

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Gala dinner menu P&O SS HIMALAYA, 6 December 1954

Date

1954

Primary Maker

P&O

Medium

Paper

Dimensions

Overall: 215 mm

Name

Menu

History

The SS HIMALAYA was the first post war ship built for P & O in 1948 and was initially destined for the England - Australia route. She made her mark on her maiden voyage to Australia by cutting the travel time to Melbourne by 10 days. The HIMALAYA also featured aboard the Weir evaporating plant for distilling water fresh water from sea water which would ultimately produce over 40,000 tons of fresh water a year on board and a large refrigerated cargo hold to make each journey more profitable. The SS HIMALAYA later took on holiday cruising duties as well out of Southampton and in 1959 took the lead in the popular Pacific cruises from Sydney to Auckland, Suva, Honolulu, Vancouver and San Francisco. She was broken up in 1975.