

*Mrs Cantrell:*

Here is a schedule of the L.S.T. that our son was on as sent us by his captain. We think your son's ship would have been on this same schedule, as our boy told us that both ships had been side by side all the way.

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| Dec. 27, 1943 | Picked up L.S.T. at Evansville, Indiana.            |
| Jan. 2 1944   | Departed Evansville for New Orleans.                |
| Jan. 8 "      | Arrived New Orleans, for commissioning and fitting. |
| Jan. 25 "     | Departed New Orleans, for Panama City, Florida.     |
| Jan. 26 "     | Arrived Panama City, for shakedown training.        |
| Feb. 11 "     | Departed Panama City for New Orleans.               |
| Feb. 12 "     | Arrive New Orleans.                                 |
| Feb. 19 "     | Departed New Orleans for New York.                  |
| March 1 "     | Arrived at New York for loading.                    |
| March 5 "     | Departed New York for Boston.                       |
| March 6 "     | Arrive Boston. <i>Did not stop at Boston</i>        |
| March 10 "    | Departed Boston for Halifax, Nova Scotia.           |
| March 12 "    | Arrived Halifax.                                    |
| March 14 "    | Departed Halifax for Roseneath, Scotland.           |
| March 31 "    | Arrive Roseneath.                                   |
| April 2 "     | Departed Roseneath for Milford Haven, Wales.        |
| April 3 "     | Arrived Milford Haven. Unloaded fuel oil.           |
| April 5 "     | Departed Milford Haven, for Port Talbot.            |
| April 6 "     | Arrive Port Talbot. Unloaded army equipment.        |
| April 7 "     | Departed Port Talbot, for Falmouth, England.        |
| April 9 "     | Arrive Falmouth.                                    |

Falmouth was assigned our home base. From there we made several trips to Brixham and back - took part in practice invasion.

This exercise gave us our first combat experience. During the nite of April 27, our convoy was attacked by German E boats. They sank two of our L.S.T.s and damaged the third. We landed on Slapton Sands, which is near Salcombe, England.

On June 5th, we left Brixham loaded with the army and equipment. This was the real invasion. On June 6th we arrived off Normandy about noon. Due to heavy fighting and rough seas we were unable to be unloaded until about 2:30 the 8th. At 8 o'clock on the 8th, we started our return to England and at 9:05 we struck the mine that was the end of our L.S.T. and many fine friendships.

*Mrs. Richardson of the LST 499 (over)*