

# List of Empire ships - A



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The **Empire ships** were a series of ships in the service of the British Government. Their names were all prefixed with "Empire". Mostly they were used during World War II by the Ministry of War Transport (MoWT), who owned the ships but contracted out their management to various shipping lines. Some ships requisitioned during the Suez Crisis were also given the *Empire* prefix. They were acquired from a number of sources. Many were built for the MoWT, others obtained from the USA, still others were captured or seized from enemy powers.

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## Suffix beginning with A

### Empire Abbey

*Empire Abbey* was a 7,032 GRT refrigerated cargo ship built in 1943 by Shipbuilding Corporation Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne and managed by Elder & Fyffes Ltd. Sold to Royal Mail Lines and renamed *Teviot* in 1946. Sold to Mullion & Co., Hong Kong in 1960 and renamed *Ardellis*. Sold to Hai An Shipping Co., Hong Kong and renamed *Tung An* in 1963. Scrapped in Taiwan in 1967.

### Empire Abercorn

*Empire Abercorn* was a 8,563 GRT refrigerated cargo ship built in 1945 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast and managed by New Zealand Shipping Co., London. Sold to New Zealand Shipping Co. in 1946 and renamed *Rakaia*. Sold to Federal Steam Navigation Co. in 1966. Scrapped in Hong Kong in 1971.

### Empire Ability

*Empire Ability* was a 7,603 GRT cargo ship built in 1931 by Deutsche Schiff- und Maschinenbau AG, Bremen. Originally owned by Hansa Line, Bremen and named *Uhenfels*. Captured by HMS *Hereward* off Freetown 5 November 1940. Renamed *Empire Ability*, managed by Elder Dempster Lines. Sunk by *U-96* 27 June 1941 at 23°50′N 21°10′W.

### Empire Ace

*Empire Ace* was a 276 GRT coastal tug built by Cochrane & Sons, Selby. Launched on 12 September 1942 and completed in December 1942. Sent to Malta where she was sunk in an air raid on 15 March 1944. Salvaged on 10 May and repaired. To the Admiralty in 1947 and renamed *Diligent*. To the Secretary of State for Defence in 1961 and renamed *Empire Ace*. On loan to the US Navy . To Ministry of Defence in December 1964. Ran aground at Campbelltown on 11 November 1968 and abandoned. Refloated in June 1969 but a constructive total loss. Scrapped at Campbelltown in 1971.

### Empire Activity (I)

*Empire Activity* was a 5,287 GRT cargo ship built in 1919 by Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson Ltd., Wallsend. Originally named *Belgian* and owned by Frederick Leyland Line, Liverpool. Sold in 1934 to Achille Lauro, Naples and renamed *Amelia Lauro*. Seized at Immingham 10 June 1940. Renamed *Empire Activity* in 1941, managed by Galbraith, Pembroke & Co. Wrecked off

## Empire Alderney

*Empire Alderney* was a 288 GRT coastal tanker built in 1944 by J Harker Ltd., Knottingley. Sold in 1946 to Norsk Tankanlaeg A/S, Norway and renamed *MIL 50*. Sold in 1955 to Partenrederei Max S, Germany and renamed *Max S*. Sold in 1958 to Marina Mercante Nicaraguense, Nicaragua. Sold in 1959 to Compagnia Maritima Mundial, Nicaragua. Sold in 1980 to Trafford Holdings Ltd., Cayman Islands.

## Empire Aldgate

*Empire Aldgate* was a 3,485 GRT heavy lift ship built in 1945 by William Gray & Co. Ltd., West Hartlepool. Sold in 1946 to the Rodney Steamship Co., London and renamed *Thackeray*. Sold in 1951 to Silvertown Services Ltd and renamed *Sugar Refiner*. Sold in 1958 to Valck & Monkton, Valparaiso and renamed *San Patricio*. Sold in 1962 to World Maritime Co., Liberia who sold her in 1965 to Altair Maritime Corporation, Liberia. Abandoned at Tarragona in 1965 and scrapped at Cartagena in 1967.

## Empire Alfred

*Empire Alfred* was a 242 GRT ocean going tug built by J S Watson Ltd., Gainsborough. Launched on 5 September 1944 and completed in October 1944. Sold in 1946 to the French Government and renamed *Muscle*. Sold in 1951 to Les Abeilles Compagnie des Remorquage Sauvignon, Le Havre and renamed *Abeille No. 22*. Scrapped at Le Havre in June 1969.

## Empire Allenby

*Empire Allenby* was a 9,904 GRT cargo ship built by J L Thompson & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Managed by Prince Line. Sold in 1946 to Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. Ltd. and renamed *Drakensburg Castle*. Scrapped in Hong Kong in 1959.

## Empire Alliance

*Empire Alliance* was a 9,909 GRT tanker built in 1945 by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland and managed by Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., London. Sold in 1945 to British Tanker Co and renamed *British Dragoon*. Scrapped at Blyth in 1962.

## Empire Almond

*Empire Almond* was a 6,860 GRT cargo ship built in 1941 by Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co Ltd, Hong Kong and managed by W Runciman & Co. Ltd. Management passed to Coolham Steamship Co. Ltd. in 1943. Sold to Kaye, Son & Co., London in 1946 and renamed *Marquita*. Renamed *Marshland* in 1951, sold in 1960 to Polish Steamship Company, Szczecin and renamed *Huta Zgoda*. Converted to a floating warehouse in 1969 and renamed *MP-Zozie-12* Scrapped at Faslane in 1978.

## Empire Amethyst

*Empire Amethyst* was a 8,032 GRT tanker built in 1941 by Furness Shipbuilding Ltd, Haverton Hill-on-Tees. Torpedoed and sunk by *U-154* on 13 April 1942 at 17°40'N 74°50'W.

## Empire Andrew

*Empire Andrew* was a 138 GRT estuary tug built by R Dunston Ltd., Thorne. Launched on 27 November 1943 and completed in February 1944. Sold in 1948 to the Polish Government and

*Empire Bank* was a 402 GRT coaster which was built by Henry Scarr Ltd, Hesse. Launched on 12 April 1941 and completed in August 1941. Sold in 1946 to Metcalfe Motor Coasters Ltd, London and renamed *Rose-Julie M.* Sold in 1956 to MAC Shipping Co Ltd, Glasgow. Operated under the management of T J Metcalf, London. Scrapped in January 1966 at Queenborough, Kent.

## Empire Banner

*Empire Banner* was a 6,699 GRT<sup>[2]</sup> cargo ship which was built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 29 June 1942 and completed in September 1942. Sunk by *U-77* on 7 February 1943 off Algeria (36°48′N 01°32′E)

## Empire Barbados

*Empire Barbados* was a 3,538 GRT cargo ship which was built by Wm Gray & Co Ltd, West Hartlepool. Launched on 28 December 1944 and completed in March 1945. Sold in 1948 to the Rodney Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Tennyson*. Operated under the management of the Anglo-Danubian Shipping Co Ltd, London. Sold in 1950 to T Stone (Shipping) Ltd and renamed *Berylstone*. Operated under the management of Stone & Rolfe Ltd, Swansea. Sold in 1960 to Compagnia Navigazione Zannis and renamed *Manticos*. Operated under the management of A Halcoussis & Co, Greece. Developed a leak 210 nautical miles (390 km) south of Dakar, Senegal on 8 October 1963. Although a tug assisted with pumping the ship out from 16 October, *Manticos* sank on 22 October.

## Empire Barbara

*Empire Barbara* was a 275 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 5 October 1944 and completed in February 1945. To the Admiralty in 1947 and renamed *Adept*. Sold to the Government of Ceylon and renamed *Aliya*. Allocated to the Royal Ceylon Navy. Refitted in 1964. Sold to Steel Corporation of Sri Lanka for scrapping in 1978.

## Empire Bard

*Empire Bard* was a 3,114 GRT heavy lift ship which was built by Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd, Dundee. Launched on 30 December 1941 and completed in March 1942. Sold in 1946 to Dundee, Perth & London Shipping Co Ltd, Dundee and renamed *Angusburn*. Sold to Rederei A/B Hildegaard in 1955 and renamed *Brettenham*. Operated under the management of F Lundqvist, Finland. Arrived at Cartagena, Spain on 14 April 1971 for scrapping.

## Empire Bardolph

*Empire Bardolph* was a 7,017 GRT cargo ship which was built by Short Brothers Ltd Sunderland. Launched on 8 December 1942 and completed in March 1943. Sold in 1946 to Lamport & Holt Line Ltd and renamed *Memling*. Sold in 1953 to Blue Star Line and renamed *Vancouver Star*. Renamed *Memling* in 1957. Arrived at Vlissingen on 23 October 1959 for scrapping.

## Empire Barkis

*Empire Barkis* was a 340 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Rowhedge Iron Works Ltd, Rowhedge, Essex. Launched on 8 June 1944 and completed in August 1944. Sold to Van Castricum & Co Ltd, London and renamed *Sodok*. Sold in 1947 to Shell Company of Singapore Ltd and renamed *Guntur*. Sold in 1962 to Madam Dolly Seah, Singapore. Sold in 1972 to P T Perusahaan Pelayaran Palka Utama, Indonesia.

## Empire Barnaby

aground on 3 October 1951 at Reedness, and rolled over the next day. Salvage commenced in December 1951 but was suspended in October 1952. When salvage recommenced in April 1953 *Saltfleet* had broken her back. The wreck was cut in two in March 1954, with the bow section raised on 28 May 1954 and scrapped. The stern section was refloated in September 1954 and moved up-river, it was scrapped in October 1954.

### **Empire Chief**

*Empire Chief* was a 8,040 GRT tanker which was built by Palmers Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched in 1897 as *Montcalm* for Beaver Line. Passed to Canadian Pacific Steamships in 1903 when Beaver Line was taken over. Requisitioned in 1914 by the Admiralty and converted to a dummy warship HMS *Audacious*. Intended use as a blockship in 1915 but later converted to a stores ship. To the British Shipping Controller in 1916 and converted to a tanker. Operated under the management of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company and renamed *Crenella*. Torpedoed in November 1917 but managed to reach a port, subsequently repaired. Sold in 1919 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum and then in 1920 to Runciman & Co but laid up. Sold in 1923 to C Neilson & Co, Norway and renamed *Rey Alfonso*. Converted to a whale oil depot ship. Sold in 1927 and renamed *Anglo-Norse*, flying the British flag. Sold in 1929 to Falkland Whaling Company. Rebuilt as a pelagic whaler in Gothenburg and renamed *Polar Chief*. Operated under the management of the South Georgia Company. Laid up in Tønsberg in September 1939. Escaped to UK before the German invasion of Norway. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Chief*. Aground on 16 January 1942 at Reykjavik. Refloated on 7 March 1942 and temporary repairs made. Towed to UK in May 1942. To Falkland Whaling Company in August 1946 and renamed *Polar Chief*. Arrived in April 1952 at Dalmuir for scrapping. Hulk towed to Troon in July 1952 for demolition.

### **Empire Chieftain**

*Empire Chieftain* was a 9,904 GRT heavy lift ship which was built by Furness Shipbuilding Ltd, Haverton Hill-on-Tees. Launched on 20 May 1943 and completed in October 1943. Sold in 1946 to Royal Mail Lines and renamed *Loch Ryan*. Sold in 1960 to Argonaut Shipping & Trading Co Ltd, London and renamed *Fair Ryan*. Arrived on 2 July 1960 at Nagasaki for scrapping.

### **Empire Chivalry**

*Empire Chivalry* was a 6,007 GRT cargo ship which was built by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched in 1937 as *Inoksi* for T & J Harrison Ltd, Liverpool. Hired on 15 August 1940 by Royal Navy for use as an ocean boarding vessel. Sunk in air raid on 7 September 1940 at Royal Albert Dock, London. Refloated on 4 October 1940 and rebuilt. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Chivalry*. To T & J Harrison in 1946 and renamed *Planter*. Scrapped in 1958 at Ghent, Belgium.

### **Empire Chlorine**

*Empire Chlorine* was a 307 GRT coastal tanker which was built by D W Kremer Sohn, Elmshorn. Launched in 1939 as cargo ship *Trave* for Lübeck-Wyberger Dampfschiff Gesellschaft, Lübeck. Taken in May 1945 as war prize at Flensburg in a damaged condition. Towed to Methil. To MoWT in October 1945. Laid up until 1952 when converted for carriage of corrosive acids. Returned to West German Government in 1953 and then to Lübeck-Wyberger Dampfschiff Gesellschaft and renamed *Trave*. Sold in 1954 to A/S Klorslag, Norway and renamed *Hybo*, then *Hyborg* and *Uniklor*. New diesel engine fitted in 1963. Sold in 1978 to F Skeine, Norway and renamed *Frisnes*.

### **Empire Christopher**

*Empire Christopher* was a 275 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched

Channel and wrecked.

## Empire Concrete

*Empire Concrete* was a 1,696 GRT cargo ship which was built by Neptun AG, Rostock. Launched in 1927 as *Theresia L M Russ* for Ernst Russ, Hamburg. Seized in May 1945 at Copenhagen. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Concrete*. Allocated to the Netherlands in 1946, to Dutch Government and renamed *Velsen*. Sold in 1947 to Wm H Muller & Co NV, Rotterdam and renamed *Cronenburgh*. Sold in 1955 to U Gennari & Co, Italy and renamed *Astor*. Operated under the management of Compagnia de Navigazione Cargo Carriers, Panama. Suffered boiler damage on 15 February 1970 between Algiers and Oran. Scrapped in April 1970 at Spezia, Italy.

