Kikusui Maru [+1944]

details

general

nationality:	japanese
purpose:	transport
type:	tanker
propulsion:	steam
date built:	1918
status:	unknown

details

weight (tons):	3887 nrt
dimensions :	99,7 x 14,8 x 7,8 m
engine:	triple expansion engine
power:	2000 h.p.
speed:	11 knots

about the loss

cause lost:	torpedo
date lost:	24/10/1944 [dd/mm/yyyy]
casualties:	

about people

builder:	Gebroeders Pot N. V., Bolnes
owner:	Japanese Government
captain:	

about the wreck

depth (m.):	2500 max. / -- min. (m)
orientation:	
protected:	
war grave:	

updates

entered by:	Allen Tony
entered:	03/08/2008
last update:	Lettens Jan
last update:	24/08/2012

Position

[1] Lettens Jan 24/08/2012

latitude:	hydro member
longitude:	hydro member
AIS:	check AIS
mark	add position to my marks (+/-5miles)
dist. homeport:	dist. homeport

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The Wreck today

Pictures

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Kikusui Maru under her former name Iris.

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ref. used: [1] Koos Los
            [2] cnooks.nl

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History

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On October 24th, 1944, U.S. submarine USS Snook (SS-279 Lt.Cdr. G.H. Browne) torpedoes and sinks the army cargo ships Arisan Maru and Sinsei Maru No.1.

Arisan Maru, takes 1777 souls, mainly American prisoners with her, causing the greatest maritime disaster ever for the US.

Army tanker Kikusui Maru sinks as well as the result of damage inflicted by Snook the day before.

ref. used Official Chronology of the U.S. Navy in WWII

Allen Tony 03/08/2008

Kikusui Maru was a Japanese Tanker of 3,887 tons. She was formerly the Dutch Tanker IRIS which was scuttled on the 15th February 1942 near Palembang to avoid capture by the Japanese. She was salvaged by the IJN, renamed Kikusui Maru. She was sunk by torpedo from the American submarine USS Snook on the 24th October 1944, north west of Luzon.

ref. used Allied Merchant Ship Losses in the Pacific & SE Asia

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