

EVANGELINE

Length, overall	378' 0"	Gross tons	5,043	Propulsion	Turbines (2)
Beam	55' 7"	Speed (knots)	16½	Passengers	1,301
Draft	22' 9"	Radius (miles)	9,000	Cargo (cu. ft.)	4,540

*Built in 1927 by Wm. Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Operated prior to World War II by Eastern Steamship Co.*

UPON arrival from Bermuda, the EVANGELINE was delivered to the War Department at New Orleans 6 January 1942 on time charter. On 1 August 1942 she was taken on bareboat charter at Galveston, Texas.

During the first half of 1942 she voyaged from New Orleans to the following: Curaçao, San Juan, Trinidad, Jamaica, Haiti, and Panama.

Repair and conversion took place in September and October 1942 by Todd Shipyards at Galveston. Arriving at New York in late November, she soon left for Oran, Casablanca, Algiers, Bizerte, and other North African ports.

Following return to New York in August 1943, the EVANGELINE made a trip to the United Kingdom before leaving New York in January 1944 for the Southwest Pacific (via New Orleans and the Panama Canal). After calling at Bora Bora, Milne Bay and Noumea, she went to Honolulu for repairs. Arriving at San Francisco in April for extensive repairs, the ship left in late June for Seattle. From there she went (via Honolulu) to Espiritu Santo, Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Finschhafen, Townsville, Brisbane, etc., before returning to Honolulu on Christmas Day, 1944.

Upon arrival at San Francisco in January 1945 she was placed under Navy jurisdiction until April. On 20 April 1945, again in operation by the Army, the EVANGELINE sailed for Honolulu and the Southwest Pacific.

The ship returned to Los Angeles in December and left (in ballast) in January 1946 for Boston, via the Panama Canal. She arrived at Boston on 7 February 1946 and was redelivered to the War Shipping Administration on 19 February 1946 and was transferred to Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., on the same date.