

AGWILEON

<i>Length, overall</i> ... 429' 10"	<i>Gross tons</i> 6,678	<i>Propulsion</i> Recip.eng.(2)
<i>Beam</i> 50' 0"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> 14	<i>Passengers</i> 1,350
<i>Draft</i> 23' 11"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> 4,900	<i>Cargo (cu. ft.)</i> ...146,360

Built in 1907 by Wm. Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Reconstructed in 1928 by Todd Drydock, Inc., Seattle, Washington

Former names: COMFORT, HAVANA, YUCATAN

Operated prior to World War II by Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines

THE AGWILEON was first assigned a mission for the Army in April 1942, when she was bareboat chartered by the Maritime Commission and used to transport civilian technicians and advisors to Freetown, Sierra Leone. The ship was delayed there a short while because of boiler trouble, then went to Capetown, Brazil, Trinidad, and Cuba, arriving at New York in October.

The AGWILEON was bareboat chartered by the Army in November 1942 and underwent conversion to a troopship by Atlantic Basin Iron Works between November 1942 and April 1943. In late April she left for Oran and Gibraltar.

Following return to her home port in June, steps were taken to convert the vessel to a hospital ship. This work was accomplished by Atlantic Basin Iron Works, and the ship was renamed "SHAMROCK" in accordance with the then existing policy of the Surgeon General's Office to have hospital ships named after flowers. A résumé of the vessel's service as a mercy ship is given on page 349.

The vessel was decommissioned as a hospital at Los Angeles in November 1945 and consideration was given to her possible use as a troopship or for carrying military dependents. However, this was not found justifiable, and she was accordingly redelivered to the War Shipping Administration at San Francisco in February 1946.