

SMY 58 William Ward Burrows AP-6, 1942

Built by Burmeister & Wain, Copenhagen, Denmark for **Grace Line** as **Santa Rita (II)**, Service New York - Valparaiso, launched 9.Feb.1929; purchased Aug. 1939 by US Navy, commissioned 15 May 1940 renamed WW Burrows, AP-6

Full load displ. 7,684 tons; 386 x 53 x 20 feet; (117 x 16 x 6 meter); Burmeister & Wain diesels, 3.465 HP, 12,5,kts.; guns: 4 x 3"/50; 8 x 20 mm MG; crew 178;

Before beginn of the war: 9 voyages in the Pacific to improve US defence system; 7th Dec. on way to Wake Island, 13th Dec. rudder damaged but escapes from Johnston Atoll, transports between Hawaiian Islands, May 42 refit Mare Island, Aug. 42 Guadalcanal: 29th shoots down 2 Jap. aircraft, runs aground 2 times, but escapes; 28th Sept. back Pearl Harbor; transports to Fiji and Espiritu Santo; Feb 43 San Francisco, 43 mostly transports Hawaii ; 44 Tutuila, Kwajalein, Eniwetok; 30th Oct. minor damage at Saipan; base ship at Guam till Spring 45; Okinawa; takes part in occupation of Japan and transports within Japanese waters till Jan.46; decomm. 17.March 46, struck 15.Aug.46; laid up;sold for scrap 1957, four Battle Stars