

Basic Detail Report



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Title

P&O STRATHMORE Tourist Class public rooms

Date

1953-1956

Primary Maker

P&O

Medium

Photographic print on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 100 × 152 mm

Name

Postcard

History

John Vivian Gill (1919-1994) and his wife Gladys Patricia Gill (nee Parker) (1924-1994) migrated from Buxton, England to Sydney, Australia in March 1956 under the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme. They were accompanied by John's mother Mrs E Gill, sister Mrs J Griffin, 11 year old nephew Teddy and brother-in-law Mr T E Parker. The family was joining John's father Frederick John Gill in Sydney, where John believed "the prospects are better and the climate a good deal more favourable." The family sailed from Tilbury on the P&O liner STRATHMORE on 30 March 1956. STRATHMORE was launched on 4 April 1935, with accommodation for 445 first and 665 tourist class passengers and air conditioning in the first class dining room - a first for a P&O vessel. It departed Tilbury on its maiden voyage to Bombay and Australia on 26 October 1935, setting a new record for the run to Bombay. STRATHMORE was requisitioned as a troopship during World War II. It was involved in the North African landings and was then used to repatriate troops after the war. In 1948 STRATHMORE was refitted in Newcastle to accommodate 497 first and 487 tourist class passengers. In the early 1960s, as demand for assisted migrant passages declined, it was converted to a one-class ship for 1,200 passengers. STRATHMORE completed its final voyage to Australia in 1963 and was then sold to Greek ship owner John S Latsis. It was renamed MARIANNA LATSI and used to transport pilgrims to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, before being broken up in Italy in 1969.