



USS LST-782

Builder: Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 22 August 1944

Decommissioned: 14 May 1946

Disposition: Sold for scrapping on 26 September 1947 to Boston Metals Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

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 Henry C. Stack, USCGR: 8 August 1944 - 14 May 1946

History:

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LST Flotilla 29, Group 85, Division 169

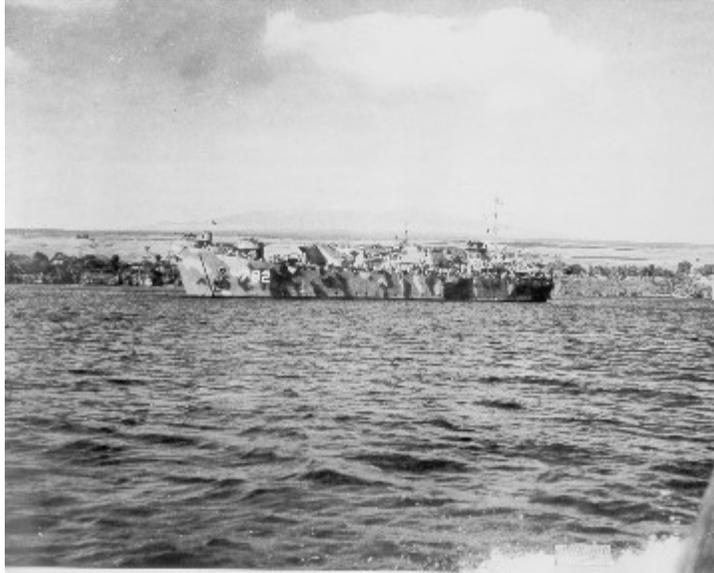
The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-782* was commissioned on 22 August 1944 under the command of LT Henry C. Stack, USCGR. After shakedown exercises at Panama City, Florida, she departed New Orleans for four days of loading at Gulfport, Mississippi. Departing South Pass, Louisiana, on 25 September 1944, she arrived at Pearl Harbor on 7 November 1944, via the Canal Zone and San Diego. Here she underwent amphibious training for the Iwo Jima invasion. She departed Pearl Harbor on 14 January 1945, and after stops at Eniwetok and Saipan she reached Iwo Jima on D-day, 19 February 1945. After unloading at Iwo Jima and ferrying supplies and personnel ashore from transports and cargo vessels anchored off the island she proceeded to Guam and thence to Leyte where she arrived on 9 March 9, 1945, to prepare for the Okinawa strike.

She reached Okinawa on D-day, 1 April 1945, and remained there until April 16th, performing various transportation duties. She proceeded to Ulithi and arrived there on April 22nd. During the balance of her stay in the Pacific area she engaged in transporting cargo and personnel from various points in the rear areas. She reached Manus on 3 May 1945; Ulithi on 17 June 1945; Leyte on 22 June 1945; Moumea on 30 July 1945; Tulagi on 11 August 1945; Guadalcanal on 12 August 1945; Russel Islands on 15 August 1945; Ulithi on 27 August 1945; Hagushi, Okinawa, on 23 September 1945; Okinawa on 30 September 1945; and Tacloban, Philippine Islands. She departed Tacloban on 20 November 1945 for Pearl Harbor and San Pedro, arriving there on 19 December 1945. She was decommissioned at San Pedro on 14 May 1946.

The *LST-782* was awarded two battle stars for her service during World War II.



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