surigao Strait.</p> <p>0815 Leaving Surigao Strait and entered Mindinao Sea.</p> <p>0830 Steaming across Mindinao Sea at 12.5 knots and zig-zagging. A smooth sea and no swell was experienced. Wind is SE at 3 knots. Sky is clear, visibility is unlimited.</p> <p>0950 The USS Rocky Mount (OTC and Guide) suffered a steering gear casualty and left formation. USS Cambria (CT.G. 79.4) assumed OTC and Fleet Guide. Zig-zagging was ceased temporarily until USS Rocky Mount cleared the transport formation.</p> <p>1225 The USS Rocky Mount resumed her normal position as OTC and fleet guide.</p> <p>1255 Camiguin Island was abeam bearing 150 deg T, distant 16 miles, speed was reduced to 11 knots at 1307.</p> <p>1725 Steaming along South Coast of Bohol Island, PI.</p> <p>1732 Siguijor Island was abeam bearing 331 deg T, distant 9.5 miles.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
				<p>1845 Enemy aircraft in the area, ship went to General Quarters.</p> <p>1930 Silino Island was abeam bearing 168 deg T, distance 5 miles.</p> <p>1930 Rounding Bon and Siaton Points, Negros Island, leaving the Mindiano Sea and entering Sulu Sea.</p> <p>1943 Secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>2100 Siaton Point, Negros Island was abeam bearing 347 deg T, distant 10.0 miles.</p> <p>2110 Entering Sulu Sea, speed is 10 knots.</p> <p>2200 Giligoon Point was abeam bearing 021 deg T, 11.5 miles off.</p> <p>Wind and Weather this day: Winds were variable in direction and force due to land masses. Sea was smooth to slight. Sky was partly cloudy to clear.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

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1945	January	7	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming with TG 79.2 through Sulu Sea off SW tip of Negros Island on course 291 deg T at speed of 10 knots in cruising disposition "4-CS", steaming along assigned track through Philippine Islands toward objective, Lingayen Gulf.</p> <p>0148 Enemy aircraft in vicinity, ship went to General Quarters and a smoke screen was laid down. 0216 Ship secured from General Quarters.</p> <p>0310 Changed course to 335 deg T. Now steaming across Panay Gulf, wind is NxE at 23 knots. Sea is NE rough, swell is NE moderate. Partly cloudy visibility 10.</p> <p>0930 Naso Point, Panay, was abeam bearing 085 deg T, distant 22 miles. Steaming up West Coast of Panay Island, wind and sea moderate in the lee of the land.</p> <p>1109 Sombrero Rko, abeam bearing 270 deg T, distant 4.2 miles. 1200 Steaming for Cuyo East Pass.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	7	Underway to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1540 Passing East of the Cuyo Island, a strong SW'ly set was experienced.</p> <p>1623 An underwater sound contact was reported by the screen at 1623 East of the Transport Group. Evasive action by turns was taken. Quiniluban Island Group was abeam 250 deg T, 21 miles. Approaching Apo East Pass, Mindoro Strait.</p> <p>1720 A Guard Mail delivery was made to this ship the USS Halford, DD-480.</p> <p>2000 Steaming through Apo East Pass, along West Coast of Mindoro. 2315 Apo Island abeam bearing 242 deg T, distance 12.5 miles. 2335 Clear of Mindoro Strait and is entering the China Sea.</p> <p>Wind and Weather: Winds variable in direction and force due to large land masses. Sea was moderate to rough depending upon location. Sky was partly cloudy.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

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1945	January	8	Underway to Luzon	<p>0000 Steaming with TG 79.2 through China Sea on course 305 deg T, at speed of 12.5 knots in cruising disposition "4-CS", steaming along assigned track, South West of Luzon toward objective - Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, PI.</p> <p>0017 Speed was reduced to 12 knots. 0155 Commenced zig-zagging.</p> <p>0450 Enemy aircraft in vicinity, ship went to General Quarters until 0830.</p> <p>0908 Enemy aircraft in vicinity, ship went to General Quarters until 1006. 1150 Steaming along West Coast of Luzon, 40 miles off. The Mariveles Mts, Bataan Peninsular were quite visible.</p> <p>1655 Speed was reduced to 8 knots. 1700 Paravanes were streamed. 1715 Speed of 11.5 knots was resumed.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	8	Underway to Luzon	<p>1) 1807 Enemy aircraft in the area, ship went to General Quarters.</p> <p>1853 Commenced firing on Enemy Aircraft ("Zeke") bearing 330 deg relative. 1855 Ceased firing.</p> <p>2) Attacking plane was tracked by radar from 15 miles aft, around starboard side, 10 miles out, across the bow by 7 miles; picked up visually about 6,000 yards off the port bow at about 6,000 feet altitude. Plane circled twice and made a suicide dive on the CVE (Kitkun Bay), 4,000 yards distant and 3 points abaft the port beam - hitting the CVA a glancing blow on the port side. Four rounds fired by this ship's forward 3"/50 cal. at first part of the dive, no hits. Action was about 5 minutes after sunset.</p> <p>Anti-Aircraft Report: Not a surprise attack; Daytime. Radar pickup. Plane was picked up at range of 15 miles. # of planes: 1, type Zeke Speed and altitude of approach: 150 knots, 6,000 feet Number of guns firing: 1 - 3"/50 cal AA Approximate time-tracking to first shot: 3-5 minutes Approximate time of first hits: No hits Approximate time first shot to last shot: 20 seconds</p> <p>3) The 3" gun was only fired once, at a Kamikaze plane. The Admiral ordered us to cease fire when it was close to hitting a Carrier near us."</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p> <p>2) Reports of Anti-Aircraft Actions Off Luzon Island, Philippines on 1/8-9/45, USS Calvert</p> <p>3) Interview, Hoyt Worthington. USS Calvert Associates Reunion, October 1-4, 2015.</p>

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1945 January 8 Underway to Luzon



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1945	January & February (presumed)			<p>Fubar (the dog), Warns of Approaching Zeros</p> <p>"I want to make mention of the legendary dog, "FUBAR," (G.I. lingo for Fouled Up Beyond All Repair")! The radar was only a sometimes-useful tool in these early days. It depended on the atmospheric conditions and umpteen other things. As it turned out, FUBAR, the mascot of the Calvert had the greatest early detection system in the whole area right in his canine ears. He was a veteran of many battles by this time, and he knew the sound of the Japanese Zeros. When he heard the zeros approaching, he would turn and start growling way down deep in his throat. The men would watch him, and when he started to do this, the word would go out around, giving the direction in which little FUBAR was facing. He didn't like that sound at all, because he knew pretty soon, all hell was going to break loose.</p> <p>FUBAR saved their bacon on several occasions in this way. As soon as his keen hearing picked up the Japanese Zeros, the crews would swing the big guns around, and sure enough, shortly thereafter, the radar would start picking up the blips of the enemy planes. Only thanks to a little mutt dog, they already had the drop on them."</p>	<p>1) Mark A. Fountain. Matt. A Fond Appreciation of Matthew S. Fountain. Dec 1999. p68.</p>
1945	January	8	Underway to Luzon	<p>"The convoy had been moving right along really smooth until we got just off the coast of Manila Bay on Luzon. All at once general quarters was sounded, and all hell broke loose. The Japs were coming after us. They had thrown about thirty suicide planes at our convoy and boy, they were coming after us! There were Zeros and Zekes, and I guess they were going to try to give us one hell of a battle. The guns from the ships were blazing away, trying to stop those damn Jap planes and to keep them out and away from our convoy. But some were getting through and were trying to suicide dive into the transports. Most of them missed the ships and went into the water and exploded.</p> <p>The troops that were on the top side of our ship were told to go below decks and stay there. After all the troops were below, we were told to close and dog all hatches, just in case the ship gets hit; then it is a little more water tight."</p>	<p>Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p86 (Chapter 28)</p>
1945	January	8	Underway to Luzon	<p>1) 1857 One enemy aircraft ("Zeke") crashed close aboard USS Kitkun Bay, CVE 71; 2 miles on the port bow. 1930 Zig-zagging was ceased for the night.</p>	<p>War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p>
1945	January	8	Underway to Luzon	<p>1954 Ship secured from General Quarters. 2338 Speed reduced to 10.5 knots. 2355 Reduced speed to 10 knots. Ship approaching entrance to Lingayen Gulf, PI.</p> <p>Weather this day: Wind was ENE at 15 knots during the forenoon and shifted to NW at 10 knots mid-day, then shifting to NE, 5 knots in the afternoon. Sea was moderate from NE, swell was slight from NE. Sky was partly cloudy and visibility good. Upon approaching Lingayen Gulf the sea, swell and wind moderated considerably in the lee of the land.</p>	<p>War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p>

