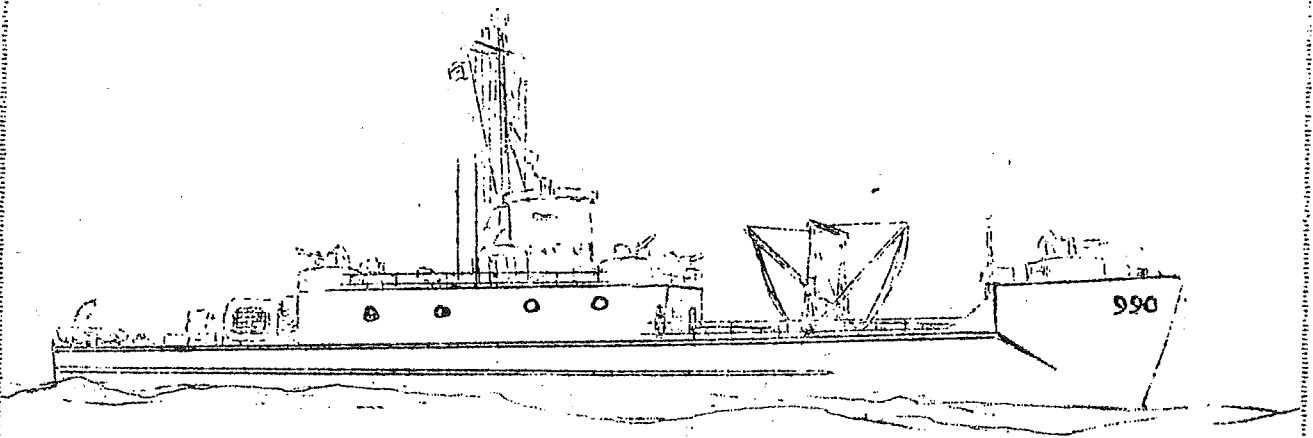


SHIPS HISTORY



USS LCI (L) 990

U.S.S. LCI(L) 990
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Ship's History

The U.S.S. LCI(L) 990 was commissioned 22 May 1944 at City Docks, Orange, Texas, with Lieut. (jg) Charley D. Kirksey as Commanding Officer, three subordinate officers and a crew of twenty-five enlisted men. The Officers and crew had been at the Naval Amphibious Training Base, Solomons, Maryland, for three months prior to reporting to Orange.

Lieut. (jg) Charley D. Kirksey, of Arp and Vernon, Texas; Ensign William vP Trufant, of New Orleans, La., as Executive Officer; Ensign Richard S. Barker, of New Kensington, Penna., as Engineering Officer; Ensign Joseph F. Prokop, of Shawnee, Okla., as Fourth Officer, and the below listed men comprised the original crew.

Ashley, Theodore, StM3c, USNR, Newport News, Va.
Campbell, Paul R., BM1c, USN, Clarksville, Tenn.
Doughton, Murray W., S2c, USNR, Rocky Mount, Va.
Crenshaw, Vernon P., S2c, USNR, New York City, N.Y.
Clingerman, James A., Flc, USNR, Sodus, N.Y.
Arnold, Calvin D., USN, EM3c, Noblesville, Ind.
Haskell, Winthrop A., Cox, USNR, Cambridge, Mass.
Johnston, Adreon B., S2c, USNR, Flint, Michigan.
Jenks, John G., Slc(SC), USNR, Philadelphia, Penna.
Kennedy, William P., F2c, USNR, Everette, Mass.
McKee, Harold N., S2c(SM), USNR, Charlestown, W. Va.
O'Neal, "L" "D", S2c, USNR, Hillsboro, Texas.
Merritt, Milton P., Slc(RM), Cleveland, Ohio.
Nielsen, Kenneth J., MoMM2c, Nova Springs, Iowa.
O'Connor, L.J., F2c, USNR, Watertown, N.Y.
Ryan, Robert D., S2c, USNR, Los Angeles, Calif.
Schoellig, William R., S2c, USNR, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Shannon, James D., Flc, USNR, Pittsburgh, Penna.
Shows, Lynn T., CM3c, USNR, Epps, La.
Stone, Johnnie A., QM3c, USNR, Birmingham, Ala.
Sims, Robert J., Slc(SE), USNR, Syracuse, N.Y.
Sonia, Roland A., F2c, USNR, Lynn, Mass.
Stein, Edward G., PhM2c, USNR, Michigan.
Taggart, Alvin F., S2c, USNR, Glassboro, N.J.

