

VOYAGE NUMBER SEVEN

0704 15 December, 1944 departed San Francisco, California with 3145 passengers of the Army, Army Nurse Corps, and Women's Army Corps, enroute to Finschhafen, New Guinea.

16 - 31 December, 1944 underway as before from San Francisco, California enroute to Finschhafen, New Guinea. 25 December, 1944 observed Christmas.

0725 1 January, 1945 entered Langemak Bay, New Guinea for routing instructions. 1001 received routing instructions and departed for Oro Bay, New Guinea. 1904 anchored off Oro Bay, New Guinea.

0559 - 0620 2 January, 1945 proceeded into Oro Bay, New Guinea and anchored.

3 - 4 January, 1945 disembarked and embarked passenger personnel.

0622 5 January, 1945 departed Oro Bay, New Guinea enroute to Dreger Harbor, New Guinea arriving and mooring at 1809.

5 January, 1945 moored as before.

7 January, 1945 went alongside the Norwegian Tanker BRAJARA and fueled ship.

0520 8 January, 1945 departed Dreger Harbor, New Guinea enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

1239 9 January, 1945 arrived at Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea and anchored.

10 - 11 January, 1945 anchored as before. Embarking small groups of passengers.

1550 - 1624 12 January, 1945 shifted to a safer anchorage nearer the shore due to the fact that the S/S PONTUS ROSS reported sighting a torpedo and an explosion in the vicinity of her anchorage.

0606 14 January, 1945 departed Hollandia, New Guinea with 3122 passengers of the Army, Navy and American Red Cross enroute to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands in company with escort vessel HMAS BURDEIN (K-376).

15 - 16 January, 1945 underway as before from Hollandia, New Guinea enroute to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. Continuous radar contact on friendly planes.

0900 17 January, 1945 met by an air escort of U. S. Army Mustangs. 1310 released HMAS BURDEIN (K-376) from escort duty. 1416 anchored off White Beach, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. 1610 - 1815 shifted to an anchorage near Tarraguna, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. 2037 air

raid. All hands to general quarters. 2120 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. 2215 commenced disembarking passengers and unloading cargo.

18 January, 1945 anchored as before. Engaged in disembarking passengers and discharging cargo. 0315 completed disembarkation. 0622 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 0714 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. 0933 - 1040 shifted to an anchorage off Dulag Harbor, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. 1242 - 1434 shifted to an anchorage off White Beach, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. 1630 - 2030 disembarked passenger personnel.

2045 19 January, 1945 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 2116 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. 2200 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 2240 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal.

20 January, 1945 anchored as before.

21 January, 1945 anchored as before. 0215 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 0239 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. 1826 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 1842 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. This day was spent discharging mail and embarking small drafts of passengers.

0151 22 January, 1945 air raid. All hands to general quarters. 0215 secured from general quarters upon receipt of proper signal. 0515 completed discharging mail.

1337 23 January, 1945 departed San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands with 473 passengers of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and American Civilians liberated during recent landings, enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands with convoy No. PH-4.

24 - 25 January, 1945 underway as before from San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands with convoy No. PH-4.

0600 26 January, 1945 departed from convoy and took position as guide and Commander Task Unit of the Manus Section of convoy No. PH-4 consisting of the USS GENERAL R. L. HOWZE (AP-134), USS WARHAWK (AP-168), USS ALLEGAN (AK-225), USS APPANCOSE (AK-226) and USS GILLIGAN (DE-508) with USS JOBB (DE-707)