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A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

Rotch, Francis, Jr. "The Voyage of the Gwalia." Military Engineer (Jul/Aug 1921): pp. 325-27. Per.

U.S. Army. Transportation Corps. Transportation Board. Research and Development Program (Less Army Aviation). Ft Eustis, VA, Jul 1953. pp. 42-48. UC273.A52.

_____. Inland Waterways in a Theater of Operations. Monograph, Ft Eustis, VA, May 1955. 78 p. UA970.I54.

U.S. Dept of Army. Transportation Inland Waterways Services: Field Manual 55-26, dated Mar 1953. 62 p. MilPub-FM.

Yoshpe, Harry B. Pre-Korean Role & Operation of Transportation Corps, 1946-1950. Draft section of proposed history, Wash, DC, Office, Chief of Trans, 30 Jun 1955. 102 p. UC273.T72no5.

NOTE: BRITISH-BUILT TID HARBOR TUGS, WWII

A search uncovered no documents on TID tugs in England nor any specific reference to them. A possible description and photo appears in:

U.S. Army Transportation School. Harbor Craft and Inland Waterways. Reference Text 440, Ft Eustis, Sep 1966. pp. 9-10. UC323.H38.

Tugs procured and operated by US Army Trans Corps received the designation "LT" for large, ocean-going vessels and "ST" for smaller harbor boats. Perhaps the twenty or so British-built TID tugs placed under US control were re-designated. Possibly, the tugs were only loaned to US forces and returned shortly after the war.

The study cited below, a volume in the official series United States Army in World War II, mentions that about twenty-four tugs of the US Army Trans Corps participated in cross-channel operations. Unfortunately, the types employed are not specified. See:

Bykofsky, Joseph, & Larson, Harold. The Transportation Corps: Operations Overseas. Wash, DC: OCMH, 1957. p. 259. D769.A533v6pt1v3.

Alfred Stanford's monograph, Force Mulberry: The Planning and Installation of the Artificial Harbor Off U.S. Normandy Beaches World War II (NY: Morrow, 1951; D756.5.N6.S7), relates that nine ST tugs towed the Phoenix harbor to Omaha Beach and includes a photo of these tugs in operation.

The below-cited book contains a table showing selected supplies obtained by US forces from the British for use in the cross-channel invasion. Included in the items for the US Army Trans Corps are thirty diesel-powered tugs. No other info is provided. See:

U.S. Army. ETO. General Purchasing Agent. We Bought the Eiffel Tower. France, n.d.
p. 37. D769.75.A5.

Examination of the monthly progress reports of US Army Service Forces (Supply Control series, Trans section, UC20A3sec20) revealed no tug exactly fitting the description of the TID's. One sixty-five foot tug appears in the report of 30 Apr 1944, p. 29. Also, pertinent Trans Corps data on its procurement of marine equipment is found on p. 72 of a draft study on wartime statistics (Crawford & Cook chap, OCMH Statistics, Ref).