**RIO BLANCO**

**Adm. Service:** 1917 - 1918  
**Roles:** Expeditionary Force Transport / Ammunition Carrier / Collier Transport  
**Pennant No:** Y 2.196 / Y 3.1925  
**Official No:** 1107177  
**Signal Letters:** RHDJ  
**Tonnages:** 4014 grt 2580 nrt 7033 dwt  
**Dimensions:** 370.3 (p.p.) x 48.1 x 28.9 ft  
**Machinery:** T 3 cyl 26” 42” & 70” x 48” by Blair & Co Ltd, Stockton. 2000 ihp. **Speed:** 13 knots. Single screw.

**Background Data:**

One of a group of additional ships requisitioned for Admiralty service during WW1.

**Awaiting Photo**

**Career Data:**

10/07/1899  
Launched by Short Bros Ltd, Pallion Yard, Sunderland as Yard Nr 284 named **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** for Southern Steam Shipping Co Ltd (Lawther, Latta & Co, Managers) London.

16/09/1899  
Completed.

1908  
Sold to Nitrate Producers’ Steamship Co Ltd (Lawther, Latta & Co, Managers) London name unchanged.

1913  
Sold to Petersen & Co Ltd, London and renamed **RIO BLANCO**.

1915  

02/04/17 -  
Requisitioned for service as an Expeditionary Force Transport carrying oats from River Plate area.

10/06/17 -  
Served as an Ammunition Carrier to Northern Russia for Russian Government a/c.

11/06/17 -  
Served as a Collier

12/10/17 -  
Served as a Collier

19/01/18  
Served as a Transport carrying sugar from Cuba

20/04/18  
Served as a Collier

21/04/18 - ??  
Served as a Transport carrying sugar from Cuba

?? – 03/09/18  
Served as a Collier

04/09/18 -  
Served as a Collier

22/10/18  
Served as an Expeditionary Force Transport carrying Mediterranean stores

1919  
Sold to Thompson Steam Shipping Co Ltd (Petersen & Co Ltd, Managers) London name unchanged

1920  
Sold to Domingo Mumba S.A, Barcelona and renamed **PEPITO MUMBRU**.

16/09/21  
Was wrecked near Grimvararne 8 miles S Uto on passage Petrograd to the Tyne in ballast.