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				Luzon Amphibious Landing Operation, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Mission: The mission of Attack Group BAKER was to transport, protect, land, and establish the 40th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, on Green and Orange Beaches, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, in order to assist in the seizure and development of the Lingayen Area of Central Luzon.</p> <p>Scattered clouds, wind fresh to strong in the morning becoming gentle northerly in afternoon. Sea moderate in morning becoming slight in afternoon. Low northerly swell.</p> <p>The trip from Manus to Lingayen was quite uneventful until the evening of 8 January when the first damaging attack on Task Force 79 developed.</p>	Report of Amphibious Attack on Lingayen, Luzon. Commander Amphibious Group Six. Task Group 79.2. Attack Group Baker.
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming with TG 79.2 approaching entrance to Lingayen Gulf on course 090 deg T, at speed of 10 knots. Cruising disposition "4-CS", USS Rocky Mount is OTC and guide.</p> <p>0048 San Fernando Point, Luzon detected bearing 100 deg T, distant 42 miles by radar. Numerous course changes were made and courses and speeds were frequently adjusted to conform with the approach track and speed of advance assigned.</p> <p>0300 Entering Lingayen Gulf: Wind 030 deg T, 5 knots; Barometer 29.88; Temperature - Wet 78, Dry 89; Sea - smooth; Swell - zero; Sky - scattered clouds.</p> <p>0315 Approaching Lingayen Gulf on approach course. Frequent adjustments of course and speed were made to conform with the assigned track.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0525 Set condition "One Able".</p> <p>0554 Speed was reduced to 6 knots.</p> <p>0605 Paravanes were recovered and on deck.</p> <p>0610 Speed was increased to 8 knots.</p> <p>0614 Special approach disposition was ordered.</p> <p>0621 Ship was on station in new disposition. USS Cambria assumed guide for the transport group. Now approaching Transport Area #2.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1944	January	9	Underway to Luzon	The final approach to the assault anchorage was made on time despite several air attacks.	A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	0630 One enemy plane dropped a bomb 600 yards on our starboard beam mid way between USS Cambria's stern and USS Monrovia's bow.	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

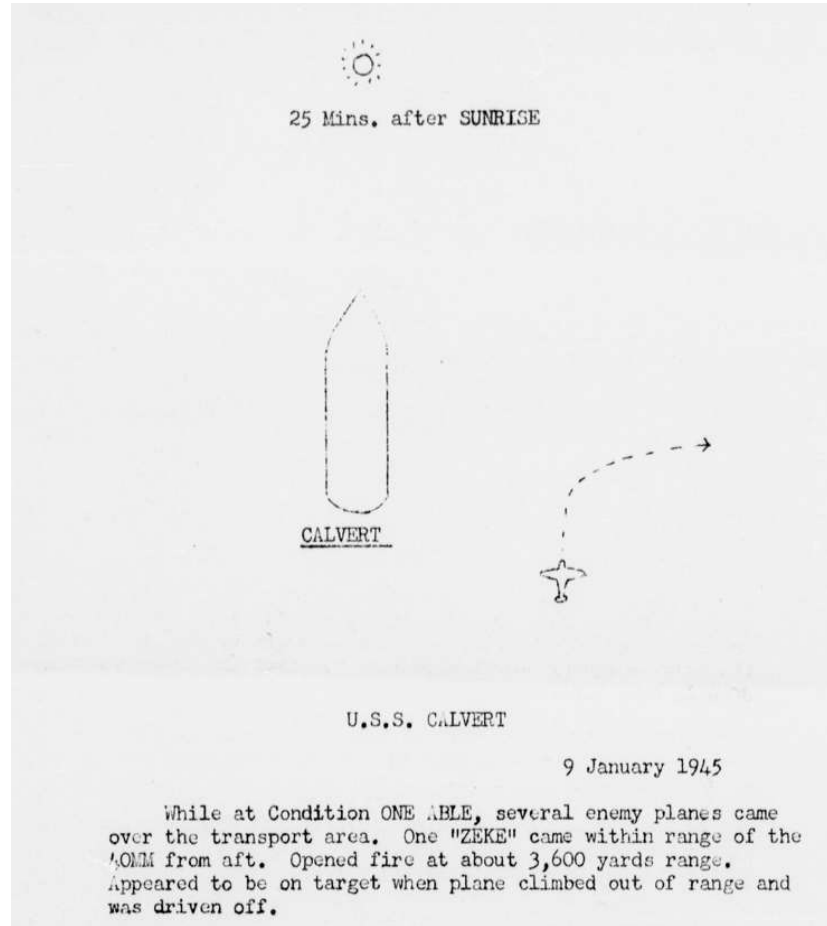
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1945	January	9	Transport Area #2, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1) 0713 Commenced lowering landing craft. Ship is making 4 knots approaching her assigned berth.</p> <p>1) 0728 Ship arrived on station in Transport Area #2. Anchored in 19 fathoms water in company with Transport Group "Baker". This area is located 4 miles from the assigned assault beach in the Lingayen Area.</p> <p>1) 0730 Commenced carrying out scheduled operations of boating and dispatching combat team. Commenced debarkation of the assault troops by net and "rail-loaded" davit boats.</p> <p>2) "At 0730, 9 January, Calvert commenced boating operations. The 1st Battalion of the 160th Regiment was scheduled to be landed on Green Two Beach in waves Four, Five and Six, which was accomplished on time."</p> <p>1) 0744 Ship's first assault wave is boated (Attack plan's 4th wave).</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p> <p>2) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16</p>
1945	January	9	Transport Area #2, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1) 0746 Commenced firing upon two enemy aircraft. 0748 Ceased fire. Planes were drive off.</p> <p>2) "While at Condition One Able, several enemy planes came over the transport area. One "Zeke" came within range of the 40mm from aft. Opened fire at about 3,600 yards range. Appeared to be on target when plane climbed out of range and was driven off. 25 minutes after sunrise."</p> <p>2) AA Action Notes: Surprise attack, daylight. Naked eye pickup. 3 Type Zekes, 1 attacking ship. 8,000 feet altitude, 150 knots speed. Gun 2, 40mm: 188 rounds, no hits Gun 4, 40 mm: 240 rounds, no hits Approximate time tracking to first shot: 2 minutes Approximate time first shot to last shot: 2 minutes</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p> <p>2) Reports of Anti-Aircraft Actions Off Luzon Island, Philippines on 1/8-9/45, USS Calvert</p>

