

## SEA CAT

Length, overall...492' 0"	Gross tons ..... 7,942	Propulsion .....Turbine
Beam ..... 69' 6"	Speed (knots) .... 16½	Passengers ..... 1,979
Draft ..... 28' 6"	Radius (miles).... 18,000	Cargo (cu. ft.)...191,000

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

THE SEA CAT (a sister ship of the SEA BARB) was bareboat chartered to the War Department on 25 August 1943. Following construction, the ship made a trip from San Francisco to Honolulu as a freighter, before being converted to a troopship by the Marine Repair Shop at San Francisco between October 1943 and February 1944.

The ship made a voyage to Honolulu and return before leaving in March for Brisbane, Port Moresby, Townsville, Cairns, Milne Bay and Oro Bay. She returned to Los Angeles and then to San Francisco, from where she again sailed (in June) for Honolulu, Saipan and Eniwetok. Again (in August) the vessel went to the Southwest Pacific and returned in October.

On her next outbound voyage (in November) the SEA CAT touched at San Diego and Honolulu before proceeding to Funafuti and Guadalcanal. In January 1945 she went to the Southwest Pacific for six months, having visited Finschhafen, Manus, Hollandia, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Torokina, Townsville, Brisbane, Biak, Leyte, Espiritu Santo, etc.

Following her return to San Francisco in June the SEA CAT left in July 1945 for a different theatre. She transited the Panama Canal, proceeded across the Atlantic to Leghorn (Italy) and Oran, and returned in August to New York. After two months' voyage and boiler repairs, the ship made a trip to Marseilles in October and one to Le Havre in November.

In December 1945 the SEA CAT left New York, passed through the Panama Canal, and arrived at Hollandia in early January 1946. From there the ship went to Leyte and Manila, thence to San Francisco. From the latter port she made a trip to Honolulu in April and then underwent voyage repairs until early May 1946. This ship is not to remain in the Army's post-war transport fleet.