

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Mrs Cherry's illustrated journey from England to Australia onboard SS ORMONDE

Date

1931-1932

Primary Maker

Mabel Edith Cherry

Medium

Watercolour on paper, ink, metal binder, cloth covered boards

Dimensions

Overall: 147 x 242 x 32 mm, 0.55 kg

Name

Painting album

History

Each watercolour from this album vibrantly and vividly depicts typical and often humorous events experienced by travellers onboard passenger voyages during the 1930s. The individual paintings capture Mrs Cherry while dining with the captain, attending fancy dress events and experiencing bouts of seasickness. Few details are known about the identity of the work's creator, Mrs M E Cherry. A newspaper clipping found inside the album, published in the Social News of an unidentified Adelaide newspaper, mentions Mrs Cherry had been visiting with her sister 'Missus Lungley' in Adelaide, and was scheduled to leave Australia for England with her children onboard SS ORMONDE. SS ORMONDE launched in 1917, was built at Clydebank, Scotland by John Brown and Co and embarked on its maiden voyage from London to Australia in 1919. In 1933 it was converted to a tourist class only ship and in 1947 commenced service from London to Australia as a one class emigrant ship. In 1939 ORMONDE was requisitioned as a troopship and took part in troop evacuations from Norway and France. ORMONDE returned to commercial service in 1947 and was broken up in Dalmuir, Scotland in 1952.