

The Amerika

Built by Harland & Wolff Limited, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 1905. 22,225 gross tons; 700 (bp) feet long; 74 feet wide. Steam quadruple expansion engines, twin screw. Service speed 17 1/2 knots. 897 passengers (420 first class, 254 second class, 223 third class). Four masts and two funnels, later one funnel in 1942. Five decks.

Built for Hamburg-American Line, German flag, in 1905 and named Amerika. Hamburg-New York service. Laid up at Boston in 1914. Seized by U.S. authorities, in 1917 and renamed USS America. Intended for troopship service but used for civilian transport service. Sank at her pier in New York, refloated. Transferred to United States Lines, in 1921 and renamed America. Trans-Atlantic service. Laid up 1931-40. Transferred to United States Army Transports, American flag, in 1940 and renamed USS Edmund B. Alexander. Troopship service. Laid up 1949-57. Scrapped at Baltimore in 1957.