

"For Those in Peril" - duplicate Dangers...Different Conflicts.

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Arawa (1884)

Hawaii SG 81

New Zealand SG 1546

A 5,086 grt passenger liner built for the Shaw, Savill & Albion SS Co, initially sailing on the company's New Zealand service. Between the years 1893/9 the vessel was chartered out twice, the second occasion to the Spanish Government; renamed *Colon*.

Sold to the Elder Dempster Steamship Co (1899), the vessel was requisitioned for Boer War service before sailing for her new owners.

Rebuilt on her return from government duties, *Arawa* was renamed *Lake Magentic*; (later *Port Henderson*). Sold on the Italian interests in 1913, the vessel was renamed *Porto Said*. On passage through the Mediterranean in 1915, the steamer was attacked by U-39 torpedoed and sunk.

Tarquah (1902)

Sierra Leone SG 641

A 3,859 grt, 10 knot cargo-passenger (80 berth) steamer, *Tarquah* sailed on the Elder Dempster Steamship Company's West African routes. She was torpedoed and sunk by U-57 (1917) off Bull Rock (Wales?) whilst on passage from Freetown to Liverpool. All passengers and crew were saved.

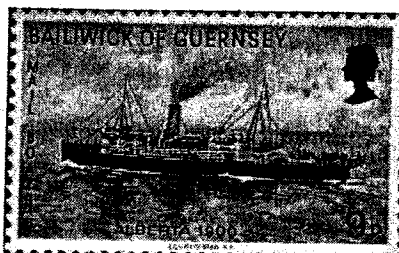
Alberta (1900)

Guernsey SG70

Owned by the London & South Western Railway Company, the fast (19½ knot), 1,236 grt Channel passenger ferry was built to serve the company's Southampton - Channel Islands service. *Alberta* sailed continuously between the two ports (including throughout WW.1) until withdrawn from company service in 1929.

Alberta was sold-on to Greek interests (1930).

The vessel was sunk by enemy aircraft in the Eastern Mediterranean (1941).



"For Those in Peril" - Same Company...Same Fate.

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Director (1926)

St Kitts SG 320

A 5,107 grt tramp-steamer owned by Thos & Jas Harrison, *Director* was one of many British registered vessels laid-up during the 1930's depression.

Director was torpedoed by U-196 whilst on passage off the East African coast (July 1944). One crew member was killed by the explosion, the remaining 57 crewmen took to the lifeboats, one of which was picked up by a Portuguese sloop whilst the other made a landfall on East African soil.

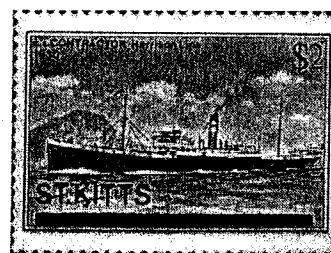
Inanda (1925)

Barbados SG 1083

St Kitts SG 316

A Harrison Bros cargo/passenger steamer (5,985 grt), *Inanda* was sunk in dock during the blitz on London (1940). The vessel was later raised and refitted without the original passenger accommodation; ownership passing to the Ministry of Supply. Renamed *Empire Explorer*.

On passage off Trinidad (1942), the ship was hit by three torpedoes fired from U-575. *Empire Explorer* remained afloat and was subjected to shelling from the U-boat which unexpectedly made off before the ship finally sank. Three crew members were killed in the action.



Contractor (1930)

St Kitts SG 47

A typical Harrison Bros 6,000 grt tramp steamer, *Contractor* was torpedoed and sunk by a unidentified German U-boat 75 miles off the southern Sardinian coast in August 1943. Eight crew members (including the Master) lost their lives.

Members' websites.

Erik Phillipus: <http://www.sron.nl/~erikp/stamps.html>

Peter Crichton: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~petecc/petepage>

Phil Hanley: <http://www.southbridge.demon.co.uk/>

Alessandro Artini: <http://members.xoom.com/ikeamipiace/index.html>
and <http://www.zyworld.com/alessandro4/>

ATA Ships Section: <http://baegis.ag.uidaho.edu/~myron/shipstamps>