



# Ship Fact Sheet



## MORETON BAY (1921)

Base data at 25 April 1933. Last amended June 2009

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

Type	Passenger liner
P&O Group service	1933-1951
P&O Group status	Owned by an associate company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners and operators	Aberdeen & Commonwealth Line Ltd
Managers*	George Thompson & Co Ltd
Builders	Vickers Ltd
Yard	Barrow-in-Furness
Country	UK
Yard number	573
Registry	London, UK
Official number	130169
Signal letters	
Call sign	GSMT
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	14,193 grt
Net tonnage	8,584 nrt
Deadweight	12,600 tons
Length	161.73m (530.6ft)
Breadth	20.81m (68.3ft)
Depth	12.15m (39.9ft)
Draught	10.106m (33ft 2in)
Engines	4 Parsons double-reduction-g geared steam turbines
Engine builders	Vickers Ltd
Works	Barrow-in-Furness
Country	UK
Power	9,000 shp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	15 knots
Passenger capacity*	542 tourist class
Cargo capacity	10,194 cubic metres (360,000 cubic feet)
Crew	216
Employment	UK/Australia emigrant service

**Career**

- 23.04.1921: Launched.
- 18.11.1921: Completed as *Moreton Bay*. The first of five sisters (three by Vickers and two by Beardmore) for the Commonwealth Government Line, Brisbane.
- 07.12.1921: Maiden voyage London/Brisbane.
- 1923: Collided with *Margit Siemers*, Siemers Redeeri, in the Thames and found responsible at the Court of Enquiry. On her next voyage she was again in collision; this time with *Chemnitz*, Ellerman's Wilson Line, off Southend.
- 1923: Owners restyled Australian Commonwealth Line.
- 05.1928: Owners sold to the White Star Line Ltd., the holding company of the Kylsant group. London registry. Managers George Thompson & Co Ltd.
- 1931: Converted to a one class ship. 542 tourist, 14,145 grt.
- 25.04.1933: Aberdeen & Commonwealth Line formed following the collapse of the Kylsant organisation, with P&O companies and Shaw Savill as shareholders. *Moreton Bay* was transferred, with her four sisters, to the newly formed concern. George Thompson & Co Ltd continued as managers.
- 10.1939: Commissioned as an Armed Merchant Cruiser by the Australian Government.
- c1940: Management transferred to Shaw Savill & Albion Ltd.
- 1941: Converted into a troopship. Took part in the Madagascar, North African and European campaigns. Her only serious mishap was hitting the quay at Algiers when she was abandoned by her tugs during an air raid.
- 1946: Reverted to commercial service London/Southampton/Suez/Sydney. Passenger accommodation now 514 tourist class.
- 30.11.1956: Final sailing.
- 13.04.1957: Arrived at Barrow for scrapping by Thomas W Ward.

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