

LST 867 Service

Crew was trained at Camp Bradford, VA with training cruise on LST 657 early Dec 1944 from Little Creek.

LST 867 service:

Laid down, 23 October 1944, at Jeffersonville Boat & Machine Co., Jeffersonville, IN.;

Launched, 1 December 1944;

LST advance contingent: 12/7/1944 – 12/19/1944

Commissioned: **USS LST-867**, 18 December 1944

Louisville to New Orleans - 12/20/1944 to 12/25/1944

- Work on/loading ammunition, etc on LST 867 – 12/26/1944-1/1/1945
- Shakedown Cruise (St Andrews Bay, FL): 1/2/1945-1/17/1945
- Work on/loading at New Orleans: 1/18/1945- 1/27/1945

New Orleans to Panama Canal: 1/28/1945 – 2/3/1945

Panama Canal to San Diego, CA: 2/3/1945 – 2/19/1945

Port Heneme, CA to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii: 2/19/1945 – 3/6/1945

Hawaii: 3/6/1945 - 5/19/1945

Spent 75 days in the Hawaiian Islands, 51 in Pearl and 24 on training cruises. (8 days Pearl, 7 days first training cruise; 7 in Pearl, 6 second training cruise; 10 Pearl, 4 third training cruise; then 21 days Pearl.)

While in Pearl LST 867 anchored and docked at Iroquis Point, West Lock, East Lock, and for brief periods at other locations.

Hawaii to Eniwetok: 5/20/1945 – 6/1/1945

Loaded 18 DUKWs, 488th Amphibious Truck Company (100 African-Amer soldiers); 68th Chemical Company (44 white soldiers).

Eniwetok: 6/1/1945 – 6/4/1945

Eniwetok to Guam: 6/4/1945 – 6/9/1945 (didn't enter the harbor)

Guam to Saipan: 6/9/1945 – 6/10/1945

(passed Rota Island at night because it was still held by Japan.

Anchored between Saipan and Tinian).

Saipan: 6/11/1945 – 6/28/1945

Saipan to Okinawa: 6/28/1945 – 7/4/1945

7/6/1945 Discharged the Army soldiers and their DUKWs.

7/9/1945 launched LCT. Loaded 600 Marines and some equipment of the 29th Regiment, 6th Division Marine Corps.

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Okinawa to Guam: 7/10/1945 – 7/16/1945 (thru storm and rough seas); Discharged Marines: 7/17/1945

Guam to Saipan: 7/17/1945 – 7/18/1945

Unloaded airplane fuel in ballast tanks

Repaired damage done in launch of LCT.

Saipan to Guam: 7/29/1945 – 7/30/1945

Loaded pontoons and put on the sides.

Guam to Saipan: 8/1/1945 – 8/2/1945

8/5/1945 loaded Army vehicles, bull dozers, etc. 250 African Amer soldiers came onboard.

Atom Bomb destroyed Hiroshima, Japan: 8/8/1945 (8/7/1945 in US)

Atom Bomb destroyed Nagasaki, Japan: 8/9/1945

Japan offers to surrender if Emperor remains: 8/10/1945

Saipan to Okinawa: 8/11/1945 – 8/17/1945

US responds to Japan surrender offer: 8/12/1945

US confirms the surrender of Japan: 8/15/1945

Beached at Naha, Okinawa: 8/18/1945 Unloaded men and equipment.

Moved to Buckner Bay, Okinawa: 8/20/1945

Japan formally surrender on Battleship Missouri: 9/1/1945

Moved from Buckner Bay to Hagushi Bay: 9/2/1945

Censorship abolished: 9/4/1945

Beached at Purple Beach, Okinawa and loaded Army Engineers Equip and 100 soldiers: 9/8-11/1945

Okinawa to Yokohama, Japan: 9/12/1945 – 9/15/1945 (Unloaded Soldiers and Equip). Typhoon: 9/18/1945

Yokohama to Okinawa (anchored Buckner Bay): 9/19/1945 – 9/23/1945.

Loaded Army trucks, jeeps, and 200 soldiers at Naha: 9/25/1945

Okinawa to Yokohama, Japan with 60 other LSTs avoiding the worst of a typhoon: 9/29/1945 – 10/4/1945

Yokohama to Okinawa: 10/8/1945

Donald German and two others transferred to the USS Garrard for transfer to Portland, Oregon, USA.

LST-867 performed occupation duty in the Far East until early March 1946.

It returned to San Francisco.

Decommissioned, 2 July 1946;

Struck from the Naval Register, 31 July 1946;

Final Disposition, sold for scrapping, 25 September 1947, to Consolidated Builders, Inc., Seattle, WA.