

## RIO BLANCO

**Adm. Service:** 1917 - 1918  
**Roles:** Expeditionary Force Transport / Ammunition Carrier / Collier Transport  
**Pennant No:** Y 2.196 / Y 3.1925      **Official No:** 110177      **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.

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### 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              Owners became London-American Maritime Trading Co Ltd (Petersen & Co Ltd, Managers) London name unchanged.  
02/04/17 -      Requisitioned for service as an Expeditionary Force Transport carrying oats from  
10/06/17      River Plate area.  
11/06/17 -      Served as an Ammunition Carrier to Northern Russia for Russian Government a/c.  
11/10/17  
12/10/17 -      Served as a Collier  
19/01/18  
20/01/18 -      Served as a Transport carrying sugar from Cuba  
20/04/18  
21/04/18 - ??      Served as a Collier  
?? - 03/09/18      Served as a Transport carrying sugar from Cuba  
04/09/18 -      Served as a Collier  
22/10/18  
23/10/18 - 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 Mumbra S.A, Barcelona and renamed **PEPITO MUMBRU**.  
16/09/21      Was wrecked near Grimvarne 8 miles S Uto on passage Petrograd to the Tyne in ballast.