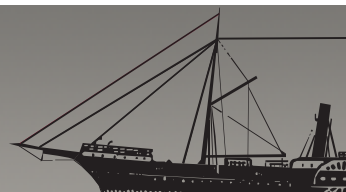




Ship Fact Sheet



AMRA (1938)

Base data at 10 November 1938. Compiled September 2009

** indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.*

<i>Type</i>	Passenger/cargo liner
<i>P&O Group service</i>	1938-1966
<i>P&O Group status</i>	Owned by subsidiary company
<i>Registered owners, managers and operators</i>	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
<i>Builders</i>	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
<i>Yard</i>	Wallsend, Newcastle
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Yard number</i>	1570
<i>Registry</i>	
<i>Official number</i>	166600
<i>Signal letters</i>	
<i>Call sign</i>	
<i>Classification society</i>	Lloyd's Register
<i>Gross tonnage</i>	8,314 grt
<i>Net tonnage</i>	3,993 nrt
<i>Deadweight</i>	6,326 tons
<i>Length</i>	140.51m (461.0ft) loa; 135.51m (444.6ft) b/p
<i>Breadth</i>	18.65m (61.2ft)
<i>Depth</i>	7.68m (25.2ft)
<i>Draught</i>	7.554m (23.8ft)
<i>Engines</i>	2 x 3 single reduction geared turbines
<i>Engine builders</i>	Parsons Marine Steam Turbine Co Ltd, installed by shipbuilder
<i>Works</i>	Wallsend, Newcastle
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Power</i>	8,800 ihp
<i>Propulsion</i>	Twin screw
<i>Speed</i>	16.5 knots (service); 18.51 knots (trials)
<i>Passenger capacity*</i>	45 first class, 110 second class, 154 tourist class, 2,327 deck passengers
<i>Cargo capacity</i>	6,286 cubic metres (222,000 cubic feet) including 77.59 cubic metres (5,740 cubic feet) refrigerated
<i>Crew</i>	180
<i>Employment*</i>	Calcutta/Rangoon service

Career

- 30.04.1938: Launched by Lady Willingdon.
31.07.1938: Ran trials.
10.11.1938: Delivered as *Amra* for British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd. She was the first of three A-class vessels to be launched for the Calcutta/Rangoon service along with her sisters *Aska* and *Aronda*.
18.11.1938: Maiden voyage from London to Calcutta.
1940: Spent two periods that year as a Personnel Ship.
28.12.1940: Requisitioned as a Hospital Ship (No.41: 385 beds, 107 medical staff), being converted at Bombay and seeing her first service between Somaliland and East and South Africa.
1940: Supported the Somali and Abyssinian campaigns, ferrying the casualties from Mogadishu and Massawa to Mombasa and Durban.
1943: Moved into the Mediterranean, evacuating wounded from the Sicily in July and was at the Salerno landings in September.
1946: Completed her wartime service.
Post-war: Moved to the Bombay/East and South Africa service, though in later years she often turned round at Mombasa or Dar-es-Salaam.
03.1951: Completed a six-month conversion of her boilers from coal to oil firing at Durban.
1955: Passenger accommodation now 222 cabin passengers and 737 bunked passengers.
02.12.1965: Arrived at Keelung for demolition by Chou's Iron & Steel Company Ltd, Taipei. Her bell was later installed in the church at Sharjah shared by the Royal Air Force and the Trucial Oman Scouts.

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