RIO CLARO

Adm. Service: 1915 - 1917
Role: Collier Transport
Tonnages: 3687 grt  2337 nrt  6150 dwt
Dimensions: 340.1 (p.p.) x 50.2 x 22.6 ft
Machinery: T 3 cyl 26½” 42” & 68” x 42” by the builders. 300 nhp. Speed: 11 knots. Single screw.

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

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Career Data:

16/02/04  Launched by W. Doxford & Sons, Pallion Yard, Sunderland as Yard Nr 316 named ELAINE for Angus Steamship Co Ltd (J.P. Bruce, Manager) Dundee
03/04  Completed
1904  Sold to Lion Line Ltd (Weddell, Turner & Co, Managers) London.
1912  Sold to European & Brazilian Shipping Co Ltd, Toronto (Petersen & Co Ltd, Managers) London and renamed RIO CLARO.
1914  Sold to London American Maritime Trading Co Ltd (Petersen & Co Ltd, Managers) London name unchanged
14/08/15 - Requisitioned for service as a Collier
25/09/15
24/12/15 - Served as a Transport carrying sugar
26/06/16
27/06/16 - ??  Served as a Collier to Northern Russia for Russian Government a/c
?? – 02/09/16  With the Commercial Branch as a Transport carrying flax
03/09/16 - Served as a Collier to Northern Russian for Russian Government a/c
19/01/17
20/01/17 - Served as a Collier
14/06/17
15/06/17 - Served as a Transport carrying sugar from Cuba
16/11/17
17/11/17 - Served as a Collier until ……
05/01/18  Torpedoed and sunk by U-63 (Kurt Hartwig) off Riva Trigoso in Rapallo Bay in position 44.13 N 09.29 E on passage Livorno to Cartagena in ballast.
12/01/18  Salvage was declared impossible, but was later salved and sold to the salvors.
03/19  The after part was raised and rebuilt with a new forepart .
1920  Sold to Societe Italiana Salvataggi e Navigazione, Livorno (as Salvors)
1923  Owners in liquidation
1924  Sold to Clorinaldo Deveto fu G.B, Genoa and renamed FOLGORE.
Q4/32  Reported broken up at Genoa by Italian breakers.