## Empire Condart

*Empire Condart* was a 310 GRT coaster which was built by Lidingö Nya Varv & Vaerkstaeder, Lidingö, Sweden. Launched in 1943 as *Glucksberg* for German owners. Renamed *Stadt Glucksberg* in 1944. Seized in May 1945 at Hamburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Condart*. Sold in 1947 to Plym Shipping Co Ltd, Plymouth. Lengthened in 1952, increased to 423 GRT. Sold in 1957 to Instone Lines Ltd, London and renamed *Seashell*. Scrapped in December 1968 at Tamise, Belgium.

## Empire Condee

*Empire Condee* was a 215 GRT coaster which was built by Van Diepen Scheepswerf Gebroeders NV, Waterhuizen, Netherlands. Launched in 1938 as *Hermann Litmeyer* for Maria Litmeyer, Haren-Ems, Germany. Seized in May 1945 at Nyborg, Denmark. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Condee*. Sold in 1947 to Plym Shipping Co, Plymouth and renamed *Condee*. Sold in 1950 to Wm H Muller & Co (London) Ltd and renamed *Aisne*. Sold in 1960 to Channel Shipping Ltd, Jersey and renamed *Clary*. Sold in 1976 to M Garzon, Tangier and renamed *Marie Elizabeth*. On 20 February 1976 she suffered a fire at Barcelona and was severely damaged. Declared a total loss.

## Empire Conderton

*Empire Conderton* was a 1,558 GRT cargo ship built by Blyth Shipbuilding and Drydock Co Ltd. Launched in 1912 at *Thyra Menier*. Sold in 1918 to F Lecoeuve, Belgium and renamed *Luis Pidal*. Sold in 1925 to Puglisi & Tomasini, Italy and renamed *Bellini'*. Sold in 1928 to August Bolten, Germany and renamed *Bollan*. Sold in 1936 to Fisser & Van Doornum, Emden and renamed *Lina Fisser*. Seized in May 1945 at Kiel. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Conderton*. Sold in 1947 to J P Moschakis Ltd, London and renamed *Marchmont*. Sold in 1952 to A Moschakis Ltd, London and renamed *Irene*. Sold in 1955 to Tampa Shipping Ltd, Nova Scotia. Sold in 1957 to Marine Industries Ltd, Montreal. Scrapped in October 1957 at Sorel, Canada.

## Empire Condicote

*Empire Condicote* was a 1,000 GRT coaster which was built by Union Giesserei, Königsberg. Launched in 1923 as *Pickhuben* for H M Gehrckens, Hamburg. Seized in May 1945 at Lübeck. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Condicote*. Allocated in 1946 to Norway. To Norwegian Government and renamed *Grimsnæs*. Sold in 1947 to Stavanger Steamship Co, Stavanger and renamed *Tungenes*. Scrapped in June 1961 at Zalzate, Belgium.

## Empire Condor

*Empire Condor* was a 998 GRT coaster which was built by Nordseewerke, Emden. Launched in 1926 as *Amrum*. Sold in 1931 to W Schuchmann, Bremerhaven and renamed *Quersee*. Seized in

*Empire Continent* was a 842 GRT coaster which was built by Kjobhavens F & S, Copenhagen. Launched in 1908 as *Laura*. Sold in 1935 to Wendenhof Reederei GmbH, Wismar and renamed *Sylt*. Requisitioned in 1940 by the Kriegsmarine. Seized in May 1945 at Trondheim, Norway. to MoWT and renamed *Empire Continent*. Sold in 1947 to A G Tsavlis Ltd, London and renamed *Master Nicolas*. Sold in 1952 to N T Papadatos, Greece and renamed *Soussana II*. Sold in 1955 to L G Matsas, Greece and renamed *Georgios Matsas*. Struck rocks on 18 April 1955 at Muros, Spain and subsequently sank. Refloated on 17 June 1955, declared a constructive total loss but sold and repaired. To Dabaco & Co, Panama and renamed *Sur*. Scrapped in August 1965 in Santander, Spain.

## Empire Contour

*Empire Contour* was a 965 GRT coaster which was built by F Schichau GmbH, Elbing. Launched in 1922 as *Tertia*. Sold in 1932 to Horn Dampschiff Rhederei Akt, Germany and renamed *Hornland*. Sold in 1926 to Norddeutscher Lloyd, Germany and renamed *Taube*. Sold in 1933 to Argo Line, Bremen. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Contour*. Allocated in 1946 to Belgium. To Vloeberghs Reederij, Belgium and renamed *Jean Marie*. Sank on 12 December 1951 in Baltic Sea (58°40'N 20°30'E) after cargo shifted while on a voyage from Kotka to Ostend.

## Empire Contract

*Empire Contract* was a 965 GRT coaster which was built by Norderwerft AG, Hamburg. Launched in 1925 as *Wideau* for Bugsier Line, Hamburg. Seized in May 1945 at Hamburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Contract*. Allocated in 1945 to Greece. To Greek Government and renamed 'Heraklion. Sold in 1948 to Lakoniki Steamship Navigation Co and renamed Laconia. Operated under the management of I Tsengas & Co, Greece. Sold in 1954 to Hellenic Levant Line, Greece. Sold in 1964 to J Alexatos, Greece. Sold in 1965 to Sinai Manganese Co, Egypt and renamed Manganese.

## Empire Control

*Empire Control* was a 5,703 GRT tanker which was built by Reiherstieg Schiffswerft & Maschinenfabrik, Hamburg. Launched in 1913 as *Wotan* for the Deutsche-Amerikan Petroleum Co. One of the first diesel powered ocean going ships. Allocated to USA after the First World War, to Standard Oil Co. Sailed from London on 22 December 1920 bound for New York but suffered engine trouble on voyage. Laid up at Baltimore. Sold in 1927 to Compagnia Italiana Trasporto Olii Minerali, Genoa. Re-engined with a triple expansion steam engine and renamed *Gianna*, now 5,612 GRT. Captured in May 1941 by HMS *Hilary* when north of the Canary Islands. Escorted to Belfast. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Control*. Laid up in 1945 at Falmouth, intended for conversion to a factory ship. Sold in 1948 to Shell Company of Gibraltar Ltd and renamed *Kleinella*. Used as a storage hulk at Gibraltar. Scrapped in December 1953 at Dunston on Tyne, Northumberland.

## Empire Contyne

*Empire Contyne* was a 1,935 GRT cargo ship which was built by Flensburger Schiff-Gesellschaft. Launched in 1945 as *Rodenbeck* for Knohr & Burchard, Germany. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Contyne*. Allocated in 1946 to USA, to United States Maritime Commission (USMC). To Smith-Johnson Steamship Corporation, New York in 1948. Sold in 1952 to Compagnia Maritime Estrella, Panama and renamed *Aenos*. Operated under the management of P D Marchessini & Co. Sold in 1963 to Southern Star Shipping Co Ltd, Liberia and renamed *Marlin*. Cargo shifted on 18 October 1965 when ship was 130 nautical miles (240 km) off Cape Fear, North Carolina. Sank at 34°38'N 75°32'W. Was on a voyage from Tampa, Florida to Port Williams, Nova Scotia.

*Empire Conyngham* was a 1,408 GRT cargo ship which was built by Neptun AG, Rostock. Launched in 1899 as *Marie*. Sold in 1923 to Ozean Dampschiff AG, Germany and renamed *Norburg*. Sold in 1925 to Latvian Government and renamed *Gauja*. Captured on 8 June 1941 in the Baltic by the Kriegsmarine. To Otto Wiggers, Rostock and renamed *Freidrich*. Seized in May 1945, to MoWT and renamed *Empire Conyngham*. Scuttled on 20 June 1946 with a cargo of obsolete bombs at 47°52'N 8°51'W.

## Empire Copperfield

*Empire Copperfield* was a 5,998 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Pickersgill & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 16 July 1943 and completed in September 1943. Sold in 1946 to I Williams & Co Ltd, Cardiff and renamed *Graigwen*. Sold in 1958 to Great Eastern Shipping Company, Bombay and renamed *Jag Devi*. Arrived on 19 July 1963 at Bombay for scrapping.

## Empire Coppice

*Empire Coppice* was a 814 GRT coaster which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 27 March 1943 and completed in June 1943. Sold in 1948 to Kuwait Oil Co Ltd and renamed *Amin*. Operated under the management of Anglo-Iranian Oil Co Ltd. To Shell Mex & BP Ltd in 1953 and renamed *Shell Fitter*. Sold in 1964 to D I Philippopoulos, Greece and renamed *Aliki*. Sold in 1966 to Naftiki Adrotiki, Greece, then sold in 1968 to Marine Water Supply Co Ltd, Greece. Scrapped in September 1969 at Perama, Greece.

## Empire Coral

*Empire Coral* was a 8,602 GRT tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 11 February 1941 and completed in April 1941. Sold in 1946 to British Empire Steam Navigation Co Ltd and renamed *Derwent River*. Operated under the management of Furness, Withy & Co Ltd. sold in 1947 to Northern Petroleum Tankship Co Ltd and renamed *Derwentfield*. Operated under the management of Hunting & Son Ltd. On 1 September 1952 extensively damaged by explosions and subsequent fire during tank cleaning at Balik Papan, [[[Borneo]]]. Ship abandoned on 16 September 1952 as a constructive total loss. Refloated in 1953 and sold to Compagnia Globo de Navigazione SA, Panama. Arrived on 15 May 1953 at Osaka, Japan for repairs. Uneconomic to repair and beached in Kitzu River, Osaka. Scrapping commenced on 21 August 1953.

## Empire Cormorant

*Empire Cormorant* was a 5,760 GRT cargo ship which was built by Northwest Steel Co, Portland, Oregon. Ordered by the CGT as *Aisne* but launched in August 1918 as *Western Maid* for United States Shipping Board (USSB). To USMC in 1937, then MoWT in 1941 and renamed *Empire Cormorant*. Scuttled on 1 October 1945 in the Bay of Biscay with a load of chemical ammunition.

## Empire Corporal

*Empire Corporal* was a 6,972 GRT tanker which was built by Palmers Ltd, Jarrow. Launched in 1922 as *British Corporal* for British Tanker Co Ltd. Damaged on 4 July 1940 by German E-boats in the English Channel. Anchored at Portland and later towed to Southampton. To MoWT, repaired and renamed *Empire Corporal*. Torpedoed and sunk by *U-598* off Cuba (21°45'N 76°10'W) while on a voyage from Curaçao to Key West, Florida.

## Empire Cougar



Co Ltd and renamed *Springcreek*. Sold in 1948 to E J & W Goldsmith Ltd, London and renamed *Goldcreek*. Sold in 1951 to J Carter (Poole) Ltd, Poole and renamed *Milborne*. Sold in 1964 to S Skordalakis, Greece and renamed *Georgios*. Sold in 1978 to Zoegeorge SA, Panama and renamed *Ulysses*. Ran aground on 20 December 1979 near Naples and wrecked.

### Empire Crest

*Empire Crest* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 7 July 1944 and completed in September 1944. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Bursa*. Sold in 1955 to Shell Tankers Ltd, operated under the management of Shell Petroleum Co Ltd. Scrapped in July 1961 at Sungei Perampuan, Singapore.

### Empire Cricketer

*Empire Cricketer* was a 200 GRT coaster which was built by I Pimblott & Sons Ltd, Northwich. Launched on 18 September 1943 and completed in February 1944. Sold in 1946 to M/S Straum, Norway and renamed *Havstraum*. Operated under the management of A Utkilen, Norway. Sold in 1967 to A A Rasmussen, Norway and renamed *Anne Berith*. Sold in 1970 to Per Hagen, Norway and renamed *Akstank*. New diesel engine fitted in 1971. Sold in 1977 to Bulk Product Shipping Trading (Pte) Ltd, Singapore and renamed *High Heat*.

### Empire Crocus

*Empire Crocus* was a 341 GRT coaster which was built by Noord Nederland Scheepsmakkerij, Groningen. Launched in 1936 as *Dr Colijn* for M Oosterhuis, [[[Delfzijl]]]. Requisitioned in 1940 by MoWT and renamed *Empire Crocus*. Sold in 1947 to H P Marshall & Co, Middlesbrough and renamed *Stainton*. Sold in 1951 to Mountwood Shipping Co, Liverpool and renamed *Benwood*. Sold in 1955 to Rederi A/B Selen, Finland and renamed *Monica*. Sold in 1957 to N O Olausson, Sweden and renamed *Mona*. Sold in 1963 to J L Hansen, Denmark and renamed *Scantic*. Foundered on 7 December 1964 in St Georges Channel 51°10'N 7°15'W.

### Empire Cromer

*Empire Cromer* was a 7,058 GRT cargo ship which was built by Short Brothers Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 21 December 1943 and completed in April 1944. Sold in 1946 to Donaldson Line, Glasgow and renamed *Corrientes*. Sold in 1954 to Williamson & Co Ltd, Hong Kong and renamed *Inchmay*. Sold in 1966 to the National Shipping Corporation of Pakistan and renamed *Kaukhali*. Arrived on 2 April 1968 at Karachi for scrapping.

