

LCT ACTION REPORT

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LCT-434

NORMANDY, FRANCE

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LCT (5) FLOTILLA EIGHTEEN

From: Officer-in-Charge, LCT (5) #434

To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

0700 Arrived at Transport Area--Rendezvous area 0-3. Awaiting orders to proceed to "Easy Red" beach.

0800 Underway with wave 22 to "Easy Red"--Omaha.

0915 PC #553, control vessel for "Easy Red" beach, signals to stand by.

1200 Destroyers, gun boats shelling beaches and enemy positions. Unable to beach.

1347 Orders to return to line of departure.

1348 Underway to line of departure.

1616 Orders to beach immediately.

1617 Underway to beach.

1645 Beached at "Easy Red"--Omaha beach near St. Laurent, France--discharged troops and equipment.

1653 Equipment and personnel unloaded. Backing off beach for transport area.

1702 Off beach and proceeding to transport area--0-3, rendezvous Area.

1815 Arrived 0-3, Rendezvous Area. Received orders from LCI 493 to proceed to LST #375 to unload her.

1835 Awaiting orders from LST #357 to marry.

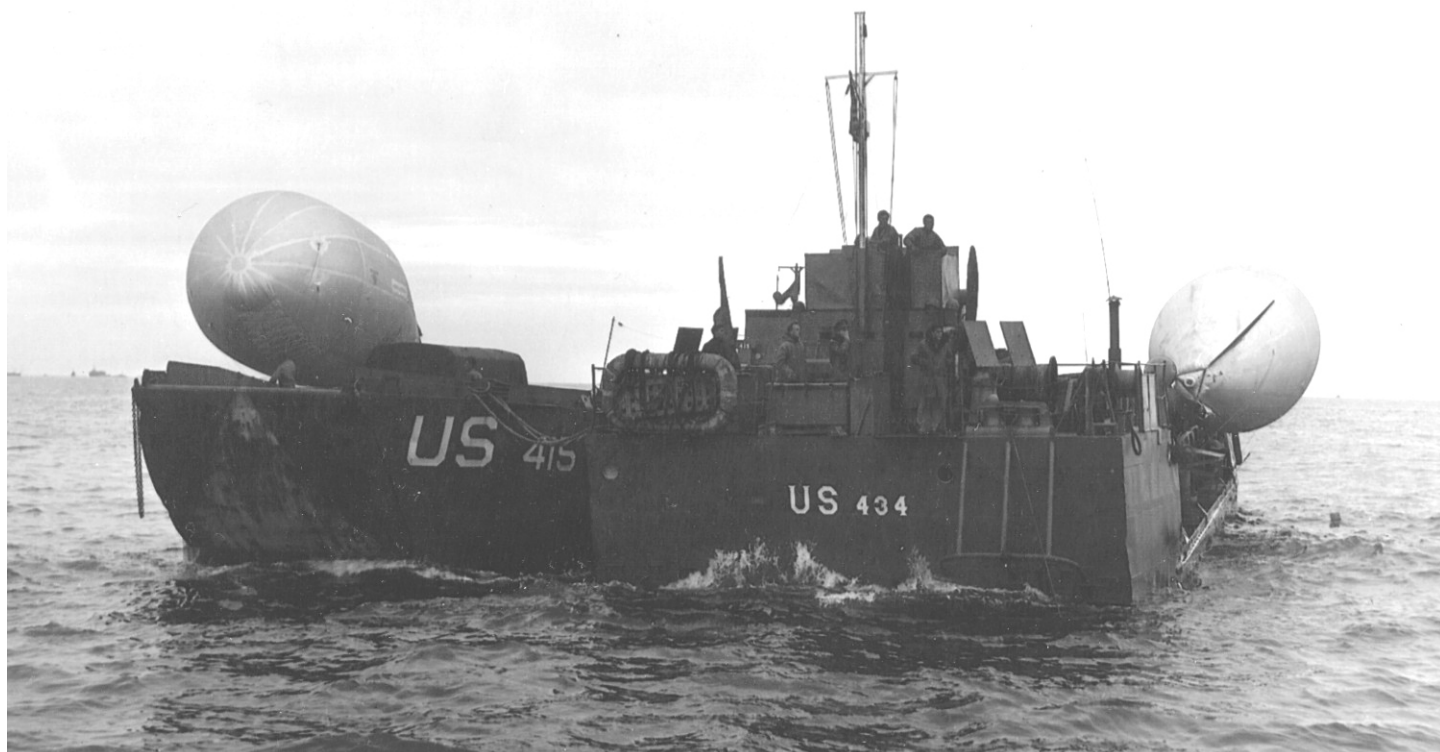
1845 Orders from LST to come alongside. Orders to stand by when close abeam, as LST's ramp chains were broken.

1925 Signalled LST whether we were to stand by and linger. Replied negative.

1945 Proceeding to Rendezvous Area for further orders.

2034 Dropped anchor. Awaiting orders.

2100 Lieutenant A. C. Williams came aboard from the LCT #618.



LCT-434 with LCT-415 and barrage balloons during practice exercises off the English coast prior to the Normandy invasion. Photo reproduced at the National Archives.