



*In 1897 the Clan Line inaugurated a style known as the turret ship design. This design of a truncated well deck was viewed rather suspiciously by seamen but time proved it exceedingly seaworthy. Suez canal's dues, at that time assessed on deck space, were said to have been responsible for the innovation. The major part of the ship was shaped rather like a pear and the greater cargo capacity had no effect on the overall deck space*

*The illustration is of an early turret ship, Clan Macfarlane, 4,823 tons gross. She was built in 1898 by William Doxford of Sunderland. This ship was torpedoed on December 30, 1915 by U.38, 66 miles SE by E off Cape Martello, Crete, with the loss of 52 lives*

*Clan Macdonald was the first of the line's turret ships. She was sold in 1922 to Hokuyo Kisen K. K. Dairen, and renamed Hokuyo Maru. She was broken up in the same year. No really good photograph of her appears to have survived*

*(Information by archivist John Norton)*