

## S H A W N E E

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| Length, overall..... | 409' 0" | Gross tons .....    | 6,209 | Propulsion Turbines (2) |
| Beam .....           | 62' 0"  | Speed (knots) ..... | 16    | Passengers .....        |
| Draft .....          | 21' 0"  | Radius (miles)..... | 5,500 | Cargo (cu. ft.).....    |
|                      |         |                     |       | 24,200                  |

*Built in 1927 by Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Newport News, Va.  
Operated prior to World War II by Agwilines, Inc.*

**T**HE SHAWNEE was chartered by the War Department directly from the owners in December 1941. At New Orleans she was hastily converted for troop use in one week by Todd-Johnson Shipyards, and began at once to operate between New Orleans and the Canal Zone. From the fourth such trip she returned in late March 1942 with 594 interned aliens.

The vessel then underwent a month's repairs before leaving in early May for a trip to Caribbean bases (San Juan, Jamaica, Trinidad and Panama). She next went from New Orleans to Panama, Arica (Chile), and Callao (Peru). Leaving Panama in June the ship went to New York in July, where she was placed on sub-bareboat charter from the War Shipping Administration in September. Major repairs by Todd-Erie Basin Dry Docks Co. consumed two months in late 1942; the vessel then left in January 1943 for Oran, returning to Boston.

Throughout the ensuing year the SHAWNEE operated from New York to Oran, Gibraltar, Casablanca, Avonmouth, Belfast, Cardiff, the Clyde, etc. In early 1944 the vessel went to New Orleans, thence through the Panama Canal to Bora Bora, Brisbane, Milne Bay, Lae and Langelak, returning to San Francisco in April. She made a trip to Humboldt Bay, New Guinea, then following repairs she went to Seattle from where a round trip was made to Honolulu.

In July 1944 the SHAWNEE went to the Southwest Pacific and remained there until March 1945. While in the SWP she visited many ports, including Espiritu Santo, Milne Bay, Port Moresby, Lae, Finschhafen, Hollandia, Brisbane, Biak, Madang, Gaudalcanal, Townsville, Bougainville, Leyte, and Tulagi. Following repairs at San Francisco the SHAWNEE left in late May, and in June left for Honolulu, Eniwetok, Ulithi, Leyte and Manila. Again, in October, she went to Eniwetok, Leyte and Samar. From Los Angeles the ship went to Hawaii in December and in January 1946 left via the Canal Zone for New York, where she was re-delivered on 4 March 1946 to the War Shipping Administration who in turn delivered her to Agwilnes, Inc.