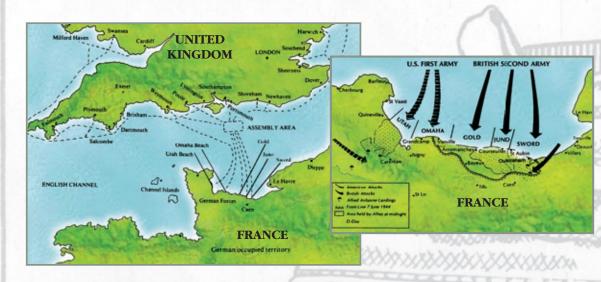
Sheman.

Sherman tank stands in this Devon village surrounded by tranquil countryside. It honours the memory of servicemen who perished in one of the great tragedies of World War II, & marks the importance of Slapton Sands & surrounding area to the Allies' preparations for D-Day. This operation required rehearsals. **Field Marshall Montgomery noted Slapton Sands** striking similarities to the most westerly of the



5 invasion points, code named 'Utah beach,

selected it as a training ground

30,000 American troops (infantry, artillery, engineers, medical personnel & tank battalions took part & 16 million tons of equipment & supplies descended on Devon's shores for rehearsal exercises & D-Day.

Unsuspecting visitors may wonder why a | Health Exercises & Exercise Higgs LST 316 practicing on Slapton Sands On Supreme Allied Commander

> before the invasion of the 6th June The most tragic episode occurred during Exercise Tiger.

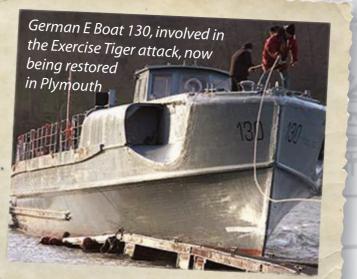
Eisenhower's order live ammunition

he wanted the men to be hardened

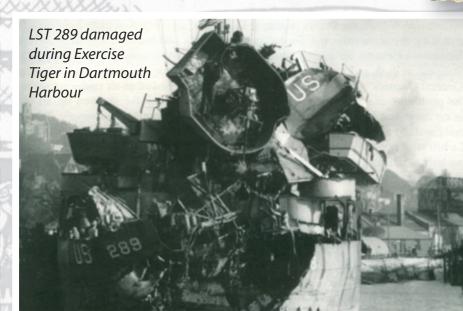
to real battle conditions. As a result

Slapton saw heavy losses of life

was used in the later exercises as

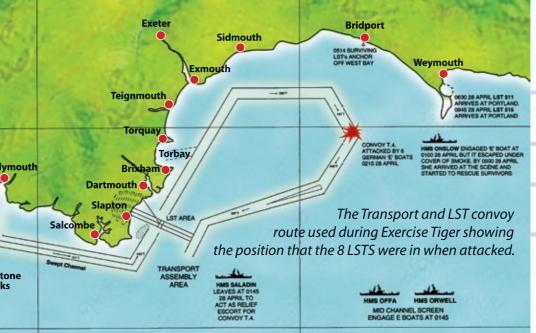


Duck I, took place in December 1943. For 5 months there were almost continual exercises (Fox, Muskrat, Beaver & Trousers) each larger than the last culminating in Exercise Tiger & Exercise Fabius.



This 8 day exercise used landing craft or LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank - slow flat bottomed assault ships capable of carrying several hundr men, lorries & tanks) to deploy troop & equipment onto Slapton Sands.

The convoy set sail from ports ncluding Plymouth, Dartmouth, & Brixham. Their winding route across Lyme Bay almost to Portland Bill & of time it would take to journey to Utah Beach on D-Day.



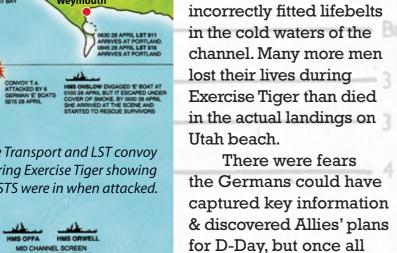
The first assault troops arrived on the morning of the 27th April. In the dark morning of the 28th

April 9 E-Boats (fast movino German ships armed with poorly protected convoy of 8 LSTs transporting a follow up force with trucks & heavy engineering equipment

Tust after 2am 3 ships were torpedoed. LST 507 was set ablaze then sank. LST 531 sank within 6 minutes, & LST 289 managed to limp back to

The stench of fuel was heavy in the air & on the surface of the sea; many hundreds of men were trapped below decks as the ships &

