

Force, she sailed from Queensland on 29 November 1943 with fuel, supplies, and passengers for Milne and Langemak Bays, New Guinea and thence returned to Australia.^[2]

During the next 12 months she transported military cargo of many types and provided limited passenger service from ports of Australia to bases in New Guinea, including Humboldt Bay, Milne Bay, Cape Sudest and Tanahmerah Bay. Her itinerary was expanded in February 1945 to include Leyte, Manila, Subic Bay and Samar in the Philippines, with occasional calls at Manus, Admiralty Islands.^[2]

Ganymede continued her busy Australia–New Guinea–Philippines–Australia supply circuit until 20 November when she departed Brisbane, Australia for the United States arriving San Francisco 18 December. She remained in port until 25 February 1946 when she sailed for Pearl Harbor to take part in special explosive tests prior to her decommissioning there 15 April 1946.^[2]

Post-war decommissioning

Towed back to San Francisco, her name was struck from the Navy List 1 August 1947 and she was returned to WSA on 1 October 1947 and entered the National Defense Reserve Fleet at Suisun Bay, California, where she remained until she was scrapped in 1973.^[2]

Military awards and honors

Ganymede crew members were eligible for the following medals:^[2]

- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal

References

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General characteristics ^[1]

Class and type:	<i>Crater</i> -class cargo ship
Displacement:	4,023 long tons (4,088 t) (standard) 14,550 long tons (14,780 t) (full load)
Length:	441 ft 6 in (134.57 m)
Beam:	56 ft 11 in (17.35 m)
Draft:	28 ft 4 in (8.64 m)
Installed power:	2,500 shp (1,900 kW)
Propulsion:	2 × Combustion Engineering header-type boilers, 220psi 450° 1 × Joshua Hendy Iron Works triple-expansion reciprocating steam engine 1 × shaft
Speed:	12.5 kn (14.4 mph; 23.2 km/h)
Complement:	219
Armament:	1 × 5 in (130 mm)/38 caliber dual purpose gun 2 × 40 mm (1.6 in) 40mm Bofors anti-aircraft gun mounts 6 × 20 mm (0.79 in) Oerlikon cannons anti- aircraft gun mounts