



# USS *Escatawpa*, AOG-27

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Escatawpa: a river in Alabama.

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Builder: East Coast Shipyard, Bayonne, New Jersey

Length: 220' 6"

Beam: 37'

Draft: 17'

Displacement: 2,270 (fl)

Commissioned: 18 August 1944

Decommissioned: 20 March 1946

Disposition: Returned to the Maritime Commission.

Machinery: 720 hp diesel direct drive; single propeller

Top Speed: 10 knots

Complement: 62

Armament: 1 3"/50; 2 x 40mm; 3 x 20mm

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## **HISTORY:**

USS *Escatawpa* (AOG-27) was a *Mettawee*-Class Navy gasoline tanker that was manned by a Coast Guard crew. She was launched by the East Coast Shipyard, Inc., Bayonne, N.J., on 3 June 1944 and commissioned on 18 August 1944, under the command of LT H. T. Nottage, USCGR. She was assigned to the Pacific Fleet, operating thereafter in fueling ships and craft on an inter-island circuit in the central Pacific.

A typhoon drove her aground at Kagoshima Kaiwan on 17 September 1945. She was re-floated on 10 October and returned to San Francisco where she was placed out of commission on 20 March 1946 and subsequently transferred to the Maritime Commission.

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## **Sources:**

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