The tank comes ashore to a crowd in May 1984



high level intelligence officers were accounted for, plans progressed After their ordeal survivors were told unde threat of court-martial not to talk of it prior

749 American soldiers

& sailors died that night of

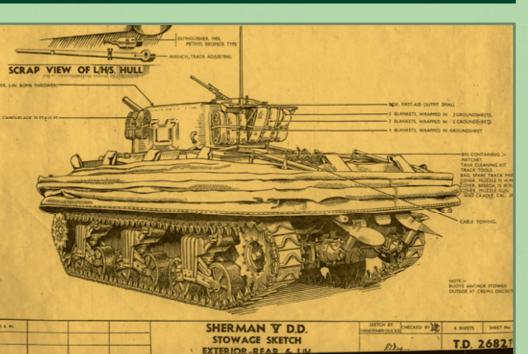
wounds, hypothermia, or

to the invasion. Those uninjured went on to take part in the D-Day landings. Casualty figures for

Exercise Tiger were released with those of D-Day in August 1944. It is widely

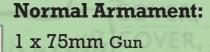
recognised that the success of the eventual D-Day assault was due in no small part, to the rehearsals carried out here at Slapton Sands

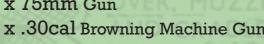
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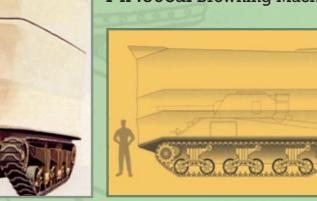


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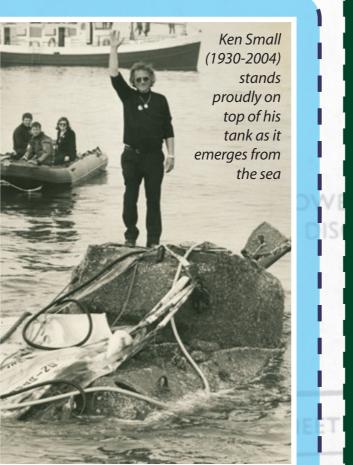
top of his tank as it emerges from

Recovering & Restoring the Hank equipment were provided for the commander surrounding plaques are here today due to Ken's determination to provide a lasting memorial to those who lost their lives during Exercise Tiger.

Bureaucracy to ensure that the tragedy was brought to our attention. Ken could always

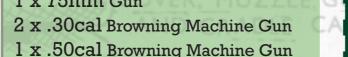
be found parked in his car, next to his tank were he would talk to many thousands of visitors & sell copies

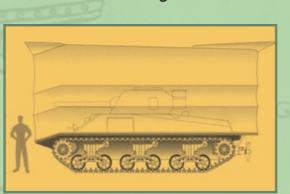
The site continues to be of great importance locally, historically, educationally & of course emotionally. It is now also a tribute to the



WORLD WAR II AMERICAN SHERMAN D.D.

Height of Tank with screen: raised 13 feet, lowered 9 feet. Weight 28 tons - Waterproofed Cast Iron Hull Water speed 5 knots





Grigsby, Roy B. LST 507 Grossman, Harold U.S. NAVY

LST 507

U.S. ARMY

Allen, John J.

Arcuri, Sam S

Bernardo, John

Bertini, Nilo V.

Blake, Floyd E

Blond. William

Brown, Edward L

Brown, George E

Campbell, Terrence

Campbell, William N

Catman, Ulysses I

Clayton, Kenneth

Coleman, Guy

Conner, Willie J.

Craig, Arthur L.

Davenport, Bernard A

Deakvne. Clarence O

DeLeon, Anastacio

Dobson, Troy

Dubisz, Frank

Dye, Quong J.

Fischer, Edwin G.

Fleming, Herman

Follmer, William J.

Goodhue, Elmer J

Glass, John P.

Hanks, John P.

Haynes, Ernest F

Hogland, Alvie M.

Hoops, George E

Humble, Merle B.

Johnson, John T.

Kretz, Harold

Lee, Harold E.

Lambert, Douglas

Mancuso, Joseph P

Marino, Joseph A

Marino, Patty

Marts, Wilbur

Massa, Charles I

Methner, Paul A.

Miglianico, John A.

Mitchell, James C.

Molander, Norman C

Mlakar, Albert

Monk, Clarence

Morse, Erwin F.

Motley, Robert

Music, James E

Noel, Joseph L

Olsen, John A

Nathan, Hyman

Murphey, Raymond

Morang, Robert C.

Di Pasquale, Michael

Brown, John B.

Panek, Helmer E.

Pemberton, Leray

Pentecost, Curtis

Powell, Herrel K.

Recchione, Ouirino A

Reibel, Thomas C.

