

## SEA BARB

<i>Length, overall</i> ...492' 0"	<i>Gross tons</i> .....	8,266	<i>Propulsion</i> .....	<i>Turbine</i>	
<i>Beam</i> .....	69' 6"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> ...	16½	<i>Passengers</i> .....	2,811
<i>Draft</i> .....	28' 6"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> ...	17,817	<i>Cargo (cu. ft.)</i> ...	187,900

*Built in 1943 by Western Pipe & Steel Co., South San Francisco, California.*

THE SEA BARB is a C-3 type ship that was bareboat chartered by the War Department on 6 August 1943. Following delivery to the Army at San Francisco as a new freight vessel, she immediately underwent conversion to a troopship by the Marine Repair Shop of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. This work was completed in December 1943.

The first voyage made by the SEA BARB took her to Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal and Auckland. The ship returned to San Francisco, her home port, in late January 1944, and after voyage repairs, proceeded again to the Southwest Pacific—this time to Milne Bay, Buna, Lae, and Brisbane.

Returning to her home port in May the vessel made a quick trip to Honolulu and then in June left home for Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Honolulu. In September she again sailed to Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Lae, Finschhafen and Hollandia. In December she left the Golden Gate City for a voyage that kept her in the SWP Theatre for nearly eight months, being operated locally until July 1945 in service that took her to Finschhafen, Hollandia, Brisbane, Townsville, Noumea, Leyte, Bougainville, Biak and Morotai.

Following major voyage repairs at the Fort Mason Marine Repair Shop, the SEA BARB left San Francisco in late September 1945 for Pearl Harbor, Okinawa and Inchon. The ship next left her home port for Honolulu, Manila, Leyte and Finschhafen, returning to San Francisco on 31 March 1946. She then left in late April for Honolulu, Jinsen (Korea), and Yokohama and returned from that voyage to Seattle on 2 June 1946. This vessel is expected to remain in operation by the War Department until October 1946.