

# ... USS WAKEFIELD

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- 1940**
- June 10** MANHATTAN made her last Italian voyage as Mediterranean was closed to American flag ships.
- July 2** MANHATTAN sailed to Lisbon, Portugal, returning with 797 passengers.
- Fall of 1940** MANHATTAN made two round trips from New York to Los Angeles and San Francisco via Panama Canal, under provisions of the Relief Act.
- 1941**
- January 12** MANHATTAN ran aground off West Palm Beach, Florida.
- February 3** MANHATTAN freed and sailed back to New York for repairs.
- June 6** The U. S. Government chartered the MANHATTAN for two years.
- June 15** The name of the MANHATTAN was changed to WAKEFIELD, the Virginia birthplace of George Washington, turned over to the Navy, and Commander Wilfred N. Derby U.S.C.G., assumed command.
- July 10** The WAKEFIELD took on board Army troops and equipment and went out for maneuvers at New River Inlet, North Carolina.
- August 17** Commander Derby was relieved of command of the USS WAKEFIELD by Commander W. K. Scammell, and the ship conducted tests and drills in Chesapeake Bay.
- November 10** WAKEFIELD sailed in convoy for the Indian Ocean.
- November 17** WAKEFIELD anchored in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and got under way the next day.
- December 8** America declared war on Germany and Japan.