



Ship Fact Sheet



TORILLA (1911)

Base data at 24 June 1914. Compiled December 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1914-1927
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Palmers' Shipbuilding & Iron Co Ltd
Yard	Hebburn
Country	UK
Yard number	810
Registry	
Official number	129589
Signal letters	
Call sign	HTDV
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,679 grt
Net tonnage	4,191 nrt
Deadweight	7,240 tons
Length	122.04m (400.4ft)
Breadth	16.09m (52.8ft)
Depth	8.38m (27.5ft)
Draught	7.437m (24.4ft)
Engines	Triple expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Palmers' Shipbuilding & Iron Co Ltd
Works	Hebburn
Country	UK
Power	2,900 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	11.8 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	60 first class, 32 second class, 2,234 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	11,079 cubic metres (391,251 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment*	India/Australia service for carriage of horses and mules

Career

- 27.05.1911: Launched.
- 28.07.1911: First registered.
- 02.08.1911: Delivered as *Torilla* for British India Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £83,200. She was a lone ship built for a service from India to Australia with the ability to carry horses and mules.
- 1911: Her maiden voyage was from London to Queensland where she landed 1,610 migrants, the largest number ever to reach the State in one ship.
- 24.06.1914: Takeover of British India Steam Navigation Company by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 09.1914: Due to her large capacity, she was included on the Bombay/Marseilles convoy.
- 03.12.1915: She was the first BI ship attacked by the enemy when she was on her way unescorted from Port Said to Marseilles with a full complement of troops. U39 was sighted on the surface shelling another steamer when the *Torilla* promptly turned tail and sent out a call for help. She was pursued by the submarine and was fired upon. *Torilla* returned fire with her 3-pounder stern gun. Rescue then appeared the shape of the P&O Branch liner *Benalla* which carried a 4.7 inch gun. The *Torilla* was able to arrive safely back in Port Said.
- 11.1919: Released from transport duty and was put on the Calcutta/Far East service.
- 31.10.1927: Sold for £13,700 for breaking up at Osaka.

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