CHIRIKOF

Length, overall 437'	0"	Gross tons	6,509	Propulsion Recip. eng.
Beam 53'	0"			Passengers 1,290
Draft 25'			10,600	Cargo (cu. ft.)218,079

Built in 1908 by Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va. Former name: LURLINE

In operation prior to World War II by Alaska Packers Association, Inc.

THE CHIRIKOF was first bareboat chartered directly from the owners in July 1940, and was operated from Seattle to Alaskan ports, including Adak.

In April 1941 the vessel was redelivered to the owners, but in September of that year was rechartered. In June 1942 the ship was transferred to sub-bareboat charter from the War Shipping Administration. She continued in Alaskan service from Seattle after making one trip to Honolulu (via Alaska) in September 1942.

The CHIRIKOF was in service to Alaska (including the Bering Sea) throughout the war. Various modifications to the vessel were effected from time to time, such as inclosing bridge, installing heavy lift gear and expanding troop capacity.

Shortly after returning from her last voyage for the Army in January 1946 the CHIRIKOF was redelivered to the War Shipping Administration at Seattle on 6 February 1946, and on the same date was transferred to the Alaska Packers Association.