She was fitted out to be flagship of LCI(L) Group FORTY-SIX and to become a unit of LCI(L) Flotilla SIXTEEN. Four days after being commissioned

the ship sailed to Galveston, Texas, where she was further fitted-out and supplied, underwent speed trials, a deperming operation, structural firing tests, beaching and retracting exercises, and all all-hand drills and evolutions under the supervision and close scrutiny of the training officers of the Galveston Amphibious Training Base. While still at Galveston, on 12 June 1944, Lt. Harris Brown, with his communications officer and fourteen enlisted men comprising his staff, reported aboard for duty as Commander of Group FORTY-SIX. The Commander's pennant was affixed to the topmast, officially designating the U.S.S. LCI(L) 990 as flagship for LCI (L) Group FORTY-SIX.

After approximately one month of training, on 17 June 1944, departure was taken from Galveston Bay Entrance, and, in company with LCI(L)s 988 and 989, the ship set Section III watches en route to Coco Solo, Panama, arriving eight days later and mooring to Berth #1, Pier #1, Coco Solo Naval Base, Panama. Fuel and water and additional ammunition and supplies were taken aboard. Two days later the ship passed through the Panama Canal. After remaining one day in Balboa, and, still in company with LCI (L)s 988 and 989, departure was taken for San Diego, California. The ship arrived at San Diego on the morning on 9 July 1944 and moored to South Quay Wall, Naval Repair Base.

During the next two months the extensive training program of the Amphibious Training Group was pursued, which included training cruises to Oceanside, California and to San Nicolas Island, in the vicinity of which training exercises and maneuvers were carried out. Operating with various groups of LCI(L)s, at times in flotilla strength, the LCI(L) 990 practiced disembarking Marine troops, held air and surface gunnery exercises and target practices, practiced towing other LCI(L)s, fueling at sea and reviewed thoroughly all previous training evolutions. During this period the ship was dry-docked at San Diego and repairs made to the propellers and the bottom

scraped and painted.

On Saturday 9 September 1944, in company with ten other LCI(L)s departure was taken from San Diego Harbor Entrance and first course set for Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. Arriving on the morning of 19 September 1944, the ship proceeded into Pearl Harbor and moored to Berth T4-B, West Loch Channel.

During the next seven weeks, in company with other LCI(L)s, the LCI (L) 990 made two training cruises in the Hawaiian Islands, reviewing general maneuvers, holding target practices, and beaching and retracting on Lani Island.

On the 30 November 1944, berth was shifted to the Repair Base in the Navy Yard, and work was begun to convert the ship to a cargo carrying vessel. The troop landing gangways, forward bulwarks and stern anchor winch were removed along with the bunks in the troop compartments forward and those in the troop compartment aft, which were cleared to hold cargo. An "A" frame booms, and set of rigging were installed on the well deck and on the morning of 4 January 1945 special sea detail was set and the LCI(L) 990 stood out from the repair base dock, returning to her former berth in West Loch Channel, a cargo ship.

On 12 December 1944, Commander Brown and his staff had been detached. Operational and administrative control of the ship were transferred from the Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet to Commander, Service Squadron Ten, through Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

On 10 January 1945 berth was shifted to the cargo dock, and the ship was loaded with spare parts for Kwajalein Atoll and Manus Island in the Admiralties. The next day, in company with LCI(L) 629, departure was taken from Pearl Harbor. Nineteen days later, after having stopped for one day at Kwajalein, where she left the LCI(L) 629, and after having crossed the equator for the first time, the ship arrived at Sogadlar Harbor, Manus Island

on the 30 January 1945. Eight days later, after having discharged the remaining cargo and reloading, the LCI(L) was en route to Leyte, Phillipine Islands, via Hollandia, New Guinea, where a convoy was joined.

