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SS Harberton (+1917)

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Details

general

nationality: [british](#)
purpose: [transport](#)
type: [cargo](#)
subtype/class: [collier](#)
propulsion: [steamer](#)
date built: [1894](#)
status: [dead \(not found\)](#) †

details

weight (tons): [1443 grt](#)
dimensions: [75,29 x 10,76 x 4,75 m](#)
material: [steel](#)
engine: [Steam triple expansion by N.E.M.E. Co. Ltd. Sunderland, one single boiler, single screw](#)
power: [148 n.h.p.](#)
speed: [8.5 knots](#)
yard no.: [185](#)

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
date lost: [30/03/1917](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
casualties: [† 15 rank 482](#)

about people

builder: [Austin S. P. & Son Ltd., Sunderland](#)
engine by: [North Eastern Marine Engineers Ltd., Sunderland](#)
last owner: [1] [Cory Colliers Ltd. \(Wm. Cory & Son\), London](#)
[SS Harberton](#)
period: --- ~ 1917
prev. owners: [2] [Harrison J. & C. Ltd., London](#)
[SS Harberton](#)
period: 1894 ~ ---
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about the wreck

depth:
orientation:
protected:
war grave:

references

reference(s): [Carl Racey, A Century of Steamship Losses](#)

updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
entered: [26/08/2007](#)
last update: [Racey Carl](#)
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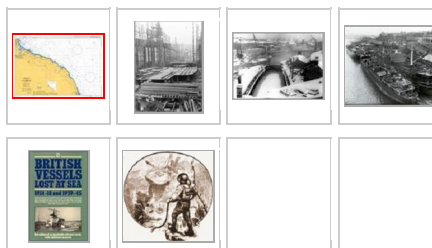
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History

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Built for J. & C. Harrison, London; Yard No 185; Launch Date: 16/06/1894; Date of loss not certain, probably struck a mine laid by UC.31; All 15 lives lost, including master.

The HARBERTON left Blyth on Thursday 29th March 1917 bound for London with a cargo of coal. The ship was never seen or heard of again and it is presumed to have struck a mine laid by a German U-boat with the loss of all 15 crew.

Estimated position of loss: Off Robin Hood's Bay; North Sea, Shipping Lane South of Blyth.

One of ten Cory Colliers involved in the London coal trade, lost off the Yorkshire coast to German U-boats or mines they had laid during WWI, the others were: Brentwood, Hurstwood, Ocean, Vernon, Sir Francis, Harrow, Corsham and Highgate. The Deptford was also mined off Scarborough in 1915.

ref. used: [Carl Racey, A Century of Steamship Losses](#)

[Allen Tony](#) 02/03/2009

The collier Harberton SS left Blyth on March 29th, 1917, for London, with a cargo of coal. She was mined in the North Sea by German submarine

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UC-31 and sunk. She had a crew of 16.

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Harberton SS was a 1,443grt, British Merchant steamer. On the 30th March 1917 when in the North Sea she was probably torpedoed without warning and sunk by submarine, date uncertain, listed as 30th?. 15 lives lost including Master. Vessel was on route from Blyth to London.

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ref. [His Majesty'S Stationary Office, British used: Merchant Shipping \(Losses\) WW1](#)

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About Owner(s)

 [Cory Colliers Ltd. \(Wm. Cory & Son\), London](#)

Cory Colliers (William Cory & Son) Ltd. 52 Mark Lane, London. Originally in the coal trade, became tug operators. Later renamed to Cory Towage Ltd.

About Builder(s)

 [Austin S. P. & Son Ltd., Sunderland](#)

S. P. Austin and Sons began in 1826. Austin's was famous for its pontoon, which opened in 1904. The pontoon was a platform that could be sunk below a ship, then re-floated to raise the ship out of the water. Austin's merged with Pickersgill's in 1954 to become Austin and Pickersgill The yard closed in 1956

 [North Eastern Marine Engineers Ltd., Sunderland](#)

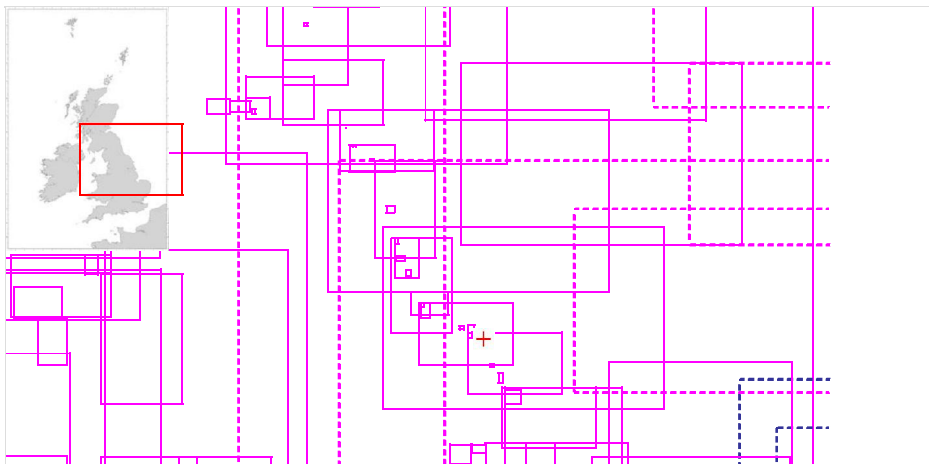
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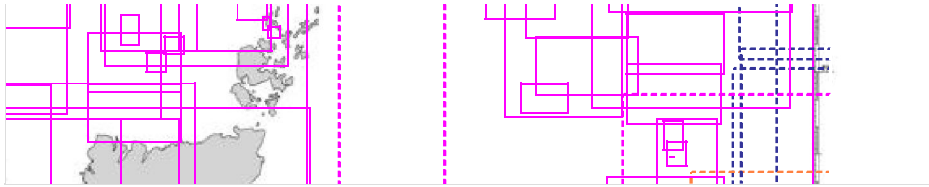
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