



USS LST-175

Builder: Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Evansville, Indiana

Commissioned: 18 May 1943

Decommissioned: USCG crew swapped places with the Navy crew of USS LST-326 on 24 August 1943.

Disposition: Decommissioned on 1 March 1946 and scrapped.

Length: 327' 9" oa

Beam: 50'

Draft: 1' 6" bow, 7' 5" stern (unloaded); 8' 2" bow, 14' 1" stern (loaded -- at sea); 3' 1" bow, 9' 6" (loaded -- beaching)

Displacement: 1,625 (light); 4,080 (w/ full load of 2,100 tons)

Propulsion: 2 x General Motors 12-567 diesels, twin shafts/rudders

Range: 24,000 nm @ 9 knots

Top Speed: 11.6 knots

Complement: 111

Troops: 163

Initial Armament: 7 x 40mm (single mount); 6 x 20 mm (single mount); 2 x .50-caliber mgs; 4 x .30-caliber mgs

Commanding Officers:

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History:

USS *LST-175* LST Flotilla 4, Group 10

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-175* was laid down on 6 January 1943 at the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company of Evansville, Indiana, and was launched on 18 April 1943. She was ferried down the Mississippi River and was commissioned on 18 May 1943, at Algiers, Louisiana. After shakedown exercises in St. Andrews Bay, Florida, she proceeded to Little Creek, Virginia.

After loading Army vehicles and equipment she departed Norfolk on 15 July 1943, as part of Task Group 20.19, and moored at Davisville, Rhode Island, on the 17th to load cargo. Returning to Norfolk on 22 July 1943 she got underway with convoy UGS-13 on 26 July 1943, arriving at Oran, Algeria on 14 August 1943. On 20 August she proceeded in convoy KMS-23 and in company with LST Group 10, Flotilla 4, for Bizerte, arriving there on 23 August 1943. On 24 August 1943 the entire ship's company was transferred to *LST-326* and the commanding officers of the two vessels exchanged duties.

The *LST-175* went on to serve at Normandy and was eventually decommissioned on 1 March 1946 and was sold for scrap in 1947.



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