Roberts, Lewis

Rosiek, Joseph A

Ruoto, Victor P.

Seibert, Ray E.

Rosowski, Anthony

Schwartz, Stephen C

Sheridan, James P

Sigman, Charles W.

Southcott, Herbert A

Spitler, George E

Stokes, Horace A

Strubel, Mathew E

Suesse, Ralph A.

Swanson, Richard E

Sweeney, Myles E

Toma, James L. Jr.

Unger, Edward J.

Veenbaas, John D

Vieira, Manuel Jr.

Von Wald, Richard

Voorhees, Harold

Walsh, Joseph J.

Welch, Elmer O

Wood, Stanley K.

Wright, Joseph O

Yangrello, Dominick

Zempel, Lawrence (

Tyson, Ernest

Strapp, John W.

Pritt, Isaac W.

Malott, Robert J.

Mathews, John E

Moore, Joseph N

Morancy, Edgar

Myers, Lester A

Ragusa, Paul M.

Raptis, Charles G

Ricketts, Richard E

Rogers, William I

Ryan, James P. Jr

Saucier, Henry Q

Saxton, Robert E

Scott, Kenneth L

Smith, Kennan H

Stanesic, John L.

Staudt, Charles J.

Schreiber, William H

Squiers, Lawrence F

Sturdivant, Malcolm

Sullivan, George A

Sutherland, Pete J.

Swartz, James S.

Trgovic, Steve J

Tully, Joseph E.

Watson, Andrew

Whipple, Frank L

Woods, Deward W.

Wright, Curtis M.

LST 531

U.S. ARMY

Adcock, Ovid C

Allen, Delmar R

Alsip, Albert F.

Arismendiz, Joe M

Asberry, Marion J.

Caracciolo, Dominica

Chamberlain, Richard L.

Carey, Ernest

Cates, Georgie P

Cesaro, Libro C

Alexander, Marvin R

Aid, Alvin E.

O'Connell, Michael

Miller, John H.

Martin, Howard A

Parisi, Frank

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Hoffman, Bruce B

Koski, Theodore]

Ledbetter, Alvin L

Mackey, Robert C

King, Philip E.

Lichty, Frank T.

Chudzinski, Arthur Henley, Eugene A Hobbs, Charles W Hobbs, Lester Holmes, Robert E Clark, Herman D Coan, Francis M. Conklin, Robert J Hopkins, Robert L. Constant, Woodson I Cope, Christopher' Cottrell, James O. Crandell, Harold Crane, Carroll S. Creed, Thomas C. J

Exercise Tiger Roll of Honour

Hebert, Ravila

The servicemen from the United States of America named below and many more, tragically lost their lives during Exercise Tiger,

a full dress rehearsal for D-Day, 28th April 1944. Their sacrifice for our freedom today is appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Chambers, Robert G.

Ciccio, Joseph

Circle, Ott S.

Clardy, John J.

Crocker, Ed W.

Dakis, Nick G.

Dame, Homer L.

Daniels, Leroy

Danner, Fred S

Daoukas, Thomas

Davis, Franklin W

De Baene, Morris

De Hass, Paul R. Jr

De Salvo, Joseph I

Delitko, John A.

Douglas, Earl V.

Dunahoo, Bruce E

Duncan, Johnnie C

Duncan, William A

Earnest, Ralph T.

Edelmann, Matthew 1

Eckhoff, Roy E

Edwards, Bill E.

Edwards, John 1

Elliott, William R.

Elliott, Carl M

Farris, Junior T

Fizer, David E.

Fletchall, Arthur

Floyd, Charles R.

Fond, Salvador D.

Fontana, Russell

Foster, Harold G.

Frank, Joseph H. J:

Franks, Richard L

Freed, Hershel G

Friend, Leslie W.

Galluppi, Joseph

Gamer, Eugene

Gardner, Lester J.

Garvin, Herbert S

Gasser, John S.

Gearhart, Walter l

Gephart, Donald E

Gillespie, Bill E.

Glasscock, John W

Glaze, Melvin R.

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Gray, William H.

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Guffin, Dale E

Grissom, Robert

Groves, Marvin W

Haile, Francis L.

Harrington, Ern F.

Harrison, Frank C

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Ford, Adrian L.

Ferguson, Darrel I

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Peake, Cleo B.

Penalver, Joe V

Penn, Milton

Pearson, Luther M

Peters, Lindsay [

Picking, Charles I

Poggi, Alfred E.

Pope, Edgar F.

Reese, William R

Renner, Lowell L.

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Rice, Playford R.

Riggs, Robert R.

