

## ZEBULON B. VANCE

<i>Length, overall</i> .....	441' 6"	<i>Gross tons</i> .....	7,933	<i>Propulsion</i> .....	<i>Recip. eng.</i>
<i>Beam</i> .....	56' 10"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> .....	10½	<i>Passengers</i> .....	476
<i>Draft</i> .....	24' 0"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> .....	21,000	<i>Cargo</i> .....	None

*Built in 1942 by North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., Wilmington, N. C.*

*Former names: ZEBULON B. VANCE, JOHN J. MEANY*

*Operated by American Export Lines, Inc., prior to acquisition by the War Department.*

THIS was the former hospital ship JOHN J. MEANY which was de-commissioned at New York in January 1946, and which is described on page 340.

Alteration of the vessel for carrying military dependents was then ordered. The work was accomplished by Bethlehem's 56th St. yard at New York in January 1946. The vessel at this time resumed her original name, ZEBULON B. VANCE.

Following alterations the vessel left New York on 25 January and went to Southampton, England, returning from this trip in late February. She soon left on another trip to Europe—this time going to Le Havre, France. The VANCE returned to New York in early April and after three weeks' voyage repairs left in April 1946 for a second trip to Le Havre.