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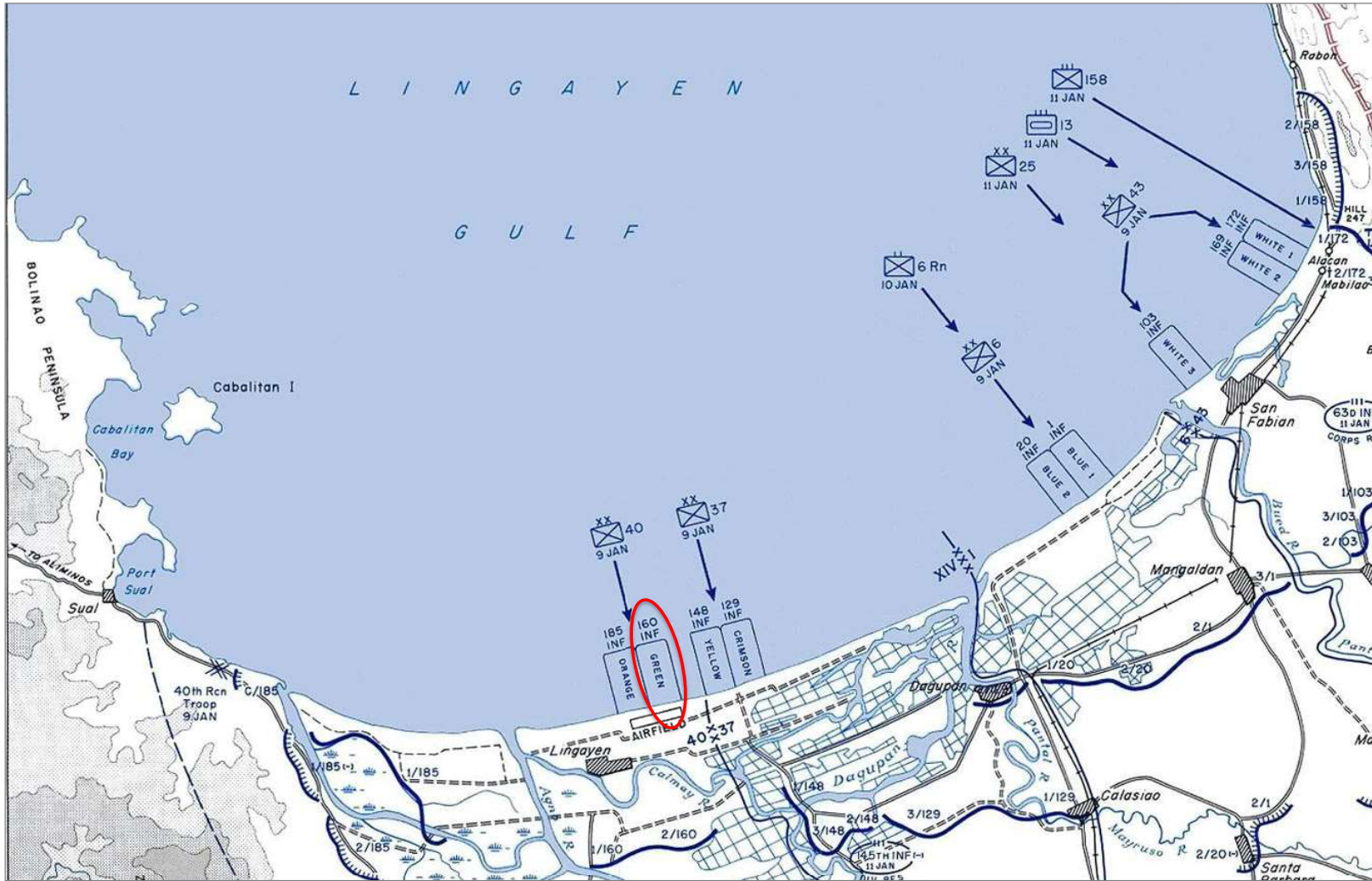
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0748 All landing craft were waterborne.
0750 Opening cargo hatches and commencing discharge of cargo and vehicles of the assault team.

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Map of landing beaches in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. Green Beach indicated by red oval



Map of landing beaches in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 9 Jan 1945 United States Army

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Transport Area #2, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines

"The transports' Line of Departure for the Calvert's landing area, Orange and Green Beaches, was 4,000 yards offshore."

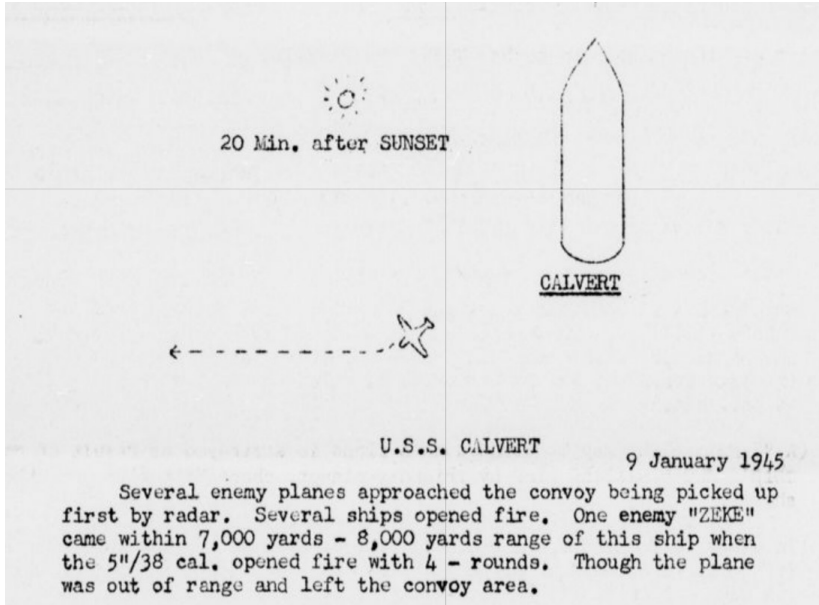
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1945	January	9	Transport Area #2, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>0801 4th wave was dispatched to the line of departure. 0828 5th wave was boated completely. 0830 5th wave was dispatched to line of departure. 0850 6th wave was boated completely. 0854 6th wave was dispatched to line of departure. These waves landed on "Green Beach Two" in the Lingayen Area, Lingayen Gulf at the following times:</p> <p>0943 4th wave landed. 0950 5th wave landed. 0956 6th wave landed.</p> <p>0915 Ship's beach party and Army M.P. detachment was boated and dispatched to line of departure. All "assault" units of the landing team were off the ship.</p> <p>1010 The first of the assault wave boats returned from the beach and reported it to be of hard sand, very gradual gradient, no coral and very little surf.</p> <p>1017 General discharging of all remaining vehicles and cargo commenced. All available ship's boats were employed to take cargo from all hatches.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>"Our beach party is going to be in the second wave. We are supposed to land just to the right of the cemetery.</p> <p>So with all our gear, we climb down the cargo net and into the small boats. We go to the stern of the ship and rendezvous and wait to make up a wave. It isn't too long until we are ready to go in.</p> <p>The Japs are starting to shell the small boats, and there are big great splashes of water going up in the air. The destroyers are starting to make smoke to try to cover the convoy and all of the transports have gotten smoke pots going too. It isn't very long until the whole place is smoked in.</p>	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p87 (Chapter 28)
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>The first wave is about to hit the beach. It is just a little ahead of us. They hit the beach and the troops disembark and the small boats back off the beach. Now it is our turn. I am scared. I don't know why; I have been through so many of these battles before. ... I don't want to show any fear to the other guys, but I know they must feel the same way I do.</p> <p>All at once we feel the small boat hit the beach, and now know that the ramp in front of us is coming down and that would be it. Now you would be on your own to get to the beach. You get your gear and down goes the ramp; so you start running. You still have a good three hundred feet before you can get to some kind of cover, so as to try to protect yourself.</p> <p>When I finally got to dry sand, I sorta looked around to get my bearings and I see what was happening. There was so much activity going on, boats and men hitting the beach, but no real action; a little machine gun fire and a few rifle shots; everything went real smooth.</p>	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p87 (Chapter 28)