### Empire Cromwell

*Empire Cromwell* was a 5,970 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Pickersgill & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 8 July 1941 and completed in September 1941. Torpedoed and sunk on 28 November 1942 by *U-508* south east of Trinidad (09°00'N 58°30'W).

### Empire Cross

*Empire Cross* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 28 June 1945 and completed in November 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd. Intended to be renamed *Balea* but on 2 August 1946 exploded and caught fire while discharging aviation fuel in Haifa Roads. HMS *Venus* and HMS *Virago* assisted in the rescue. Admiralty discounted a theory that the explosion was caused by a depth charge dropped by a British destroyer in an anti-terrorist measure to prevent the fixing of limpet mines to ships. Captain John

## Empire Dragon

*Empire Dragon* was a 6,854 GRT cargo ship which was built by Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co Ltd, Hong Kong. Launched on 6 December 1941, captured in an incomplete state by the Japanese and completed by them as *Gyokupy Maru*. Torpedoed on 14 November 1944 and sunk by USS *Spadefish* in the East China Sea (31°04'N 123°56'E).

## Empire Drayton

*Empire Drayton* was a 7,023 GRT cargo ship which was built by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Wallsend. Launched on 23 October 1941 and completed in February 1942. To Belgian Government in 1942 and renamed *Belgian Sailor*. Sold in 1946 to Compagnie Maritime Belge SA, Belgium and renamed *Capitaine Biebuyck*. Sold in 1958 to Yugoslavian Government and renamed *Kastav*. Sold in 1965 to Ivory Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Ivory Tellus*. Operated under the management of Aries Shipping Co Ltd, Hong Kong. Arrived on 22 April 1970 at Hirao, Japan for scrapping.

## Empire Driver

*Empire Driver* was a 7,042 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Gray & Co Ltd, West Hartlepool. Launched on 24 September 1942 and completed in November 1942. To the French Government in 1945 and renamed *Radiotelegraphiste Bard*. Operated under the management of Chargeurs Reunis. Sold in 1950 to P Mazzella, Naples and renamed *Dea Mazella*. Renamed *Maria Mazella* in 1956. Sold in 1960 to Pala and Franchescini, Genoa and renamed *Falzarego*. Sold in 1964 to Societa per Azioni Costanza, Genoa and renamed *Grazia Prima*. Sold in 1965 to Luzmar SA, Liberia and renamed *Missouri*. Arrived on 8 February 1969 at Santander, Spain for scrapping.

## Empire Druid

*Empire Druid* was a 9,829 GRT tanker which was built by which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 10 September 1941 and completed in December 1941. To Norwegian Government in 1942 and renamed *Norholm*. Sold in 1946 to Olsen & Ugelstad, Oslo and renamed *Haukefell*. New diesel engine fitted in 1949. Sold in 1952 to Compagnia Atlantica Pacifica SA, Panama and renamed *Bluewater*. Operated under the management of Tidewater Commercial Co Inc, Baltimore, USA. Arrived on 27 July 1959 at Osaka for scrapping.

## Empire Drum

*Empire Drum* was a 7,244 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 19 November 1941 and completed in March 1942. Torpedoed on 24 April 1942 and sunk by *U-136* at 37°00'N 69°15'W.

## Empire Drury

*Empire Drury* was a 797 GRT coaster which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Co, Grangemouth. Launched on 7 October 1944 and completed in December 1944. Sold in 1947 to Shell Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *Shelbrit 6*. Renamed *BP Refiner* in 1952. Sold in 1964 to Compagnia Siciliana Navi Cisterna SpA, Italy and renamed *Cosina*. Scrapped in June 1973 in Palermo, Italy.

## Empire Dryden

*Empire Dryden* was a 7,164 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 22 October 1941 and completed in February 1942. Torpedoed on 20 April 1942 and sunk by *U-572* north of the Bahamas (34°21'N 69°00'W).

*Empire Favour* was a 7,050 GRT cargo ship which was built by Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd, Dundee. Launched on 22 August 1945 and completed in November 1945. Sold in 1947 to the Britain Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Epsom*. Operated under the management of Watts, Watts & Co Ltd. Sold in 1950 to Haldin & Phillips Ltd and renamed *Errington Court*. Sold in 1956 to M A Embiricos, Greece and renamed *Penelope*. Sold in 1964 to Franco Shipping Co, Greece and renamed *Andromachi*. Damaged on 25 June 1969 by Israeli shelling at Suez and set on fire. Ship was abandoned and scrapped in March 1976 at Adabiya, Egypt.

### Empire Favourite

*Empire Favourite* was an Empire F type coaster which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Ltd, Goole. Laid down as *CHANT 31* and renamed *Fabric 31* before launch. Launched on 10 July 1944 as *Empire Favourite*. Sold in 1946 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Formality*. Scrapped in September 1962 at Krimpen aan den IJssel.

### Empire Fawley

*Empire Fawley* was a 7,392 GRT cargo ship which was built by John Readhead & Sons Ltd, South Shields. Launched on 25 April 1945 and completed in May 1945. Sold in 1946 to Clan Line Steamers Ltd and renamed *Clan Mackinlay*. Arrived on 2 November 1962 at Hong Kong for scrapping.

### Empire Fay

*Empire Fay* was a 807 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 26 December 1942 and completed in March 1943. Sold in 1946 to Shell Company of East Africa Ltd and renamed *Kleinella*. Operated under the management of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd. To Shell Mex & BP Ltd in 1948 and renamed *Shellbrit*. Renamed *BP Marketer* in 1952. Sold in 1964 to Sarda Bunkers SpA, Italy and renamed *Sarroch*. Scrapped in September 1983 in Naples, Italy.

### Empire Fenchurch

*Empire Fenchurch* was a 1,047 GRT coaster which was built by John Lewis & Sons Ltd, Aberdeen. Launched on 6 November 1945 and completed in February 1946. Sold in 1946 to J Stewart & Co (Shipping) Ltd and renamed *Yewforest*. Sold in 1954 to O Dorey & Sons Ltd, Guernsey and renamed *Perelle*. Towed to Gothenburg, Sweden in 1961 for scrapping but leased out as a floating warehouse in Denmark. Reported to have been dismantled in August 1962 in Sweden, but was in service in 1965 as a barge, renamed *Tor*.

### Empire Field

*Empire Field* was a 7,244 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 23 September 1941 and completed in January 1942. To the Norwegian Government in 1942 and renamed *Prins Harald*. Torpedoed on 20 November 1942 and sunk by *U-263* 240 nautical miles (440 km) west of Gibraltar (37°00'N 69°15'W).

### Empire Fir

*Empire Fir* was a 250 GRT tug which was built by Scott & Sons Ltd, Bowling. Launched on 9 October 1941 and completed in December 1941. Sold in 1946 to the London and North Eastern Railway and renamed *Central No 3*. To the British Transport Commission, Grimsby in 1949. To the

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### Empire Gable

*Empire Gable* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1944 as *Benue* for Deutsche Afrika Line. Seized in May 1945 as a war prize at Cuxhaven. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Gable*. Allocated in 1946 to the USSR and renamed *Sukhumi*. Scrapped in December 1969 at Bo'ness, West Lothian.

### Empire Gabon

*Empire Gabon* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Flensburger Schiffbau-Gesellschaft, Flensburg. Launched in 1944 as *Licentia* for J Jost, Flensburg. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg, to MoWT and renamed Empire Gabon. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Riazan*. Sold in 1979 to new owners in Hamburg, renamed *Rudi*. Resold to shipbreakers in Santander, Spain.

### Empire Gaelic

*Empire Gaelic* was a 4,840 GRT Landing Ship, Tank (LST) which was built by Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Co Ltd, Lauzon, Canada. Completed in June 1945 as *LST 3507*. Converted to a ferry for the Atlantic Steam Navigation Co Ltd and renamed *Empire Gaelic*. Entered service in January 1949 on the Preston to Larne service. Scrapped in September 1960 at Burcht, Belgium.

### Empire Gaffer

*Empire Gaffer* was a 1,942 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1945 as *Betsdorf* for F Krupp & Co, Essen. Seized in May 1945 at Kiel To MoWT and renamed *Empire Gaffer*. Sold in 1947 to United Baltic Corporation, London and renamed *Baltrader*, renamed *Baltic Fir* in 1952. Sold in 1956 to Hansa Line, Bremen. Rebuilt at Bremerhaven and renamed *Arsterturm*. Sold in 1969 to Universal Shipping & Coastal Trading Pte Ltd, Bombay, India and renamed *Unigoolar*. Sold in 1976 to Sudarsan Liners Ltd, Madras and renamed *Sudarsan Shakti*. Scrapped in March 1981 in Bombay.

### Empire Gage

*Empire Gage* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1943 as *Santander* for Oldenburg-Portuguese Line. Seized in May 1945 at Copehagen. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Gage*. Chartered in August 1945 to the Dutch Government and renamed *Arnhem*. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Yaroslavl*. Scrapped in 1971 in the USSR.

### Empire Gain

*Empire Gain* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 17 June 1943 and completed in September 1943. Sold in 1946 to the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Barbatia*. Sold in 1955 to Shell Tankers Ltd, operated under the management of Shell Petroleum Co Ltd. Seized in November 1956 by Egypt during the Suez Crisis. Allocated in 1957 to the Egyptian General Petroleum Organisation and renamed *Magd*. Allocated in 1961 to the United Arab Maritime Co. Attacked on 8 June 1967 and sunk by Israeli aircraft during the Six-Day War. Wreck was cleared in 1975 as part of the preparations for the re-opening of the

Ushant, France and sank.

## Empire Galloper

The name *Empire Galloper* was not used on any ship, although it was allocated. It is thought that the ship that the name was intended for was a 7,000 GRT cargo ship which was laid down at Kockums Meckaniska Verstad, Malmö, Sweden. Launched in 1940 as *Octavi* for German owners. Taken to Deutsche Werft, Hamburg for completion. Seized in May 1945 in an incomplete state at Hamburg. Allocated in 1946 to Belgium without an "Empire" name being confirmed. Towed to Antwerp for completion by Mercantile Marine Engineering & Graving Docks Co. Completed as 6,917 GRT *El Gaucho* for Sociedad Anónima Comercial de Exportación y Importación y Financera, Argentina. Sold in 1964 to Mararte Compañia de Navigazione, Panama and renamed *Rosarino*. Operated under the management of Dodero Line, Argentina. Renamed *Plate Lancer* in 1967 and management transferred to Compagnie Maritime et Commerciale, Paris. On 8 April 1969 suffered a major engine breakdown. Repairs found to be uneconomic and she was scrapped in September 1969 in Hamburg.

## Empire Galveston

*Empire Galveston* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1944 as *Weserwald* for Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Galveston*. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Volochayevsk*. Scrapped in 1973 in USSR.

## Empire Galway

*Empire Galway* was a 1,944 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1944 as *Schauenberg* for H Schuldt, Hamburg. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Galway*. Allocated in 1946 to Belgium. To Ministry of Marine, Belgian Government and renamed *Kinshasa*. Sold in 1950 to Compagnie Maritime Congolaise, Belgium. Sold in 1951 to D/S A/S Ibis, Norway and renamed *Anne Reed*. Rebuilt in 1956 at Hamburg for Hansa Line, Bremen and renamed *Pagenturm*. Scrapped in June 1964 at Spezia, Italy.

## Empire Gambia

*Empire Gambia* was a 7,074 GRT cargo ship which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 14 May 1944 and completed in July 1945. Sold in 1946 to King Line Ltd and renamed *King Edgar*. Operated under the management of Dodd, Thompson & Co Ltd, London. Arrived on 4 May 1959 at Kobe, Japan for scrapping.

## Empire Game

*Empire Game* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Van der Giessen, Krimpen aan den Ijssel. Launched in 1943 as *Brunhilde* for Hamburg South-America Line. Seized in May 1945 at Kiel. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Game*. Sold in 1947 to Mundus Export & Shipping Co and renamed *Canford*. Rebuilt in 1956 at Bremerhaven for Hansa Line, Bremen and renamed *Fangturm*. Sold in 1961 to Rio Pardo, Beirut and renamed *Panaghia Lourion*. Sold in 1967 to Tamrai Compagnia Navigazione, Greece and renamed *Aghia Thalassini*. Sold in 1970 to Aldebaran Shipping Co, Cyprus. Scrapped in 1974 in Greece.

## Empire Ganges

*Empire Ganges* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by J L Thompson & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 18 September 1944 and completed in January 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon

Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Bolma*. Sold in 1955 to Shell Tankers Ltd, operated under the management of Shell Petroleum Co Ltd. Sold in 1956 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Astrality*. Sold in 1965 to Marittima Fluviale Meridionale and renamed *Monte Berico*. Operated under the management of V Bellerino, Italy. Sold in 1967 to Venezia Tankers SAS, Italy and then in 1973 to Misano de Navigazione, SpA, Palermo. Sold in 1976 to F S Salonia, Rome and then in 1977 to Maralba SpA, Palermo. Scrapped in November 1978 in Spezia, Italy.

