



# MV Cardita (+1942)

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## Details

### general

nationality: [british](#)  
 purpose: [transport](#)  
 type: [tanker](#)  
 propulsion: [motor vessel](#)  
 date built: 1931

### details

weight (tons): 8237 grt  
 dimensions: 142,3 x 18,9 x 10,4 m  
 engine: 2x 6cyl diesel engines, twin screws  
 power: 4000 i.h.p.  
 speed: 12.5 knots

### about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)  
 date lost: [03/01/1942](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]  
 casualties:

### about people

builder: [Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Newcastle-Upon-Tyne](#)  
 owner: [Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd., London](#)  
 captain:

### about the wreck

depth:  
 orientation:  
 protected:  
 war grave:

### updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)  
 entered: 03/09/2006  
 last update: [Vleqqeert Nico](#)  
 last update: 10/09/2009

## Position

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latitude: 59°42'00" N  
 longitude: 011°48'00" W  
 system: WGS84  
 division: 1'=60"

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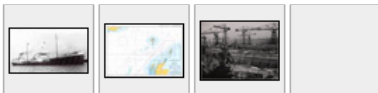
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## History

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Cardita was a British motor tanker of 8237 tons and built in 1931 - Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Wallsend and owned by Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd ('Shell Oil'), London. On the 31st December 1941 when on route from Curaçao and Halifax for Shell Haven in HX -166 as a straggler carrying a cargo of 11500 tons of gasoline and white spirit she was torpedoed by U-87 and sunk. 27 crew lost from a total complement of 60.

The ship did not sink but stayed afloat for three days. On 3 January 1942 it was no longer possible to navigate the ship and the Master decided to abandon ship. The ship foundered that day at 59 42' N-11 58' W.

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## Documents

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## About Builder(s)



[Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Newcastle-Upon-Tyne](#)

From: [Janes Fighting Ships 1919](#)  
 SWAN, HUNTER & WIGHAM RICHARDSON, LTD. (WALLSEND-ON-TYNE), Twenty-one building berths, fifteen of which are served by overhead electric cranes. Four berths covered in. Employees : about 8000. Annual gross shipbuilding capacity (1918) : 150,000 tons. Engine works : 100,000 H.P. output per year. The dry docks dept, includes a large repairing yard with two graving docks and two floating docks. Engine works have developed the Neptune and Polar marine oil engines. Total area of works : 78 acres. Water frontage : 4000 ft. Shipyard also at Southwick-on-Wear, with three building berths. Allied firms are the Wallsend Slipway & Engineering Co., Ltd., Wallsend ; Barclay, Curle & Co., Ltd., of Whiteinch, Govan. Elderslie and Glasgow.



LAT: 58°38,4XXN LON: 3°37,2XXW