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1945	January	9	Transport Area #3, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1105 Ship prepared to close the beach to 4,000 yards to the assigned berth in Transport Area #3 in company with TransDiv Thirty.</p> <p>1158 Ship anchored in Transport Area #3 in 8 fathoms of water. Discharging of cargo continued from all hatches immediately upon anchoring again.</p> <p>1200 Sea, swell, wind and weather: Wind - 045 deg T, 2 knots. Barometer - 29.89; Sea - smooth; Temperature - Wet 78, Dry 88; Swell - zero; Sky - clear.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	9	Transport Area #3, Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>1) 1210 LCT #727 was received at starboard side #5 hatch to take cargo.</p> <p>1225 #1 hold completely discharged. 1400 #6 hold completely discharged. 1405 #4 hold completely discharged. 1445 #5 hold completely discharged.</p> <p>1508 LCT #727 cleared ship's side for the beach. Boats were hoisted aboard as hatches were covered and boats became available.</p> <p>1538 #3 hold completely discharged. 1548 #2 hold completely discharged.</p> <p>1625 Barracks bags, Army hatch parties and misc. army equipment was completely discharged.</p> <p>2) At 1625 Calvert was completely offloaded, all troops (1,117) and 527 tons of cargo. Time to unload the ship: 8 hours, 35 minutes, including time required to shift berths.</p>	<p>1) War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p> <p>2) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16</p>
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Summary of Lading Operation:</p> <p>Troops landed - 1st BLT 160th Reg, 4th Inf. Div., US Army and attached units total of 1117 men.</p> <p>Cargo landed - 527 short tons of combat cargo of the embarked landing team: 78 Vehicles; 109 short tons Ammunition 100 short tons Petroleum (oil, gas, etc.) 15 short tons of Rations</p> <p>Place landed: Green Beach Two, Lingayen Area, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon</p> <p>Method landed: Ship's landing craft: LCVPs, LCM(6)) Landing craft from other transports present and LCT #727.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

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1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Summary of Lading Operation:</p> <p>Landings: First ship's wave landed at 0943, Second ship's wave landed at 0950, and Third ship's wave landed at 0956.</p> <p>Time and date of debarkation and discharge of cargo: Time to boat assault wave - 1 hr. 02 minutes. Total time to unload ship - 8 hrs. 35 minutes. Average tons unloaded per hour - 62 short tons.</p> <p>Boats carried by ship and used in operation: 26 LCVP - used for assault landing and subsequent unloading. 2 LCM(6) - transported the Army and left in Lingayen, Luzon, PI. 2 LCP(L) - one salvage boat, one group Boat Commanders boat Total of 30 boats.</p> <p>Method of debarking Boat Teams of Assault Waves: 12 boat teams were rail loaded into davit boats and lowered loaded. Remainder went down standard cargo nets into waiting boats.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Summary: Japanese Air Attacks</p> <p>During the landing at Lingayen, the Calvert's gunners repelled three separate air attacks.</p> <p>Two personnel casualties were experienced by the Calvert. They were Melvin A. Mosher, GM3c, USNR and Otis D. McNaulty, SN, USNR, who received chest wounds when the sight of their gun, Mount 21, was hit by a stray 20mm projectile from another ship during the air attack.</p>	A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 17
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines	<p>Summary: Weather and sea conditions</p> <p>Scattered to broken cumulus, entire period with scattered cirrus during day. Wind gentle variable becoming moderate northerly in evening. Sea smooth with no swell in morning, low northerly swell in afternoon and evening. Visibility reduced by smoke and haze from bombardment until late afternoon.</p>	Report of Amphibious Attack on Lingayen, Luzon. Commander Amphibious Group Six. Task Group 79.2. Attack Group Baker.

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
				Departure from Lingayen Gulf; Underway for Leyte	
1945	January	9	Lingayen Gulf, Philippines Underway for Leyte	<p>1758 Beach Party and Salvage Boat returned aboard. All landing craft were aboard. Ship made ready to get underway from the Transport Area.</p> <p>1759 Ship was underway from Transport Area #3 followed by USS Custer and USS Knox of TransDiv 30. Ship formed with TransDiv 30 and proceeded along assigned withdrawal track at slow speeds awaiting arrival of other transports in order to sortie from Lingayen Gulf, PI.</p> <p>Task Unit 78.4 has been dissolved and the ship is in company with departing transport type ships, has been placed collectively in TU 79.14.1 with CTU, OTC and Guide in USS Leonard Wood, APA-12.</p> <p>1800 Sea, swell, wind and weather: Wind - 310 deg T, 8 knots; Barometer - 29.79; Sea - NW - Slight; Swell - zero; Sky - partly cloudy; Temperature: Wet 79, Dry 83.</p> <p>1812 Secured from Condition One Able and set Condition III.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945
1945	January	9	Underway for Leyte	<p>1) That evening under smoke screen and air attacks, Calvert and the other empty transports withdrew from Lingayen and set course for Leyte.</p> <p>2) 1825 - 1837 Layed down smoke screen employing smoke generators. 1840 Enemy aircraft reported in the area. Ship went to General Quarters. 1905 Enemy plane sighted overhead, but range was too great. Fire from escorts and combatant ships, present drove plane off.</p> <p>3) "Several enemy planes approached the convoy being picked up first by radar. Several ships opened fire. One enemy "Zeke" came within 7,000 - 8,000 yards range of this ship when the 5"/38 cal. opened fire with 4 rounds. Though the plane was out of range and left the convoy area."</p> <p>3) Anti-Aircraft Notes: Evening twilight, not a surprise attack. Radar pickup at range of 15 miles, # of planes: 3, type Zeke Speed and altitude of approach: 200 knots, 8,000 feet Number of guns firing: 1 - 5"/38 cal. 4 rounds AA Approximate time-tracking to first shot: 5 minutes Approximate time of first hits: No hits Approximate time first shot to last shot: 15 seconds Other aircraft: Suicide dive on ship in next column</p>	<p>1) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 16</p> <p>2) War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945</p> <p>3) Reports of Anti-Aircraft Actions Off Luzon Island, Philippines on 1/8-9/45, USS Calvert</p>

