

# Ocean Joss

## Ships in Focus

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### “Afrika”



Chart scene depicting “**MV Afrika**”, 8597 GRT, one of the first motorships built in 1920 by B&W, Copenhagen for A/S Det Ostasiatiske, Kompagni, (East Asiatic Company) Copenhagen. Seized as a war prize by **HMAS Hobart** on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1940 whilst on a voyage from Aden to Colombo. Transferred to British Admiralty; subsequently placed under the Ministry of War Transport, and managed by the United Baltic Shipping Company, London. Torpedoed (U 402) southeast of Cape Farewell on 7<sup>th</sup> February 1943, whilst on passage from Halifax to Liverpool as part of Convoy SC-118. The vessel sank in heavy weather in only 8 minutes and of the 60 souls on board, 23 were lost with the remaining survivors picked up by **HMS Campanula** (K 18) and **HMS Mignonette** (K 38), later landed at Liverpool.

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