

JAMES O'HARA

Length, overall	492' 3"	Gross tons	11,969	Propulsion	Turbine
Beam	69' 6"	Speed (knots)	16½	Passengers	2,427
Draft	24' 6"	Radius (miles)	11,000	Cargo (cu. ft.)	90,376

Built in 1942 by Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corp., Seattle, Wash.

THE JAMES O'HARA was a sister ship of the FREDERICK FUNSTON—a C-3 type vessel especially designed as an Army transport. Although constructed on Maritime Commission contract, reimbursement was made by the War Department. The O'HARA was named in honor of Brigadier General James O'Hara, who served in the Revolutionary War. The ship was delivered at Todd's Seattle-Tacoma Shipyard on 30 November 1942.

After going from Seattle to San Francisco, the O'HARA went to Sydney and Brisbane, Australia, from where she sailed, via the Panama Canal to New York, arriving in April 1943. The ship was delivered to the Navy at New York on 15 April 1943 and became known as the USS JAMES O'HARA (APA 90), an attack transport.

Leaving New York, the vessel touched at Norfolk a few days, then left in early June for Oran, Naples, Belfast and the Clyde, being locally operated in the Mediterranean for a few months. She returned to New York in December 1943, then went through the Panama Canal to Honolulu and the Southwest Pacific. The ship was at Manus Island, Leyte, Ulithi and Guam before engaging in combat operations in February and March 1945.

In March the O'HARA went from Guam to Tulagi, Espiritu Santo, Noumea, Manus, Finschhafen, Hollandia, Manila, Leyte and Cebu before returning to San Francisco in August. Following V-J Day the vessel made a voyage to Manila, Saipan and Tinian, returning to San Francisco in November. Her next trip was to Saipan, with return to Los Angeles in February 1946.

The JAMES O'HARA sailed from Los Angeles to San Francisco, where on 5 April 1946, the vessel was redelivered by the Navy to the Army. As of early May 1946 the ship was in repair status at the Bethlehem Steel Co., San Francisco.