



# USS *Gladwyne*, PF-62

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Builder: Globe Shipbuilding Co., Superior, Wis.

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.

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## History:

*Gladwyne* (PF-62), formerly *Worcester*, was launched 7 January, 1944 by the Globe Shipbuilding Co., Superior, Wisconsin. She was sponsored by Mrs. Phyllis M. Bennett and was commissioned 21 November 1944 under the command of LCDR R. G. Miller, USCG.

After shakedown, *Gladwyne* sailed from Philadelphia 21 January, 1945 for Casco Bay, Maine, arriving 2 days later. Following training exercises there, she made two round trip transatlantic convoy escort voyages to Oran, Algeria, one each from New York and Norfolk, from 6 February-4 May 1945, returning to Boston each time. Refresher training at Casco Bay occupied June, and on 31 July *Gladwyne* sailed from Boston via Panama to reach Majuro 5 September. She served as plane guard there and at Kwajalein until putting in at Pearl Harbor 27 December, 1945. Underway again 23 February, 1946, *Gladwyne* patrolled on weather station until mooring at San Francisco 9 April. Decommissioned there 15 April, 1946 she was stricken from the Navy List 8 October, 1946 and sold to the Mexican Government 24 November, 1947. She served Mexico as *Papaloapan* until disposed of in 1965.

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