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1. After the Chinese Communists intervened in the Korean war, Communist authorities assigned approximately 800 landing craft built in Shanghai in 1950 as follows:
 - a. One hundred 100-ton craft to the central naval command and subsequent attachment to the North and Northeast China fleets as transports and auxiliary vessels.
 - b. One hundred 100-ton craft to the naval command of the East China Military Area for conversion to small gunboats, patrol boats, and river defense vessels.
 - c. Sixty 100-ton craft to the Supply and Service Command of the East China Military Area naval command for use as supply transport vessels.
 - d. Seventy 100-ton craft to the transport department of the East China Military Area for the movement of supplies to ground forces.
 - e. Seventy 100-ton craft to the East China Navigation Bureau for use as passenger and cargo vessels.
 - f. Thirty 50-ton craft to the central naval command.
 - g. Seventy 50-ton craft to the naval command of the East China Military Area for conversion to auxiliary vessels.
 - h. Fifty 50-ton craft to the East China Navigation Bureau for use as passenger and cargo vessels.
 - i. Fifty 20 to 30-ton craft to the East China Navy School for use as training vessels.

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- j. One hundred and fifty 20 to 30-ton craft to the transport department of the Supply and Service Command of the East China Military Area for use as auxiliary vessels in inland river transportation.
 - k. Fifty 20 to 30-ton craft to the East China Steamship Company for use as inland river cargo vessels.
2. At the time of assignment each landing craft had a speed of less than ten knots. The naval command of the East China Military Area replaced the engines of the landing craft it received and converted them into gunboats with engines capable of 12 knots.

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