



USS LST-830

Builder: American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 28 October 1944

Decommissioned: 29 April 1946

Disposition: Sold for commercial operations on 8 July 1947 to Compania, Naviera, Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina; her ultimate fate is unknown.

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 Gordon Rowe, USCGR: 28 October 1944 - 13 August 1945

LT(jg) Joseph V. Wiebert, USCGR: 13 August 1945 - 29 April 1946

History:

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LST Flotilla 29, Group 87, Division 174

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-830* was built by the American Bridge Company of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and after being ferried down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans was commissioned there on 28 October 1944. Lt. Gordon Rows, USCGR, was her first commanding officer. From 6 to 19 November 1944, she was engaged in shakedown exercises at St. Andrews Bay, Florida. Returning to New Orleans the *LCT-1411* was placed aboard and she proceeded to Gulfport, Mississippi, to load a cargo of Quonset huts for Pearl Harbor, via the Canal Zone, San Diego and San Francisco.

She arrived at Pearl Harbor 22 February 1945, and after conferences by her officers and briefings in connection with the invasion of Okinawa, she departed 4 March 1945. Stopping at Eniwetok and Saipan she was detached from T.U. 54.13.4 on 2 April 1945 and proceeded to Kerama Rhetto. On April 7th, she departed for the western beaches of Okinawa. En route four enlisted men were seriously wounded from enemy action and transferred to a hospital ship. On April 9th, she launched the *LCT-1411* off the Okinawa beaches and on the 11th beached at Orange Beach to unload cargo. On the 19th she retracted from the beach and anchored off Hagushi and returned to Kerama Rhetto on the 21st to take aboard a cargo of empty cartridge and shell cases, departing on the 29th for Ulithi, where she arrived on 5 May 1945. During her stay in the Okinawa area she went to general quarters 64 times for a total of 70 hours and 16 minutes.

Departing Ulithi on May 31st, the *830* beached at Manus on June 14th, to take on general cargo, part of which she discharged at Nissan Atoll, Green Islands on June 9th, and part of which was discharged at Cape Torokina, Bougainville on June 14th, where general cargo was also loaded for the Australian Army to be unloaded same day at Gazelle Harbor, Bougainville. Here remaining cargo was discharged at Russell Islands on June 18th, and she then proceeded to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal being thence routed on to Espiritu Santo where she arrived on June 24th, to load a cargo of vehicles for Guam. She arrived at Guam 9 July 1945, and after discharging cargo proceeded to Saipan where she joined a convoy for Ie-Shima on 1 August 1945, discharging cargo and personnel on Red Beach T-4 on 7 August 1945, and departing for Hagushi, Okinawa on the 10th. She returned to Saipan August 19th, and proceeded to Tinian and Guam where on 3 September 1945, she took aboard cargo and personnel attached to Headquarters, Second Separate Engineer Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in the Field. Arriving at Saipan on September 11th she received instructions for the occupation of Sasebo, Japan.

Departing Saipan on September 14th, she arrived at Sasebo on September 22nd. Here she beached and unloaded cargo and personnel departing on the

25th for San Pedro Bay, Leyte, where she arrived 2 October 1945. From Leyte she went to Bugo, Mindanao, Philippine Islands to load cargo and personnel of the 477th Engineer Maintenance Company, returning to Leyte October 12th. She next proceeded to Okayama, Japan, via San Fernando, Philippine Islands, and then returned to Saipan.

Leaving Saipan on 19 November 1945, she returned to San Francisco on 20 December 1945, via Pearl Harbor. Then, proceeding through the Panama Canal, she reached New Orleans on 5 February 1946. She arrived Lake Charles, Louisiana on 11 February 1946, and was decommissioned there on 29 April 1946.

The *LST-830* earned one battle star for her service during World War II.

Photographs:

None available.

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