## Empire Gangway

*Empire Gangway* was a 1,942 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1944 as *Weserwehr* for Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen. Seized in May 1945 at Bremerhaven. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Gangway*. Allocated in 1946 to Canada. Sold in 1948 to Clark Steamship Co, Montreal. Renamed *Novaport* in 1950. Sold in 1964 to Eagle Ocean Transport Inc, Panama and renamed *Fury*. On 1 December 1964 she was driven ashore at Wedge Island, Nova Scotia in hurricane force winds. Ended up stranded on an inshore reef and declared a total loss.

## Empire Gannet

*Empire Gannet* was a 4,820 GRT LST (3) which was built by Harland and Wolff Ltd, Belfast. Launched in March 1945 as *LST 3006*, later commissioned as HMS *Tromsø*. To Ministry of Transport (MoT) in 1956 and renamed *Empire Gannet*. Operated under the management of British India Steam Navigation Co Ltd. Scrapped in August 1968 in Singapore.

## Empire Gantock

*Empire Gantock* was a 7,331 GRT cargo ship which was built by Shipbuilding Corporation Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched on 16 April 1945 as *Empire Gantock* and completed in August 1946 as *Martita* for Kaye, Son & Co Ltd. Sold in 1960 to Compagnia Navigazione Almadin, Greece and renamed *Maroudio*. Sold in 1965 to Panafra Atlantic Corp, Panama and renamed *Thalie*. Operated under the management of East and West Africa Shipping Co. Arrived on 15 June 1968 at Vado for scrapping.

## Empire Gantry

*Empire Gantry* was a 1,925 GRT cargo ship which was built by Werf de Noord, Alblasterdam, Netherlands. Launched in 1944 as *Inkenturm* for Hansa Line, Bremen. Completed by Flensburger Schiff-Gesellschaft, flensburg. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Gantry*. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Feodosia*. Sold in 1947 to Gdynia America Lines, Poland. Sold in 1951 to Polska Żegluga Morska, Szczecin. Scrapped in January 1972 in Bruges.

## Empire Ganymede

*Empire Ganymede* was a 1,923 GRT cargo ship which was built by Deutsche Werft, Hamburg. Launched in 1944 as *Adamsturm* for Hansa Line, Bremen. Seized in May 1945 at Hamburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Ganymede*. Sold in 1947 to United Baltic Corporation and renamed *Baltanglia*. Renamed *Baltic Pine* in 1952. Sold in 1954 to Hellenic Lines, Greece and renamed *Germania*. Collided on 26 April 1955 with SS *Maro 4* nautical miles (7.4 km) south of Beachy Head, Sussex and grounded near the Beachy Head Lighthouse. Refloated on 30 November 1955 and beached in Pevensy Bay with her back broken. Declared a constructive total loss. Sold and towed to Germany where she was repaired. sold to Argo Line, Bremen and renamed *Auriga*. Scrapped in January 1965 in Bremerhaven, Germany.

*Empire Grassland* was a 683 GRT hopper ship which was built by Fleming & Ferguson Ltd, Paisley. Launched on 16 May 1945 and completed in June 1945. To the Superintendent Civil Engineer, Bombay, then sold in 1946 to Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners, Melbourne, Australia. Foundered on 20 January 1947 after hopper doors broke off in heavy seas 70 nautical miles (130 km) north north west of Carnarvon, Western Australia while being towed from Singapore to Melbourne by *Empire Downland*.

### **Empire Grebe (I)**

*Empire Grebe* was a 5,736 GRT cargo ship which was built by Northwest Steel Co, Portland, Oregon. Launched in December 1918 as *West Wauna* for the USSB. To MoWT in 1941 and renamed *Empire Grebe*. Sold in 1946 to Williamson & Co Ltd, Hong Kong and renamed *Inchmark*. Ran aground on 29 May 1949 at Schilpad Island Reef, Banda Sea (7°05'S 132°03'E), a total loss.

### **Empire Grebe (II)**

*Empire Grebe* was a 4,820 GRT LST which was built by Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd, Govan. Launched in July 1945 as LST 3038. Became HMS *Fighter*. To MoT in 1956 and renamed *Empire Grebe*. Operated under the management of Atlantic Steam Navigation Co Ltd. Management transferred to British India Steam Navigation Co Ltd in 1961. Scrapped in August 1968 in Singapore.

### **Empire Grenada**

*Empire Grenada* was a 8,231 GRT tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Govan. Launched on 20 December 1945 as *Empire Grenada* and completed in April 1946 as *British Piper* for British Tanker Co Ltd. Arrived on 10 November 1961 at Newport, Monmouthshire for scrapping.

### **Empire Grenadier**

*Empire Grenadier* was a 9,811 GRT tanker which was built by Furness Shipbuilding Co Ltd, Haverton Hill-on-Tees. Launched on 25 August 1942 and completed in October 1942. Sold in 1946 to Shell Company of Gibraltar Ltd and renamed *Ficus*. Arrived on 6 August 1960 at the Clyde anchorage for scrapping at Port Glasgow.

### **Empire Grenfell**

*Empire Grenfell* was a 7,238 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 30 June 1941 and completed in November 1941. To the Norwegian Government in 1942 and renamed *King Sverre*. Sold in 1946 to A/S P Kleppe, Norway and renamed *Martha Kleppe*. Sold in 1959 to A/S Rona and renamed *Reina*. Operated under the management of T J Skogland A/S, Norway. Sold in 1960 to Compagnia Navigazione Overseas Transport SA and renamed *Miami*. Operated under the management of J W Elwell & Co, USA. Sold in 1965 to Tenodian Shipping Co Ltd, Liberia and renamed *Impala*. Arrived on 1 May 1968 at Kaohsiung, Taiwan for scrapping.

### **Empire Greta**

*Empire Greta* was a 292 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 12 June 1945 and completed in February 1942. Sold in 1947 to James Contracting & Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Foremost 105*. Sold in 1949 to Cork Harbour Commissioners, Cork, Ireland. Disabled in November 1968 on a voyage from Cork to Penzance. Towed in by Dutch tug *Groningen* but later

moved to Falmouth where the Admiralty Marshal arrested her on behalf of the salvor's owners. Sold in 1971 to Sapsin Property Company, Devon. Arrived on 12 March 1973 at Bilbao, Spain for scrapping.

## Empire Grey

*Empire Grey* was a 6,140 GRT cargo ship which was built by John Readhead & Sons Ltd, South Shields. Launched on 9 March 1944 and completed in May 1944. Sold in 1947 to Zinal Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Burhill*. Operated under the management of J Burness & Sons Ltd, London. Sold in 1951 to Golden Cross Line Ltd and renamed *London City*. Sold later that year to Barberry's Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Chepman*. Operated under the management of Runciman (London) Ltd. Sold in 1957 to Great Eastern Shipping Co Ltd, Bombay and renamed *Jag Janani*. Scrapped in May 1961 in Bombay.

## Empire Griffin

*Empire Griffin* was a 258 GRT tug which was built by Scott & Sons Ltd, Bowling, West Dunbartonshire. Launched on 22 April 1943 and completed in June 1943. Sold in 1947 to Condor Ltd, Glasgow and renamed *Fortunate*. Sold in 1961 to Cory Hermanos SA, Tenerife. Reported to have been scrapped in 1974.

## Empire Grosvenor

*Empire Grosvenor* was an 890 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched in October 1945 and completed in November 1945. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Frenulina*. Lengthened in 1954, now 1,051 GRT. Laid up in 1962 at Singapore awaiting scrapping but sold to Teck Hwa Shipping Co, Panama and renamed *Anlok*. Sold later that year to National Oil Co Ltd, Panama and renamed *Permina VI*. Sold in 1974 to P T Bimoli, Indonesia and renamed *Bimoli 01*.

## Empire Grove

*Empire Grove* was a 325 GRT coaster which was built by I Pimblott & Sons Ltd, Northwich. Launched on 5 June 1941 and completed in October 1941. Ran aground on 18 October 1941 at Long Peak, 2 nautical miles (3.7 km) south of Hartland Point, Devon. A constructive total loss.

## Empire Guernsey

*Empire Guernsey* was a 288 GRT coastal tanker which was built by J Harker Ltd, Knottingley. Launched on 21 October 1944 and completed in March 1945. Sold in 1947 to British Controlled Oilfields Ltd, Ecuador and renamed *Beacon*. Sold in 1957 to Transpetroleo Compania Anonima, Ecuador and renamed *Billie*. Sold in 1980 to Transnacoop, Ecuador and reported to have been disposed of by scuttling in 1981.

## Empire Guidon

*Empire Guidon* was a 7,041 GRT cargo ship which was built by Furness Shipbuilding Co Ltd, Haverton Hill-on-Tees. Launched on 30 May 1942 and completed in August 1942. Torpedoed on 31 October 1942 and sunk by *U-504* at 30°10'S 33°50'E.

## Empire Guillemot (I)

*Empire Guillemot* was a 5,641 GRT cargo ship which was built by Western Pipe & Steel Co, San



Hartlepool. Launched on 8 January 1943 and completed in March 1943. Sold in 1947 to Aviation & Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Avisbrook*. Operated under the management of Purvis Shipping Co Ltd, London. Sold in 1950 to T Stone (Shipping) Ltd and renamed *Menastone*. Operated under the management of Stone & Rolfe Ltd, Swansea. Sold in 1961 to Ypapanti AS, Panama and renamed *Capetan Panaos*. Operated under the management of K & M Shipbrokers Ltd, London. Sold in 1966 to Astrocierto Compangia Navigazione, Panama. Operated under the management of N K Noumikos, Greece. Ran aground on 7 May 1969 at Kilyos, Black Sea. Refloated on 22 May and beached near Büyükdere. Refloated on 9 August and cargo of timber discharged. Arrived on 2 November 1969 at Piraeus, Greece for scrapping.

## Empire Harp

*Empire Harp* was a 859 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd, Goole. Launched on 22 November 1941 and completed in January 1942. Sold in 1948 to Kuwait Oil Co Ltd and renamed *Anis*. Sold in 1954 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Authenticity*. Sold in 1966 to John S Latsis, Greece and renamed *Petrola I*. Scrapped in 1984 in Aspropyrgos, Greece.

## Empire Harry

*Empire Harry* was a 487 GRT tug which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd, Goole. Launched on 12 October 1942 and completed in March 1943. Ran aground on 6 June 1943 at Beacon Point, Devon and broke up, a total loss.

## Empire Hartebeeste

*Empire Hartebeeste* was a 5,676 GRT cargo ship which was built by Skinner & Eddy Corp, Seattle. Launched in 1918 as *West Gambo* for the United States Shipping Board (USSB). To Lykes Bros-Ripley Steamship Co Inc. To MoWT in 1941 and renamed *Empire Hartebeeste*. Torpedoed on 20 September and sunk by *U-596* at 56°20'N 38°10'W while a member of Convoy SC 100.

## Empire Hartland

*Empire Hartland* was a 683 GRT hopper ship which was built by Ferguson Brothers Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 16 May 1946 and completed later that year. Sold to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board and renamed *Mersey No 3*. Sold in 1965 to Westminster Dredging Co Ltd, London and renamed *WD Alpha*. Sold in 1968 to Hok Kiang Heng Co and renamed *WK Alpha*. Operated under the management of P N Waskita Karya, Indonesia. sold in 1972 to Qon Char Koon, Singapore and renamed *WD Alpha*.

## Empire Harvest

*Empire Harvest* was a 814 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 10 November 1943 and completed in December 1943. Sold in 1946 to Shell Mex & B P Ltd and renamed *Shelbrit 5*. Renamed *BP Engineer* in 1952. Scrapped in June 1965 in Antwerp, Belgium.

## Empire Haven

*Empire Haven* was a 6,603 GRT cargo ship which was built by Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Company of Hong Kong Ltd, Hong Kong. Launched on 28 April 1941 and completed in June 1941. Torpedoed on 13 August 1943 by enemy aircraft north of Oran, Algeria (36°15'N 02°23'W). Towed to Gibraltar by a Royal Navy ship. Towed to UK for repairs. Sold in 1947 to R Chapman & Sons, Newcastle upon Tyne and renamed *Clearton*. Sold in 1956 to Compagnia Maritime Amaconte,

Launched on 26 August 1942 and completed in October 1942. Bombed on 27 July 1943 and damaged when west of Gibraltar, later repaired. Sold in 1946 to Blue Star Line Ltd and renamed *Ionic Star* then *Napier Star*. Sold in 1949 to F Leyland & Co, then in 1950 to Lamport & Hold Line Ltd. Sold in 1953 to Booth Steamship Co Ltd. Ran aground on 20 July 1965 off Bahia Potrero, Uruguay. Refloated on 18 August 1965 and towed to Montevideo. Hull seriously damaged and uneconomic to repair. Scrapped in February 1966 in Montevideo.

## Empire Hilda

*Empire Hilda* was a 292 GRT tug which was built by Blyth Dry Docks & Shipbuilding Co Ltd. Launched on 19 December 1945 and completed in May 1946. Sold in 1949 to J Fisher & Sons Ltd, Barrow in Furness and renamed *Fisherhill*. Scrapped in June 1968 in Barrow in Furness.

