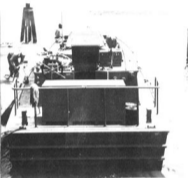


SEAL BEACH HAS NEWEST BOAT

Newest boat in the Fire Division fleet and the only one not converted for fire fighting from a boat built for some other purpose is the GG-40362-F. She is stationed at the Navy Ammunition Depot at Seal Beach, a wartime constructed harbor ten miles south of Los Angeles Harbor. Originally she was slated for duty in the South Pacific, and her crew of volunteers was picked as an overseas fire-fighting unit. Constructed at Wheeler Boat Yard in New York, she was commissioned in March, 1945. She and her crew were loaded on a Navy LSM and brought through the Panama Canal to Wilmington, California. Here she went to work for the COTF-Los Angeles, and has been at Seal Beach since June 17, 1945.



Forward monitor given boat tremendous thrust to rear. Man on dock puts out second spring line.



Front row: McCreary, Kwaski, Bartko, Atzinger, Johnston, Cigainero, Prinske. Back row: Thomas, Buckley, Nacikowski, Huneycutt, Elkin, Hagel, Mendel. Williams and Goesch are missing from picture.

Interior of new boat is crowded with four pumps, fire-fighting gear. Engine in center furnishes driving power.

