



MV Harpa (+1942)

Details

general

nationality: [british](#)
 purpose: [transport](#)
 type: [tanker](#)
 propulsion: [motor vessel](#)
 date built: 1930
 is nickname: no
 status: unknown



details

weight (tons): 3007 grt
 dimensions: 96,1 × 15,26 × 5,87 m
 engine: 2x 6cyl diesel engines, twin screws
 armament: armed merchant ship
 power: 380 n.h.p.
 speed: 9 knots

about the loss

cause lost: [mine](#)
 date lost: [27/01/1942](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties: † [35](#) [rank 376](#)

about people

builder:  [Hawthorn Leslie & Co. Ltd. \(R & W Hawthorn\), Hebburn-On-Tyne](#)
 owner:  [Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd., London](#)
 captain: Charles Alexander Howarth
 complement: 2
 no. of crew: 37

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:
 war grave:

updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
 entered: 17/01/2008
 last update: [Vleggeert Nico](#)
 last update: 08/07/2010

Position

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The Wreck today

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Pictures



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[Hawthorn Leslie Hebburn Yard](#)

1946

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History

[Allen Tony](#) 17/01/2008

MV Harpa was a tanker of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company (later Royal Dutch/Shell). Built by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. Ltd. in Hebburn, England. Build number 575, callsign GTQK, launched 5th December 1930. Was in service with the British Merchant Navy during World War II and bombed on the 22nd December 1941 at Port Swettenham, with the loss of 4 engineering officers. Was sunk by a British sea mine in Main Strait, Singapore en route to Batavia with a full cargo of aviation spirit on the 27th January 1942 with the loss of 7 British officers and 25 Chinese crew:

[insert new history](#)

Documents

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About Builder(s)



[Hawthorn Leslie & Co. Ltd. \(R & W Hawthorn\), Hebburn-On-Tyne](#)
 Extracted from "Jane's Fighting Ships for 1919" Hawthorn Leslie. R. & W. HAWTHORN, LESLIE & CO., LTD. (HEBBURN YARD, HEBBURN-ON-TYNE). Twelve slips up to 700 ft. long. One dock : 460 x 68 x 21 ft. on blocks. 26 ft. draught of quay at low water. Engine department of 150,000 I.H.P. per annum. Designers and builders of cruisers, destroyers and other warship types. Engine every type of war vessel. Builders of locomotives for main line service and works. Employees: 6-7,000.