Heavy gunfire at Paestrum in the American sector prevented 6 tank-laden LCTs from landing at Blue Beach. Four of the six were hit by 88mm shell. Ensign S.J. Cavallaro who was guiding the formation from LCT-244 was hit by gunfire and killed and the tank nearest the bow started to burn. The crew promptly lowered the ramp and shoved the tank overboard. The LCTs retired out of range, awaited orders and started in again about noon with gunfire support from a destroyer, and at 1330 discharged their tanks on Beach Red.

By afternoon, Beach Red was very congested and the landing craft crews, exhibiting fine discipline and seamanship, helped to bring order to the beachhead. This is commendable considering that only 16 of the 54 LCTs promised for the Attack Force actually turned up on D-Day!

LCTs in the British sector also saw much action and suffered the loss of 5 boats at Salerno. The Germans put up a stiff resistance and the beaches were not secured until the 12 Sept. Even then, a vigorous counteroffensive on the 14th set the Allies back once again. After Salerno the islands of Corsica and Sardinia were taken by the Allies as well as the Italian port of Naples.