



## EXCHANGE

<i>Length, overall</i> ... 473' 1"	<i>Gross tons</i> ..... 6,736	<i>Propulsion</i> ..... Turbine
<i>Beam</i> ..... 66' 0"	<i>Speed (knots)</i> .... 16½	<i>Passengers</i> ..... 1,905
<i>Draft</i> ..... 27' 1"	<i>Radius (miles)</i> ... 18,000	<i>Cargo (cu. ft.)</i> ... 42,000

*Built in 1940 by Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, Mass.*

*Operated during World War II by American Export Lines, Inc.*

AS a C-3 type cargo ship, the EXCHANGE made numerous voyages in the war effort before becoming a troopship. Typical voyages from New York as a freighter include: (1) In late 1942, via Capetown to Suez with return via Durban and Panama; (2) in April 1943 to Oran; (3) in May to Dakar; (4) in June and July to Takoradi (Gold Coast).

Conversion was effected by Eureka Shipbuilding Corp. at Newburgh, N. Y., between early September and mid-December 1943. Since then the EXCHANGE saw service on two separate occasions in both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

Leaving New York in late December 1943, the ship touched at Boston before going to Bristol (England) and Cardiff (Wales). After a voyage from New York (also via Boston) to Swansea and return on 1 May 1944, the vessel headed, via Key West, to the Panama Canal and Los Angeles, where she arrived in June. From there she went to Milne Bay, Oro Bay, and Langemak, returning to San Francisco in late July.

From the Golden Gate City, the EXCHANGE next went, via Honolulu, to Eniwetok and Saipan (returning in October), and then to Finschhafen and Manus Island (returning in January 1945).

After a month's repairs at San Francisco, the ship voyaged to Hawaii, Eniwetok, Guam, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Ulithi and Tinian. Following return from this expedition, in late May, the EXCHANGE made an eastward transit of the Panama Canal and reached New York in mid-June.

Between early July and early December 1945, the ship made six trips to France—three to Le Havre and three to Marseilles. From the last such trip, the EXCHANGE returned to Hampton Roads, and from there proceeded to the Canal Zone, where she arrived on New Year's Day 1946. From the Canal, the ship proceeded directly to Tacloban (Philippines) and Nagoya. She returned from Japan directly to the Panama Canal and reached New York in late February 1946, where she was subsequently released by the War Department from further troop service.