

## BORINQUEN

<i>Length, overall</i> .....429' 0"	<i>Gross tons</i> .....	7,114	<i>Propulsion</i> .....	<i>Turbine</i>	
<i>Beam</i> .....	59' 6"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> .....	16	<i>Passengers</i> .....	1,289
<i>Draft</i> .....	24' 8"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> .....	7,000	<i>Cargo (cu. ft.)</i> .....	35,700

*Built in 1931 by Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Quincy, Mass.  
Operated prior to World War II by Agwilines, Inc.*

THE BORINQUEN was allocated to the War Department in January 1942 for transporting Corps of Engineers personnel to various destinations for constructing overseas bases.

She first made a trip to Iceland in February and in April 1942 left on a longer voyage that took her to Iceland, England and Africa (Durban, Capetown and Freetown). She returned to New York in August, but soon left for a voyage to England, Oran and Casablanca from which she returned to New York in December 1942.

In January 1943 the BORINQUEN began a series of sailings between New York and Oran, returning from the last in August 1943. In September she began another series of voyages from New York and Boston to Belfast, returning home from the last such trip in April 1944.

In May 1944 the BORINQUEN was bareboat chartered to the Transportation Corps for use as a troopship. After several trips to Belfast, she was locally operated between Southampton and Le Havre from January to August 1945. Following this duty she went to Leghorn and Marseilles before returning to New York. The ship next made three trips from New York to Marseilles and one to Le Havre, returning finally to New York in late January 1946.

In February 1946, the BORINQUEN was redelivered to the War Shipping Administration at New York as surplus to the needs of the Army. She was simultaneously redelivered by WSA to the owners, Agwilines, Inc.