



# Ship Fact Sheet



## CHYEBASSA (1907)

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	1914-1938
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Workman, Clark & Co Ltd
Yard	Belfast
Country	UK
Yard number	240
Registry	
Official number	124171
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,249 grt
Net tonnage	3,992 nrt
Deadweight	9,540 tons
Length	131.12m (430.2ft)
Breadth	16.45m (54.0ft)
Depth	10.60m (34.8ft)
Draught	8.290m (27.2ft)
Engines	Triple expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Workman, Clark & Co Ltd
Works	Belfast
Country	UK
Power	4,250 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	15.2 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	16 passengers
Cargo capacity	12,742 cubic metres (450,000 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment	London/Antwerp/Karachi/Bombay service

**Career**

- 21.02.1907: Launched.
- 28.03.1907: Delivered as *Chyebassa* for British India Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £76,300. She was the last of the new C-class ships to be delivered with her sisters being *Canara*, *Colaba*, *Chanda*, *Chupra* and *Culna*.
- 24.06.1914: Takeover of British India Steam Navigation Company by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 07.08.1914: Taken up as an Expeditionary Force transport. Her crew had to be replaced in London after the Indian crew refused further duty.
- 11.1914: Transported 1/5 London Rgt (London Rifle Brigade) from Southampton to Havre.
- 03.1916: Released from transport duty.
- 1917/1919: Came under the Liner Requisition Scheme.
- 08.12.1917: Torpedoed by UC25 when she was 32km (20 miles) south of Malta while leading the second column of a four-column convoy. She then collided with the *City of Marseilles*. The boats carried away most of the crew until it was apparent that *Chyebassa* was not going to sink. She was reboarded and brought slowly into Marsa Scirocco and beached for repairs.
- 13.03.1918: Struck and sank the mine-sweeping trawler *Adrian* in fog off Orfordness.
- 26.11.1938: Sold for £11,500 to Italian shipbreakers at Antwerp.
- 1939: Broken up in Italy.

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