

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Orient Line RMS OTRANTO, 20,000 tons

Date

1952

Primary Maker

Orient Line

Medium

Photographic image on paper

Dimensions

Image: 85 x 133 mm Sheet: 89 x 138 mm Overall: 89 x 138 mm

Name

Postcard

History

OTRANTO entered service for the Orient Line in 1925, along with the ORONSAY, for the England to Australia route. In 1942 she was requisitioned as a landing ship - for the North Africa landings, and managed to escape major damage by German bombings. OTRANTO was later involved in returning New Zealand troops home in 1945 but was not released back to the Orient Line until 1948. After a major refit, including two outdoor pools, the OTRANTO resumed her role on the Australia run and was now primarily involved in the post WWII migration from Britain to Australia. In 1957 she suffered a series of engine problems and it was decided she would be sold to shipbreakers that year.