



USS *Dearborn*, PF-33

A city in Michigan.

Builder: Walter Butler Shipbuilding Co., Superior, WI

Length: 303' 11"

Beam: 37' 6"

Draft: 12' 8" fl

Displacement: 2,230 tons

Propulsion: 2-shaft VTE, 3 boilers

Range: 9,500 nm at 12 knots

Top speed: 20 knots

Complement: 190

Armament: 3 x 3"/50; 4 x 40mm (2x2); 9 x 20mm; 1 x Hedgehog, 8 x depth charge projectors; 2 x depth charge racks. For those frigates fitted out for weather patrol duty, the after 3-inch gun was removed and a weather balloon hanger was added aft.

History:

Dearborn (PF - 33) was launched 27 September 1943 by Walter Butler Shipbuilding Co., Superior, WI, under a Maritime Commission contract. She was sponsored by Mrs. R. C. Dahlinger of Dearborn, MI. *Dearborn* was commissioned 10 September 1944 with LCDR F. F. Nichols, USCG, in command.

Sailing from Boston 3 November 1944 *Dearborn* arrived at Argentia, Newfoundland, 4 days later for duty on weather patrol. She had similar duty off

Bermuda, as well as plane guard and rescue duty until 30 April 1946 when she arrived at Boston. On 7 May she departed for Charleston, arriving 2 days later.

Dearborn was decommissioned there 5 June 1946 and sold 8 July 1946.

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