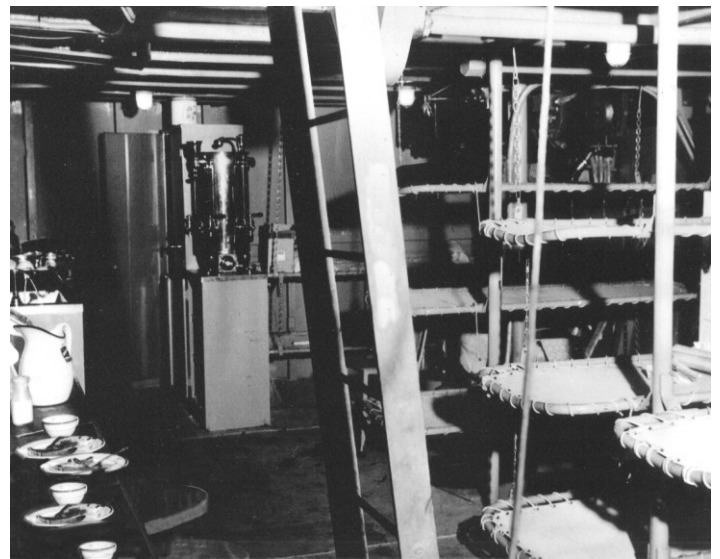
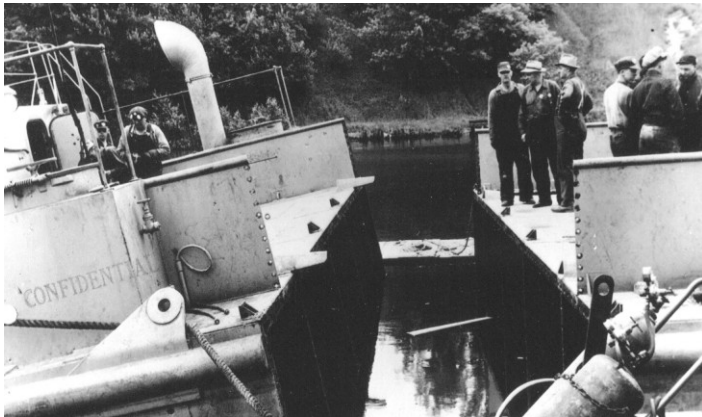


FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



ASSEMBLY AND LOADING OF AN LCT

These photographs were found in the files of the National Archives dated 3 June, 1943. In a letter from S. G. Mayfield, the Industrial Manager of the U.S. Navy, to Captain E. W. Sylvester of the Bureau of Ships, a series of photos were included to detail the method used in hoisting and loading of the LCT(5)s on board an LST. The collection of ten photographs were taken to best illustrate how the job was to be handled.

Mr. Mayfield states, "In view of the fact that we have had no difficulty nor caused any damage to the vessels during these loading operation, it will not be necessary to send any of the new type slings designed by Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation to New Orleans in connection with this program."

The photos on this page are all of the LCT(5)-314 and were labeled, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN St. Louis, MO with Manitowoc stamped on the bottom. The view of the crew quarters is looking towards the starboard side--note coffee urn, bunks and ladder leading up to pilothouse.