The next six months were spent carrying supplies and spare parts from Manus to Leyte, generally in convoy and via Hollandia. On 8 June 1945 the ship went into dry-dock for the second time, repairs being made to the propellers and the bottom again being painted. During July 1945 operational control of the vessel was shifted to a newly established Fleet Maintenance Branch Office at Buam. On 12 July 1945 a trip was made to Guam, from which port the ship has since operated, carrying spare parts to Saipan, Leyte, Okinawa and other forward areas.

THE END

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The crew as of 1 October 1945 was as follows:

KIRKSEY, Charley D.	Lieut.	Box 325 Hannon, Texas	Commanding Officer
TRUFANT, William vp.	Lt(jg)	New Orleans, La.	Executive Officer
BARKER, Richard S.	Lt(jg)	New Kensington, Pa.	Engineering Officer
THIEL, George A.	Ens.	Yonkers, N. Y.	Fourth Officer
ANDERSON, Frederick R.	RM3/c	10953 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.	
ARNOLD, Calvin D.	EM1/c	54 So. 10th. St., Noblesville, Ind.	
ASHLEY, Theodore (n)	STM1/c	1254 48th. St., Newport News, Va.	
BERENDS, Kenneth C.	RDM2/c	Alta Vista, Kansas	
BREWER, Harold W.	S2c	General Delivery, Spur, Texas	
CIESIELSKI, Eugene J.	Slc	215 Indiana NW, Grand Rapids, Mich.	
CLINGERMAN, James A.	MoMM3c	2 F. Ternoois, North Rose, N. Y.	
DOUGHTON, Murray W.	SM3c	Route 2, Box 95, Rocky Mount, Va.	
DUQUETTE, Roland J.	BM2c	42 Wolley St., Fall. River, Mass.	
FITZGERALD, Max W.	S2c	Pernell, Okla.	
GILBERT, James E.	PHM2c	36 So. Auburndale, Memphis, Tenn.	
HEPNAR, Andrew M.	MoMM3c	4625 So. Albany Ave, Chicago, Ill.	
HOTTNER, Armand P.	S2c	3827 Richton St., Detroit, Mich.	
JOHNSON, Russell (n)	Slc	Route 1, Toledo, Oregon	
KENNEDY, William P.	Slc	37 Waverly Ave, Everett, Mass.	
MCDONALD, Karl A. Jr.	RDM3c	365 Everest St., Downey, Calif.	
MCNEIL, Chester N.	EM3c	8632 Haas Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.	
MERRITT, Milton P.	RM2c	11604 Fidelity Ave., Cleveland, Ohio	
MIDDLETON, Earl F.	Slc	311½ E. 7th. St., Des. Moines, Iowa	
NIELSEN, Kenneth J.	MoMMLc	Nora Springs, Iowa	
PEMBERTON, James R.	S2c	206 No. Madison, Peoria, Ill.	
PONS, Fernando, B. Jr.	Slc(QM)	North Main St., Tuckerton, N. J.	
REYNOLDS, Robert D.	Slc	6346 Melrose Ave., Chicago, Ill.	
SALTERS, Clarence B.	Cox	8 So. Main St. Byfield, Mass.	
SCHOELLIG, William R.	GM3c	305 Hemlock St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	
SHANNON, James D.	MoMM2c	633 Forest Ave., Bellevue, Pa.	
SHOWS, Lynn T.	GM2c	Epps, La.	
SIMS, Robert J.	SM2c	Rd. 1, Syracuse, N.Y.	
STONE, Johnnie A. Jr.	QL1c	Route 2, Haleyville, Ala.	