



Ship Fact Sheet



WILTSHIRE (1912)

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	1916-1922
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Federal Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	John Brown & Co Ltd
Yard	Clydebank
Country	UK
Yard number	401
Registry	London, UK
Official number	132675
Signal letters	HVJD
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	10,390 grt
Net tonnage	6,598 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	160.47m (526.5ft) loa; 165.81m (544.0ft) b/p
Breadth	18.71m (61.4ft)
Depth	10.14m (33.3ft)
Draught	
Engines	2 quadruple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	John Brown & Co Ltd
Works	Clydebank
Country	UK
Power	6,500 ihp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	14 knots
Passenger capacity*	130 first class, 270 emigrants
Cargo capacity	10,618 cubic metres (375,000 cubic feet) refrigerated
Crew	103
Employment	UK/Australia/New Zealand service

Career

- 19.12.1911: Launched.
15.02.1912: Registered as *Wiltshire* to Federal Steam Navigation Company Ltd.
1912: Passenger capacity changed to 66 first class.
07.09.1914/ Requisitioned as the Australian Expeditionary Force transport A18
27.12.1917: (36 Officers, 720 troops and 505 horses).
01.11.1914: Sailed in the first convoy from Albany to Alexandria.
07.09.1916: Takeover of the New Zealand Shipping Company (including its subsidiary Federal Steam Navigation) by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
28.12.1917/ Taken up under the Liner Requisition Scheme.
05.09.1919:
02.10.1920: Collided with the tug *Heroic* at Sydney.
31.05.1922: Wrecked in the Rosalie Bay, Great Barrier Island, bound Liverpool to Auckland.
01.06.1922: She broke her back and all the crew managed to be rescued over the following two days.

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