



Ship are:
 Length, overall 622 ft
 Breadth, extreme 76 ft
 Draft, loaded 25 ft

The principal dimensions of the transport are time Army transports. she is one of the best of the alterations continued, and today as a transport, some of the minor port. During her first few voyages and fitted out as a Troop Transport- period of time she was overhauled complete face-lifting. In a short over to the Army, and under-went a ceased the Richardson was turned something after the fighting had letans, and celebrities by the some nurses and WAC, and generals, polit field and general hospital units, of many famous armies, USO troops, ardsen was there, transporting men them at any other moment, the Richardson were more vital to our nation spot were more vital to our nation when men and machines at the right During the war, in the period the ETO with a load of troops. trip from Boston on 10 Dec 1944 to ship started her service with a began a busy period of service. The dangerous days on the water - then short, because those were still She made a shake-down cruise - the U S Navy. an Army ship, but was operated by The Richardson was not originally at Beyonne Navy Yard, New Jersey. the U S Fleet on 2 November 1944, missioned into active service with The USAT W F Richardson was com- when those automobiles were made. now wasn't even completely planned 1941 models. The ship you are on modern cars available if they owned your friends were driving the most W F Richardson. When you left home nearly as new a vessel as the USAT changes are very much that it wasn't what ship you came overseas on, the It doesn't make much difference

As well equipped as most units of its size in Europe, the ship provides a full complement of the Special Service affairs. Movies are shown four times daily, the Richardson's radio station WFR provides soothing music and news; the ship's newspaper offers news, and several Chaplains are available. PX rations are sold on the ship. The ship was named for General Wilds Preston Richardson, who was commander of the 78th Inf Brigade of the 35th Division, in France, in World War I
 Thanks for the 11th Richardson!

The main power plant consists of two engines with a designated maximum speed of 30 knots. Although this is the designated rate it is not capacity - many times she makes 22 an hour, and some of the crew rumor that during the war she was opened up to 29 knots. Twin bladed screws, 18 ft in diameter, propel the ship. The main propelling units are two Do Val Steam Turbines, cross compound impulse. (We don't know what all this means either - but that is what they are!) The ship has a fuel capacity of 2822 tons, and a cruising radius of 12400 miles at a cruising speed of 19.5 knots. One of the largest of the Troop Transports, the Richardson can carry in excess of 3000 passengers, there are facilities for Officers and civilians in addition to the Troop compartments. The ship has a separate dining room and lounge for the first class passengers. As well equipped as most units of its size in Europe, the ship provides a full complement of the Special Service affairs. Movies are shown four times daily, the Richardson's radio station WFR provides soothing music and news; the ship's newspaper offers news, and several Chaplains are available. PX rations are sold on the ship.