

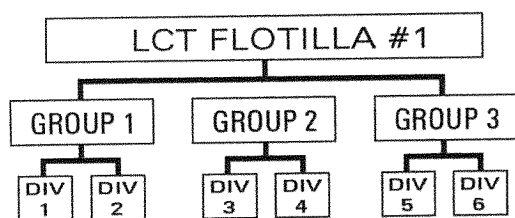
LCT ORGANIZATION

When doing research for the LCTs, one must know the flotilla and/or group to access most records. Fortunately, there was some logic as to how the LCTs were organized. It is most important to find out the higher echelons of command in order to get at most of the records for these smaller landing craft. What follows is a general guide as to how the command structure was organized. Of course, there were exceptions!



⚓ Example: LCTs in TU 31.3.2 are under the 2nd Task Unit of the 3rd Task Group of Task Force 31.

⚓⚓ Each LCT Flotilla was divided into 3 Groups and each Group into 2 Divisions. Individual LCTs *do not* follow any logical order as to which Flotilla they were assigned to. LCTs 81 and 933 were in Flot 3 !!!



To determine the groups in your flotilla, you must do the math. Multiply your flotilla number x3. The result is the third of three Groups in that flotilla. Here's Flotilla 7 as an example:

Flot 7 (x3) = 21. . .so. . .
 Flot 7 = Groups 21, 20 and 19

To determine the Divisions in each Group, multiply the Group number x2. The result is the second of two Divisions in that Group. For example, Group 20 (above) would be 20x2=40, so Group 20 is divided into Divisions 40 and 39. Simple as that!

FLOT	Mk	OPERATIONS
1	5	Solomons, MD--training
2	5	Solomons, MD--training
3	5	Aleutians, Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas
4	5,6	Utah Beach (24 boats)
5	5	Solomons, ?????/
6		Solomons ???
7		New Guinea, Australia, Philippines
9	5	Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, South France
10	5	Sicily, Salerno, Anzio
12	6	ETO: Omaha (25 boats)
13		Saipan, Guam, Tinian
16		Hawaii, Iwo Jima
17	6	Omaha (28 boats), Utah
18	5	Omaha Beach
19	6	Omaha Beach
20		Mediterranean and South France
21	6	South Pacific
22	6	New Guinea and Philippines
24	6	New Guinea and Philippines, Okinawa
26	6	Omaha (20 boats)
31	6	Leyte, Okinawa, Japan
33	6	Philippines
34	6	Okinawa Pacific

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LCT WEBSITES

Rich Fox, whose father Ron was on the LCT-376 (Flotilla 5), has organized and maintains an outstanding website dedicated to the LCTs of WW2. I know a lot of you vets are hesitant to deal with computers--but let me assure you--"our" LCT website is well worth checking out. If you don't know anyone with a computer, go to your local library and ask if they can help you access the website. It's really not that difficult and Rich has made the site "user-friendly". Anyone who operated an LCT can certainly handle a little mouse!!!!

For those of you computer *experts*, here's a few other sites to examine:

The Official LCT Home Page--

<http://ww2lct.tripod.com/>

Gary Priolo's LCT Photo Site--

<http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/18idx>

National Archives (NARA) Info Locator (NAIL)--

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>

The LST Home Port and "Scuttlebutt" newsletter--

<http://www.abizme.com/lst.html>

See back page for e-mail addresses.