

**LCT(A) 2043**-Robert A Tunick & Robert Hicks- Gunfire Support Group. Scheduled to carry tanks of Co C, 741 Tank Bn firing afloat going to Fox Green at H-Hour. Towed LCM with Army Engineer team #15 and NCDU #138, Ens Allon, OinC.

**LCT(A) 2049**-Raymond Eberhardt & W. H. Tweedy- Gunfire Support Group. Towed LCM with Army Engineer team # 11 and NCDU team #46, Ens Bassell CO. Scheduled for East Red at H-Hour carrying Co C, 741st Tank Bn. Hit a mine about 0145 June 6 about 20 miles from the coast. Engine room became flooded and soon the craft was listing about 25 degrees to starboard and craft was abandoned and all 68 personnel, Army and Navy, transferred to the LCM 11 containing the demolition supplies which the 2049 had been towing. No life was lost in the sinking. LCM transferred all personnel except demolition crew to LST 314. Joe Plum, S 2/c among survivors.

**LCT(A) 2228**-Gene Benedetti and John Due. Gunfire Support Group. Scheduled for Dog Green at H+Hour, engine problems in Portland, LCT 210 substituted. See LCT 210 above.

**LCT(A) 2287** Oliver E. Bradway & L. M Brownlee-Gunfire Support Group. Scheduled to carry tanks of Co C, 741 Tank Bn firing afloat going to Easy Red at H-Hour. Towed LCM with Army Engineer team #12 and NCDU team #22, ACOM Barbour, OinC.

**LCT(A) 2339**-Jim Howard & Truman Fowler. Gunfire Support Group. Towed LCM with Army Engineer team #9 and NCDU team #44, Carpenter Raymor OinC. Scheduled for Easy Red beach, H-Hour, carrying tanks of Co.B, 741 Tank Bn., firing afloat going into the beach.- Started receiving fire about 150 yards from the beach. At about 100 yards out a 88mm did a direct hit on the tank dozer. Another 88 took out one engine and machine gun fire was heavy. The dozer did go off on its own power. A second load of a beach battalion and medics was taken in at 1330. The 2339 was fully operational until the storm.

**LCT(A) 2425**-Donald Sandie & Larry Noel. Gunfire Support Group. Scheduled for Easy Red beach, H-Hour, carrying tanks of Co. A, 741 Tank Bn. firing afloat going into the beach. Towed LCM with Army Engineer team 10 and NCDU team 45, Ens Karnowski OinC. Beached successfully. Returned to transport area for second load, difficulty in finding beach space until about 1600, unloaded, then was heavily shelled by 88mms, unable to retract because of damage, craft abandoned. Joe Butt in crew.

#### **LCTs & LCT(A)s in Task Group 124.4, Group O-2, Assault Vessels for Western Sector of Omaha Beach--Easy Green, Dog Red, Dog White and Dog Green on D-Day.**

*This information on the individual LCTs was gathered from filed action reports, assault diagrams, memories and the best of other research. Normally the names listed after the hull numbers are those of officers with the OinC listed first. However, this may not always be correct.*

**LCT 27**- John M. Natale & Frank D. Curtis. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Dog Green at H+120 with 467th AAAW Bn. At 0400 lost starboard screw and developed strong list to starboard. Attempted to beach at 0830 but heavy fire from beach caused damage to port engine and prevented beaching. LCT 535 towed the 27 to a repair tug where more damage was sustained by the 27 and the tug crashing together in the heavy seas before tug was called away. LCT 207 attempted to tow the 27 to the beach, but the 27 capsized within 1500 yards from the beach at about 1700 losing all vehicles aboard. *Report of damage to landing craft due to enemy action by Commander, LCT Flotilla 18, 11 July 1944.*

**LCT 29**-Charles W. Wright, OinC, & George R. Young. Flotilla 18. H+90. Dog White. Carried 58th FA Bn Armored (Firing Afloat) Scheduled for Dog White at H+90.

**LCT 30**-Lt(jg) Sidney W. Brinker, OinC, & John Green. Flotilla 18. Scheduled for Easy Green at H+120 with AT CO 116 Infantry. Rammed its way through obstacles to Easy Red beach. After discharging its load and while retracting, was hit by a shell which exploded amidships directly in the engine room, knocking out all engines and flooding the engine room. More shells riddled the bulkheads and the craft was abandoned. One man, John E Anderson, MoMM1c, was killed.

**LCT 80**--Edward Raymond & I. Prince. Flotilla 18. Carried 467th AAAW Bn into Dog Red at H+120. Before beaching, picked up 35 infantry from a LCVP that could not beach because of the obstacles. Beached at 1150 and put infantry ashore. Retracted to find better place to unload vehicles. Temporarily beached next to abandoned LCT 25 and received direct mortar hit port side amidship, wounding three soldiers. Retracted to transfer wounded to Coast Guard craft. Beached again at 1600 and unloaded all vehicles. *Action report dated 15 June 1944.*