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	9	Underway for Leyte	 <p>20 Min. after SUNSET</p> <p><u>CALVERT</u></p> <p>U.S.S. CALVERT</p> <p>9 January 1945</p> <p>Several enemy planes approached the convoy being picked up first by radar. Several ships opened fire. One enemy "ZEKE" came within 7,000 yards - 8,000 yards range of this ship when the 5"/38 cal. opened fire with 4 - rounds. Though the plane was out of range and left the convoy area.</p>	Reports of Anti-Aircraft Actions Off Luzon Island, Philippines on 1/8-9/45, USS Calvert
1945	January	9	Underway for Leyte	<p>1949 Secured from General Quarters. Ships slowly formed up in columns of divisions and proceeded toward entrance to the Gulf on various courses and speeds.</p> <p>2320 USS Leonard Wood took positions as guide and OTC of TU 79.14.1 escorted by Escorts CDS 49 in Picking with Sproston, Wickes, Young, Abercrombie, Wann plus additional designated by CTF 78, plus Kadashan Bay, USS Columbia and a few miscellaneous ships.</p> <p>2330 Fleet course and axis is 315 deg T. Standard speed is 12 knots. Ship is now clear of the Gulf and rounding Cape Bolinod, Luzon in accordance with assigned with-drawal track.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	10	Underway for Leyte	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TU 79.14.1 with USS Leonard Wood at OTC and Fleet Guide, course 315 deg T, speed 12 knots. Rounding Cape Bolinad, Luzon on assigned withdrawal track from Lingayen Gulf, PI on various course.</p> <p>0315 Unit proceeding down West Coast of Luzon, PI. 0345 Standard speed was increased to 13 knots.</p> <p>1303 Unidentified aircraft reported in vicinity of the Task Unit. Ship went to General Quarters. Ship secured from General Quarters at 1312 when plans were identified as friendly.</p> <p>2010 Unidentified aircraft reported in the near vicinity. Ship went to General Quarters. Planes were identified and ship secured from General Quarters at 2015.</p> <p>2355 Approaching North end of Mindaro Strait, APO East Pass.</p> <p>Note: The Task Unit is in formation of 7 columns of heavy ships abreast, consisting of 6 columns of transports types and the right column of 3 CL's (2 US Navy and 1 RA Navy). Screen is a standard screening formation. This formation is entitled "Cruising Disposition" "Charlie I" with fleet guide in the USS Leonard Wood in center column.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	11	Underway for Leyte	<p>000 Steaming as before. Course 115 deg T, speed 13 knots, approaching APO East Pass, Mindoro Straits, PI.</p> <p>0040 Landfall on Mindoro was made by radar, distance 28 miles, bearing 035 deg T. 0142 to 0257 Apo Island abeam bearing 205 deg T, distance 15 miles. 0325 Entering Apo East Pass between APO Island and Pandan Island on West Coast of Mindoro. 0342 Apo Island abeam bearing 251 deg T, distance 15 miles. 0630 Ambulong Island off SW end of Mindoro abeam bearing 051 deg T, distance 7.5 miles. Ship now steaming through Sulu Sea.</p> <p>0937 to 1058 Steaming through Cuyo East Pass. 1210 Standard speed was increased to 13.5 knots. 1510 Steaming through Sulu Sea approaching Mindinao Sea. 2206 Steaming down SW coast of Negros Island.</p> <p>Weather conformed with the weather of the various areas passed through to-day. It ranged from rough seas and 20 knots wind in the Panay Gulf to almost calm with smooth sea off Negros Island.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	12	Underway to Leyte Gulf, PI. Anchored, Leyte Gulf.	<p>0000 Steaming with TU 79.14.1 on course 118 deg T, speed 13.5 knots off SW coast of Negros Island, PI, leaving Sulu Sea and entering Mindinao Sea.</p> <p>0015 Changed course to 090 deg T, rounding Siaton Point, Negros Islan, distance 13 miles off.</p> <p>0315 Silino Island abeam bearing 160 deg T distance 7 miles. Now steaming Eastward through Mindinao Sea.</p> <p>0435 Lazi Bay, Siguijor Island abeam 002 deg T, distance 9 miles.</p> <p>0521 to 0747 Surigao Strait across the Mindinao Sea.</p> <p>0908 Camiguen Island (Mt. Catoran) abeam bearing 152 deg T, distance 12.5 miles.</p> <p>1150 Interval between columns was closed from 1000 yards to 800 yards, preparatory to entering Surigao Strait.</p> <p>1300 Entering Surigao Strait between Paraon and Mindinao Island.</p> <p>1335 Now steaming up Surigao Strait between Panaon, Leyte and Dinagat Island. Ship went to General Quarters as a precautionary measure through the narrow body of water.</p> <p>1510 TransDiv 30 plus USS Sarasota proceeded independently from the convoy at speed of 15.5 knots toward Leyte Gulf anchorage area, USS Sarasota is column guide.</p> <p>1532 to 1650 Steaming through Leyte Gulf, PI.</p> <p>1725 Ship proceeded independently to anchorage.</p> <p>1751 Anchored in assigned berth in 35 fathoms of water.</p> <p>Upon arrival at this anchorage area Leyte Gulf, PI, Task Unit 79.14.1 was dissolved. This ship remains under immediate command of CTD 30.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
				<p>1945 January 13 -15 Anchored, Leyte Gulf, PI.</p> <p>Anchored as before in Berth 29, Leyte Gulf, PI in company with TransDiv 30, consisting of Knox, Calvert, and Custer.</p> <p>Other TransDivs are in the area awaiting return of ships from Lingayen Gulf and transport reorganization.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	16	Anchored, Leyte Gulf, PI. Underway to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf. Anchored, San Pedro Bay.	<p>0000 Anchored Berth 29, off Lake Bito, East Coast of Leyte, PI.</p> <p>0725 Ship got underway and proceeded to San Pedro Bay for fuel and provisions.</p> <p>1228 Ship was secured alongside USS Caribou.</p> <p>1330 to 1550 Fueling ship.</p> <p>1616 Ship cleared USS Caribou.</p> <p>1628 Ship anchored in Berth 74, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, PI in order to take provisions from USS Otis anchored in this area.</p> <p>2) "We arrived at the place where we are supposed to be and the Old Man let go the port anchor and now we wait for more orders. While we are here we take on oil from the USS Caribou and a lot of provisions. We received some LCVPs from the USS Mercury and the USS Shora. Then we transferred some of the LCVPs to the USS Cavaller (APA-37), USS Pierce (APA-50), and the USS Harris (APA-2).</p>	<p>1) USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945</p> <p>2) Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p89 (Chapter 28)</p>

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1945	January	17	Anchored San Pedro Bay, Leyte, PI.	0000 Anchored in berth 74, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, PI. 0724 Underway from San Pedro Bay and proceeded to Southern Anchorage off Bito Lake. 0941 Anchor was let go in assigned berth.	
1945	January	17	Underway and then anchorage off Bito Lake, Leyte, PI.	On 17 January 1945, TransDiv 30 was dissolved. The USS Calvert was attached to TransDiv 12 (temp). Transport Division Twelve consists of: USS Audrain APA59, USS Calvert APA32, USS Heywood (F) APA6, USS W.P. Biddle APA8, USS Starlight AP175, USS Storm King AP17, USS Electra AKA4, USS Thuban AK19. TG 78.6 is screened by TU 78.10.4 (DesDiv 44), USS Conway DD507.	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
Assigned to Transport Division 12 (Temporary) Departure for Hollandia, New Guinea					
1945	January	18	Anchored off Bito Lake, East Coast of Leyte, PI	1) On 18 January, the Calvert, temporarily assigned to Transdiv 12-T, sailed for Hollandia, New Guinea, to load a replacement boat group and new landing craft. 2) 000 Anchored as before in Berth 29, off Bito Lake, East Coast of Leyte, PI. Orders received: TG 78.6 will proceed from Leyte Gulf to Hollandia, New Guinea. Thence proceed to Biak and load personnel and cargo of the 41st Infantry Division, US Army for transportation to the Lingayen Area where they shall be unloaded as directed by 78.1 (Commander Naval Forces in that area). Upon discharging personnel and cargo of the 41st Infantry Division, TG 78.6 will proceed to Leyte Gulf, PI., to be dissolved and released to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.	1) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 17
			Underway to Hollandia, New Guinea	1731 Underway 1800 Sortied with TG 78.5 and 78.6 from anchorage area off Bito Lake, Leyte, PI. TG 78.5 proceeded on toward entrance to Leyte Gulf while TG 78.6 steamed at 6 knots course 108 deg T awaiting arrival of Escort Division 71. 2330 Escort Division 71 arrived and took station as screen. Weather: Heavy North and North Easterly swells with moderate North East Sea and fresh to strong North East Winds were met as soon as clear of Leyte Gulf. Ship is rolling deeply. Heavy rain squalls from the North East were frequent. Barometer remains steady.	2) USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	19	Underway to Hollandia, New Guinea	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 78.6 with OTC and Guide in USS Leonard Wood, on course 124 deg T, speed 14 knots.</p> <p>0030 Speed was increased to 14 knots and the TG shaped a course through Surigao Strait entrance between Homonhon and Dinagat Island.</p> <p>0040 Ship was clear of Leyte Gulf with Disolation Point, Dinagat Island abeam 180 deg T, distance 6.7 miles. 0047 Course was changed to 124 deg T, conforming with track to Hollandia, New Guinea.</p> <p>0539 Speed reduced to 13 knots. Moderate sea and heavy swells from North East with fresh to strong North Easterly winds and frequent heavy rain squalls were present all day. Zig-zagging was employed between squalls.</p> <p>1015 to 1034 TG was slowed to 6 knots due to break down on USS Leonard Wood. 1712 Speed was reduced to 12 knots, then increased to 13.5 knots at 1906. 2232 Changed speed to 13 knots.</p> <p>Gusts up to 40 knots velocity were recorded during squalls.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	20	Underway to Hollandia, New Guinea Underway to Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands	<p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 78.6 with OTC and guide in USS Leonard Wood, on course 117 deg T, speed 13 knots.</p> <p>0715 TG 78.6 joined TG 78.5 and both groups are now steaming in company on course 115 deg T, speed 13 knots.</p> <p>1620 TG 78.6 left the main body of ships and changed course to 153 deg T for Biak Island, Schouten Island, USS Leonard Wood is Guide and OTC.</p> <p>Seas continued as rough with heavy swells all day. Heavy wind and rain squalls persisted.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	21	Underway to Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands	<p>Equator Crossing</p> <p>0000 Steaming in company with TG 78.6 with OTC and Guide in USS Leonard Wood. Course 153 deg T, speed 13.5 knots, cruising disposition is a formation of 14 ships (transports) in a 3 column disposition.</p> <p>0800 - 0835 Tactical maneuvers were conducted for all ships. Ships were also exercised at laying a smoke screen during these exercises. The following wind made the screen very effective as radar was employed for station keeping due to zero visibility. Smoke generators only were used.</p> <p>2130 Ship crossed the equator into South Latitude at Longitude 135 deg, 23' East. Moderating wind, sea and swell were experienced as the ship approaches the equatorial doldrum area.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