## Empire Homer

*Empire Homer* was a 6,996 GRT cargo ship which was built by Greenock Dockyard Co Ltd, Greenock. Launched on 19 November 1941 and completed in December 1941. Aground on Sandray, Outer Hebrides on 15 January 1942 and broke in two, a total loss.

## Empire Homestead

*Empire Homestead* was a 296 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Rowhedge Ironworks Ltd, Rowhedge. Launched on 10 November 1942 and completed in February 1943. Sold in 1947 to A/S Norske Shell, Norway and renamed *Havskjell*. Operated under the management of Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd. Sold to Shell Tankers Ltd in 1953. Sold in 1960 to A/S Shellbatane, Norway. Lengthened in 1963, now 372 GRT, (430 DWT). To Shell Nigeria Ltd in 1972 and renamed *Nigeria Shell 2*. Sold in 1976 to National Oil Marketing Co, Lagos, Nigeria and renamed *National Eagle 2*. Scrapped in 1984.

## Empire Honduras

*Empire Honduras* was a 7,320 GRT cargo ship which was built by Short Brothers Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 27 June 1945 and completed in October 1945. Sold in 1948 to Bank Line Ltd and renamed *Lochybank*. Operated under the management of A Weir & Co Ltd. Sold in 1954 to Halcyon Lijn NV, Rotterdam and renamed *Stad Haarlem*. Sold in 1963 to Union Fair Shipping Co Inc, Liberia and renamed *Union Fair*. Operated under the management of P S Li, Hong Kong. Scrapped in April 1969 at Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

## Empire Hope

*Empire Hope* was a 12,688 GRT refrigerated cargo liner which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Belfast. Launched on 27 March 1941 and completed in October 1941. Operated under the management of Shaw, Savill & Albion Co Ltd. On 11 August 1942 she was bombed by Junkers Ju 88 and Heinkel He 111 while a member of Convoy WS 21. Her engines were put out of action by eighteen near misses, and then two direct hit set her on fire. She was carrying kerosene, coal and explosives. The crew abandoned ship and were rescued by HMS *Penn*. Just before midnight on 12 August, *Empire Hope* was torpedoed by Italian Submarine *Bronzo*. The wreck was deemed a hazard to shipping and was sunk by HMS *Bramham* off Galeta Island.

## Empire Housman

*Empire Housman* was a 7,359 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 31 August 1943 and completed in December 1943. Torpedoed and damaged on 31 December 1943 by *U-545* at 60°30'N 24°35'W while a member of Convoy ON 217.

## Empire Jenny

*Empire Jenny* was a 275 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 4 October 1944 and completed in January 1945. To the Admiralty in 1947 and renamed *Aid*. Sold in 1960 to H G Pounds, Portsmouth. sold in 1961 to J D Irving Ltd, Canada and renamed *Irving Teak*. Scrapped in June 1977 in Canada.

## Empire Jessica

*Empire Jessica* was a 2,847 GRT cargo ship which was built by Ailsa Shipbuilding Co Ltd Troon. Launched on 24 March 1943 and completed in May 1943. To the French Government in 1945 and renamed *Joseph Blot*. Sold in 1954 to Armement Leon Mazzella et Compagnie, Algeria and renamed *Leon Mazzella*. Sold in 1960 to Loris Compagnia Navigazione SA, Panama and renamed *Loris*. Sold in 1966 to Compagnia Maritima Santa Barbara Sa, Panama and renamed *Agia Varvara*. Scrapped in January 1975 at İzmir, Turkey.

## Empire Jester

*Empire Jester* was a 261 GRT tug which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd, Goole. Launched on 6 May 1943 and completed in July 1943. Sold in 1946 to William Watkins Ltd and renamed *Napia*. Sold in 1971 to J G Efthinou, Greece and renamed *Tolmiros*. Sold in 1973 to L G Matsas, Greece. Scrapped in February 1986 at Perama, Greece.

## Empire Jet

*Empire Jet* was a 8,134 GRT tanker which was built by Blythswood Shipbuilding Co Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 27 May 1941 and completed in August 1941. Sold in 1946 to Bowring Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Regent Jaguar*. Operated under the management of C T Bowring & Co Ltd. Arrived on 2 June 1958 at Briton Ferry for scrapping.

## Empire Jewel (I)

*Empire Jewel* was a 2,370 GRT tanker which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Co Ltd, Grangemouth. Launched on 12 June 1945 and completed in September 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fossarus*. Sold in 1960 to Shell Tankers Ltd, scrapped in October 1960 in Singapore.

## Empire Jewel (II)

*Empire Jewel* was a 19,047 GRT cargo ship which was built by Blohm & Voss, Hamburg. Launched in 1936 as *Potsdam* for the Hamburg America Line. Was en route to the USA when war was declared. Returned to Germany by sailing around the top of Scotland and down the North Sea. Used as an accommodation ship at Hamburg, then as a troopship to Norwegian and Baltic ports. Took part in the Evacuation of East Prussia. Seized on 13 May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Jewel*. Arrived on 19 June 1945 at Kiel and placed under armed guard with a Royal Navy contingent to prevent the Germans from using her to block the Kaiser Wilhelm Kanal. After arrival at Brunsbüttel the armed guard left and she was at anchor for three weeks with a full German crew. Sailed on 20 July 1945 with a detachment of Army guards bound for Methil. To Belfast in July 1945 for conversion to a troopship by Harland & Wolff Ltd. Completed in April 1946 and renamed *Empire Fowey*. Her high-pressure boilers caused problems for her crew, who were not used to this type of boiler. In March 1947 she was towed to the Clyde and refitted again, new boilers and geared turbines fitted, and the accommodation again refitted. Served as a troopship until 1957 and then chartered to the Pan-Islamic Steamship Co, Pakistan. Sold to them in 1960 and renamed *Safina-E-*

*Empire Josephine* was a 275 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 10 May 1944 and completed in September 1944. To The Admiralty in 1945 and sold in 1946 to the Hong Kong Government. Sold in 1965 to Yau Wing Co, Hong Kong and renamed *Yau Wing No 25*. sold in 1966 to Cheung Chau Shipping & Trading Co and renamed *Fedredge Josephine*. Operated under the management of Mollers Ltd, Hong Kong. Scrapped in September 1967 in Hong Kong.

### Empire Joy

*Empire Joy* was a 9,895 GRT cargo ship which was built by J L Thompson & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 13 March 1945 and completed in December 1945. sold in 1946 to the Eastern & Australian Steamship Co Ltd, London and renamed *Nellore*. Sold in 1966 to Austin Navigation Corporation Ltd, Panama and renamed *Oriana*. On 31 December 1966, she caught fire at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Grounded due to amount of water used to put fire out. Refloated on 4 January 1967 but declared a constructive total loss. Scrapped in December 1967 at Kaohsiung.

### Empire Judy

*Empire Judy* was a 738 GRT coaster which was built by S P Austin & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 5 April 1943 and completed in June 1943. Sold in 1946 to J Fisher & Sons Ltd, Barrow in Furness and renamed *Stream Fisher*. converted in 1965 to carry irradiated atomic fuel. Sold in 1969 to Grandport Shipping, Panama and renamed *Ramaida*. Operated under the management of J H Ramage. Scrapped in September 1977 at Lisbon, Portugal.

### Empire Julia

*Empire Julia* was a 593 GRT tug which was built by Clelands (Successors) Ltd, Willington Quay-on-Tyne. Launched on 22 April 1944 and completed in July 1944. Sold in 1946 to United Towing Co Ltd and renamed *Tradesman*. On 3 June 1949 she was assisting *Rifleman* towing SS *Norjerv* to Strangford Lough, Northern Ireland for scrapping when *Norjerv* broke in two and sank. Sold in 1963 to N E Vernicos Shipping Co Ltd, Greece and renamed *Vernicos Kitty*. Scrapped in December 1974 at Kartal, Turkey.

### Empire Jumna

*Empire Jumna* was a 2,370 GRT tanker which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Co Ltd, Grangemouth. Launched on 31 October 1944 and completed in January 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fossularca*. Sold in 1960 to Shell Tankers Ltd. Scrapped in May 1964 in Singapore.

### Empire Juna

*Empire Juna* was a 292 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 8 February 1946 and completed in August 1946. Sold in 1947 to the Nigerian Government and renamed *Balbus*. Sold in 1967 to Tsavlis Salvage & Towage Ltd, Greece and renamed *Nisos Poros*. Scrapped in December 1970 in Greece.

### Empire Jupiter

*Empire Jupiter* was a 8,217 GRT tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Govan. Launched on 21 September 1944 and completed in December 1944. To the French Government in 1946 and renamed *Saint Gaudens*. Sold in 1948 to Les Petroles d'Outre-Mer, France and renamed *Sevane*. Sold in 1958 to Jugoslavenska Tankerska Plovidba, Yugoslavia and renamed *Progres*. Arrived on 9

## Empire Light

*Empire Light* was a 6,537 GRT tanker which was built by J Brown & Co Ltd, Clydebank. Launched in 1925 as *Lumen* for H E Moss & Co Ltd, Liverpool. Collided on 9 April 1942 with the Dutch flagged SS *Spar* in the River Tyne. Repaired, to MoWT and renamed *Empire Light*. Torpedoed on 7 March 1943 and sunk by *U-468* at 53°57'N 46°14'W.

## Empire Lightning

*Empire Lightning* was a 6,942 GRT cargo ship which was built by Short Brothers Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 4 September 1941 and completed in January 1941. On 7 October 1942 she was in collision with British flagged SS *Milcrest*, which sank. *Empire Lightning* put into Halifax, Nova Scotia with bow damage fore repairs. Sold in 1946 to Hall Brothers Steamship Co Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne and renamed *Trident*. Arrived on 9 November 1959 at Osaka, Japan for scrapping.

## Empire Lilliput

*Empire Lilliput* was a 138 GRT tug which was built by R Dunston Ltd, Thorne. Launched on 10 November 1943 and completed in January 1944. Sold in 1947 to Shell Company of Singapore Ltd and renamed *Lembu*. Scrapped in September 1958 in Singapore.

## Empire Lily

*Empire Lily* was a 325 GRT coaster which was built by I Pimblott & Sons Ltd, Northwich, Cheshire. Launched on 29 January 1942 and completed in June 1942. Allocated in 1946 to the Dutch Government and renamed *Pampus*. Sold later that year to L Tercy, France and renamed *Petit Frere*. New diesel engine fitted in 1953. Sold in 1962 to A Veroutis & Co, Greece and renamed *Dedalos*. Sold in 1964 to S D Voudouris & Syriggas, Greece and renamed *Nikiforos*. Sold in 1973 to Beekman Line SA, Greece and renamed *Gagnant*. On shipping registers in 1988 but owner not specified, thought to have been scrapped about this time.

## Empire Linden

*Empire Linden* was a 244 GRT tug which was built by Henry Scarr Ltd, Hessle. Launched on 24 September 1941 and completed in December 1941. Loaned in 1944 to Kenya & Uganda Railways & Harbours Administration, Mombasa. Chartered in 1945 to British Petroleum Co Ltd, Bandar Mashur. Sold in 1948 to Tanganyika Railways & Harbours Administration, Dar es Salaam. Sold in 1956 to East African Railways & Harbours Administration, Dar es Salaam and renamed *Linden*. Sold in 1974 to Marino Engineering Works, Kenya. Scrapped in September 1983 at Mombasa, Kenya.

## Empire Lionel

*Empire Lionel* was a 7,012 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Gray & Co Ltd, West Hartlepool. Launched on 2 May 1942 and completed in June 1942. Sold in 1945 to Pool Shippin Co Ltd and renamed *Levenpool*. Operated under the management of Sir R Ropner & Co Ltd. Sold in 1962 to Trafalgar Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Newlane*. Operated under the management of Tsavlis Shipping Ltd, London. Sold in 1968 to Kantara Shipping Ltd, Cyprus and then in 1969 to Newlane Shipping Ltd, Cyprus, still under Tsavlis's management. Arrived on 23 October 1969 at Chittagong, India for scrapping.

## Empire Livingstone

*Empire Livingstone* was a 6,997 GRT cargo ship which was built by Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 24 July 1941 and completed in October 1941. Ran ashore on 31 December 1943 at

## Empire Lotus

*Empire Lotus* was a 3,683 GRT cargo ship which was built by Ropner & Sons, Stockton on Tees. Launched in 1920 as *Alness*. Sold in 1933 to Alexandria Navigation Co, Egypt and renamed *Star of Ramleh*. To MoWT in 1940 and renamed *Empire Lotus*. Foundered on 12 April 1942 in the Atlantic at 44°06'N 06°27'W.

## Empire Lough

*Empire Lough* was a 2,824 GRT collier which was built by William Gray & Co Ltd, West Hartlepool. Launched on 1 October 1940 and completed in December 1940. Intercepted on 24 June 1944 by German E-boats in the English Channel and set on fire. Beached near Folkestone but a total loss.

## Empire Lowlander

*Empire Lowlander* was a 2,160 GRT collier which was built by J Crown & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 4 March 1946 and completed in June 1946 as *Corflow* for William Cory & Son Ltd. Sold in 1959 to G Vlassis & Co, Greece. Capsized on 25 December 1969 and sank at 37°37'N 24°02'E.

