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15 October 1944.

From: Commander IST Flotilla Twelve.  
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for September 1 - September 30, 1944;  
Submission of.  
Reference: (a) ComInCh Restricted ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial  
7152 of 29 October 1943.  
Enclosure: (A) Comdr. IST Flot. 12 War Diary for the period  
September 1 - September 30, 1944.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is  
herewith forwarded.

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WAR DIARY (August 1 - August 31, 1944)

August 1, 1944

On August 1, 1944, IST Flotilla Twelve, under the command of Captain W. D. WRIGHT, USN (Commander F. H. NEWTON, Jr., Acting Flotilla Commander), and operating under orders from Commander Eleventh Amphibious Force, consisted of the following units:

IST GROUP TWENTY EIGHT - Commander L. F. TEUSCHER, USN.

Division 55 - IST's 30, 52, 264, 287, 493, 503.

Division 56 - IST's 44, 133, 197, 229, 279, 280.

IST GROUP THIRTY FOUR - Lieut. Comdr. S. H. PATTIE, USN.

Division 67 - IST's 325, 310, 315, 316, 317, 332.

Division 68 - IST's 6, 357, 374, 375.

IST GROUP THIRTY FIVE - Commander F. H. NEWTON, Jr., USN.

(Lt. Comdr. J. B. MARKHAM, USN,  
Acting Group Commander).

Division 69 - IST's 157, 309, 347, 350, 372, 373.

Division 70 - IST's 306, 7, 331, 391, 392, 393.

IST GROUP THIRTY SIX - Lieut. Comdr. R. L. COLEMAN, USNR.

Division 71 - IST's 5, 61, 307, 335, 355, 369.

Division 72 - IST's 336, 337, 338, 356, 388, 389.

August 1 - August 31, 1944

During the month of August the ships of this flotilla were employed in shuttle trips between English ports and the beachheads on the coast of Normandy, France, carrying vehicles and troops. Ships were loaded at Portland and Southampton. In accordance with ANCKF Confidential Dispatch of 211817B of July 1944, the regular ports for loading of ships of this flotilla were as follows:

PORTLAND

IST Group 34 - 310, 315, 316, 317, 350, 332,  
6, 347, 357, 157, 374, 375.

IST Group 35 (Division 69) 309, 325, 372, 373.

SOUTHAMPTON

IST Group 35 (Division 70) 7, 306, 331, 391, 392, 393.

IST Group 36 - 5, 61, 307, 335, 355, 369,  
336, 337, 338, 356, 388, 389.

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Division 67 - IST's 310, 315, 316, 317, 350, 332.  
Division 68 - IST's 6, 157, 347, 357, 374, 375.

IST GROUP THIRTY FIVE - Commander F. H. NEWTON, Jr., USN.  
(Lt. Comdr. J. B. MARKHAM, USN,  
Acting Group Commander).  
Division 69 - IST's 212, 309, 262, 325, 372, 373.  
Division 70 - IST's 7, 306, 331, 391, 392, 393.

IST GROUP THIRTY SIX - Lieut. Comdr. R. L. COLEMAN, USNR.  
Division 71 - IST's 5, 61, 307, 335, 355, 369.  
Division 72 - IST's 336, 337, 338, 356, 388, 389.

September 1 - September 30, 1944

During the month of September the ships of this flotilla were employed in shuttle trips between English ports and the beaches and ports on the coast of Normandy and Bretagne, France, carrying vehicles, troops, supplies and ammunition. In accordance with ANCXF Confidential Dispatch of 211817B of July 1944, the regular ports for loading of ships of this flotilla were as follows:

PORTLAND

IST Group 34 - IST's 310, 315, 316, 317, 350, 332,  
6, 347, 357, 157, 374, 375.  
IST Group 35 (Division 69) - IST's 309, 325, 372, 373.

SOUTHAMPTON

IST Group 35 (Division 69) - IST's 212, 262.  
(Division 70) - IST's 7, 306, 331, 391, 392, 393.  
IST Group 36 - IST's 5, 61, 307, 335, 355, 369,  
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On 3 August IST's 335, 355 and 369 were ordered to Southampton to be rail fitted, making a total of 18 ships of IST Flotilla Twelve being rail fitted.

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At 0230 16 August 1944, while at anchor in the Cherbourg Harbor, the IST 391 was damaged by an underwater explosion, believed to be a German mine. Main and auxiliary engine rooms were flooded, and she was towed to Plymouth for survey of damages. No fatalities resulted and casualties to personnel were very slight.

At 0011 17 August, 1944, the IST 309, which had sailed for a special army load at Swansea, Wales, collided with the liberty ship Jim Bridger in the Bristol Channel. Considerable damage was done to the bow and bow doors of the IST 309. She was immediately sent to Falmouth for repair.

#### August 5, 1944

In accordance with Revised Annex Able to Commander Eleventh Amphibious Force's Secret Operation Plan EE-44, dated 5 August 1944, IST Group 28 was transferred from IST Flotilla Twelve to IST Flotilla Seventeen and IST's 212 and 262 were added to Flotilla Twelve, replacing IST 314 and IST 376, which were torpedoed on 9 June 1944. IST's 212 and 262 were assigned to Division 69, Group 35. In order that two davit and six davit ships of Flotilla Twelve could be grouped together, the following changes were made:

IST 350 transferred from Division 69 to Division 67.  
IST 325 was transferred from Division 67 to Division 69.  
IST's 347 and 157 were transferred from Division 69 to Division 68.



## NOTE CHANGES BELOW

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LST 350 transferred from Division 69 to Division 67.  
LST 325 was transferred from Division 67 to Division 69.  
LST's 347 and 157 were transferred from Division 69 to Division 68.

At 0834 on 15 September 1944, the LST 393, entering the port of Cherbourg, France, was struck by LST 356, which was outbound to join convoy. Damage to both ships was such that it was necessary to remove them from the shuttle service for a considerable period to effect repairs. LST 393 was sent to Portland and LST 356 to Falmouth for this purpose.

In accordance with Commander Amphibious Bases, United Kingdom's Restricted Dispatch of 312223B of August 1944, LST Nucleus Crews #1 through #8 were detached for return to the United States under the fleet-up program, as the August increment. These included one nucleus crew from each of the six divisions of LST Flotilla Twelve, plus two nucleus crews from LST Group 28, which group was detached from this flotilla on 5 August, 1944. Replacements for the detached men were received and transferred to the ships.