

### ~ 16. HMS Stopford ~



**Function** - Major landing craft base for 'working up' craft prior to operations. Passive defence school and balloon school (?)

**Address and commissioning history** - Bo'ness, West Lothian. base was commissioned on 18/4/42 and paid off on 15/9/45.

**Other information** - Used the London and North East (LNER) docks at Bo'ness as landing craft base and Bo'ness Hosiery premises for ratings' billets.

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## ENGLAND

### ~ 17. HMS Arbella ~

**Function** -

**Address and commissioning history** - Boston, Lincolnshire. Base was commissioned on 21/1/43 and paid off on 9/8/45.

**Other information** -

### ~ 18. HMS Mylodon ~

**Function** -

**Address and commissioning history** - Lowestoft. Name announced in Nov 1942, commissioned on 19/1/43 and closed on 28/6/46.

**Other information** - Some lists refer to Great Yarmouth.

### ~ 19. HMS Woolverstone ~

**Function** - Landing craft base and training establishment.

**Address and commissioning history** - Ipswich. The base was commissioned on 1/1/43, care and maintenance from 9/7/43, re-commissioned on 15/10/43 and paid off on 20/2/46.

**Other information** - Was St Felix School in Southwold, Ipswich.....also the HQ for FORCE L FOLLOW-UP for the landings in Normandy. Originally a 'suspense station' which provided accommodation at Woolverstone Hall.

### ~ 20. HMS Helder ~



**Function** - Naval training, afloat and ashore, for officers and crews of minor landing craft.

**Address and commissioning history** - Brightlingsea. Base was commissioned on 5/4/42 and paid off on 30/9/44. Later, as RN Camp St Osyth, it was used as accommodation for Naval raiding parties.