



USS LST-1152

Builder: Chicago Bridge & Iron Company in Seneca, Illinois

Commissioned: 30 June 1945

Assigned to: LST Flotilla 34, Group 102, Division 204

Decommissioned: Coast Guard crew removed on 22 April 1946; formally decommissioned on 1 July 1946

Disposition: Laid up in the Pacific Reserve Fleet; renamed *Sweetwater County* (LST-1152), 1 July 1955; transferred to the Republic of China (Taiwan), 21 October 1958, renamed *Chung Ming* (LST 227); struck from Naval Register, 6 February 1959.

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: 8 x 40mm guns; twelve x 20mm guns

Commanding Officers:

LT Frank W. Hickson, Jr., USCGR: 30 June 1945 - 5 September 1945
LT Charles W. Rinaca, Jr.; USCGR: 5 September 1945 - 22 September 1945
LT(jg) Herman W. Pettingill: 22 September 1945 - 22 April 1946

History:

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The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-1152* was laid down on 5 March 1945 at the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company in Seneca, Illinois. She was launched on 8 June 1945 and after being ferried down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, was commissioned there on 30 June 1945 under the command of LT Frank W. Hickson, Jr., USCGR.

Proceeding to Galveston, Texas, via Mobile, Alabama on 6 July 1945, she arrived there on 10 July and underwent shakedown exercises until 22 July 1945, when she returned to New Orleans for loading. She departed New Orleans on 3 August 1945 for Pearl Harbor via the Canal Zone and Seattle, Washington, arriving at Pearl on 20 September 1945. Departing Pearl Harbor on 21 October 1945, she arrived at Okinawa on 7 November 1945 and returned to Guam on 25 December 1945. She then proceeded to Bremerton, Washington, arriving there on 14 March 1946. A replacement Navy crew was trained at Treasure Island and the LST sailed for Portland, Oregon. ere her Coast Guard crew was removed and replaced by the Navy crew on 22 April 1946.

She was laid up in the Pacific Reserve Fleet and was renamed *Sweetwater County* (LST-1152) on 1 July 1955. She was transferred to the Republic of China (Taiwan) on 21 October 1958. The Taiwanese renamed her *Chung Ming* and gave her the designation LST-227. She was struck from Naval Register on 6 February 1959. Her ultimate fate is not known.

Photographs:

None available

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