

RIO CLARO

Adm. Service: 1915 - 1917
Role: Collier Transport
Pennant No: Y 3. 833 **Official No:** 118398 **Signal Letters:** VPRH
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.

1910 Managers became Turner, Davidson & Co, 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 Carthage in ballast.

12/01/18 Salvage was declared impossible, but was later salvaged 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.