



Ship Fact Sheet



TAKLIWA (1924)

Base data at 18 July 1924. Compiled April 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1924-1945
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Yard	Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	601
Registry	Glasgow, UK
Official number	147685
Signal letters	KRBH
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	7,936 grt
Net tonnage	3,742 nrt
Deadweight	8,060 tons
Length	142.04m (466.0ft) loa; 137.46m (451.0ft) b/p
Breadth	18.28m (60.0ft)
Depth	10.05m (33.0ft)
Draught	8.199m (26.9ft)
Engines	2 quadruple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	7,700 ihp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	16 knots (service); 16.78 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	56 first class, 80 second class, 3,302 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	9,616 cubic metres (339,584 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment*	Calcutta/Japan 'Apcar Line' service

Career

- 19.05.1924: Launched.
- 18.07.1924: Completed as *Takliwa* for British India Steam Navigation Company for the Calcutta/Japan 'Apcar' service.
- 30.10.1924: While loading at Calcutta for her second voyage to the Far East she had an outbreak of fire in the cotton cargo in No.1 hold. There was little damage to the ship but the fire and water damaged cargo had to be unloaded.
- 09.12.1924: Ran aground on Saratoga Spit in Uragakaiko Strait at the entrance to Tokyo Bay. She was refloated under her own power early the next day. Examination in dry dock on arrival back in Calcutta showed that her bows forward had enabled damage to be confined to a few corrugated frames.
- 01.1927: Rushed a battalion from Calcutta to Shanghai during the troubles in China.
- 1933/1939: Transferred to the India/East Africa service.
- 04.1940: Requisitioned for the Liner Division and assigned to be a Personnel Ship in July.
- 01.1942: Assisted in the evacuation of Singapore. She also trooped to Madagascar.
- 1943: Was present at the Sicily landings at Syracuse and Augusta.
- 1945: Joined her sister *Tairea* in repatriating POW's from Hong Kong to India.
- 15.10.1945: She had taken on board 800 Indian ex-prisoners of war at Hong Kong to return to Madras when she ran into a southwest gale in the Bay of Bengal and in the early hours she grounded on Parsons Point, Great Nicobar Island. Fire broke out in the stokehold an hour later and, although all were got safely off and taken on board the landing ship HMS *Sainfoin*, the ship was completely burnt out. She subsequently broke her back and had to be abandoned as a total loss.

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