



Heather, 1903

A low-growing Eurasian shrub, *Calluna vulgaris*, growing in dense masses and bearing small evergreen leaves and pinkish-purple flower clusters.

Builder: Moran Shipbuilding, Seattle, Washington

Length: 178' 6"

Beam: 28' 6"

Draft: 14' 11"

Displacement: 831 tons

Cost: \$118,567.58

Commissioned: 10 June 1903

Decommissioned: 6 September 1940

Disposition: Transferred to the War Department

Machinery: 1 vertical condensing fore & aft compound steam engine; 2 Scotch-type boilers; single propeller; 750 SHP

Performance & Endurance:

Max: Cruising:

Deck Gear:

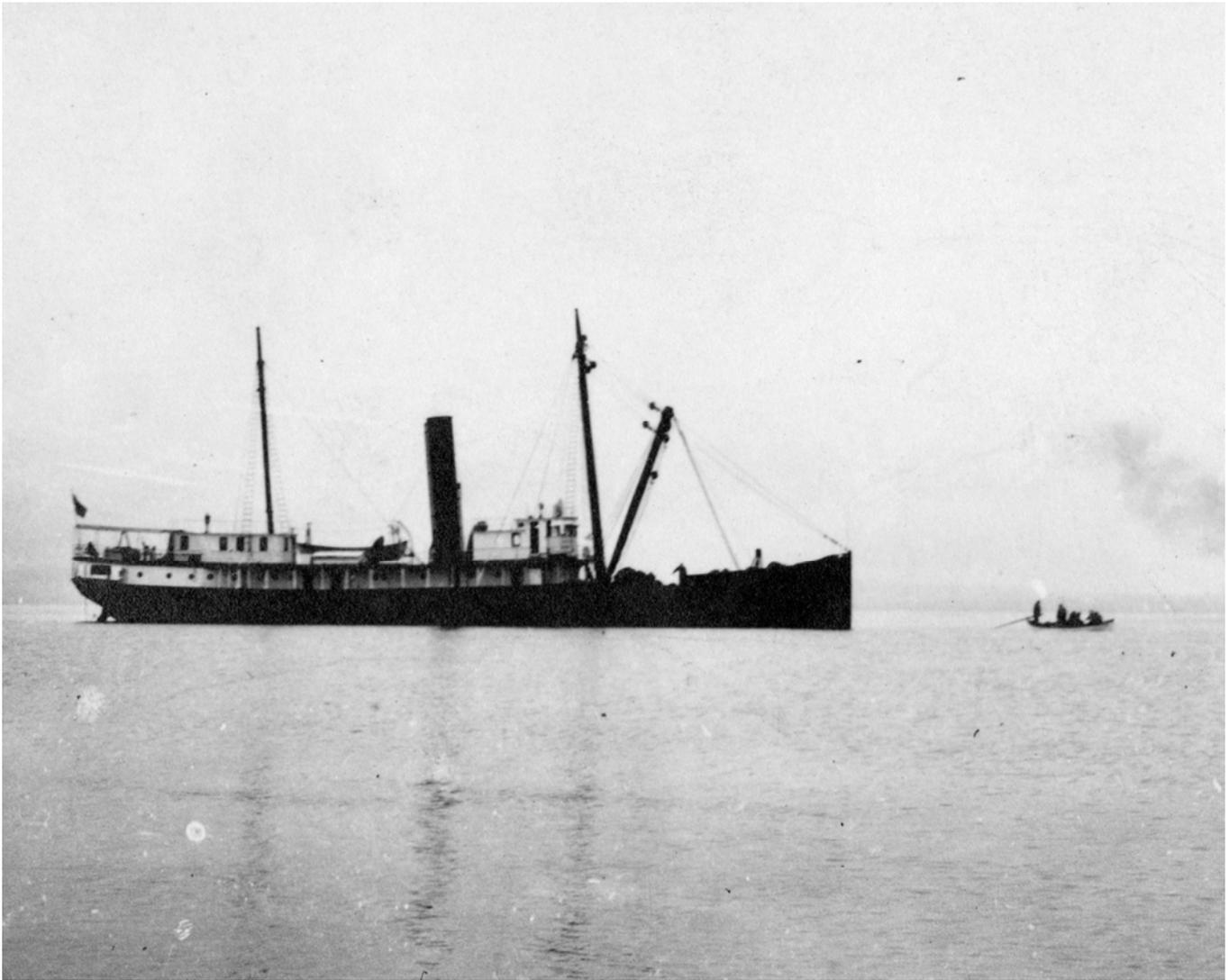
Complement: 24

Armament: None

Tender History:

Heather was a steel and wood-hulled coastwise tender that entered service in 1903. Although built as a steamer, she could rig sails for propulsion if needed. She was assigned to the 13th Lighthouse District and operated out of Seattle. She was re-engined with a single diesel in the late-1930s. She was loaned to the War Department on 1 September 1940 and was permanently transferred on 6 September 1940. She kept her name in Army service but was given the hull designation of FS-534. She was sold to a foreign buyer after the war and was last noted as working off the China coast in the 1950s.

Image:



USLHT *Heather* (no date)

Sources:

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