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1945	January	22	Underway to Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	0000 Steaming in company with TG 78.6 with OTC and Guide in USS Leonard Wood. Course 153 deg for Biak Island, Schouten Group, speed 12 knots.	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
				0430 Radar made landfall on Biak Island TQ, Wasanbari bearing 208 deg T, distance 27 miles.	
				0732 TG 78.6 commenced forming the approach disposition of a single column of ships preparatory to entering between the Padairo and Biak Islands.	
				0755 Approach disposition was formed and course was changed to 180 deg T, speed was increased to 13.5 knots.	
				The ship in company with the Task Group rounded TQ Wasari on North East end of Biak Island and passed down the South East Coast on various courses to arrive off Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands at 1100.	
				The ship was then directed to proceed independently to anchor in Soeanggarai Roads in company with USS Oconto and USS Warren.	
				1200 Ship was anchored in 40 fathoms of water on the shelf that forms this anchorage area 1000 yards from the beach below the characteristic white coral cliffs that identify this area on Biak Island. Extremely smooth water, light winds and no swells make this anchorage a safe one. Care must be exercised not to anchor too near the edge of the shelf. The sounding drop off rapidly to 200 and more fathoms in a few hundred yards.	

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Soeanggarai Roads, between Auki and Biak Islands, indicated by red oval



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Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands

During the afternoon the ship received the USS Oberrender (DE 344) alongside and fueled that ship.

Preparations were made to receive troops and cargo of the 2nd Battalion, 163rd Reg., 41st Infantry Division of the US Army. Advance personnel of the Battalion reported aboard for duty as loading (hatch teams) parties, berthing and messing officers, etc.

Weather this day: Day broke with clearing skies and moderating sea and swell. As the ship entered between the Padeaido Island and Biak Island the swell lessened and became smooth. Visibility was excellent and skies were clear. Temperature was high but humidity low. Landmarks on charts were easily identified and no difficulty was experienced from the slight Southeast to Northeast currents flowing along the North and South sides of Biak Island.

USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	22 - 23	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	"After several days and many zags later, we came to the Island of Biak, Dutch New Guinea. There we dropped anchor and the main engines were secured. The USS Oberrender (DE 344) came upon our port side and we gave her oil. Almost as soon as she cast off, on board came the advanced units of the 41st Infantry Division, reporting aboard as loading parties. I guess that we will have the Army again.	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p89 (Chapter 28)
1945	January	23	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>1) The division embarked the Third Lingayen Reinforcement Group, the 41st Infantry Division. The Calvert's troop lift consisted of the 2nd Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel C. Munkers, USA, and some 600 tons of cargo.</p> <p>2) 0000 Anchored in Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands.</p> <p>0945 Commenced loading US Army Cargo of the scheduled troop units to be embarked.</p> <p>The ship's LCVP's augmented by 3 Army LCM(6)'s are being employed to ferry the cargo from shore to ship. Loading continued throughout the day and night.</p> <p>2330 Number 1 Hatch completely loaded. 2250 Number 4 Hatch completely loaded.</p> <p>Weather continues to hold as fair with light variable winds, no swell and smooth sea.</p>	<p>1) A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 17</p> <p>2) USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945</p>
1945	January	24	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>1) Anchored as before.</p> <p>Ship is loading cargo of the troops to be embarked. 0315 Number 2 Hatch was loaded. 0420 Loading operations were suspended until daylight. 0845 Continued loading operations. 1625 All Hatches were loaded and Army Cargo was aboard ship.</p> <p>2) "We had started loading US Army cargo and equipment and had been working around the clock. Some of the guys were so sleepy. I know I was. "</p>	<p>1) USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945</p> <p>2) Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p90 (Chapter 28)</p>
1945	January	25 - 27	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>Anchored as before.</p> <p>Liberty was granted ship's company in small numbers.</p> <p>Ship is being prepared to receive personnel of the 2nd Battalion, 163rd Reg., 41st Division, US Army.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
Embarkation of the 2nd Battalion, 163rd Regiment, 41st Division, U.S. Army					
1945	January	28	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>1) Anchored as before. Liberty was granted ship's company in small numbers.</p> <p>2) "Suddenly, over the loud speaker comes: 'Lower all boats and dispatch them to the beach for troops.' After about three hours we are completely loaded with the Army troops."</p> <p>1) Ship's boats commenced transporting troop personnel from shore to ship at 1318 and at 1440 all troops were embarked. A total of 35 Officers and 831 enlisted men.</p> <p>Summary of cargo aboard ship: Vehicles (94) 387.5 short tons; Ammunition 82.0 short tons; Rations 47.0 short tons; TBA 81.5 short tons; Pyrotechnics 1.0 short ton Total tonnage 599.0 short tons.</p> <p>Summary of troop units embarked aboard USS Calvert for transportation to objective: 2nd Battalion, 163rd Infantry Reg. - 22 Officers, 536 Enlisted Hq. Co. 163rd Infantry Reg. - 4 Officers, 59 Enlisted Sv. Co. 163rd Infantry Reg. - 0 Officers, 13 Enlisted Anti-Tank Co., 163rd Infantry Reg. - 0 Officers, 5 Enlisted etc.</p>	<p>1) USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945</p> <p>2) Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p90 (Chapter 28)</p>
1945	January	29	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>Anchored in Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands.</p> <p>The USS Calvert has been attached to Transport Division 11 (temporary) under Captain Abbott for unloading purposes at the objective only. Ship's company engaged in readying ship for forth coming expedition.</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	30	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>Anchored as before. Ship's company continuing to ready ship (material and personnel) for the forthcoming operations.</p> <p>Troops embarked are being acquainted with ship's orders for troops, general drill stations and ship's routine. This is being accomplished by means of meetings and discussions between Army and Naval Personnel through drills being conducted.</p> <p>Departure date and rendezvous times have been delayed 48 hours .</p>	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945
1945	January	31	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	No entries for this date in the Calvert's war diary	USS Calvert, War Diary, January 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	January	Late	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	"This one morning the shit really hit the fan. Our anchor, during the night, was dragged off the shelf by the tide. Even though we were lying in forty fathoms of water, we also had out one hundred and five fathoms of chain, when the ship dragged the anchor off the shelf, the anchor hung straight down. We were drifting into safe waters between the Biak and Auki Islands. I heard that we drifted about 15 miles. We had to lower two of our LCMs to help control the ship until we could get up steam, because the engines had been turned off. It takes several hours to get up enough steam to move the big ship. After they got the main engines started we moved back under our own power to where we were supposed to be, and dropped anchor again. I later heard that the Old Man called some quartermasters up on the carpet, who should have been watching the ship, instead of going to sleep.	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p90 (Chapter 28)

