



Ship Fact Sheet



FAZILKA (1890)

Base data at 24 June 1914. Compiled November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1914-1919
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Wm Doxford & Sons
Yard	Sunderland
Country	UK
Yard number	199
Registry	
Official number	98578
Signal Letters	
Call sign	LVMS
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	4,152 grt
Net tonnage	2,698 nrt
Deadweight	5,900 tons
Length	111.56m (336.0ft)
Breadth	14.69m (48.2ft)
Depth	8.07m (26.5ft)
Draught	7.254m (23ft 8in)
Engines	Triple expansion steam engine with 3 double-ended boilers
Engine builders	Wm Doxford & Sons
Works	Sunderland
Country	UK
Power	Single screw
Propulsion	2,453 ihp
Speed	11.5 knots
Passenger capacity	12 first class, 1,650 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	6,822 cubic metres (240,916 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment*	India/East Africa or India/South Africa service

Career

- 12.05.1890: Keel laid.
- 17.08.1890: Launched.
- 24.09.1890: Registered.
- 11.10.1890: Delivered as *Fazilka* for British India Steam Navigation Company.
- 27.07.1892: Grounded at Hooghly Point when en route from Singapore to Calcutta.
- 10.1897: Ran short of coal after a long spell of bad weather and had to burn most of her wood fittings to get back to port.
- 06.02.1900: While serving as a Boer War transport, she was returning in ballast from Mauritius to Colombo, when she broke her propeller shaft some 800km (500 miles) from the nearest land. The break was in two places, and the ship was tipped by shifting ballast to bring the screw out of the water, but several attempts at repair failed.
- 12.02.1900: A foresail was set and a mainsail was made up and fitted on 1st March.
- 13.03.1900: She encountered the P&O liner *Oceana* bound for Colombo which attempted a tow; when the line parted, *Fazilka's* Captain Goss declined further assistance, although accepted extra food supplies.
- 23.03.1900: After several more failures, the engineers achieved a repair that held and she finally limped into Colombo.
- 07.1905: Stopped and searched in the Red Sea by the Russian cruiser *Kuban* at the time of the Russo-Japanese War, but she was allowed to proceed.
- 24.06.1914: Takeover of British India Steam Navigation Company by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 1915: Served as a transport ship.
- 1917: Came under the Liner Requisition Scheme.
- 1918: Returned to Company service on the Straits/Madras service.
- 31.10.1919: Ran ashore in thick weather in the South Nicobar Islands, northbound from Penang. Fortunately she grounded on an even keel, but water gained in all four holds. It was realised that she was beyond hope of salvaging. The passengers were taken off by the Dutch Government steamer *Sabang* and brought back to Penang.
- 01.11.1919: The *Fazilka* sank and the crew landed safely with only 2 casualties.

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