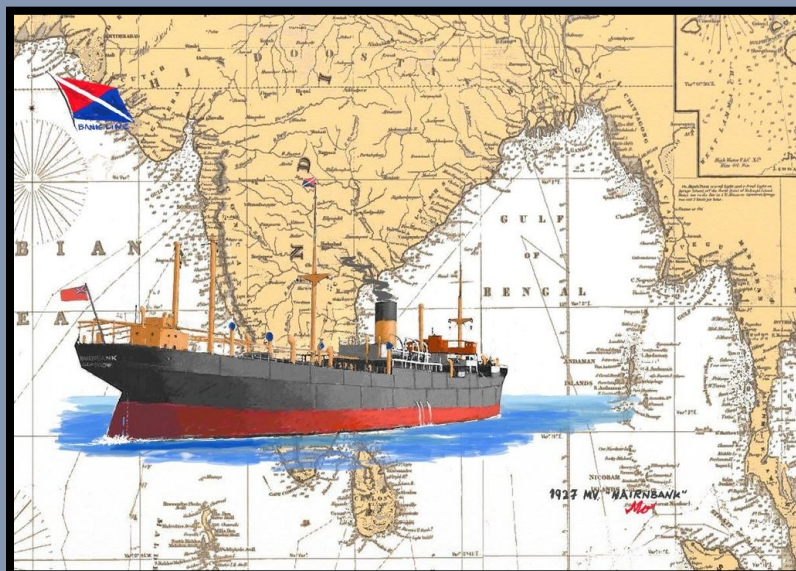


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“Nairnbank”



Originally laid down as “**Forthbank**” but launched as “**Nairnbank**” in 1925 for Bank Line Ltd (Andrew Weir & Co as managers). She was part of a massive order for 17 new motor ships placed by Bank Line in 1924.

Built by Harland & Wolff Ltd., Govan, “**Nairnbank**” had a GRT of 5156 tons, and was fitted with 2 6cyl 4SCSA engines driving twin screws developing 717 nhp and giving a service speed of 11 knots. She served Bank Line for 28 years before being sold in 1953 to Blythe Drydock and Shipping Co Ltd – Moller Line (UK) Ltd. In February 1958 she was laid up by her then owners and sold for scrap at Hong Kong by Chiap Hua Manufactory Co., in 1959.

The above is an interesting depiction showing the classic counter stern, she was also fitted with “lattice derricks”, and rivetted plating, all commonly used during that period.

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