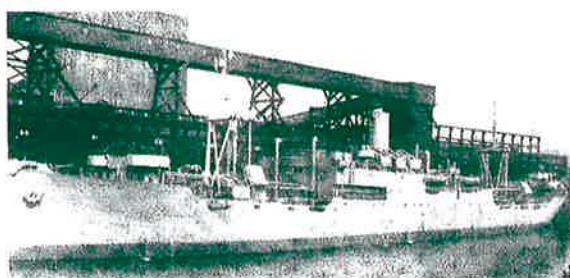


Nz 81 Kota Baroe, 1929, Rotterdamsche Lloyd



Nz 82 Kota Baroe AP In charter by USWSA. Picture taken before "Measure 22" camouflage was applied.



Nz 83 Kota Baroe AP in charter by the Dutch Government



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The construction of the vessel was considerably delayed because of strikes. Kota Baroe joined the fast-freight-service in 1929. The service started in Hamburg, via Bremen and Rotterdam to the Dutch East Indies (D.E.I.) and back.

The tweendeck of Kota Baroe was equipped to bring a maximum of 1800 Muslim pilgrims from The D.E.I. to Saudi Arabia and back. During such transports, 6 additional lifeboats were taken on board. Four were placed on top of the four existing one's on the boat deck and two were carried in provisional davits outside the hull, aside of the electric cranes. (See Nz 89). It explains the long arms of the davits.

In 1942, Kota Baroe was sent to the USA to be chartered out to the USWSA. Initially she was used as freighter and sailed during six months via Trinidad, Cape Town, the Red Sea area, around South America to New York

The 4 months conversion to troopship started in February 1943 and took place in Baltimore. Kota Baroe was continuously underway in the Pacific area until January 1946, when she was given back to the Dutch shipping authority.

In 1945 a colonial war broke out in the D.E.I. and Dutch citizens who had survived Japanese concentration camps had to be taken back to Holland quickly.

The Government used the converted USWSA troopships from which the armament was taken off, to bring military personnel to the Islands and to bring civilians back to the Netherlands.

Kota Baroe was refitted back as a freighter in 1952

In November 1957 Kota Baroe was sold to Chiap Hua Manufactory Co. for GBP 10.600. and was scrapped.

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Kota - Class ship models (to be) released by "Noordzee Models"