## Empire Lucy

*Empire Lucy* was a 242 GRT tug which was built by J S Watson Ltd, Gainsborough. Launched on 6 March 1946 and completed in June 1946. Sold in 1962 to Impresa Marittima Augustea, Italy and renamed *Ohnina*. Transferred to the Marina Militare in 1972.

## Empire Lugard

*Empire Lugard* was a 7,241 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 28 April 1941 and completed in September 1941. Torpedoed on 13 September 1942 and sunk by *U-558* at 12°07'N 63°32'W while a member of Convoy TAG 5.

## Empire Lundy

*Empire Lundy* was a 288 GRT (300 DWT) coaster which was built by J Harker Ltd, Knottingley, Yorkshire. Launched on 11 April 1944 and complete in August 1944. Sold in 1946 to Skibs A/S Scot and renamed *Scot*. Operated under the management of L Lauritsen, Norway. Sold in 1947 to Shell h/f, Iceland and renamed *Skeljungur*. Sold in 1956 to Bowker & King Ltd, London and renamed *Bannister*. Removed from shipping register in 1967.

## Empire Lune

*Empire Lune* was a 2,837 GRT cargo ship which was built by Nakskov Skibs Akt, Nakskov. Launched in 1943 as *Millerntor* for Hamburg America Line. Completed at Lübeck in 1945 by Lübecker Flenderwerke AG. Seized in May 1945 at Flensburg. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Lune*. Allocated in 1947 to USA, sold to Sword Line Ltd, New York and renamed *Alabama Sword*. Renamed *Texas Sword* in 1951. Sold in 1956 to Compagnia de Ultramar SA, Liberia and renamed *Zephyr*. Ran aground on 10 November 1962 at Gladden Spit, British Honduras (16°32'N 87°59'W). Caught fire on 17 November but fire later extinguished. Refloated on 27 November and declared a total constructive loss. Sold and repaired, sold in 1964 to Transcontinental Shipping Corp, Liberia and renamed *Carina*. Sold in 1966 to Astronato Compagnia Navigazione, Liberia and renamed *Sapho I*. Sold in 1967 to Marvigor Compagnia Navigazione, Liberia. Scrapped in March 1970 at Karachi, Pakistan.

Launched on 14 May 1941 and completed in September 1941. Served as a troopship in Madagascar, North Africa, Sicily and Southern France. In the early 1950s she operated carrying troops to and from the Korean conflict. Withdrawn from service in 1954 and refitted as a 10,250 DWT cargo liner at Lübeck. Sold to Charlton Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Charlton Pride*. Operated under the management of Chandris (England) Ltd. Sold in 1956 to Donaldson Brothers & Black Ltd, Glasgow and renamed *Calgaria*. Sold in 1963 to Compagnia Navigazione Fortaleza, Panama and renamed *Embassy*. Arrived on 27 June 1963 at Hong Kong for scrapping.

## Empire Prince

*Empire Prince* was a 7,050-GRT cargo ship which was built by Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd, Dundee. Launched on 31 March 1942 and completed in May 1942. Sold in 1945 to Clan Line Steamers Ltd and renamed *Clan Angus*. Sold in 1956 to Bullard, King & Co Ltd and renamed *Umkuzi*. Sold in 1959 to Clan Line Steamers Ltd and renamed *Clan Angus*. Scrapped in April 1962 at Hirao, Japan.

## Empire Prize

*Empire Prize* was a 3,245-GRT tanker which was built by Baltimore Shipbuilding Corp. Completed in 1917 as *Holden Evans*. Sold in 1926 to European Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Olvigore*. Renamed *Oilvigor* in 1927. Sold in 1930 to Tito Campanella Fu Pietro, Genoa and renamed *Clelia Campanella*. Scuttled on 8 April 1941 at Massowah, Italian Somaliland. Salvaged and seized by the Royal Navy. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Prize*. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Bankivia*. Scrapped in October 1949 at Hong Kong.

## Empire Progress

*Empire Progress* was a 5,249-GRT cargo ship which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Completed in 1918 as tanker *War Expert*. Sold in 1919 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Anomia*. sold in 1933 to A/S Brovigseil, Norway and renamed *Andrea*. Sold in 1938 to M Querci, Genoa. Converted to a dry cargo ship and renamed *Mugnone*. Seized on 10 June 1940 at Newcastle upon Tyne, to MoWT and renamed *Empire Progress*. Bombed on 22 May 1941 off The Needles, Isle of Wight and damaged, repaired and returned to service. Torpedoed on 13 April 1942 and sunk by *U-402* south of Cape Race (40°29'N 52°35'W).

## Empire Prome

*Empire Prome* was a 7,086-GRT cargo ship which was built by Shipbuilding Corporation Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched on 1 March 1945 and completed in April 1945. Sold in 1947 to Kaye, Son & Co Ltd, London and renamed *Martagon*. Sold in 1959 to Ipar Transport Ltd, Turkey and renamed *Mehmet Ipar*. Scrapped in September 1970 at Istanbul.

## Empire Prospect

*Empire Prospect* was a 7,331-GRT cargo ship which was built by Shipbuilding Corporation Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched on 15 March 1945 and completed in June 1945. Sold in 1947 to Goulandris Brothers Ltd, London and renamed *Ronald M Scobie*. Renamed *Plover* in 1954. Sold in 1965 to Kowloon Carriers Inc and renamed *Kowloon Venture*. Operated under the management of Wah Kwong & Co (Hong Kong) Ltd. Arrived on 27 April 1969 at Kaohsiung, Taiwan for scrapping.

## Empire Prospero

*Empire Prospero* was a 6,640-GRT cargo ship which was built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland.

*Empire Reindeer* was a 6,259 GRT (9,600 DWT) cargo ship which was built by Federal Shipbuilding Co, Kearney, New Jersey. Completed as *Clarion* for USSB. To MoWT in 1941 and renamed *Empire Reindeer*. Torpedoed on 10 August 1942 and sunk by U-660 at 57°00'N 22°30'W while a member of Convoy SC 94.

## Empire Rennie

*Empire Rennie* was a 6,626 GRT cargo ship which was built by C Connell & Co Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 7 October 1941 and completed in December 1941. Allocated in 1942 to the Dutch Government and renamed *Frans Hals*. Sold in 1946 to Van Nievelt, Goudriaan Stoomscheeps Maatschappij NV, Rotterdam and renamed *Alchiba*. Sold in 1956 to Hansa Dampschiff-Gesellschaft, Bremen and renamed *Rheinfels*. Sold in 1968 to Permataris Shipping Co Ltd, Cyprus and renamed *Permataris*. On 6 June 1975 she suffered an engine room fire east of Malta (36°45'N 16°25'E). Abandoned but later reboarded. Arrived on 12 June at Augusta, Sicily and laid up. To Piraeus, Greece, arriving on 11 July and laid up. Scrapped in February 1979 at Piraeus.

## Empire Reserve

*Empire Reserve* was a 5,693 GRT tanker which was built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Completed in 1916 as *Mytilus* for Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd. Requisitioned by MoWT in 1941. Arrived on 14 August 1942 at Harwich, Essex for use as an oil fuel depot. Intended to be renamed *Empire Reserve* but name not taken up. Returned to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd in 1946 and towed to Plaju, Indonesia. Used as a floating oil depot. Scrapped in November 1950 in Bombay.

## Empire Resistance

*Empire Resistance* was a 1,631 GRT cargo ship which was built by Feviks Jernskibsbyg, Fevik, Norway. Completed in 1908 as *Ottar*. Sold in 1935 to Servizio Italo-Portoghese Anonimo di Navigazione, Genoa, Italy and renamed *Libano*. Seized in June 1940 at Gibraltar. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Resistance*. Sold in 1946 to Resistance Shipping Co, London and renamed *Resistance*. Sold in 1949 to Giacomo Costa, Genoa and renamed *Beatrice C*. Sold in 1954 to Raffaele Romano, Naples and renamed *Acilia*. Sold in 1956 to Apostolo & Ruffini, Genoa and renamed *Cilin*. Scrapped in June 1959 at Savona, Italy.

## Empire Rest

*Empire Rest* was a 1,333 GRT convoy rescue ship which was built by Ferguson Brothers Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 19 June 1944 as HMS *Rayleigh Castle* for the Royal Navy. Completed in October 1944 as *Empire Rest* for MoWT. Laid up in July 1948 at Falmouth, Cornwall. Sold in October 1951 to Lloyds Albert Yard & Motor Boat Packet Services Ltd. Operated under the management of R A Beazley, Southampton. Arrived on 6 June 1952 at Briton Ferry, West Glamorgan for scrapping.

## Empire Reynard

*Empire Reynard* was a 325 GRT coaster which was built by Richards Ironworks Ltd, Lowestoft. Launched on 11 July 1942 and completed in October 1942. Allocated in 1943 to the Dutch Government and renamed *Westerhaven*. Sold in 1946 to Société Anonyme Jean Negri, France and renamed *Orsuro*. Sold in 1949 to Compagnie Charentaise de Transports Maritimes, France and renamed *Chassiron*. Sold in 1951 to R T V Hall, Dublin and renamed *Kilbride*. Sold in 1972 to T Rive, Dublin, then sold in 1973 to Mrs Joyce Hercock, Hull and renamed *Joyce*. Scrapped in April 1974 at Hull.



## Empire Rowan

*Empire Rowan* was a 9,462 GRT CAM ship which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Completed in 1922 as *Lochgoil* for Royal Mail Lines Ltd. Damaged by a mine on 6 October 1939 5 nautical miles (9.3 km) from the Scarweather Light Vessel, Bristol Channel. Beached at Mumbles. Declared a constructive total loss but repaired. To MoWT in 1940 and renamed *Empire Rowan*. Torpedoed on 27 March 1943 by aircraft in Bay of Collo, north west of Bône, Algeria and sunk. Wreck exploded under water on 8 January 1951, believed to be caused by unofficial salvage attempt.

## Empire Ruby

*Empire Ruby* was a 667 GRT (800 DWT) coaster which was built by G Brown & Co (Marine) Ltd, Greenock. Launched on 26 June 1941 and completed in October 1941. Sold in 1946 to Athel Line Ltd and renamed *Athelruby*. Operated under the management of United Molasses Co Ltd, London. Sold in 1950 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Akinity*. Scrapped in April 1965 at Bruges, Belgium.

## Empire Runner

*Empire Runner* was a 313 GRT (350 DWT) collier which was built by Richard Dunston Ltd, Thorne. Launched on 23 August 1943 and completed in October 1943. Sold in 1947 to South Coast Sand & Ballast Co Ltd. Converted to a sand sucker and renamed *Sand Runner*. Sold in 1954 to Zinal Steamship Co Ltd. Operated under the management of J Burness & Sons Ltd, London. Sold in 1954 to Burness Shipping Co Ltd, London. Remained under Burness's management until 1956, then operated under the management of William Cory & Son Ltd. Scrapped in July 1970 at Southampton.

## Empire Rupert

*Empire Rupert* was a 487 GRT tug which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd, Goole. Launched on 10 November 1942 and completed in May 1943. Collided on 24 January 1945 with SS *Twickenham Ferry* 10 nautical miles (19 km) off Dover, Kent (51°03'N 01°32'E) and sank.

## Empire Ruskin

*Empire Ruskin* was a 7,037 GRT cargo ship which was built by John Readhead & Sons Ltd, South Shields. Launched on 14 July 1942 and completed in September 1942. Allocated in 1943 to the Dutch Government and renamed *Van der Capelle*. Sold in 1947 to Koninklijke Hollandsche Lloyd NV, Amsterdam and renamed *Delfland*. Sold in 1959 to Cerrahogullari Umumi Nakliyat TAS, Istanbul and renamed *M Esref*. Arrived on 13 October 1968 at Istanbul for scrapping.

## Empire Russell

*Empire Russell* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 28 October 1943 and completed in February 1944. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Batissa*. Sold in 1956 to Shell Tankers Ltd. Sold in 1960 to Estrella Maritima SA, Argentina. On 7 June 1970 *Batissa* was in collision with MV *Italmotor* in the Paraná River. Explosions and fire followed, ship ran aground and was abandoned. Later refloated and laid up damaged at Buenos Aires. Previously arranged sale to Toba S.A.M.C.I.F, Argentina and renaming to *Toba Pegaso* fell through. Scrapped in 1977 at Buenos Aires.

## Empire Ruth

*Empire Ruth* was a 258 GRT tug which was built by Scott & Sons, Bowling. Launched on 18

## Empire Saturn

*Empire Saturn* was a 8,224 GRT tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Belfast. Launched on 6 May 1944 and completed in September 1944. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Nayadis*. Scrapped in October 1961 at Hirao, Japan.

## Empire Sceptre

*Empire Sceptre* was a 7,359 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Doxford & Sons Ltd Sunderland. Launched on 16 September 1943 and completed in January 1944. Allocated in 1945 to the French Government and renamed *Jacques Bingen*. Sold in 1954 to Rederi A/B Sigyn and renamed *Sottern*. Operated under the management of Lundren & Borjesson, Sweden. Sold in 1963 to Zirda Compagnia Navigazione SA and renamed *Red Rose*. Operated under the management of F Italo Groce, Italy. Arrived on 16 February 1970 at Spezia, Italy for scrapping.

