



USS LST-765

Builder: American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 18 September 1944

Decommissioned: 29 April 1946

Disposition: Sold for scrap on 16 December 1947 to B. T. Jones.

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:

LT J. G. Coffin, USCGR: 9 August 1944 -

LT Coleman L. Diamond, USCGR:

LT F. H. Schonewolf: 14 October 1945 - 29 April 1946

History:

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LST Flotilla 29, Group 86, Division 171

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-765* was built by the American Bridge Company of Ambridge, Pennsylvania and after being ferried to New Orleans, was commissioned there on 18 September 1944 under the command of LT J. G. Coffin, USCGR. After a shakedown period she departed Mobile, Alabama, on 22 October 1944, for the Pacific.

The *LST-765* arrived at Pearl Harbor on 27 November 1944, via the Canal Zone and San Diego. There she loaded troops and cargo for Saipan and arrived there via Eniwetok on 2 January 1945, returning to Pearl Harbor on 30 January. She remained in the Hawaiian area until 20 March 1945, when she departed for Okinawa, via Samar and San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands, arriving 14 May 1945. She remained at Okinawa until 22 June 1945 and returning to Leyte for more troops and equipment, again arrived at Okinawa on 28 July 1945. She departed Okinawa on 8 August 1945, arriving at Leyte, via Manila, Mindoro and Subic Bay on 21 August 1945.

Here she remained until 14 September 1945, when she departed for Nagoya, Japan, via San Fernando and Lingayen Gulf, with occupation troops and their equipment arriving on 19 September 1945. She proceeded to Wakayna, Japan, on the 25th and returned to Lingayen on 8 October. Proceeding to Sasebo, Japan, via Okinawa, she arrived there on 18 November 1945.

She departed Sasebo on 8 December 1945 for the long journey home, arriving at New Orleans on 5 February 1946, via Saipan, Pearl Harbor, San Pedro and Balboa. She was decommissioned at Lake Charles, Louisiana on 29 April, 1946.

The *LST-765* was awarded one battle star for her service during World War II.

Photographs:

None available.

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