

# World War II Troop Ships

## 1942 World War II Troop Ship Crossings Crossings - July Through December

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The records of ships used to carry troops to their theaters of operations were destroyed intentionally in 1951. "According to our [U. S. National Archives] records, in 1951 the Department of the Army destroyed all passenger lists, manifests, logs of vessels, and troop movement files of United States Army Transports for World War II." (Sorry, but there was no word on why the records were destroyed.) Thus there is no longer an official record of who sailed on what ship, though there are still valuable sources that can be found. So this web page is an informal collecting ground for information about troop ship crossings.

- The list is in chronological order by departure date. So if you are looking for a particular ship or unit, you will have to use the FIND function in your browser. Unit names are spelled out when they fit (but not always); so search for the unit number - e.g., "106" or "106th" for the 106th Infantry Division.
- Different units aboard are separated by semi-colons (;). If a unit was attached to another unit, either the larger unit will be in parentheses - e.g. "38th Armored Infantry Battalion (7th Armored Division)", or vice versa "7th Armored Division (38th Armored Infantry Battalion)". This means only the smaller unit is known to have been on board; the larger unit is included, since people may be searching on that. Note that units may have crossed on multiple ships.
- Ships going into Greenock (and variant spellings) or Glasgow or Firth of Clyde, Scotland were all going to the same destination. So search on "Scotland" for any arrivals there, since the variants are numerous.
- **RAMPs** are Recovered Allied Military Personnel. These were former prisoners of war, who had priority for going home.
- Unknown, incomplete, or uncertain items of information are in **bold** type. If you know any of these, please [submit your information](#).

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Departure Date	Embarkation Place	Vessel	Units on Board	Convoy Number	Debarkation Place	Arrival Date	Source of Information
42-07-01	New York NY	SS <i>Argentina</i>	about 8,000: 56th Signal Battalion [about 600]; <b>8th Air Force (Advance units); others</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Greenock, Scotland	42-07-15	<a href="#">T/4 R. H. Searl</a> , aboard with 56th Sig Bn ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-07-16	New York NY	SS <i>Louis A. Pasteur</i>	12th Bombardment Group	sailed alone	Port Taufiq, Egypt	42-08-16	Glenn Strom of the 12th BG, via <a href="#">H. Stoen</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-08-02	Army Depot New York NY	<a href="#">HMT Queen Mary</a>	15,125 1st Infantry Division Troops (first time in history that an	sailed alone	Gourock, Scotland	42-08-07	TSgt G. W. Eldridge (to <a href="#">son</a> ), Weapons Platoon, Company I,