## Empire Scott

*Empire Scott* was a 6,150 GRT cargo ship which was built by John Readhead & Sons Ltd, South Shields. Launched on 10 July 1941 and completed in August 1941. Sold in 1946 to Chine Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Walter Scott*. Operated under the management of Anglo-Danubian Transport Co Ltd, London. Sold in 1960 to Lanena Shipping Co Ltd, Hong Kong and renamed *Zafiro*. Operated under the management of T Engan, Manila. Sold in 1961 to Sigma Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Oriental*. Operated under the management of Trinity Development Co Ltd, Hong Kong. Scrapped in 1963 in Hong Kong.

## Empire Scout

*Empire Scout* was a 2,229 GRT cargo ship which was built by Lübecker Maschinenbau Gesellschaft, Lübeck. Completed in 1936 as *Eilbek* for Knohr & Burchard, Hamburg. Captured on 19 November 1939 south of Iceland by HMS *Scotstoun* while attempting to break the blockade disguised as a Swedish merchant ship. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Scout*. Sold in 1946 to Dillwyn Steamship Co and renamed *Kellwyn*. Sold in 1950 to J Blumenthal, Hamburg and renamed Claus Boge. Sold in 1960 to Compagnia Navigazione Viamar, Greece and renamed *Antonakis*. Scrapped in August 1968 at Split, Yugoslavia.

## Empire Seabank

*Empire Seabank* was a 522 GRT coaster which was built by Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd, Goole. Launched on 23 November 1945 and completed in January 1946. Sold in 1946 to Middle East Coastal Services Ltd, Cyprus and renamed *Halfaya*. Sold in 1950 to Straits Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Semantan*. Sold in 1967 to Sharikat Perk Sendirian, Malaysia. Sold in 1960 to Keenan Shipping (Private) Ltd, Singapore and renamed *Tropic Seas*. Renamed *Moon River* in 1973 and reflagged to Panama. Sold in 1977 to River Navigation Co, Panama and renamed *Success Star*. Ran aground in January 1977 off Tumpat, Malaya and abandoned. Wreck offered for sale and scrap in December 1979.

## Empire Seabeach

*Empire Seabeach* was a 522 GRT coaster which was built by Henry Scarr Ltd, Hessle. Launched in February 1945 and completed in April 1945. Sold in 1946 to Straits Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Sedenak*. Sold in 1967 to Sharikat Perk Sendirian, Malaya. Sold in 1969 to Tan Yong Sing Shipping Co, Singapore and renamed *Selamat*. Ran aground on 17 July 1971 at Kalampunian Island, Borneo (07°03'N 116°44'E) and abandoned as a total loss.

## Empire Senlac

*Empire Senlac* was a 3,750 GRT tanker which was built by J L Thompson & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 27 June 1945 and completed in October 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Bullina*. Sold in 1955 to Bulmar SpA Siciliana di Armamento, Italy and renamed *Bulmar*. Sold in 1967 to Compagnia Armamento Sicula Adriatica SpA, Italy and renamed *Volina*. Sold in 1969 to Maritime Aragua SA, Venezuela. Scrapped in March 1977 at Cartagena, Spain.

## Empire Sentinel

*Empire Sentinel* was a 683 GRT coaster which was built by G Seebeck AG, Bremerhaven. Completed in 1898 as *Phaedra* for Neptun Line, Bremen. On 14 January 1940 she was captured by the Royal Navy in the North Sea. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Sentinel*. Requisitioned in 1943 by the Admiralty, to Royal Navy and renamed HMS *Rampant*, a wreck dispersal ship. To MoWT in December 1946, sold in 1947 to Wizard Shipping Co, London and renamed *Yiaghos*. Arrested in 1948 due to unpaid debts, renamed *Empire Sentinel*. Sold to De Malglave Shipping Co and renamed *Raymond Olivier*. Sold in 1951 to Costa Rican Navigation Co, Honduras. Operated under the management of Italiana Commerciale Maritime, Italy. Renamed *Mariapaolina* in 1955, management passing to Framar SpA, Italy. Scrapped in January 1960 at Vado, Italy.

## Empire Seraph

*Empire Seraph* was a 129 GRT tug which was built by Cochrane & Sons Ltd, Selby. Launched on 25 October 1942 and completed in December 1942. Sold in 1947 to the Polish Government and renamed *Bizon*. Classed as non-seagoing in 1961 and name deleted from shipping registers.

## Empire Service

*Empire Service* was a 7,067 GRT cargo ship which was built by Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 20 May 1943 and completed in July 1943. Sold in 1945 to T & J Harrison and renamed *Selector*. Sold in 1960 to Compagnia Navigazione Margalante, Panama and reamed *Margalante II*. Arrived on 9 May 1961 at Hirao, Japan for scrapping.

## Empire Settler

*Empire Settler* was a 797 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Co Ltd, Grangemouth. Launched on 11 October 1943 and completed in November 1943. Sold in 1947 to British Tanker Co Ltd and renamed *Iran*. Sold in 1958 to BP Tanker Co Ltd and renamed *Widad*. Sold in 1962 to N E Vernicos Shipping Co Ltd, Greece and renamed *Motol VII*. Scrapped in April 1968 at Piraeus, Greece.

## Empire Severn

*Empire Severn* was a 6,681 GRT cargo ship which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Completed in 1914 as *Egba* for Elder, Dempster & Co. In 1943, her owners wished to scrap her due to mechanical problems but she was purchased by the MoWT and renamed *Empire Severn*. On 10 February 1946 she dragged her anchors and collided with SS *Leighton* in Holy Loch and was damaged. On 19 February she again broke free from her moorings and collided with *Leighton*. On 12 October 1946 she was scuttled north west of the Hebrides with a cargo of obsolete chemical ammunition (58°18'N 09°37'E).

## Empire Shackleton

*Empire Shackleton* was a 7,068 GRT CAM ship which was built by Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow.

## Empire Shetland

*Empire Shetland* was a 813 GRT coaster which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 19 January 1945 and completed in April 1945. Sold in 1948 to Kuwait Oil Co Ltd and renamed *Adib*. Operated under the management of Angli-Iranian Oil Co Ltd. Sold in 1952 to Shell Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *BP Transporter*. Scrapped in June 1965 in Antwerp, Belgium.

## Empire Shirley

*Empire Shirley* was a 235 GRT tug which was built by A Hall & Co Ltd, Aberdeen. Launched on 27 June 1945 and completed in August 1945. Sold in 1947 to Union Steamship Company of New Zealand and renamed *Taphui*. Sold to Fijian owners in 1973 and renamed *Tui Tawate*. Sold in 1974 to R Discomb, Fiji and renamed *Tui Tuate*. Sold in 1986 to C Griffiths, Wellington, New Zealand. At this time, she was laid up at Port Vila, Vanuatu. Intended to be converted to a floating restaurant but was in too poor a condition to be towed.

## Empire Shoal

*Empire Shoal* was a 878 GRT coaster which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Govan. Launched on 13 February 1941 and completed in June 1941. Sold in 1946 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Angularity*. Sold in 1967 to G Tzortzis & others, Greece and renamed *Elpis*. Sprang a leak on 22 January 1968 and sank between Ameland and Schiermonnikoog, Netherlands (53°35'N 05°51'E).

## See also

The above entries give a precis of each ship's history. For a fuller account see the linked articles.

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Po, Hong Kong and reflagged to Somalia. Scrapped in June 1975 in Shanghai.

## Empire Taw

*Empire Taw* was a 1,499 GRT cargo ship which was built by Hawthorns & Co, Leith. Completed in 1921 as London for Dundee, Perth and London Shipping Co Ltd. Requisitioned in 1942 by MoWT and transferred to the Admiralty. To Royal Navy as HMS *Holdfast*. Converted to an auxiliary cable and pipelaying vessel for use in Operation Pluto. To MoWT in 1946 and renamed *Empire Taw*. Scrapped in 1952 in Cork.

## Empire Teak

*Empire Teak* was a 244 GRT tug which was built by Henry Scarr Ltd, Hessle. Launched on 21 December 1941 and completed in April 1942. Sold in 1950 to Alexandra Towing Co Ltd and renamed *Brambles*. Sold in 1969 to Northern Slipway Ltd, Dublin. Scrapped in October 1961 at Briton Ferry, West Glamorgan.

## Empire Tedassa

*Empire Tedassa* was a 950 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 8 September 1945 and completed in December 1945. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fossarina*. Sold in 1950 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Amity*. Scrapped in 1965 at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

## Empire Tedburgh

*Empire Tedburgh* was a 950 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Short Brothers Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 4 February 1946 and completed in June 1946 as *Dovedale H* for J Harker (Coasters) Ltd. Sold in 1953 to Shell Mex & B P Ltd and renamed *BP Supervisor*. Sold in 1966 to Antonia Shipping co Ltd and renamed *Rainbow*. Operated under the management of J Livanos & Sons, Greece. Sold in 1967 to Ionian Tank Shipping SA and renamed *Piraeus II*. Operated under the management of G Kalogeratos & Co, Greece. Caught fire on 6 November 1977 and sank in Elusis Bay, Greece. Raised, then scrapped in September 1978 at Piraeus.

## Empire Tedellen

*Empire Tedellen* was to have been a 890 GRT coastal tanker built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

## Empire Tedfay

*Empire Tedfay* was to have been a 890 GRT coastal tanker built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

## Empire Tedflora

*Empire Tedflora* was to have been a 890 GRT coastal tanker built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

## Empire Tedmount

*Empire Tedmount* was to have been a 890 GRT coastal tanker built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

### Empire Tedmuir

*Empire Tedmuir* was a 950 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 5 February 1946 and completed in May 1946. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fusinus*. Sold in 1949 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and rename *Aquiety*. Arrived in January 1965 at Bruges, Belgium for scrapping.

### Empire Tedport

*Empire Tedport* was a 890 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 30 November 1945 and completed in March 1946. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Felipes*. Sold in 1948 to Shell-Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *Shelbrit 10*. Renamed *Shell Director* in 1952. Scrapped in September 1966 at Bo'ness, West Lothian.

### Empire Tedrita

*Empire Tedrita* was a 890 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched in April 1946 and completed in September 1946. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fusus*. Sold in 1956 to Kie Hock Shipping Co, Singapore. Rebuilt in 1957 and converted to take dry cargo. Sold in 1962 to Palembang Shipping Co, Panama. Operated under the management of Kie Hock Shipping Co, Singapore. Sold in 1964 to Compagnia de Navigazione Gatun, Panama and renamed *Monaco*, remaining under Kie Hock's management. Sold in 1965 to Compagnia Navigazione Thompson SA, Panama, and renamed *Hanna*, still under Kie Hock's management. Renamed *Fataki* later that year. Scrapped in July 1965 in Hong Kong.

### Empire Tedrose

*Empire Tedrose* was to have been a 890 GRT coastal tanker built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

### Empire Tedship

*Empire Tedship* was a 890 GRT coastal tanker which was built by A & J Inglis Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 20 October 1945 and completed in February 1946. Sold in 1947 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fischeria*. Sold in 1951 to F T Everard & Sons Ltd and renamed *Acuity*. Sold in 1967 to Betamar Carriers Ltd, Somalia and renamed *Vittoriosa*. Converted in 1968 to a water carrier. Sold in 1969 to Compania di Davide Russo & Co, Italy and renamed *Neptunia*. Scrapped in 1975 in Italy.

### Empire Tedson

*Empire Tedson* was a 950 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Co Ltd, Grangemouth. Launched on 17 January 1946 and completed in July 1946 as *Arduity* for F T Everard & Sonls Ltd. Lengthened in 1956, now 1,159 GRT. Sold in 1969 to Felisberto Valente de Almeida, Portugal and renamed *Bela*. Renamed *Ariex* in 1970, relegated to river work only. Removed from shipping registers in 1979.

### Empire Tegaden

*Empire Tegaden* was a 2,570 GRT tanker which was built by Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft, Kiel. Launched in 1940 as *Jeverland*, towed to Copenhagen for completion by Burmeister & Wain. Requisitioned by the Kriegsmarine on completion. Seized in May 1945 at Bergen, Norway. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Tegaden*. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Jeverland*. Listed in

Montreal. Completed in May 1945 as HMS *LST 3504*. Later renamed HMS *Pursuer*. To Ministry of Transport (MoT) in 1956 during the Suez Crisis. Converted to a ferry and renamed *Empire Tern*. Operated under the management of Atlantic Steam Navigation Co Ltd until 1961 when management passed to British-India Steam Navigation Co Ltd. Scrapped in Singapore in September 1968.

### Empire Tesbury

*Empire Tesbury* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 21 November 1945 and completed in March 1946. To the Admiralty in 1951, renamed *Rippledye* and chartered out for commercial service. To Royal Fleet Auxiliary as RFA *Rippledye* in 1958, used as an oil hulk at Gibraltar. Sold in 1960 to S Lucchese & L Esposito, Italy. Converted in 1961 to a suction dredger, now 1,000 GRT. Renamed *Ada* in 1965. Collided with *Bočna* and sank on 5 November 1966 at Lido, Venice. Wreck struck on 16 November by motorboat *Marini Di Sapri* which sank as a result. Refloated on 4 February 1967, repaired and a new diesel engine fitted. Reclassed as a barge in 1978, scrapped in November 1981 at Porto Nogaro, Italy.

