

= USS West Compo (ID @-@ 3912) =

USS West Compo (ID @-@ 3912) was a cargo ship for the United States Navy in 1919 . The ship was built in 1919 as SS West Compo , a steam @-@ powered cargo ship for the United States Shipping Board (USSB) as part of the West boats , a series of steel @-@ hulled cargo ships built on the West Coast of the United States for the World War I war effort . She was the 20th ship built by Northwest Steel in Portland , Oregon . She was commissioned into the Naval Overseas Transportation Service (NOTS) of the United States Navy in January 1919 . After one overseas trips for the Navy , she was decommissioned in May 1919 and returned to the USSB .

It is not known if West Compo had a civilian career after her Navy career ended . Sources conflict as to the ship 's ultimate fate , but she was probably broken up in 1936 at Baltimore , Maryland .

= = Design and construction = =

The West ships were cargo ships of similar size and design built by several shipyards on the West Coast of the United States for the United States Shipping Board (USSB) for emergency use during World War I. All were given names that began with the word West , like West Compo , one of some 40 West ships built by Northwest Steel of Portland , Oregon . West Compo (Northwest Steel yard number 20 , USSB hull number 1080) was completed in January 1919 .

West Compo was 5 @, @ 700 gross register tons (GRT) , and was 409 feet 5 inches (124 @. @ 79 m) long (between perpendiculars) and 54 feet (16 @. @ 5 m) abeam . West Compo had a steel hull and a mean draft of 24 feet 6 inches (7 @. @ 47 m) . She displaced 12 @, @ 185 t , and had a deadweight tonnage of 8 @, @ 635 DWT . The ship had a single steam turbine that drove her single screw propeller , and moved the ship at a 11 @. @ 5 @-@ knot (21 @. @ 3 km / h) pace .

= = Military career = =

USS West Compo (ID @-@ 3912) was commissioned into the Naval Overseas Transportation Service (NOTS) on 3 February 1919 with Lieutenant Commander A. A. Modeer , USNRF , in command . The ship sailed on 12 February with on a load of wheat flour and transited the Panama Canal on 1 and 2 March . After she arrived in Norfolk , Virginia , on 11 March , she replenished her fuel and stores and got underway for the Mediterranean on 14 March . West Compo arrived at Trieste on 9 April and unloaded her cargo . After taking on sand ballast , she departed on 19 April , sailing to Philadelphia via Gibraltar . She arrived at Philadelphia on 15 May , was decommissioned one week later , and returned to the USSB .

= = Civilian career = =

After the Navy decommissioned West Compo it is not known if she had a civilian career for the USSB. The ship does not appear in contemporary newspaper reports and there is no evidence that she was ever sold . The Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships reports that the ship was abandoned by the USSB in 1933 . Jordan lists her as still under USSB ownership in 1939 , but Haworth reports that the ship was broken up in Baltimore in April 1936 . Colton also reports the ship as being scrapped in 1936 .