



USS LST-884

Builder: Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 30 October 1944

Decommissioned: 15 February 1946

Disposition: Hulk sunk on 6 May 1946

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

Initial 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 C.C. Pearson, USCG

History:

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LST Flotilla 29, Group 87, Division 174

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-884* was commissioned at New Orleans on 30 October 1944, her first aid only commanding officer being LT C. C. Pearson, USCG. After shakedown exercises in St. Andrews Bay, Florida, she proceeded on 21 November 1944 to Belle Chasse, Louisiana and thence to Gulfport, Mississippi, where she loaded for Pearl Harbor and departed November 30th. Arriving at Pearl Harbor via the Canal Zone and San Diego she immediately loaded and prepared for the invasion of Iwo Jima. She arrived off Iwo Jima on D-day, 19 February 1945, and after beaching to land her troops and equipment remained in the area unloading transports to the beach until early in March.

She arrived at Saipan on 11 March 1945 to prepare for the Okinawa Invasion. The *884* arrived off Okinawa on D-day, 1 April 1945, and after unloading proceeded to Kerama Rhetto where she remained until April 14th. She returned to Guam April 23rd and then proceeded to Pearl Harbor via Ulithi and Eniwetok, arriving there on 14 June 1945. Here she was decommissioned on 15 February 1946.

The *LST-884* earned two battle stars for her service during World War II.

Photographs:

None available.

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