

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER ORDER UNDER NAVIGATION AND VESSEL
INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 37

1. Name and nationality of vessel USAT "DAVID C. SHANES" (United States)
2. Name of operator War Department, Transportation Corps
3. Scheduled time of departure of vessel Imminent. Immediate action by Local Coast Guard Officer requested.
4. Mission of vessel Military in character.
5. Requirements of law or regulations on which waiver is requested

To permit the above-named freight vessel to carry not exceeding 775 persons, consisting of 190 merchant crew, 25 military complement, and 562 passengers (consisting of 175 women and children and 387 male passengers, both Army and civilian). This vessel will carry life boats, life rafts and life floats of sufficient combined capacity to accommodate all persons on board.

6. Period of time for which waiver is requested Until conditions corrected, return of the vessel to a port of the continental U.S., or until waiver order is superseded by competent authority, whichever first occurs.
7. Extent to which requested waiver will affect the safety of the vessel and the persons on board Not ascertainable.

8. Reasons why waiver is necessary It is necessary to the national interest that this vessel sail at the hour and date stated in the orders issued to the master and that said vessel have aboard passengers in the number indicated in paragraph 5 above. It is impracticable to reconstruct and/or equip this vessel so that she can obtain a Certificate authorizing the carriage of passengers in the number indicated above. Unless the waiver authorized in proper cases by Secretary of the Navy's Order dated 1 October 1942, be effectuated by the findings prescribed in said Order and in U.S.C.G. Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 37, dated 6 July 1943, the vessel cannot sail at the time prescribed.

I hereby certify that in my opinion waiver of compliance with the requirements of law specified above is necessary in the conduct of war. **FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:**

13 March 1946
Date
San Francisco Port of Embarkation
Fort Mason, California
Place

JOHN R. REILLY
Signature of applicant
Colonel, TC
Superintendent, Water Division
Title or position

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This is to certify that pursuant to the application on the reverse side hereof a waiver of the requirements of the navigation and vessel inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard has been made effective to the vessel named below to the extent, for the period and under the conditions hereinafter set forth.

1. Name and nationality of vessel USAT DAVID C. SHANKS (United States)

2. Requirements of law or regulation waived (give U.S.C. citation of law and concise statement of provision waived)

The navigation and vessel inspection laws and the rules and regulations thereunder which are applicable exclusively to passenger-carrying vessels or vessels carrying passengers, and R. S. 4488, 46 USC 481 and 46 CFR 59.6(e) concerning boats and rafts required on freight vessels, waived so as to permit the above-named freight vessel to carry not exceeding 775 persons consisting of 190 merchant crew, 23 military complement, and 562 passengers (consisting of 175 women and children and 387 male passengers, both Army and civilian).

3. Period of time covered by waiver (for example, 10 days, a particular voyage, etc.) This waiver to continue until conditions corrected, return of the vessel to a port of the continental United States, or superseded by competent authority, whichever first occurs.

4. Conditions (if any) to which waiver is subject This vessel shall have on board the required number of life preservers and in addition shall carry a sufficient number of fully equipped lifeboats of sufficient combined capacity to accommodate all persons on board.

Lifesaving Equipment Actually on Board

No.	Unit	Total Capacity	
6	Boats	135	810
6	Boats	77	462
2	Boats	40	80
2	Boats	60	120
24	Floats	55	1320
65	Floats	25	1625
			Total Capacity All Units 4417

5. Time within which written application is to be filed with the undersigned in cases where oral application was made _____

John P. Tibbetts

JOHN P. TIBBETTS

Signature of Coast Guard officer

By direction
220 Appraiser's Bldg.

Address

San Francisco, California

(Place)

15 March, 1946

(Date)