

ALGONQUIN

<i>Length, overall</i>	402' 2"	<i>Gross tons</i>	5,945	<i>Propulsion</i>	<i>Turbine</i>
<i>Beam</i>	55' 0"	<i>Speed (knots)</i>	15	<i>Passengers</i>	1,373
<i>Draft</i>	18' 7"	<i>Radius (miles)</i>	4,000	<i>Cargo (cu. ft.)</i>	63,110

*Built in 1926 by Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Newport News, Va.
Operated prior to World War II by Agwilines, Inc.*

THE ALGONQUIN was first taken on time charter on 2 January 1942 at New Orleans. She made one voyage to Panama in January 1942 and then began service as a troopship between New Orleans and various ports of the West Indies. She made many trips to the following: Jamaica, San Juan, Trinidad, Panama, Belize, Guantanamo, and Aruba. Status was changed to sub-bareboat charter in August 1942.

The ALGONQUIN remained in service in this same area until July 1943, at which time she was ordered to Mobile for conversion to a hospital ship at the yard of Alabama Drydock Co.

For a transcript of the services of the ALGONQUIN from the time of its designation as a hospital ship until decommissioning, see page 330.

Following termination of duty as a hospital ship in December 1945, the vessel was altered for carrying 294 military dependents, in which category she was once more referred to as a transport. Upon completion of the alteration work by Bethlehem's 56th Street yard in January 1946, the ALGONQUIN was placed in service between New York and Naples. As of late April 1946 she had made two round trips to Naples and one to Bermuda.