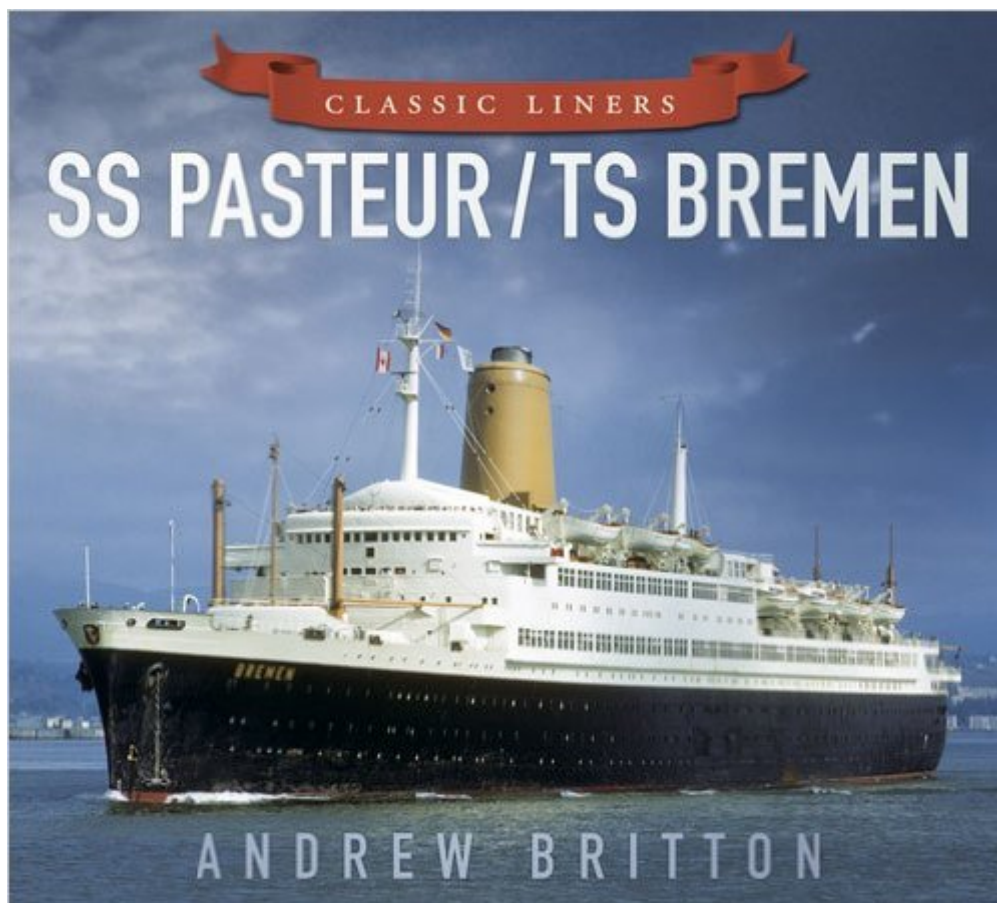


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Synopsis

The fascinating story of a Cunard vessel that became the last German flagship, adored by France, and popular around the world TS Bremen was one of the most popular liners operating across the Atlantic. Built for the French as the SS Pasteur, she made a dramatic escape in 1940 carrying 200 tons of French gold bullion reserves to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Requisitioned by the British under Cunard, she became a hospital troopship, carrying 300,000 Allied troops around the world, with a major role in supplying the Battle of El Alamein. Charles de Gaulle claimed that the Pasteur's contribution "significantly helped bring . . . Hitler to his ultimate end." Post-war she remained in French military service until 1956, conveying French troops to Vietnam, Algeria, and the Suez Crisis. Following lay-up, she was sold to the North German Lloyd Line as their final flagship, refitted and renamed Bremen. The sale sparked violent protests in France, but she was now the pride of the German nation and began her next career. The book contains many previously unpublished images, including spectacular color views of the liner in transatlantic cruising service and her dramatic sinking on her final voyage for demolition in Taiwan in 1974.

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Overall, congratulations are due to Mr Britton on his excellent biography of the Pasteur / Bremen. The book is very well written and the abundant photos and graphics are excellent. My pet peeve with many ocean liner books is a lack of a detailed deck plan and as we see a scan of a deck plan

cover among the graphics, we know that Mr. Britton had one available. It would have been a great addition and could have easily taken the place of some fairly repetitious photos. My only other critique would be that the short Chandris period deserved a bit more detail. What were her itineraries in those two years? An additional photo or two and sample menus or programs would have improved this very short chapter and made for a better comparison to her former life. . Overall, I am delighted to add this book to my ocean liner library. I also have to add kudos to History Press for producing ocean liner books of much higher quality than their competitor Amberly.

Excellent story of a beautiful French ship. I had an older relative was on board her as "Pastuer" and a troopship. i've been on board her on a few occasions as "Bremen". A great liner. Book well done.

Overall, this is a fine history of an overlooked ship. The text is informative and the color photos interesting. I would like to have seen more interior photos instead of renderings and additional info on her final years. One real gripe is that the author gets gross tonnage mixed up with weight. Gross Tonnage measures the enclosed space of a ship. Displacement is weight.

I was hoping this book would have a lot of stories from past passengers, pictures etc. Not what it has. All you get is a bunch of photos most which look as if they were taken during the same trip or visit. I wanted to really see what this ship was like to travel on and this book doesn't really give you any good information, photos or stories. Better to look up the vessel on the internet and youtube. Save your money

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