Ocean Joss Ships in Focus

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"Afrika"

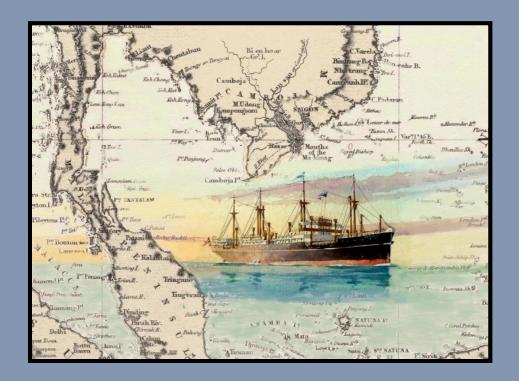


Chart scene depicting "MV Afrika", 8597 GRT, one of the first motorships built in 1920 by B&W, Copenhagen for A/S Det Ostasiatiske, Kompagni, (East Asiatic Company) Copenhagen. Seized as a war prize by HMAS Hobart on 14th April 1940 whilst on a voyage from Aden to Colombo. Transferred to British Admiralty; 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 7th 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.