



**Above:** Crews off-load supplies from a USS Leonard Wood LCVP during the Leyte Landings in October 1944.

**Right:** Crewmen from the Wood look for enemy planes during a D-Day air attack, July 10, 1943.



Guard upon commissioning in 1942 and 1943.

One or more of these vessels participated in every major amphibious operation carried out by the United States during World War II, unlike the transports (AP), which were limited to non-combat service, carrying personnel and cargoes between the ports of the United States and its allies.

#### 1ST AMERICAN OFFENSIVE OF WWII

**T**he Coast Guard was represented in the first American offensive of the war — the invasion of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands on Aug. 7, 1942, by the *Liggett* and by landing craft crews in 18 of the 22 Navy-manned transports participating.

The landings were enlivened by Japanese bombers, one of which crashed into a nearby transport, causing a fire that resulted in its loss. As partial recompense, the *Liggett's* gunners claimed four aircraft shot down. On the morning of Aug. 9, the *Liggett* joined other vessels in picking up survivors from