

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Luncheon menu from MS JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT

**Date**

11 April 1955

**Primary Maker**

Netherlands Steamship Company

**Medium**

Ink on paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 185 mm

**Name**

Menu

**History**

MV JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT was the largest motor-ship to be built in Holland at the time of its launch in Amsterdam by Nederland Shipbuilding Company, in 1929. It originally served on trade routes between the Netherlands and the East Indies, however, throughout World War II, it was requisitioned by Britain as a troop transport. In the years between 1950 and 1958, MV JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT carried Dutch and European immigrants wanting to escape their war-torn countries to Australia. The ship served as a passenger vessel until the Dutch migrant-transport charter expired in 1958. Nederland Line transformed the ship into a luxury cruise liner in 1959 and it toured from Amsterdam to England, Australia, New Zealand, South America and North America.