

Basic Detail Report



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Title

SS NORSEMAN

Date

1910-1914

Primary Maker

Samuel J Hood Studio

Medium

Emulsion on nitrate film.

Name

Nitrate negative

History

NORSEMAN, originally BRASILIA, was built in 1898 and serviced the North Atlantic. It was leased to the Aberdeen Line in 1910 and placed on the London-Cape Town-Sydney route. NORSEMAN was used as a transport in the

First World War and was torpedoed in 1916. It was towed to Mudros Harbour and salvaged for scrap in 1920. The Samuel J Hood photographic collection records an extensive range of maritime activity on Sydney Harbour, including sail and steam ships, crew portraits, crews at work, ship interiors, stevedores loading and unloading cargo, port scenes, pleasure boats and harbourside social activities from the 1890s through to the 1950s. They are also highly competent artistic studies and views - Hood was regarded as an important figure in early Australian photojournalism. Hood's maritime photographs are one of the most significant collections of such work in Australia.