

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Orient Line to Australia

**Date**

1909-1914

**Primary Maker**

Charles Dixon

**Medium**

Colour lithograph on paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 1014 x 637 mm, 0.55 kg Display Dimensions:  
1116 x 637 mm

**Name**

Poster

**History**

The OTRANTO was one of the Orient Line's famous fleet of

five 12,000 tonne ships delivered in 1909 to fulfill the lucrative mail contract to Australia following the withdrawal of its partner, the Royal Steam Navigation Company. The ship completed its maiden voyage from London to Australia in 1909 and in 1914 was requisitioned by the Admiralty as an armed merchant cruiser. OTRANTO was hit by P&O steamer KASHMIR in 1918 whilst in convoy from New York to Liverpool with 431 lives lost - mainly US troops.