ROSE CASTLE

Adm. Service: 1917 - 1918
Role: Collier Transport
Pennant No: Y 3.1604
Official No: 137438
Signal Letters: JKNS

Tonnages: 7546 grt 4351 nrt 11300 dwt
Dimensions: 455.0 (p.p.) x 58.0 x 31.1ft
Machinery: T. 3 cyl 28½” 47” & 79” x 54” by G. Clark Ltd, Sunderland. 606 nhp. Speed: 12 knots. Single screw.

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

(Career Data:)

04/15 Completed
24/12/16 Sold to Lewis Steamship Co Ltd (T. Lewis, Manager) Liverpool name unchanged
27/04/17 - ?? Requisitioned for service as a Collier
?? – 14/05/18 With the Commercial Branch (Military a/c) as a Transport carrying nitrates
15/05/18 – 18 Served as a Transport carrying wheat from the Argentine; then on American Government service carrying stores USA / France and then finally as a Collier.
1920 Sold to Dominion Shipping Co Ltd (H. McInnes, Manager) Halifax N.S.
1938 Sold to Rose Castle Steamship Co Ltd (Donaldson Bros Ltd, Managers) Sydney N.S. name unchanged.
02/11/42 Torpedoed and sunk by U-518 (Friedrich-Wilhelm Wissman) in the North Atlantic off Bell Island NFL in position 47.36 N 52.57.30 W on passage Wabana to Sydney C.B. carrying 10,200t iron ore with the loss of 23 lives. 20 survivors were rescued by Canadian Fairmile Motor Launches.

Notes:
20 names are listed on the CWGC site