



# Ship Fact Sheet



## ROTORUA (1910)

Base data at 7 September 1916. Compiled December 2008

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

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1916-1917
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Registered owners, managers and operators	New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd
Builders	William Denny & Bros
Yard	Dumbarton
Country	UK
Yard number	915
Registry	Plymouth, UK
Official number	124587
Signal letters	HRSG
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	11,130 grt
Net tonnage	7,094 nrt
Deadweight	10,600 tons
Length	147.58m (484.2ft)
Breadth	18.98m (62.3ft)
Depth	12.52m (41.1ft)
Draught	8.961m (29.4ft)
Engines	2 triple-expansion steam engines on the wing shafts. Low pressure Parsons turbine on centre shaft
Engine builders	Denny & Co
Works	Dumbarton
Country	UK
Power	5,350 ihp (triple-expansion); 3,281 ihp (turbine)
Propulsion	Triple screw
Speed	15.77 knots (trials) 14 knots (service)
Passenger capacity	52 first class, 72 second class, 156 third class, 280 temporary third class berths
Cargo capacity	13,981 cubic metres (493,734 cubic feet) including 8,480 cubic metres (299,500 cubic feet) refrigerated
Crew	116
Employment	UK/New Zealand service

**Career**

- 09.07.1910: Launched.
- 05.10.1910: Ran trials and delivered as *Rotorua* for GT Haycraft and TR Westray at a cost of £172,500. She was the second of three sisters to be delivered with *Ruahine* launched before her and *Remuera* after.
- 06.10.1910: Registered to GT Haycraft and TR Westray.
- 27.10.1910: Maiden voyage to Wellington.
- 1912: Attempted unsuccessfully to tow the P&O ship *Oceana* to safety after she had been rammed in the Channel by the German sailing ship *Pisagua*.
- 13.11.1912: Ownership transferred to the New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd.
- Spring 1915: Brought the first consignment of New Zealand Army nurses to England.
- 07.09.1916: Takeover of the New Zealand Shipping Company by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 22.03.1917: Torpedoed and sunk by UC17 38km (24 miles) east of Start Point, en route from Wellington and Newport News to London with general cargo. One life was lost.

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