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FIRST AORANGI

Originally built for the New Zealand Shipping Co. Ltd in 1883, Aorangi made many voyages between England and New Zealand, and later on the Sydney-Auckland-Vancouver run. Soon after the turn of the century she was acquired by the Union Steam Ship Co. and used on the Frisco service. She had accommodation for 160 passengers and developed 14 knots. Laid up in 1913, the old Aorangi was sold to the Admiralty and sunk as a block ship at Scapa Flow during the First World War. Raised in 1920, her hull was still good enough for use as a hulk.