



U. S. S. ERIE

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Gunboats of the Erie Class

TWO BOATS: *Erie, Charleston*

| NAME | BUILDER | LAI D | 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 T. W.L. | LG T. 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 D | 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 T. W.L. | LG T. 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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