### Empire Tescombe

*Empire Tescombe* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 4 October 1945 and completed in December 1945. Sold in 1952 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fossarina*. Scrapped in 1965 in Hong Kong.

### Empire Tesdale

*Empire Tesdale* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched on 22 October 1945 and completed in May 1946. Sold in 1946 to Burmah Oil Co (Tankers) Ltd, Rangoon, Burma and renamed *Beme*. Operated under the management of Burmah Oil Co Ltd, London. To Burmah Oil Co (Burma Trading) Ltd in 1948. To The People's Oil Industry, Burma in 1963. To the Burmese Government in 1964 and renamed *Yenan*. Scrapped in 1980 in Burma.

### Empire Tesella

*Empire Tesella* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 31 October 1945 and completed in February 1946. Sold in 1951 to the British Tanker Co Ltd and renamed *British Pluck*. Scrapped in April 1954 in Bombay.

### Empire Tesgate

*Empire Tesgate* was to have been a 975 GRT coastal tanker built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland but the contract for building her was cancelled.

### Empire Tesgrove

*Empire Tesgrove* was to have been a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow but the contract for building her was cancelled.

### Empire Tesland

*Empire Tesland* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 31 July 1945 and completed in September 1945. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fulgar*. Sold in 1948 to Shell-Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *Shelbrit 9*. Renamed *BP Manager* in 1952. Scrapped in June 1967 at Antwerp, Belgium.

## Empire Teslin

*Empire Teslin* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne. Launched on 5 October 1945 and completed in April 1946. Sold in 1946 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and rename *Fragum*. Sold in 1948 to Shell-Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *Shelbrit 8*. Renamed *Shell Supplier* in 1952. Lengthened in 1954, now 1,157 GRT. Sold in 1967 to Marine Water Supply Co Ltd, Greece and renamed *Sofia*. Operated under the management of N E Vernicos Shipping Co Ltd, Greece. Scrapped in May 1971 at Perama, Greece.

## Empire Tesrock

*Empire Tesrock* was to have been a 975 GRT coastal tanker built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland but the contract for building her was cancelled.

## Empire Tessa

*Empire Tessa* was a 292 GRT tug which was built by William Simons & Co Ltd, Renfrew. Launched on 3 June 1946 and completed later that month. To the Admiralty in 1947 and renamed *Eminent*. Severely damaged by fire on 18 January 1951 at Bermuda. Towed to UK and repaired. Sold in 1976 Maryport Maritime Museum, Maryport, Cumbria. Arrived on 26 February 1986 at Millom, Cumbria for scrapping.

## Empire Test

*Empire Test* was a 8,298 GRT cargo liner which was built by J Cockerill SA, Hoboken, Belgium. Completed in 1922 as *Thysville*. To MoT in 1947 and renamed Empire Test. Scrapped in 1953 at Faslane, Argyllshire.

## Empire Tesville

*Empire Tesville* was a 975 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Bartram & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 21 November 1945 and completed in March 1946. Sold in 1962 to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and renamed *Fusinus*. Sold in 1960 to Shell Tankers Ltd. Scrapped in 1964 in Singapore.

## Empire Teviot

*Empire Teviot* was a 5,337 GRT cargo ship which was built by Flensburger Schiffbau- Gesellschaft. Completed in 1937 as *Mathias Stinnes* for Kohlen-Import und Poseidon Schiffahrt, Königsberg. Seized in May 1945 at Copenhagen. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Teviot*. Allocated in 1946 to USSR and renamed *Akademik Krilov*. Scrapped in 19075 in USSR.

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The above entries give a precis of each ship's history. For a fuller account see the linked articles.

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### Empire Thackeray

*Empire Thackeray* was a 2,865 GRT cargo ship which was built by Sir J Laing & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 1 July 1942 and completed in August 1942. Sold in 1945 to Rodney Steamship Co Ltd and renamed *Thackeray*. Operated under the management of Anglo-Danubian Transport Co Ltd, London. Ran aground on 27 December 1946 near Outer Cat Island, Argentina, Newfoundland. Refloated on 24 May 1947 and repaired at St John's, Newfoundland. Sold in 1948 to M S Polemis, Greece and rename *Theokeetor*. Operated under the management of Goulandris Brothers Ltd, Greece. Sold in 1953 to Compagnia Commercial Tansatlantica SA, Panama and renamed *Mozart*. Operated under the management of S Polemis & Sons Ltd, New York. Sold in 1954 to Compagnia Navigazione Micaela SA and renamed *Micaela*. Operated under the management of Società Armamento Marittimo, Italy. Renamed *Onorato Secondo* in 1960. Sold in 1962 to Polska Żegluga Morska, Poland and renamed *Jelcz*. Scrapped in May 1968 at Ystad Sweden.

### Empire Thames

*Empire Thames* was a 5,825 GRT ocean liner which was built by Blohm & Voss, Hamburg. Completed in 1920 as *Urundi* for Deutsche Ost Afrika Linie, Hamburg. Requisitioned in 1939 by the Kriegsmarine. Between February and May 1945, she carried 32,716 people from the Eastern Baltic and East Prussia. Seized in May 1945 at Copenhagen. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Thames*. Chartered in 1945 to the Greek Government and renamed *Kalamai*. Returned to MoT in 1946 and renamed *Empire Thames*. Sold in 1947 to Goulandris Bros, London. Sold in 1948 to Compagnia Maritima de Este, Panama and renamed *Valparaiso*. Renamed *Empire Thames* in 1949, scrapped in March 1949 at Antwerp, Belgium.

### Empire Thane

*Empire Thane* was a 8,120 GRT tanker which was built by Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 26 October 1939 as *Desmoulea* for Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co Ltd and completed in December 1939. Torpedoed on 31 January 1941 in the Mediterranean Sea (35°31'N 02°34'E) and abandoned. Reboarded and towed to Souda Bay, Crete where most of her cargo was discharged. Towed to Port Said, Egypt in April 1941 and then to Suez. Damaged on 5 August 1941 by an aerial torpedo off West

Beacon, Suez. Departed Suez on 18 August under tow of *Olivia* and arrived at Aden on 27 August. Examined and found to have broken her back, with her engine room full of water and unable to steer. Departed Aden on 30 December under tow of *Malda* and arrived at Bombay on 12 January 1942 for drydocking. Drydock unavailable and departed Bombay on 23 April under tow of *Ondina*. Arrived at Bhavnagar, India on 1 May. Damage not repairable there and she was beached, with further strained her. Departed under tow of *Utsire* on 20 November but the tow rope parted on 22 November and she ran aground at Goapnath Point. Refloated on 26 November and towed back to Bombay. Relegated to use as an oil hulk. Finally drydocked in July 1943, repairs were assessed as possible, but materials were unavailable as two of the ships carrying them had been sunk en route. Temporary repairs were carried out. To MoWT and renamed *Empire Thane*. Towed to Cochin and used as an oil hulk. Returned to Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Ltd in January 1947 and renamed *Desmoulea*. Departed Cochin on 21 April under tow and arrived at Falmouth, Cornwall on 16 July, thus completing in excess of 12,000 nautical miles (22,000 km) under tow. Repaired and returned to service. Scrapped in 1961 in Hong Kong.

### Empire Thistle

*Empire Thistle* was a 263 GRT tug which was built by Clelands (Successors) Ltd, Willington Quay-on-Tyne. Launched on 21 October 1941 and completed in February 1942. Sold in 1946 to Clyde Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Flying Hurricane*. Sold in 1956 to Britannia Steam Towing Co and renamed *Brynforth*. Sold in 1962 to Alexandra Toweing Co Ltd. Scrapped in August 1965 at Silloth, Cumberland.

### Empire Thrush

*Empire Thrush* was a 6,160 GRT cargo ship which was built by Federal Shipbuilding Co, Kearny, New Jersey. Launched on 17 April 1919 as *Lorain* for United States Shipping Board (USSB). Completed in May 1919. To Cosmopolitan Shipping Co, New York in 1932 and returned to USSB later that year. To MoWT in 1942 and renamed *Empire Thrush*. Torpedoed on 14 April 1942 and sunk by *U-203* off Chesapeake Bay, USA (35°08'N 75°18'W).<sup>[1]</sup>

### Empire Thunder

*Empire Thunder* was a 5,965 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Pickersgill & Sons Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 6 August 1940 and completed in January 1941. Torpedoed on maiden voyage and sunk by *U-124* north west of the Hebrides (59°14'N 12°43'W).

### Empire Tide

*Empire Tide* was a 6,978 GRT CAM ship which was built by Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 27 May 1941 and completed in October 1941. Sold in 1945 to Ropner Shipping Co Ltd and renamed *Thirlby*. Sold in 1956 to Transportes Maritimos Atlas Sa, Panama and renamed *Guri*. Sold in 1963 to Panamanian Oriental Steamship Corp, Panama and renamed *Anto*. Operated under the management of World-Wide Shipping Ltd. Sold in 1965 to Eastern Giant Navigation Co Ltd, Bahamas, remaining under World-Wide's management. Sold in 1966 to Apollo Shipping Co SA, Panama. Scrapped in November 1966 at Ikeda, Japan.

### Empire Tigachi

*Empire Tigachi* was a 685 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Elsflether Werft AG, Elsfleth, Germany. Completed in 1942 as *Flelhude* for the Kriegsmarine. Seized in May 1945, to MoWT and renamed *Empire Tigachi*. Ran aground on 3 January 1946 at Nidingen, Sweden. Wreck stripped by salvors, later broke in two and declared a total loss.

Completed in 1916 as *Giove* for the Regia Marina. Scuttled on 8 April 1941 at Massowah, Italian Somaliland. Salvaged on 20 June and later repaired. To MoWT in 1942 and renamed *Empire Trophy*. Arrived on 2 September 1944 at Bombay with boiler defects and laid up. Beached in March 1947 and stripped of useful materials before scrapping in Bombay.

### Empire Trotwood

*Empire Trotwood* was a 797 GRT coastal tanker which was built by Grangemouth Dockyard Ltd, Grangemouth. Launched on 29 February 1944 and completed in May 1944. Sold in 1947 to Kuwait Oil Co Ltd and renamed *Amir*. Operated under the management of Anglo-Iranian Oil Co Ltd. Sold in 1952 to Shell-Mex & BP Ltd and renamed *BP Distributor*. Scrapped in May 1965 at Willebroek, Belgium.

### Empire Trumpet

*Empire Trumpet* was a 7,059 GRT cargo ship which was built by William Hamilton & Co Ltd, Port Glasgow. Launched on 9 March 1943 and completed in April 1943. Sold in 1946 to T & J Harrison Ltd and renamed *Naturalist*. Sold in 1959 to Iranian Lloyd Co Ltd, Iran and renamed Persian Cyrus. Sold in 1965 to Iranian Shipping Lines SA and renamed *Hamadan*. Sold in 1966 to P J Frangoulis & A I Clifas, Greece and renamed *Koula*. Ran aground on 25 July 1966 near Qais Island, Iran, declared a total loss.

### Empire Trust

*Empire Trust* was a 8,143 GRT cargo ship which was built by Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd, Glasgow. Launched on 15 November 1940 and completed in February 1941. To the Dutch Government on 1942 and renamed *Rembrandt*. Sold in 1947 to Vereenigde Nederlandsche Scheepsvaart Maatschappij, Den Haag and renamed *Amerskerk*. Renamed *Rijnkerk* later that year. Arrived on 21 September 1963 at Hong Kong for scrapping.

### Empire Tudor

*Empire Tudor* was a 7,087 GRT cargo ship which was built by Shipbuilding Corporation Ltd, Sunderland. Launched on 23 May 1944 and completed in July 1944. Sold in 1948 to Goulandris Bros, London and renamed *Grandyke*. Sold in 1949 to Ben Line Steamers Ltd and renamed *Benvannoch*. Sold in 1956 to Helmville Ltd and renamed *Medina Princess*. Operated under the management of M Alachouzos, London. Ran aground on 3 August 1962 near Djibouti and laid up there. On 1 September 1964 she broke her mooring and ran aground again. Sold in 1967 to Greek shipbreakers.

### Empire Tugela

*Empire Tugela* was a 6,181 GRT cargo ship which was built by J C Tecklenborg AG, Wesermünde. Completed in 1921 as *Wartenfels* for Hansa Line, Bremen. When war broke out she was in the Red Sea and sought refuge at a port in Italian East Africa and then Madagascar. Seized on 4 May 1942 at Diego Suarez, damaged but most of the scuttling charges failed to detonate. Salvaged by Royal Navy, to MoWT and renamed *Empire Tugela*. Sold in 1947 to Oceanic Navigation Co, Calcutta and renamed *Chitpur*. Sold in 1948 to Hwah Sung Steamship Co, Shanghai and renamed *Hwah Sung*. Sold in 1950 to Wallem & Co, Panama and renamed *Navidad*. Sold in 1952 to Purple Star Shipping Co, China. Sold in 1953 to Hwah Sung Steamship Co, Shanghai and renamed *Hwah Sung*. Deleted from shipping registers in 1960. Reported sighting in 1983 as *Zhan Dou 75*, owned by the Chinese Government but this ship was previously *Shen Li* (ex-*Empire Nile*). Possible identity in 1983 was *Zhan Dou 46*, not listed in shipping registers.

### Empire Tulip