



SS San Gerardo (+1942)

Details

general

nationality: [british](#)
 purpose: [transport](#)
 type: [tanker](#)
 propulsion: [steamer](#)
 date built: 1922

details

weight (tons): 12915 grt
 dimensions: 168,4 x 20,9 x 12,8 m
 engine: 3 steam [turbines](#) geared to 1 screwshaft
 power: 913 n.h.p.
 speed: 10 knots

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
 date lost: [31/03/1942](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties:

about people

builder:  [Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Co. Ltd., Newcastle-Upon-Tyne](#)

owner:  [Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd., London](#)

captain:

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:

updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
 entered: 04/05/2009
 last update: [Vleqqeert Nico](#)
 last update: 10/10/2009

Position

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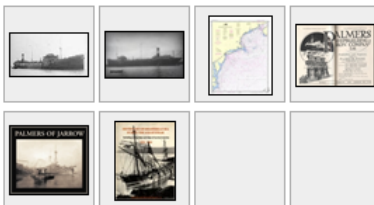
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History

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The British tanker San Gerardo SS, Capt. S. Foley, was some 700 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, on March 31st, 1942, when she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine U-71. Capt. Foley and 50 others were lost. The tanker was not in convoy.

About Builder(s)



[Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Co. Ltd., Newcastle-Upon-Tyne](#)

Original founders: Brothers Charles Mark and George Palmer from Jarrow, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. - - Charles Palmer established a yard at Jarrow in 1851 and built its first iron collier 'The John Bowes' in the following year. It was the first ever sea-going screw collier and was built for shipping coal to London. Palmers were also famed for building the first rolled armour plates for warships in 1854.