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945-February				February 1 - 3 Soeanggarai Roads between Auki and Biak Islands.	
				February 4 - 5 Underway to Leyte, Philippines.	
				February 6 - 7 Leyte, Philippines.	
				February 8 Underway for Mindor, Philippines.	
				February 9 - 10 Amphibious Landing Operation at Mindor, Philippines.	

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* War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/134091415>

* Muster Roll, USS Calvert, February 1945 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/125656395>

				USS Calvert is attached to TransDiv 12 (Temp) under Captain Allen (CTD in USS Heywood (APA3). Ship is anchored on the shelf of Sqaenggarai Roads, Biak.	
1945	February	1	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>TransDiv 11 and 12 (Temp) have been organized in organized with:</p> <p>(a) Commander Allied Naval Force, SWPA OpPlan 18-44. (b) Commander 7th Phib. (CTF 78) OpPlan 1-45. (c) Commander 3rd Lingayen Reinforcement Group (CTG 78.6), under command of Captain R.W. Abbott, US Navy in the USS Leonard Wood (APA12).</p> <p>TransDiv 12 (Temp): Heywood APA6 Biddle APA8 Calvert APA32 Audrain APA59 Starlight APA175 Storm King APA171 Electra AKA4 Thuban AKA19</p> <p>This Task Group is lying anchor along the South East Coast of Biak Island in the Schouten Islands. USS Calvert is lying anchor in Soeanggarai Roads in company with the USS Oconto (APA187). The main body of the Task Group is anchored off Soredo Lagoon, distance 4 miles. This Task Group is loaded with personnel and cargo of the 41st Infantry Division, US Army and is awaiting sailing date (3 February 1945).</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
				(continued)	
1945	February	1	Anchored, Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands	<p>The USS Calvert is loaded with 599 short tons of combat cargo and vehicles and 866 men and Officers of the 2nd Battalion - 163rd Reg. - 41st Infantry Division and attached units. Battalion Commander is Lieutenant Colonel C. Munkers, US Army.</p> <p>This Task Group (78.6) will transport the embarked Army Units and cargo to the Lingayen Area, Luzon, PI from Biak and will land troops and cargo over friendly beaches using ship's landing craft.</p> <p>Upon discharging troops and cargo the Task Group will return to Leyte Gulf to await further orders.</p> <p>Preparing ship and equipment for the trip. Routes to be taken: (1) Biak to Leyte (2) Leyte to objective via Suriago Strait, Mindina Sea, Sulu Sea and Mindoro Straits.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945

Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	February	2	As before (presumed)	2335 Underway, ship sortied from Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island. Ship formed with TG 78.6 and escorted by CortDiv. 77 proceeded along the South Coast of Biak between the Padaidro Islands and Biak on variable courses, USS Leonard Wood is OTC and Fleet Guide.	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	3	Anchored in Soeanggarai Roads, Biak Island, Schouten Islands. Underway to Leyte, Philippines	0100 Took departure from Biak with TG Wararai bearing 005 deg T, distant 3.5 miles. 0140 Set speed 13.5 knots. 0155 Rounded Tg. Warari Pt. Biak and set course 335 def T to take assigned track. 0700 Entered North Latitude in Longitude 136 deg 05'E. 0800 Rendezvoused with TG 78.5 (2nd Lingayen Reinforcement Group) under Command of Commodore Graf, US Navy in USS Latimer. This TG consists of TransDiv. 41 and 42. Commodore Graf assumed over all tactical command of TG 78.5 and TG 78.6 with Fleet Guide in USS Zeilen (APA3). During the afternoon tactical maneuvers were held with CTG 78.5 exercising tactical command. Smoke drills were also held. The ship conducted a debarkation drill under darkness conditions in the evening. Weather holds fine and clear with small sea and swell.	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	4	Underway to Leyte, Philippines	0000 Steaming, speed 13.5 knots in cruising formation (4 columns of transports). USS Latimer as OTC. 0720 Changed course 331 deg T. 1109 to 1152 TG 78.6 maneuvered and formed additional left column on left flank. The convoy now consists of five columns of ships. USS Leonard Wood is now Fleet Guide. 1330 to 1430 The Transport Group was exercised at tactical maneuvers with USS Latimer as OTC. 2010 Changed speed to 13.0 knots conforming with scheduled advance.	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	5	Underway to Leyte, Philippines	0000 Steaming with TG 78.6 plus TG 78.5.1, USS Leonard Wood is Fleet Guide, USS Latimer is OTC, at speed of 13 knots, course 301 deg T, zig-zagging from moonrise to sundown. 0607 Changed speed to 13.5 knots conforming with scheduled advance. 0625 TG 78.5.2 (5 transports and screen) sighted 2 pts. on starboard bow. 0642 Changed course to 326 deg T. 0850 TG 78.5.2 (2nd Lingayen Reinforcement Group) joined the convoy column (forming) on starboard flank. USS Zeilin (APA3) is now fleet guide. 1330 to 1437 Transport Group was exercised at tactical exercises (maneuvers), USS Latimer conducting as OTC. 1822 Changed course to 285 deg T, conforming with assigned track. Weather: Winds continue moderate from NNE to NE and moderate sea and slight swell from the NNE were met with throughout the day.	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945

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1945	February	6	Underway to Leyte, Philippines Dulag Anchorage Area, off Daguitan River, Leyte Gulf, Leyte	<p>0000 Steaming as before with TG 78.6 and 78.5 on course 285 deg T, at speed 13.5 knots approaching Leyte Gulf (Suregao Strait).</p> <p>0655 Landfall was made on Siaigo Island, PI bearing 233 deg T, distant 32 miles by Radar (Surface).</p> <p>1000 Suluan Island off entrance to Leyte Gulf was abeam to starboard distant 14 miles.</p> <p>1055 Entered Leyte Gulf between Desolation Point and Homonhon Island, course was set for Dulag Anchorage Area on East Coast of Leyte.</p> <p>1505 Ship anchored in company with TG 78.5 and 78.6 in 18 fathoms of water off Daguitan River - Dulag.</p> <p>Weather: Winds in the Gulf were light and variable and skies mostly cloudy. Sea was smooth with no swell.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	7	Anchored off Leyte Gulf, Leyte Underway to San Agustin Area on the South West Coast of Mindoro, Philippines	<p>0000 Anchored as before.</p> <p>1230 Sortied from Leyte Gulf (Dulag Anchorage) in company with TG 78.6 and TG 78.5 after getting underway at 1125 in accordance with sortie and movement order of CTF 78 dated 6 February 1945 (060440).</p> <p>1503 Proceeded to form normal cruising formation and entered Surigao Strait on course 180 deg T. Passage through the Strait was uneventful.</p> <p>1715 Entered the Mindanao Sea. USS Zelin has been designated Fleet Guide.</p> <p>1730 Set course 241 deg T across the Mindanao Sea.</p> <p>This Task Group is enroute to San Agustin Area on the South West Coast of Mindoro to discharge the embarked troops and cargo.</p> <p>Weather: Variable light winds, smooth sea and no swell were experienced through out the day.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	8	Underway to San Agustin Area on the South West Coast of Mindoro, Philippines	<p>0000 Steaming across the Mindanao Sea in company with TG 78.6 and TG 78.5 on course 241 deg T, at speed 13 knots, course changes were frequent during the night as the ship rounded the South West end of Negros Island to set course 302 deg T.</p> <p>0519 Entered the Sulu Sea.</p> <p>0800 Set course 329 deg T and proceeding up the West Coast of Negros Island.</p> <p>1515 Nason Point, Panay was abeam to starboard, 13 miles off.</p> <p>1758 Set course 329 deg T for Cuyo East Pass off the West Coast of Panay Island.</p> <p>Weather: The weather continues to be variable with strong gusts up to 22 knots from NNE across Panay Gulf and the wind kicking up a moderate sea. A strong set to West is experienced in this area.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945

