

LCTs & LCT(A)s in Task Group 124.3, Assault Group O-1, Assault Vessels for Eastern Sector of Omaha Beach---Easy Red and Fox Green on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

This information on the individual LCTs was gathered from filed action reports, the assault diagrams, memories and other research. Normally the names after the hull numbers are those of the officers with the OinC listed first. However, this may not always be correct.

LCT 18-Wave 12. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Fox Green at H+120, loaded with 20th ECB 197 AAA Bn Det. *Source, Eastern Section, Omaha landing diagram.*

LCT 20-Wave 12. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Fox Green at H+120, loaded with 20th ECB 197 AAA Bn Det. *Source, Eastern Section, Omaha landing diagram.*

LCT 25-Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Easy Red at H+120 loaded with 197th AAA Bn. Struck an underwater obstacle close to the beach tearing a hole below the engine room. Water too deep at the bow to unload. With engine room flooded, craft could not retract and had to be abandoned. Several casualties aboard due to heavy firing from the beach. Two men, Wilfred L. Davis, SC1c and Leonard Halford, MoMM1c were killed. Mortar fire later in the day set the vehicles and the craft afire, listed as abandoned. *11 July 1944 report of damage to landing craft due to enemy action, by Commander, LCT Flotilla 18.*

LCT 210-John Due & Gene Benedetti. Substituted for LCT(A) 2228 which had developed engine trouble at Portland. Gene Benedetti, OIC of the LCT(A) 2228 came aboard as well as LCT(A) Group Commander, Lt. Robert Morris; and also from GSG staff; Ensign Halsund, Ensign John Murray, Gene Watts and W. A. Register. The unarmored 210 also had to replace an engine which delayed their departure from Portland, but caught up with the convoy at 1000 while towing LCM#14. After transferring the Army engineers and Navy combat demolition crews, beached on Fox Red at H-Hour under heavy fire. Four members crew members went forward to work the ramp. James A. Doherty, Cox and William Fiore, S1c, were killed and Ralph E. Beach, SM2c and Frank Scipic Jr. MoMM3c were wounded. While some of the crew fought a fire in the forward port locker, Crewmen Watts and W. A. Register went forward under fire to carry back Fiore. LT Morris and crewman J. M. Lemieux carried back Doherty. The craft received eight shell hits from 88mms and 75's and one mortar hit. LCT(A) 2239 towed the 210 to a firetug for anchor repairs. After 13 days of intermittent engine problems and being tied to various ships for possible towing to the UK, the storm finally drove the 210 onto the beach where additional damage was sustained. On July 12, the 210 was towed to the UK. Ens. Due, Oic of the 210 filed the action report.

LCT 195- John R. Rock & Tom Shand. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Fox Green at H+120, loaded with 197th AAA Bn. Beached at 0945 at Easy Red. Underwater obstacle damaged starboard screw, hit by enemy fire below starboard waterline. Crowded conditions on beach made unloading impossible. Retracted. At 1545 went alongside LCT 305 and took command of the 305 as OinC was wounded. Beached next to LCT 305, unloaded both crafts. Unsuccessful to tow the 305 from the beach. Continued operations under Asst. OinC Shand. *Action report dated 7 July 1944.*

LCT 199-D. F. Littlefield & John Stiegmen. Flotilla 18. Landed successfully at Easy Red at 0845 loaded with 197th AAA Bn. Returned with a second load of 18 jeeps and 300 army personnel and beached again successfully at 1330. Evacuated 12 survivors from LCI(L) 91 plus five Army wounded. *Action report, dated 26 June 1944, and second action report dated 7 August 1944.*

LCT 200-Edward J. Kelly. Wave 10. Scheduled for Easy Red at H+120 loaded with 197th AAA Bn. Had to force through obstacles. First halftrack unloaded stalled in water. In attempting to get closer to the beach, anchor cable became fouled with that of LCT 244 alongside. Discharge completed at 0932. Before retracting had to cut anchor cable now fouled by underwater obstacles. By 0950 engine room flooding too fast for bilge pump and handy billy, screws and rudder fouled by wire and engine and generator quit at about 500 yards from beach. The LCT 276 towed the 200 to salvage tug Pinto which on June 7 secured a small emergency kedge anchor to a bow line. After more drifting, various crafts assisted towing the 200 again to the Pinto which towed it to repair ship #4 on June 8. On June 9 the 200 was towed to Southampton for repairs. *Action report dated 16 June 1944.*

LCT 201-Sam Strang or Fred Sutphen & Ira Fisher. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for East Red at H+120, loaded with 197th AAA Bn. Approached beach at 0839, could not land due to enemy fire and underwater obstacles. Remained in area until 1215, picked up 11 men from the 116th Infantry Cannon Co. from a disabled dukw. Ordered to beach again at 1715 under heavy fire. Unloaded all vehicles and personnel including the 116th Infantry Co. Withdrew to transport area with port engine out and listing to starboard. *Action report of 26 June 1944.*

LCT 206-Joseph H Esclavor. Flotilla 18. Listed as LCT(SP) Wave 10. Scheduled to land 62nd Armored Field Artillery at Fox Green at H+90 after firing afloat as necessary. *Source, Eastern Omaha landing diagram.*