

EMILY H. M. WEDER

<i>Length, overall</i>522' 0"	<i>Gross tons</i> 11,029	<i>Propulsion</i> Recip.eng.(2)
<i>Beam</i> 62' 0"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> 13	<i>Patients</i> 743
<i>Draft</i> 27' 2"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> 11,000	<i>Cargo</i> None

Built in 1920 by New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N. J.

Former names: PANHANDLE STATE, PRESIDENT MONROE, PRESIDENT BUCHANAN (IRIS)

Operated prior to World War II by Dollar Steamship Lines.

THIS was formerly the troopship PRESIDENT BUCHANAN. The vessel was delivered to the Army at New York in late October 1943 and was converted to a hospital ship by the Atlantic Basin Iron Works between 1 November 1943 and 5 July 1945.

Major Emily H. M. Weder, Army nurse for whom the ship was renamed, served in World War I on a special detail with the AEF at Vladivostok, Siberia. She also served three years in the Philippines and had important assignments at Walter Reed and Letterman General Hospital before her death in 1943.

The USAHS EMILY H. M. WEDER left New York in mid-July 1944 and went to Naples, Italy where it was operated locally across the Mediterranean for two months. The ship returned to Charleston in October, but soon left, via the Panama Canal, for Finschhafen, Hollandia and Biak. From the latter place it went to the Philippines in January 1945. For the ensuing six months the WEDER was operated locally in the Southwest Pacific, having visited Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, Subic and Manila, besides the three ports already mentioned. Arriving at Los Angeles on 31 July 1945, the WEDER underwent extensive repairs until late September and then made one more voyage to Leyte and Manila before being decommissioned as a hospital ship at Los Angeles in November 1945, to enter troopship and dependent passenger service as the PRESIDENT BUCHANAN, which is referred to on page 49.