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U.S.S. GENERAL O.H. ERNST (AP-133)

The USS General O.H. ERNST (AP 133) is a navy transport. The Physical characteristics of the navy transport with a c-4 hull are as follows:

Tonnage:	Gross registered	12,349.6 tons
	Displacement (light)	10,601 tons
	Displacement (loaded)	17,210 tons
Dimensions:	Overall length	522'10 1/3"
	Beam	71'6"
Cargo Capacity:	Hatch +2	9,000 cu.ft.
	Hatch +5	30,000 cu.ft.
Provision Capacity:	Dry Stores	50,105 cu.ft.
	Frozen	7,985 cu.ft.
	Chilled	9,380 cu.ft.

The U.S.S GENERAL O.H. ERNST was built by the Kaiser Shipyard #3 at Richmond , California and the building was completed 30 March 1944. However the AP-133 was not yet ready for transporting troops and she was sent up to Commercial Iron Works at Portland,Oregon for conversion. On 15 July 1944 she was commerial ed a navy transport. As a transport she could carry 2962 Enlisted mon and 221 officers and with casualties about the AP133 could carry the following:

Stretcher cases	147
Ambulatory patients	755
Seven Strong Rooms for Class A-mental patients	7
Balance Remaining for troops	1570/2472

The U.S.S GENERAL O.H. ERNST was manned by a crew of 31 officers, 294 enlisted navy men and 30 Enlisted marines.The marines fulfilled a guard and security function aboard ship. She had for skipper Captain R.W.Dolo, USN.

From the data of commissioning t 1 oct. 1945 the U.S.S. GENERAL O.H. ERNST traveled 90,884 miles and carried approximately 33,000 passengers. In itinerary included service in the Asiatic-Pacific theater,European-African theater, and the American-Area Ribbon. For these areas the crew wear the respective ribbons. Although the U.S.S GEN.O.H ERNST is a navy ship, manned by a navy crew operated by the Naval Transport Service she followed army schedules and among her passengers there have been sailors,soldiers,marines,army nurses, Red Cross workers, Japanese prisoners of war and the wounded. In one year the AP133 had put 5078.7 hours on her engines and her screw had 22,481,203 revolutions.

VATERS TRAVELED FROM 15 JULY
1944 TO MAY 1945

Willamette River
Columbia River
North Pacific Ocean
San Francisco Bay
San Pedro Channel
San Pedro Bay
Straits of Juan de Fuca
Admiralty Inlet
Puget Sound
Elliot Bay
Kaiwi Channel
Honolulu Harbor
Pearl Harbor
Central Pacific
South Pacific
Indispensable Straits
Iron Botton Sound

WATERS TRAVELED FROM 15 JULY
1944 TO 30 MAY 1945

Solomon Sea
Coral Sea
Langemak Bay
Vitiiaz Straits
Bismarck Sea

WATERS TRAVELED FROM MAY 1945 TO 1
OCTOBER 1945

San Francisco Bay
North Pacific
Gulf of Panama
Panama Bay
Balboa Harbor
Panama Canal
Miraflores Lake
Gatun Lake
Lime Bay
Caribbean Sea
Mona Passage
Atlantic Ocean
Sargasso Sea
English Channel
Seine Bay
Le Havre Harbor
Chesapeake Bay

WATER TRAVELED FROM 30 MAY 1945
TO 1 OCTOBER 1945

James River
Hampton Ro S
Straits of Gibraltar
Mediterranean Sea
Tyrrhenian Sea

Seeadler Harbor	Gulf of Naples
Philippine Sea	Naples Harbor
Ulithi Harbor	Bismarck Sea
San Diego Bay	Bumboldt Bay
San Diego Harbor	Philippine Sea (Mindanao Deep)
Segond Channel	Challenger Cove
Bouganville Channel	San Bernardino Straits
Lifu-Uvea Passage	Ticao Pass
Havannah Passage	Masbate pass
Woodin Passage, Northern	Verde Island Passage
Mindanao Deep	China Sea
Leyte Gulf	Manila Bay
Guiuan Harbor	Manila Harbor
San Pedro Bay(Leyte)	Batangas Bay
	Leyte Gulf
	San Pedro Harbor
	Lauaan Bay
	West Pacific
	Central Pacific

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<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
Portland		7-24-44	
San Francisco	7-23-44	7-31-44	842
Long Beach	8-2-44	8-16-44	525
Seattle	8-19-44	8-27-44	1,162
Honolulu	9-1-44	9-10-44	2,427
Guadalcanal	9-10-44	9-19-44	3,334
Finchhaven	9-21-44	9-21-44	770

Manus	9-22-44	11-7-44	341
Ulithi	10-10-44	11-12-44	890
Eniwetock	11-15-44	11-15-44	1,351
Majuro	11-17-44	11-17-44	586
Pearl Harbor	11-23-44	11-26-44	2,026
San Diego	12-4-44	12-14-44	2,444
Russell Islands	12-29-44	12-31-44	5,554
Guadalcanal	12-31-44	1-1-44	57
Tulagi	1-1-45	1-1-45	21
San Francisco	1-15-45	1-17-45	5,571
Seattle	1-20-45	2-13-45	848

<u>PORTS</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>PORTALS</u>
Honolulu	2-20-45	2-23-45	2,423	
San Francisco	3-1-45	3-17-45	2,096	
Espiritu Santo	3-31-45	4-2-45	5,133	
Noumea	4-3-45	4-4-45	500	
Hollandia	4-9-45	4-14-45	2,095	
Leyte	4-21-45	4-23-45	1,427	
Guiuan,Samar	4-23-45	4-26-45	42	
San Pedro,Leyte	4-25-45	4-26-45	44	
Hollandia	5-2-45	5-3-45	1,303	
Manus	5-4-45	5-6-45	406	
San Francisco	5-22-45	5-30-45	6,520	51,831
Balboa, C.Z.	6-8-45	6-8-45	3,440	
Cristobal, C.Z.	6-8-45	6-9-45	44	
Le Havre, France	6-20-45	6-23-45	4,673	
Newport News, Va.	7-2-45	7-8-45	3,454	

N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.	7-8-45	7-9-45	7	
Naples, Italy	7-20-45	7-22-45	4,374	
Cristobal, C.Z.	8-4-45	8-5-45	5,316	
Hollandia	8-27-45	8-28-45	8,537	
Manila	9-2-45	9-6-45	1,723	
Batangas	9-6-45	9-6-45	112	
Manila	9-6-45	9-11-45	95	
Tacloban, Leyte	9-13-45	9-14-45	600	
Balusao, Leyte	9-14-45	9-15-45	19	
Tacloban, Leyte	9-15-45	9-15-45	19	
San Pedro	10-1-45		6,764	39,177
TOTAL MILEAGE				91,008