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1945	February	9	San Agustin, Mindoro Island, Philippines	<p>February 9th - Mindoro Island, Philippines, Reinforcements Landing Operation at San Agustin</p> <p>On February 9th the USS Calvert and crew landed the embarked troops and equipment of the 2nd Battalion Landing Team, 163 Regiment, 41st Infantry Division, U.S. Army, and attached units, in the area of "Blue Beach" San Agustin, Mindor, Philippines.</p>	A History of the USS Calvert - David Cullen - p. 17
1945	February	9	San Agustin, Mindoro Island, Philippines	<p>0620 Ambulong Island abeam bearing 090 deg T., distant 4 miles. Ship went to General Quarters for dawn alert.</p> <p>0622 Ship proceeded on various courses and at various speeds in toward anchorage area off San Augustin, Mindoro Island, P.I.</p> <p>0720 Ship secured from Condition "One" and set Condition "One Able".</p> <p>0724 Swinging boats to rail and preparing to swing out LCM(6).</p> <p>0732 Commenced hoisting out first LCM(6).</p> <p>0742 LCM(6) waterborne.</p> <p>0748 Commenced hoisting out 2nd LCM(6).</p> <p>0755 2nd LCM(6) waterborne.</p> <p>0756 Troops stood by for debarkation.</p> <p>0759 Lowered Smoke Boats, Salvage Boat, and Boat Group Commanders.</p> <p>0800 Ship is moving slowly toward anchorage.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	9	San Agustin, Mindoro Island, Philippines	<p>"Since this is a reinforcement, there are no battle wagons, heavy cruisers, or any of the really heavy stuff with us. There are no guns going off or any bombing of the beaches. However, we do have a screen of destroyers with us, and all the transports move in really close to the beaches and let go their anchors."</p>	Beach Party. Billy Lee Bell. p91 (Chapter 28)
1945	February	9	San Agustin, Mindor Island, Philippines	<p>0804 Commenced debarkation of troops.</p> <p>0814 Commenced discharging of vehicles from #3 hold.</p> <p>0814 First rail loaded boats are waterborne.</p> <p>0819 All boats waterborne. Opening all hatches.</p> <p>0834 Dispatched first wave of troops toward beach.</p> <p>0839 Ship anchored in 36 fathoms of water, 1.5 miles off beach, in vicinity of San Augustin, Mindoro Is., P.I.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945

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Mindoro Blue Beach (presumed) for the February 9, 1945 landing, as shown as for the December 1944 initial assault landing

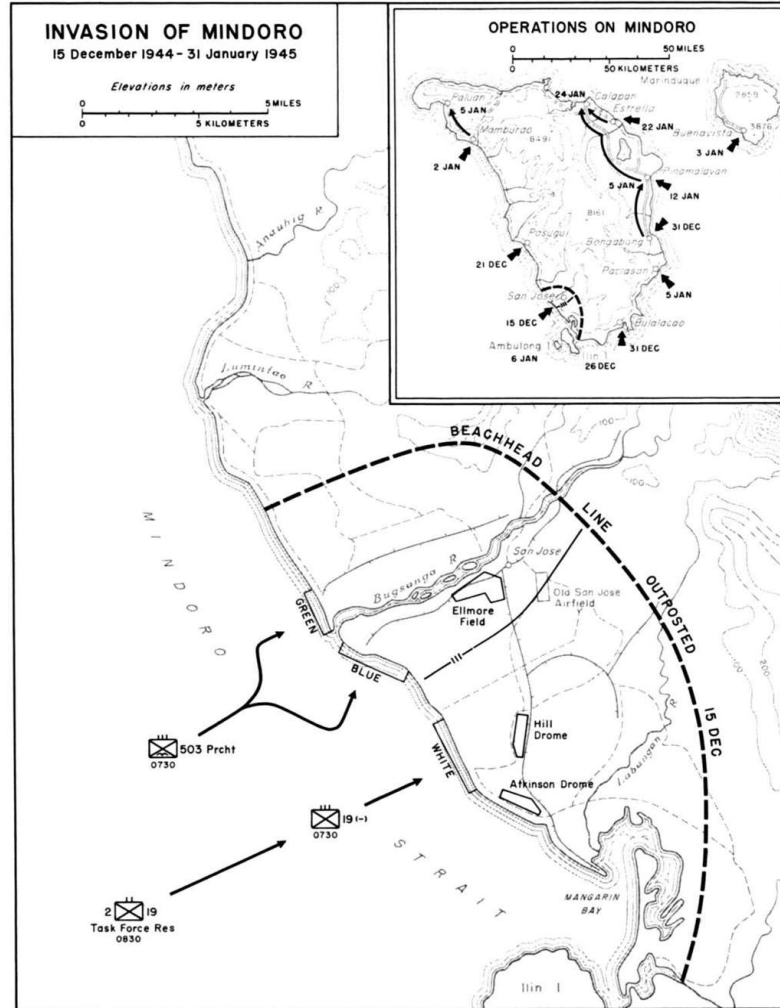
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MAP 2

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Year	Month	Day	Location	Historical Details	Sources, Notes
1945	February	9	San Augustin, Mindor Island, Philippines	<p>1008 All Boat Teams were debarked. Ship continues to unload with aid of nine U.S. Army LCM(6)s and 6 LCV(P)s (ships). 1330 #6 hold completely discharged. 1425 #2 hold completely discharged. 1520 #4 hold completely discharged. 1602 #1 hold completely discharged. 1606 #5 hold completely discharged. 1607 #3 hold completely discharged. 1710 All hatches were covered and secured for sea. 1735 Army hatch parties left the ship. All cargo and personnel off the ship. Securing ship for sea.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
1945	February	9	San Augustin, Mindor Island, Philippines	<p>Summary of Unloading</p> <p>Troops landed: 2nd Battalion, 163 Regiment, 41st Infantry Division, U.S. Army and attached units. Total 866 men. Cargo Landed: 94 Vehicles, 387.5 short tons. Ammunition 82.0 short tons. Rations 47.0 short tons. T.B.A. 47.0 short tons. Pyrotechnics 1.0 short tons. Total: 599.0 short tons.</p> <p>Method landed: Ship's landing craft: 6 LCV(P)s U.S. Army landing craft: 9 LCM(6)</p> <p>Time to debark personnel: 2 hours, 04 minutes. Time to unload ship: 7 hours</p> <p>Wind and weather: 0800 Wind 5 knots, NE; Temp 76 (we), 82 (dry), Sea 1. 1200 Wind 4 knots, SW; Temp. 80 (wet), 88 (dry), Sea 1.</p>	War Diary, USS Calvert, February 1945
<p>End of research notes for the period December 10, 1944 to February 9, 1945.</p>					