



SS Havre (+1942)

Details

general

nationality: [british](#)
 purpose: [transport](#)
 type: [cargo](#)
 propulsion: [steamer](#)
 date built: 1905
 is nickname: no
 status: unknown



details

weight (tons): 2073 grt
 dimensions: 91,1 x 11,9 x 6,8 m
 material: steel
 engine: [triple expansion](#) engine
 armament: armed merchant ship
 power: 274 n.h.p.
 speed: 8 knots

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
 date lost: [10/06/1942](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties: † [20 rank 391](#)

about people

builder:  [Gray William & Co., Ltd., West Hartlepool \(Sunderland\)](#)
 owner:  [Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd., London](#)
 captain: George Christopher Pearson
 complement: 5

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:
 war grave:

references

reference(s): [www.uboot.net](#)

updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
 entered: 30/12/2007
 last update: [Vleqgeert Nico](#)
 last update: 29/07/2010

Position

[Allen Tony](#) 30/12/2007

latitude: 31°10'0X" N
 longitude: 028°36'0X" E
 system: ED50
 division: 1'=60"
 remarks: Position is PA.
 ref. used: [www.ubootwaffe.net](#)

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The Wreck today

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Pictures



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History

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Havre SS was a British Cargo Steamer of 2,073 tons built in 1905. On the 10th June 1942 when on route from ALEXANDRIA for TOBRUK carrying a cargo of 2,125 tons of cased benzine she was torpedoed by German submarine U-431 and sunk. 20 crew lost from a total of 45.

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Documents

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About Builder(s)



[Gray William & Co., Ltd., West Hartlepool \(Sunderland\)](#)
 William Gray and Company of Central Marine Engineering Works, West Hartlepool, was a shipbuilding firm from 1874-1963. They were the largest firm of shipbuilders in the Hartlepoons and also lasted longer than any other local shipbuilding firm. For a hundred years the company ensured the towns' prosperity by giving jobs to thousands of local people. - - - - - William Gray and Co always maintained its reputation for being in the vanguard of technological and technical innovation. The company regularly topped the output for British shipyards in the last decade of the nineteenth and early 20th century. Between 1883 and 1887 the yard expanded through the acquisition of one ten acre site (Central) and a three berth shipyard (Jackson). Towards the end of the 19th century, demand was for bigger ships which could carry more cargo. This led to the opening, in 1887, of another Gray shipyard at the end of the Central Dock. In 1890 William Gray was knighted. He was active in the civil life of Hartlepool having been the first mayor of West Hartlepool among many other achievements. In 1896 Matthew Gray died in 1896, followed two years later by both Sir William Gray, and Thomas Mudd. This left Sir William's younger son, William Cresswell Gray, as Chairman of the company. In 1898 Sir William Gray died. His surviving son William Cresswell Gray became director of the yards. During WWI output was 30 cargo-liners and tramps built to private order, 13 vessels built to Admiralty order and 30 standard "WAR" tramps built for the Shipping Controller. King George V and Queen Mary visited the yard to boost morale. The yard had a 100-ton hammer head crane which was a Hartlepool landmark until it was demolished in the 1960s. The Company went into voluntary liquidation in 1962. The various yards were either acquired, auctioned or demolished in 1963.



LAT: 33°34,0XXN LON: 36°35,0XXE

