

# **US ARMY ST TUGBOAT INFORMATION SOURCES**

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### **Websites:**

**Shipbuildinghistory.com** Tim Colton, timcolton@aol.com

**The Tugslit at nekriek@hotmail.com** Piet Van Damme (Belgium)

*A tremendous amount of ST detail in this summary is directly from Piet's website. It is by far the most comprehensive site for details on all tugboats past and current.*

**Thamestugs.co.uk** D-Day Mulberry Sections on US ships at Normandy

**Arnold Hague Convoy Database at convoyweb.org.uk**

*Quite a few convoy records reveal small voyages of ST's primarily in the Pacific. The lists are confusing as many convoys may be records of voyages by Australian duplicates of the early ST numbers 9 -15 and other assigned numbers. In other words, these Australian ST's built or purchased for the US Army in the Pacific theater were issued the same numbers as some of the USA acquired or built boats adding considerable confusion.. DF*

**tugboatinformation.com** another non-profit website with good info and photos

**grambo.us** list of ST's sent to Vietnam

### **Books & Primary Sources:**

**"U.S. Army Ships & Watercraft of World War II", David H. Grover, 1987**

*Quite a few of the ST's listed are only mentioned in this book! List of ST's lost in WW2 which has several errors. See my article on this on the website. One yet unidentified ST also appears to have been lost at Normandy.*

**"ST Tugs- Design 257 & 327" by J.O. Bijl, Lekko productions, 2006:** *Wonderful source book with many photos unavailable anywhere else. Text in Dutch and English This organization also produces other books on tugs and a monthly newsletter. Photos from this book used with permission.*

**"Tug of War", Joe Richards, 1979**

**"Ordeal of Convoy NY 119", Charles Dana Gibson, 1973**

**"Little Ships: Tugboats at D-Day, Normandy", Gerald Reminick, 2011**

**"Force Mulberry - The Planning And Installation Of Artificial Harbor Off U.S. Normandy Beaches In World War II " Alfred Stanton** Mentions one unknown ST was lost at D-Day Normandy ( not recorded

elsewhere!), and one heavily damaged.... And one stowaway "extra" unknown ST in Task Force 128 came over to Normandy...they did not wish to miss the adventure!

***"The Last Passage", J. E. Taylor.*** Details on the passage and sinking of Gooseberries at Normandy.

***West Volusia Historical Society Books:***

***"A Pictorial History West Volusia County 1870-1940" and***

***"A Century of West Volusia County 1860-1960"***

History and Photos of the American Manufactory Corp and the Olson Corp - Builders of WW2 and other Army ST Tugboats on Lake Beresford, Beresford, Florida; which existed until 1954. The area is now considered a part of Deland, Florida.

***Report: U. S. Army Transportation in the Southwest Pacific Area 1941-1947, appendices 35 & 38***  
actual number list of ST's sent to the Pacific Theater in WW2

***United States Merchant Marine website USMM.org*** Good details on tug & crew losses in WW2.

***Records from the McAllister Tugboat Family*** via James McAllister; original details and photos of the older WW2 era DPC and ST tugs owned by McAllister.

***Unit History: US Army 73<sup>rd</sup> Floating Craft Company*** list of 35 ST's that went to Vietnam: most probably stayed there.

***Articles written by and provided by Capt Lester E. Ellison*** who began work on ST 761 in Feb of 1944 and ended up in the D-Day work as its first officer. Later on he would be captain of ST 247. He provided a copy of a diary report of the Commander Task Force 128 listing nine ST's making the journey over to Normandy in Convoy EWC1A on 6 6 1944; apparently the only Navy held document known to list ST's at Normandy (It appears that ten ST's actually went, one unidentified boat with fake numbers! DF). One source reflects that Convoy EWC1B also had ST's but no list has been found.

***The US Army Transportation Museum at Ft. Eustis***, Newport News, Va: this invaluable source has provided a Record of Vessel Construction dated Oct 1, 1956 that covers the later Design 3004 boats, and a builder's list for WW2 ST's as well as numerous photos of boats at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Port, Ft. Eustis, and Vietnam.

***PHOTO SOURCES***

***(be aware of copyright use issues)***

Here's a great tug photo source. You will need to join to get access, but it's free! Quite a few ST photos are on this site.

***Tugtalk.co.uk*** contact [bruce@clydesite.co.uk](mailto:bruce@clydesite.co.uk)

***Jean Michel Lecordier***, from the French support group for museum ship ***ST-488***: [usst488@gmail.com](mailto:usst488@gmail.com)

***DeLand Naval Air Station Museum - DeLand, Florida*** Source of early photos, some unique, taken largely on Lake Beresford in Beresford, Florida, during the 1940's

