

Departed	Date	Date	Arrived	Notes
New York	23.2.43	11.1.43	New York	Unloaded LCT and air strip grating from upper deck and US forces stores from tank space. From there, time was spent at Oran, Phillipeville, Bone, Bougie.
Bermuda	3.3.43	27.2.43	Bermuda	
Gibraltar	26.3.43	23.3.43	Gibraltar	
		27.3.43	Arzew	
Sousse	2.6.43	29.5.43	Sousse	Discharged load.
Sfax	8.6.43	3.6.43	Malta	
		9.6.43	Malta	Discharged load.
Sfax	15.6.43		Malta	14.06.43 loaded at Sfax.
Sousse	23.6.43		Malta	Discharged load.
Sousse	27.6.43	28.6.43	Malta	Discharged load.
		4.7.43	Sfax	OPERATION HUSKY.
Sfax	8.7.43	10.7.43	C.Passero	
Malta	13.7.43	14.7.43	Augusta	
Malta	15.7.43	16.7.43	C.Passero	
Malta	17.7.43	18.7.43	C.Passero	
				19th, 20th, 21st: On passage to Menzel, Lake Bizerta. Bizerta to Sousse 28th July.
Sousse	29.7.43	31.7.43	Syracuse	OPERATION AVALANCHE. Pontoon in tow
Sousse	3.8.43	4.8.43	Syracuse	
Sousse	6.8.43	8.8.43	Syracuse	
Tripoli	4.9.43	5.9.43	Bizerta	
Bizerta	7.9.43	9.9.43	Salerno	
Tripoli	13.9.43	16.9.43	Salerno	
Tripoli	20.9.43	22.9.43	Salerno	
Salerno	9.10.43	12.10.43	Menzel	28th: Salerno-Castellamare-Salerno, ferrying cargoes from Merchant ships into Salerno. Lake Bizerta
Bizerta	28.11.43	1.12.43	Taranto	
Bizerta	9.12.43	12.12.43	Taranto	Build-up OPERATION SHINGLE
Castellamare	21.1.44	22.1.44	Anzio	
Naples	24.1.44	25.1.44	Anzio	
Nisida	28.1.44	29.1.44	Anzio	
Nisida	30.1.44	31.1.44	Anzio	
Baia	2.2.44	3.2.44	Anzio	
Pozzuoli	5.2.44	6.2.44	Anzio	
Nisida	13.2.44	14.2.44	Anzio	
Pozzuoli	15.2.44	16.2.44	Anzio	
Pozzuoli	18.2.44	19.2.44	Anzio	
Pozzuoli	23.2.44	24.2.44	Anzio	
Nisida	25.2.44	26.2.44	Anzio	
Nisida	27.2.44	28.2.44	Anzio	
Baia	6.3.44	7.3.44	Anzio	
Nisida	8.3.44	9.3.44	Anzio	
Bizerta	18.3.44	3.4.44	UK	
		8.4.44		
Tyne	16.6.44	18.6.44	Portsmouth	Loch Ewe CONVOY MKS43 Entered Wallsend Slipway. Several trips to Cherbourg from

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Portsmouth	27.1.45	28.1.45	Tilbury	
Tilbury	30.1.45	1.2.45	Antwerp	
Tilbury	9.2.45	10.2.45	Antwerp	
Tilbury	17.2.45	18.2.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	22.2.45	23.2.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	27.2.45	28.2.45	Antwerp	
Tilbury	22.3.45	23.3.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	26.3.45	27.3.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	31.3.45	1.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	4.4.45	5.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	8.4.45	9.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	11.4.45	12.4.45	Antwerp	
Tilbury	16.4.45	17.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	20.4.45	21.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	23.4.45	24.4.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	13.5.45	14.5.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	16.5.45	17.5.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	20.5.45	21.5.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	26.5.45	29.5.45	Hamburg	
Hamburg	1.6.45	4.6.45	Bergen	
Bergen	6.6.45	8.6.45	Hamburg	
Tilbury	17.6.45	18.6.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	21.6.45	22.6.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	28.6.45	29.6.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	12.7.45	13.7.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	16.7.45	17.7.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	23.7.45	24.7.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	3.8.45	4.8.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	12.8.45	13.8.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	19.8.45	20.8.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	23.8.45	25.8.45	Hamburg	
Tilbury	9.9.45	10.9.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	17.9.45	18.9.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	21.9.45	22.9.45	Ostend	
Tilbury	??????	??????	Antwerp	

Details from ship's record card.

