



## Pyxie, 1923

*ex-General R. B. Ayres; later-Henry Carter*

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A creeping evergreen shrub (*Pyxidantha barbata*) having small white or pinkish flowers, native to pine barrens of the eastern United States.

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### **Tender History:**

The *Pyxie* was the former Army small mine planter General R. B. Ayres, which originally entered service in 1909. She was a 163-ton, 89-foot steel-hulled craft. She was acquired by the Lighthouse Service in January, 1922, at no cost. She was commissioned USLHT *Pyxie* in 1923 and saw service as a towboat in the 3rd Lighthouse District. It was deemed unsuitable for further service and was returned to the Army later that year.

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### **Sources:**

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