

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Length, overall	441' 6"	Gross tons	7,933	Propulsion	Recip. eng.
Beam	56' 10"	Speed (knots)	10½	Passengers	948
Draft	24' 0"	Radius (miles)	14,000	Cargo	None

Built in 1943 by Permanente Metals Corp. (Yard # 1), Richmond, Cal.

Former name: DOGWOOD

Operated by American-South African Line, Inc., prior to acquisition by the War Department.

THE transport GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER was formerly a Liberty freighter of the same name, which was converted to a hospital ship and renamed DOGWOOD. A résumé of her operation in this capacity is shown on page 334.

Upon her return to San Francisco in early January 1946 the vessel was decommissioned as a hospital ship and reverted to her former name. Alterations to fit her for carrying a combination load of troops and military dependents were accomplished by the Marine Repair Shop at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Following conversion, the CARVER was assigned to Seattle for operation. Her first voyage in her new duty took her to Dutch Harbor, Shemya, Attu, Adak and Whittier, Alaska. She left Seattle again, in late March 1946, and went to Anchorage, Seward, Dutch Harbor, Adak, Amchitka, Shemya, back to Adak, thence to her home port.

Continued assignment of the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER to this work and area is indefinite.