



USS LST-206

Builder: Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, Seneca, Illinois

Commissioned: 7 June 1943

Decommissioned: 6 May 1946

Disposition: Sold for scrap.

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 Karl A. E. Linqvist: 7 June 1943

LT S. F. Regard, USCGR

LT T. L. Becton, USCGR: 6 March 1946 - 6 May 1946

History:

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LST Flotilla 7, Group 21, Division 42

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-206* was laid down on 7 August 1942 at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company of Seneca, Illinois. She was launched on 21 April 1943 and entered commissioned service on 7 June 1943 under the command of LT Karl A. E. Linquist, USCG.

The *LST-206* participated in nine invasions in the Pacific area and was then engaged in resupply in the areas until the dates indicated as follows:

Cape Gloucester: 25 December 1943 - 1 March 1944.

Saidor: 1 January 1944 - 2 February 1944.

Admiralties (Manus): 2 March 1944 - 15 March 1944.

Humboldt Bay: 19 April 1944 - 7 May 1944.

Wakde: 16 May 1944 - 23 May 1944.

Biak: 6 June 1944 - 20 June 1944.

Sansapor: 27 July 1944 - 26 August 1944.

Morotai: 15 September 1944 - 17 September 1944.

Leyte (D + 9): 29 October 1944 - 12 November 1944.

Departing Leyte on 12 November 1944, *LST-206* stopped at Subic Bay and Pearl Harbor and reached San Diego on 29 December 1945, and proceeded to San Francisco, arriving there on 4 January 1945. She was decommissioned and her Coast Guard crew removed on 6 May 1946. She was struck from the Naval Register on 5 June 1946 and was sold for scrap on 7 April 1948 to the Bethlehem Steel Company in Seattle.

The *LST-206* was awarded six battle stars for her service during World War II.



No date/caption/photo number. Anti-aircraft gun drill aboard the *LST-206*.

Photo provided by Mike Whittaker, whose father, Richard Whittaker, was a crewman aboard *LST-206*.



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