



FROM THE EDITOR

Our second LCT newsletter--and just in time for the holidays! In this issue we have several short articles and news items about the LCTs, a photo gallery of LCTs at Normandy, a list of further readings, and a list of the LCTs lost during the War.

Our main feature each issue will be the stories that you fellas send in--your own recollections about your days onboard the LCTs. For this issue I have printed my own father's story about his experiences in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska in the summer of 1943.

We hope you can use this story as a rough guide for putting together your own short article. We cannot guarantee that everyone's stories will be printed in this newsletter, but I will promise you that any and all material sent in will be included in our "archives" of LCT history and we will continue to post this history on our internet website.

Furthermore, it is the goal of our LCT Flotillas Group to compile these personal stories and publish them in book form. Depending on the response, this book could become reality within a few years!

On behalf of the LCT Flotillas of World War 2, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hope to see y'all in Omaha. . .

Ron Swanson

AIR MAIL



The newsletter "Flotilla," is an excellent piece of work and I wish you ever success with it. The layout and design is especially well done. I like the content and pictures too. Haven't tried the crossword yet.

Bill Baker, Yellow Sprgs., OH

Here is a little "ditty" concerning the LCT(A) 2310: After losing our Officer-in-charge, Ensign Grady Deen, to a severe foot injury while removing a spare anchor from the tank deck by a dockside crane, the Royal Navy sent a lieutenant aboard. He stayed on until we could be furnished with a replacement O.I.C., Ensign Joe Suozzo. The crew were Royal Navy for several days, fortunately, they did not adjust our pay to the "Limey" rate!

Bud Farmer, Nashville, TN



I WANT YOU

TO SEND IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL STORY ABOUT YOUR DAYS ON THE LCTS

Follow the general pattern of our story on page 4 of this issue. Don't worry about spelling, grammar or length, we will edit to fit into our format. We do require a **photo of yourself during the War** and any other photos you may want included. All photos will be returned immediately. All entries will be considered for this newsletter and for our anticipated book on the LCTs of World War II.

Stories can be about combat experiences, onboard duties, tedium, the weather, humor or anything else!

It is preferred that you submit your stories typed on a computer and sent on *disc* or by *e-mail*. But traditional typewritten or neatly handwritten copy is just fine. E-mail and disc versions can be sent to either myself or Rich Fox (addresses on the back cover). Hand or typed copy can be mailed to one of us or to Bud Farmer.

It is important that YOUR story be told in order to compile a complete history of the contributions of the LCTs. Perhaps the best time to submit your own material would be at the reunion in Omaha. We have plenty of material for the next few issues. Hope to hear from all of you!