NZ number	Name Yard	Tonnages gross-net -dwt.	Dimensions in meters	Engine	Service speed Passenger acc. Tweendeck cap.	Dates of keel laid down and maiden trip	Specific observations	History and fate	Main Armament of WW II model version
74 (FR/PA) Slt 1927	Kota Radia Mij "de Scheide" Flushing 182	7166 5423 9545	136.9 18.55 8.14	8 cyl. two stroke single action M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 28 2000	6-11-1926 5-11-1927	Portal masts Short bridgedeck 2nd Sb. lifeboat fitted with Vreugdenhil davits Pointed cruiser stem	Was painted grey in 1941, but not armed. Sailed mainly between South America and Dutch East Indies until 22-02-42, when it was hit by Japanese bombs when in Soerabaja harbour. It was towed to sea and scuttled by the crew. No casualties.	
74A (FR/PA) Slt 1942									
75 (FR/PA) Slt 1927	Kota Inten Eis. Fijenoord Rotterdam 308	7211 4550 9540	141.67 18.55 9.05	7 cyl. two stroke double action M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 18 1800	6-2-1926 25-10-1927	2nd Sb. Lifeboat fitted with Vreugdenhil davits Short bridge deck High motorcasing	From 1942 in charter with BMWVT as freighter. In charter with USWSA in 1943. Conversion to troopship 1943/1944 in New York (1753 pass.). From then on in Pacific theatre. Released Feb 1946. In Dutch Government service as troopship and emigration ship to Canada. Refit as freighter without pass. acc. in 1951 (7731g 4550 n. 9100 d.). In 1958 scrapped in Hong Kong.	1-4" LA 3.3" HA, 8-20mm Oerlikon
76 (AP) Slt 1944									
77 (PA/E) Slt 1950									
78 (FR) Slt 1956									
79 (FR/PA) Slt 1927	Kota Gedé Eis. Fijenoord Rotterdam 309	7323 4515 9560	137.12 18.55 8.16	7 cyl. two stroke double action M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 26 1800	23-2-1927 19-9-1928	High motor casing Extended bridge deck Extended promenade deck	In 1942 in charter by USWSA, later BMWVT. In 1946 first ship back in regular service. 20 passengers and 129 in tweendeck accommodation. Sold in 1958 to Hong Kong to be scrapped.	1-4" LA 2-3" HA, 4-20mm Oerlikon
80 AK Slt 1942									
81 (FR/PA) Slt 1929	Kota Baroe Mij "de Scheide" Flushing 183	7307 4523 9250	141.67 18.55 8.13	8 cyl. two stroke single action Sulzer diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 30 1800	16-5-1927 25-1-1929	Portal masts Pointed cruiser stem Extended bridge deck Extended promenade deck	In 1943 conversion in Batavia to troopship (1885 pass.). USWSA. From then on active in Pacific waters. From 03-'46 to '48 in charter by Dutch Government as troopship. Refitted as freighter in 1952. Sold to Hong Kong in 1958 to be scrapped.	8-20mm Oerlikon
82 (AP) Slt 1944									
83 (AP) Slt 1947									
84 (AK) Slt 1942	Kota Tjandi Whitton Rotterdam 319	7309 4581 9615	137.1 18.5 8.11	7 cyl. two stroke double action Fijenoord/M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 20 1800	00-09-1928 00-02-1930	High motorcasing Extended bridge deck Extended promenade deck	1940 in charter with BMWVT as freighter. While sailing in convoy TS 37 en route from Takoradi to England, torpedoed by U-515 on 30-4-1942 near Fleetown 7.15 N and 13.49 W. 6 casualties.	1-4" LA 2-20mm Oerlikon 1-double 20mm Lewis
85 (AK) Slt 1942	Kota Pinang N.S.M. Amsterdam 201	7275 4532 9620	137.02 18.48 8.11	7 cyl. two stroke double action Hijenoord/M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 20 1800	16-1-1929 29-5-1930	Funnel ex Patria High motorcasing Extended bridge deck Extended promenade deck	In Rotterdam harbour at outbreak of war. On 10-04-1941 confiscated by German auth. and under German flag. Renamed "Klara". Supply ship for U-boats on the Atlantic. On position 43 31 N and 24 06 W, 750 miles west of Cape Ortegai sunk by HMS Kenya on 10-03-1943.	2-3,7cm, 4-20mm
86 (FR/PA) Slt 1930	Kota Aogeng Eis. Fijenoord Rotterdam 317	7331 4482 9780	137.02 18.55 8.16	2-5 cyl. two stroke double action Fijenoord/M.A.N. diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 20 1800	27-7-1929 23-10-1930	Low funnel First in Netherlands with 2 high rev. motors with gear-wheel transmission Extended bridge deck Extended promenade deck	In 1942 conversion to troopship (1509 pass.) in San Francisco for USWSA. During five years active in Pacific waters. Returned to the Netherlands in Sept. 1947. In charter by the Dutch government as troopship (Unarmed) until 1952. Refitted as freighter with passenger accommodation. Back in line service until 1958. Sold to Hong Kong to be scrapped.	1-4" LA 3-3" HA, 7-20mm Oerlikon
87 (AP) Slt 1944									
88 (AP) Slt 1949									
89 (FR/PA) Slt 1936	Kota Nopan Mij "de Scheide" Flushing 187	7319 4583 9410	141.67 18.5 8.14	8 cyl. single stroke double action Sulzer diesel 5200 pk	14 kn 20 1800	19-9-1929 25-7-1931	Medium funnel Pointed cruiser stem Nz 89 as pilgrim carrier with 6 extra lifeboats	On 17-08-1941 stopped and taken over by German raider "Komet" on pos. 01 22 S and 69 W near Galapagos Islands en route from Makassar to New York. Blockade runner for Kriegs Marine. Renamed "Karin". On 10-03-1943 en route from Singapore to Bordeaux stopped by USS Savannah, Sante, Livermore and Eberle. Scuttled by German crew on pos. 07 21 S and 20 45 W.	1-10.5 cm 2-3,7cm 12-20mm
90 (BU/RU) Slt 1943									