Tyne	12.4.44	16.5.44	Reason not stated.
Tyne	27.5.44	13.6.44	Repairs to bow doors.
Southampton	7.7.44	??,9.44	Repairs.
Southampton	10.11.44	??,12.44	Damage repairs.
Portsmouth	4.12.44	20.1.45	Repairs.
Thames	4.3.45	??,4.45	Repairs.
Thames	1.5.45	9.5.45	Repairs.
Thames	3.7.45	??	Underwater repairs.
Antwerp	3.10.45	??,10.45	Repairs.
Devonport	16.1.46	21.1.46	Repairs.

Transferred to US authorities Norfolk, Va, USA, 7.3.46.

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Notes concerning LST 401 (extracted from Naval records).

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- 1) Arrangements made for LST 401 arriving with 13 British LSTs in convoy MKS 43 to be taken in hand for refitting at Wallsend Slipway, Newcastle. (Admiralty 1626 28 March 44).
- 2) Completion of rolling stock conversion at Southampton. //
- 3) Has sustained damage to starboard bow door. Work cannot be undertaken in Portsmouth Command. Request repair port to be allocated. (C-in-C Portsmouth's 1302 23/11/44).
- 4) Will be taken in hand at Portsmouth forthwith. (C-in-C Portsmouth's 1318 29/11/44).
- 5) Propose two Bofors guns ex LST 538 be fitted on LST 401. Anticipated work can be completed 20/1/45. (AS Portsmouth's 1835 1/1/45).
- 6) LSTs 9, 161 and 401 are to be withdrawn from 3rd LST Flotilla and transferred to general administration of RALSCU. Date of transfer to be arranged mutually between Capt. LST Tilbury and RALSCU. After transfer, RALSCU to sail 4 LSTs to Clyde area.
- 7) Taken in hand 3.10.45 for installation of generators, main engine inspection, and minor hull defects at Mercantile Marine Antwerp. Comp. date 17.10.45. (SNO Be1 1042 7/10/45).
- 8) LSTs ex-shuttle service to be sailed as convenient after 15.11.45 as follows to load LCT(5) etc and prep for return to USA. LST 214 and 401 to Greenock, probably be berthed at Roseneath. (CLSCU 1712 8/11/44).
- 9) Intend to sail to comply with above: 214 and 401 to Greenock 17.11.45.
- 10) LSTs 76, 165, 214, 239, 320, 336, 352, 358, 361, 363, 366, 401, 430 will form "Flight D" (together with FDT 13 and 217) for return to USA. Anticipate all ships will be ready to leave Plymouth 29.12.45. (CLSCU 1623 10/12/45).
- 11) Bow door securing arrangements damaged beyond repair by ship's staff. Detached to proceed to Liverpool for repairs.
- 12) Paid off and transferred to US control at Norfolk Va, 7.3.46.

LST 401 HISTORY

From Commanding Officer H.M. L.S.T. 401
Date 3, April 1944
to Captain L.S.T. (Med)

H.M. L.S.T. 401. Figures for Med Campaign.

Further my submission of 21, March 1944 (Honours & Awards) the following totals from Ships Abstracts Log are submitted for interest and in confirmation that commitments required have been carried out with safety and despatch.

1. Since commissioning 1, December 1942 until arrival in U.K. 3, April 1944, Ship has run 30,837 miles and has carried 1,745 tons cargo (ocean passage included)

"	"	579 Officers
"	"	11,614 Other Ranks
"	"	3,216 Vehicles
"	"	4,644 Sacks Mail

2. During Med Campaign the Average Passage is 11.3 Officers, 227.3 Men, 62.8 Vehicles over a distance of 203.3 miles. These figures exclude ocean passages and do not take into account return trips in ballast. Anzio build-up of 14 trips, each 94 miles and frequently only carrying 60 personnel, 50 vehicles (U.S. Supply Column) have considerably reduced the above averages. Total Casualties. 2 personnel soldiers wounded.