



Ship Fact Sheet



SUDAN (1901)

Base data at 30 April 1901. Last amended November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner and troopship
P&O Group service	1901-1925
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Caird & Co Ltd
Yard	Greenock
Country	UK
Yard number	297
Registry	Greenock, UK
Official number	114052
Signal letters	SGWK
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,695 grt
Net tonnage	4,218 nrt
Deadweight	8,250 tons
Length	137.11m (450.0ft)
Breadth	15.97m (52.4ft)
Depth	9.29m (30.5ft)
Draught	8.112m (26ft 7½in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	Caird & Co Ltd
Works	Greenock
Country	UK
Power	4,500 ihp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	14 knots
Passenger capacity	78 first class, 64 second class
Cargo capacity	10,324 cubic metres (364,645 cubic feet)
Crew [1914]	197 (102 European, 95 Asian). Deck, 55 European; engineroom 11 European, 56 Asian; purser's department 36 European, 39 Asian
Employment	'Intermediate' passenger service, and trooping if required

Career

- 07.03.1901: Launched.
- 19.04.1901: Registered.
- 30.04.1901: Delivered as *Soudan* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £152,270. She was part of the five-strong S-class of which *Soudan* was the second (after *Sicilia*, before *Syria*, *Somali* and *Sardinia*) were built for the intermediate, non-mail Calcutta and Far East services. Apart from commercial service she was used on Indian trooping charters in most seasons, as follows: 'seasonal' trooping 1903-4 and 1904-5; laid up 1905, then 'miscellaneous transport duties', transport in 1906, '07,'08,'09 and '10 with *Dongola* and *Plassy*; colonial trooping 1911 with *Somali*; general trooping 1912, '13 and '14.
- 1904: Promenade deck added.
- 1911: Attended the Coronation Naval Review. After war service as a Grand Fleet Hospital she was reconditioned at Bombay.
- 10.11.1912: Rescued four survivors from a dismasted junk about half a day before arrival in Hong Kong.
- 03.08.1914: Hired as Naval hospital ship.
- 06.1916: Took on board injured survivors of HMS *Hampshire* mined off Orkney with the loss of (among others) of Lord Kitchener on 5th June, after their interrogation on board HMS *Blake*.
- 1919: Released from Naval service.
- 16.12.1925: Sold to Kishimoto Kisen K K, Japan for demolition at Osaka.

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