



USS *Eugene*, PF-40

A city in Oregon.

Builder: Consolidated Steel Corp., Wilmington, CA

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:

Eugene (PF - 40) was launched by Consolidated Steel Corp., Wilmington, CA, on 6 July 1943 and was sponsored by Mrs. Frank D. Cross. She was commissioned on 15 January 1944, and CDR C. R. MacLean, USCG, was given command. Following her shakedown cruise, *Eugene*, who was manned by a Coast Guard crew, stood out of San Francisco en route to the southwestern Pacific. Arriving off the coast of Australia in late June 1944 she engaged in antisubmarine patrol off New Guinea and the Philippines, transported personnel, bombarded the shore at Soepiori Island, but principally escorted convoys among the islands of the area. In December 1944 she returned to the United States for overhaul. She returned briefly to convoy duty until 25 May 1945 when she was converted to a weather ship, and performed this duty until arriving at Charleston, S.C., for decommissioning on 12 June 1946. *Eugene* was stricken from the Navy List on 19 July 1946. *Eugene* received two battle stars for World War II service.

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