



U. S. S. ERIE

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Gunboats of the Erie Class

TWO BOATS: *Erie, Charleston*

NAME	BUILDER	LAI	LAUNCHED	COMM.	MACH.	BOILERS
Erie	NYNY	12-34	1935	1-29-36	Par.	BW
Charleston	CNY	12-34	1935	2-25-36	Par.	BW

NAME	DISPL.	COMP.	LG. W.L.	LG. O.A.	BEAM	MEAN DRAUGHT
Erie	2000	201	308'	328½'	41½'	11½'
Charleston	2000	201	308	328½	41½	11½

Serving largely in Central American waters, vessels of this class are known as the "Banana Fleet." Their displacement is greater than that of any of our destroyers. They are the speediest, largest, and most heavily armed of any of our gunboats.

Equipped for antiaircraft action, they mount two quadruple anti-aircraft machine guns. Other guns are four 6", 47-caliber and two 3-pounders.

The ships are unusually well protected with 1" side armor at water line and 3" elsewhere. Decks are 2" over 1". The speed is 20 knots for these craft. Both ships now carry one seaplane.

Gunboats of the Asheville Class

THREE BOATS: *Tulsa, Asheville, Sacramento*

NAME	BUILDER	LAI	LAUNCHED	COMM.	MACH.	BOILERS
Tulsa	CNY	12-9-19	8-25-22	12-3-23	Par.	BMT
Asheville	CNY	6-9-17	7-4-18	7-6-20	Par.	BMT
SACRAMENTO	CrSC	4-30-13	1-21-14	4-26-14	Triple-Exp.	BW

NAME	DISPL.	COMP.	LG. W.L.	LG. O.A.	BEAM	MEAN DRAUGHT
Tulsa	1270	185	225"	241-1/6'	41½'	11½'
Asheville	1270	185	225"	241-1/6	41½	11½
SACRAMENTO	1140	153	210	226-1/6	40-5/6	11½

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