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Schultheis, Carl L.

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Sharff, Willard C

Sitche, George F

Slusher, Carl W

Smerek, Steve L

Smith, Wallace W.

Snyder, Wallace I

Steen, George W.

Strader, Glen T.

Sutt, Lennie C.

Tate, Owen A.

Tenuta, Louis A

Thomas, Fay E.

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Torres, Victor M.

Tucker, Luther R

Tuttle, Hillard

Van Ess, Simon

Vannatta, Raul J.

Ward, Luther T

Wagner, Howard W.

Toerber. Mearl W

Stevens, Marshall L.

Sutphin, Claude R.

Tesoriero, Joseph A

Sheahan, John P. Ji

Siatkowski, Michael

Salemmo, Raymond (

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Wilson, Raymond B Wilson, Vernon S. Wintjen, Floyd E Wirth, Russell L Wolfgram, Henry I Wolpert, Frederick] Wright, Lester Wright, Myron A Wyckoff, John E Yadrich, Mike J. Yates, John W. Yates, Phillip R.

LST 531 U.S. NAVY

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Kaska, Albert P

Kelley, Ford H.

Kessinger, Mark

Kirkwood, Ralph A

Kuhns, Harold D.

Lacey, Burvil E.

Krizanosky, Alexander

Kirby, Grady E.

Johnson, Albert W.

LST 289 U.S. NAVY

Chandler, James W Frazier, Walter H. Griffin, Joseph W. Hackes, Mike G. Kortenhorn, Herman F Muller, William C Muza, Earl V. Neff, Harold A. Roberts, Clifford I Shipp, John L. Jr.

Broske, Mitchel L

I hilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the above details $m{q}$ my errors or omissions that may have inadvertently occurred

Ellis, John J.

Fisher, E. C.

Ford, Hobart Jr.

Gaboys, Edward A

Goldstein, Samuel

Gallagher, John J.

Gunn, Murray S

Hall, William C.

Harrell, Charles

Hayth, Eugene

Holmes, Samuel D. J.

Hopkins, Lawrence 1

Hurley, James W.

Jansen, Melvin J.

Jackman, Walter P.

Jacques, Edmond L

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Evacuation & Occupation?

n December 1943 over 3,000 inhabitants were evacuated from their villages & 30,000 acres of land. They were given 6 weeks to pack & leave and wouldn't return

10 months. left their village before & the upheaval was traumatic for many. Farmers had to make



Many stayed with friends & relations outside

after D-Day, U.S Army authorities

obelisk thanking those who gave up their homes & lands to provide a battle

t stands by the middle car park & lists he main villages that were evacuated.

Obelisk Dedication Ceremony, from the U.S. Army to the people of South Hams,

Military presence was not limited to the Slapton area. A US Naval Battalion was stationed in Salcombe, & Dartmouth became home for U.S Naval vessels including minesweepers. Of the D-Day force over 480 ships left from Dartmouth, & over 60 from Salcombe. Servicemen were billeted in local hotels in South Hams & Torbay & pitched tents

in fields. Many Officers stayed in manor houses

he 'swimming tank' was a British adaptation of the American Sherman. It had a collapsible rubberised canvas skirt held u by inflatable tubes & iron hoops giving the correct displacement to float the tank. Propelled by tracks on land & by two 26 inch diameter propellers in

vho stood on a small platform welded just chind & to the right of the turret. During Exercise Tiger this tank disembarked Over a period of 30 years he battled against

in 65ft of water

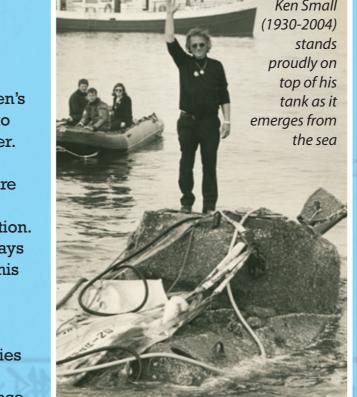
approximately ¾ of a mile off shore, which is where Ken Small, a

Forty years after it was lost the tank was

the tracks hit the slipway the running gear

Torcross hotelier, discovered it with the help of a of his book "The Forgotten Dead".

towed ashore & winched up the beach. When



& farms. Troops, equipment & supplies filled the BEDEC
THE PAINT COMPANY & suppliers: promain To learn more about Exercise Tiger see www.exercisetigermemorial.com





Ostrowski, Joseph I

Ott, Lawrence W.

Overton, Delbert I

Owens, Johnnie D

Park, Clifford F.

Park, James E.

Patou, Louis S.

water, it could reach up to 5 knots (6 mph).