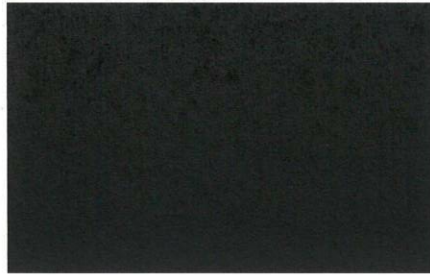




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Dear ,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 November 2020, in which you requested the following information:

"I have seen several online aerial photographs of Mk 10 LCU (Landing Craft Utility) in which they have numbers associated between 9730 and 9739 painted on the bridge. They also appear to have a second designation on the hull such as FJ, A1 etc. I and am looking to properly associate the larger two digit hull number with the smaller four digit number for model building."

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and detailed below.

The four figures on the Mk10 Landing Craft Utility (LCU) is a pennant number and is allocated to a boat for identity purposes depending on their role, therefore it varies and has limited permanency. The four that are assigned to HMS ALBION are often given the local designations A1 ('ALBION 1'), A2, A3 and the fourth is FJ. The designation 'FJ' is drawn from an LCU on HMS Fearless in which a Royal Marine, was killed in Iraq. In his remembrance, the fourth LCU of the Landing Platform Dock is always designated with his initials - FJ. However, the LCU's are whole fleet managed and as such there are no fixed craft that belong to ALBION.

As of 30 November 2020; the pennant numbers allocated are as follows:

- 9732 (A1)
- 9734 (FJ)
- 9735 (A3)
- 9736 (A2)

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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