			entire U. S. division voyaged in one ship)				26th Infantry Regiment (1st Infantry Division) and S. Harding <i>R.M.S. Queen Mary</i> , p. 77 (more)
42-08-06	New York NY	<a href="#">USS West Point (AP23)</a>	7,441 passengers	sailed alone	Liverpool (via Halifax)	42-08-17	<i>West Point</i> crewman <a href="#">W. McLain</a>
42-08-06	New York NY	<i>USS Uruguay</i>	301st Bomb Group	joined convoy at Halifax, Nova Scotia	Swansea, Wales	97-08-18	<a href="#">B. Thompson</a> (more)
42-08-27	Greenock, Scotland	SS <i>Monterey</i>	<b>Unknown</b>	Convoy No. TA-18	New York, NY	45-09-05	National Archives and Records Administration records (via Hugh Gibson who was on board)
42-08-27	Greenock, Scotland	<i>Barry</i>	<b>Unknown</b>	Convoy No. TA-18	New York, NY	45-09-05	National Archives and Records Administration records (via Hugh Gibson who was on board)
42-08-27	Greenock, Scotland	<i>West Point</i>	<b>Unknown</b>	Convoy No. TA-18	New York, NY	45-09-05	National Archives and Records Administration records (via Hugh Gibson who was on board)
42-08-27	Greenock, Scotland	<i>Wakefield</i>	<b>Unknown</b>	Convoy No. TA-18	New York, NY	45-09-05	National Archives and Records Administration records (via Hugh Gibson who was on board)
42-10-??	New York, NY	<i>J. W. McAndrews</i>	<b>Invasion troops</b>	<b>???</b>	Casablanca, French Morocco	???	Memory of Kathy Duell's father
42-10-05	San Francisco CA	<i>President Coolidge</i>	103rd Field Artillery Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment (43rd Infantry Division); Navy Construction Battalion men (total of 5,050 troops)	<b>???</b>	Espiritu Santo ( <a href="#">sunk by U. S. mine</a> 🌊, after stop to drop off CB's in Noumea, New Caledonia)	42-10-26	<a href="#">F. Pezzelli</a> , 103rd AFAB, who was aboard ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-10-25	Norfolk VA	<i>Hayes</i>	<b>part of Western Task Force</b>	<b>Convoy of 105 ships</b>	Fedala, Morocco	42-11-08	<a href="#">J. Copeland</a> , one of the troops aboard the <i>SS Cleveland</i> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-10-25	Norfolk VA	<i>Augusta</i>	<b>part of Western Task Force</b>	<b>Convoy of 105 ships</b>	Fedala, Morocco	42-11-08	<a href="#">J. Copeland</a> , one of the troops aboard the <i>SS Cleveland</i> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
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	VA	<i>Cleveland</i>	<b>Task Force</b>	<b>105 ships</b>	Morocco		the troops aboard the SS <i>Cleveland</i> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-11-01	New York NY	<a href="#">USS West Point (AP23)</a>	8,091 passengers	sailed alone	Bombay, India (via Rio)	42-11-29	<i>West Point</i> crewman <a href="#">W. McLain</a>
42-11-02	New York, NY	<i>John Ericsson</i>	2nd Armored Division, Company A Maintenance Battalion	<b>???</b>	Casablanca	42-11-19	Papers of William E. Tidwell (who was on board) (via David Tidwell) ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-11-22	New York NY	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	15,000 troops: 78th Fighter Group; <b>more</b>	sailed alone	Scotland	42-11-27	<a href="#">W. Blystone</a> of 78th FG who was aboard ( <a href="#">more</a> )
<b>42-12-??</b>	New York, NY	<i>Monarco</i>	<b>???</b>	<b>in convoy (about 100 ships); number not known</b>	<b>North Africa</b>	<b>43-01-??</b>	<a href="#">Jeffrey E. Bains's</a> father who was on board. ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-08	New York NY	<a href="#">HMT Queen Mary</a>	10,389 troops and 950 crew	sailed alone	Gourock, Scotland	42-12-14	S. Harding <i>R.M.S. Queen Mary</i> , p. 77
42-12-11	Fort Dix New Jersey	<i>American</i>	<b>units of 2nd Armored Division</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Casablanca	42-12-24	<i>The G.I.'s War</i> , by Edwin Hoyt, via <a href="#">D. Dunthorn</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-11	Fort Dix New Jersey	<i>Ancon (AP-66)</i>	<b>units of 2nd Armored Division</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Casablanca	42-12-24	<i>The G.I.'s War</i> , by Edwin Hoyt, via <a href="#">D. Dunthorn</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-11	Fort Dix New Jersey	SS <i>Argentina</i>	<b>units of 2nd Armored Division</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Casablanca	42-12-24	<i>The G.I.'s War</i> , by Edwin Hoyt, via <a href="#">D. Dunthorn</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-11	Fort Dix New Jersey	<i>USAT Brazil</i>	<b>units of 2nd Armored Division</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Casablanca	42-12-24	<i>The G.I.'s War</i> , by Edwin Hoyt, via <a href="#">D. Dunthorn</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-11	Fort Dix New Jersey	<i>Chiriqui</i>	<b>units of 2nd Armored Division</b>	<b>in convoy; number not known</b>	Casablanca	42-12-24	<i>The G.I.'s War</i> , by Edwin Hoyt, via <a href="#">D. Dunthorn</a> ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-15	England	<b>Unknown</b>	60th Field Regiment Royal Artillery (South Midlands)	<b>???</b>	South Africa	43-01-18	Service Records of Thomas Edward Pheasey (via <a href="#">Colin Pheasey</a> ) ( <a href="#">more</a> )
42-12-23	Gourock Scotland	<a href="#">HMT Queen Mary</a>	10,669 troops and 800 crew	sailed alone	Massawa (via Freetown, Cape Town, Aden, Suez)	43-01-18	S. Harding <i>R.M.S. Queen Mary</i> , p. 77

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