



USS LST-169

Builder: Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Evansville, Indiana

Commissioned: 22 May 1943

Decommissioned: 12 April 1946

Disposition: Sold for scrap on 24 October 1947, to Luria Steel and Trading Corporation, New York, New York.

Length: 327' 9" oa

Beam: 50'

Draft: 1' 6" bow, 7' 5" stern (unloaded); 8' 2" bow, 14' 1" stern (loaded -- at sea); 3' 1" bow, 9' 6" (loaded -- beaching)

Displacement: 1,625 (light); 4,080 (w/ full load of 2,100 tons)

Propulsion: 2 x General Motors 12-567 diesels, twin shafts/rudders

Range: 24,000 nm @ 9 knots

Top Speed: 11.6 knots

Complement: 111

Troops: 163

Armament: 7 x 40mm (single mount); 6 x 20 mm (single mount); 2 x .50-caliber mgs; 4 x .30-caliber mgs

Commanding Officers:

LT Robert S. Kittredge, USCGR

LT David L. Gershon, Jr., USCGR

LT Robert Sanderson, USCGR: 2 August 1945 - 12 April 1946

History:

**USS *LST-169*
LST Flotilla 13, Group 39, Division 77**

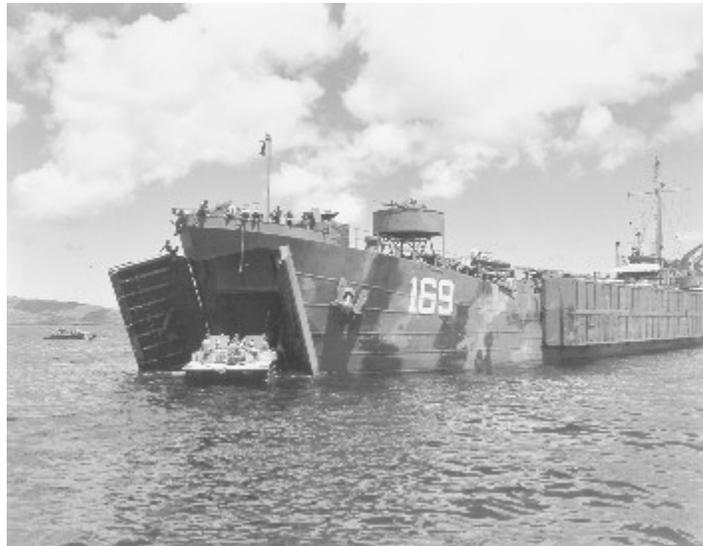
The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-169* was laid down on 1 October 1942 at the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, in Evansville, Indiana. She was launched on 26 February 1943 and was placed in commission on 22 May 1943.

The *LST-169* was present at three major invasions in the Pacific, those at Tarawa (21 November - 8 December 1943), Saipan (15 June - 3 July 1944) and Leyte (20 October 1944). At Leyte she reported firing on a friendly plane on 25 October 1944. The next day she was in action with enemy aircraft.

The following year she reached Okinawa on 25 September 1945. Here she was damaged in a typhoon in the Okinawa area on 9 October 1945. She proceeded to Jinsen, Korea, and then returned to Galveston, Texas, on 2 March 1946 via Saipan, San Pedro, California, San Diego and the Canal Zone.

She was decommissioned at Galveston on 12 April 1946. She was struck from the Naval Register on 19 June 1946. She was sold for scrap on 24 October 1947 to the Luria Steel and Trading Corporation, New York, New York.

The *LST-169* earned three battle stars for World War II service.



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