

“On the bridge we had the nightmare task of steering 7074 through this mass of shipping...”



BIOGRAPHY:

Sub Lieutenant John Baggot was only 20 years old when he commanded LCT 7074 in 1944. He was an inexperienced officer of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves, who was a trainee solicitor by day.



DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE LANDING CRAFT THAT BAGGOT COMMANDED

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxJkKsYUVNQ&list=PLZQCOqQyn5_CeRwB4d_rpuUck5l4m_qJ1&index=1

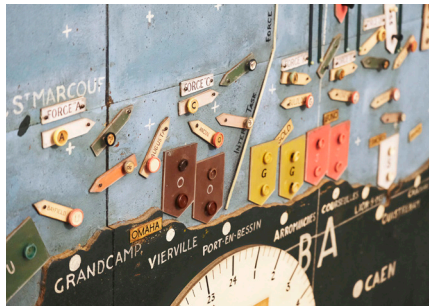


Second-in-command Sub-Lieutenant Philip Stephens wrote in his diary:

With daylight we saw the Bay of the Seine packed with ships as densely as traffic in Picadilly Circus.

ROLE IN D DAY (OPERATION NEPTUNE):

LCT7074 was a tank landing craft built especially for D Day. Baggot, along with along with their twelve crew members, took 10 tanks to Gold Beach, Normandy. Bad weather delayed them until 7th June, then they struggled to unload the tanks in rough seas. They made many return journeys between England and the Normandy beaches. LCT 7074 is now displayed at the D Day Story in Portsmouth.



Map link: Arromanches <https://dday.nmrn.org.uk/>



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DISCOVER MORE ABOUT D-DAY using these primary sources from our online collections portal:

See what LCT 7074 looks like now:

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/99193>

Map of Arromanches-les-Bains (gold) beach where LCT7074 landed:

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/7935>

Landing craft en route to Normandy:

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/10055846>

Photos of landing craft similar to LCT 7074 arriving in Normandy:

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/10055861>
<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/10055117>

Memoir of the landings from Thomas Compton (who was on board a landing craft at D Day)

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/10018903>

Account of D Day from Horace Wright (who was on board a landing craft at D Day)

<https://collections.nmrn.org.uk/Details/museum/10066760>