

SS WORTHING : A brief history

The SS Worthing was built in 1928 by Denny & Company in Dumbarton for Southern Railways for operation on the Dieppe – Newhaven ferry route.

At the beginning of WW2 she was converted to a hospital carrier by Harland & Wolff in Southampton .

Based at Newhaven she saw service as Hospital carrier No 3 and Evacuated troops from Dunkirk on at least 3 occasions even being attacked by 12 enemy aircraft on 1 voyage.

In 1942 she was renamed HMS Brigadier and converted to an LSI (Landing ship Infantry) and she carried commandos to Arromanche on June 6th 1944 in support of operation Overlord.

After the war she returned to her old ferry route but was sold off in 1951 and became the Phryne sailing between Piraeus and Crete eventually being scrapped in 1964.



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