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Name: **SS Honey Hill** Hull No: **481**

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1. Ship's Information:

Sun Ship Data ^[1]

Hull No:	481
Name Orig:	Honey Hill
Sailing Port:	Philadelphia, PA ^[2]
Contract:	1944.05.02
Shipway:	SY-11
Keel Laying:	1943.04.19
Launching:	1945.07.05
Date Delivery:	1945.07.23
Time on Way:	3m-0d
Time in Wetdock:	0m-18d
Time total Building:	3m-18d
Delivery Promised:	1943.08.31
L-B-D:	503', 68', 39'3"
DWT:	16,353
Gross Tons:	10,297
Net Tons:	Pending ^[0]
Type:	Tanker, T2-SE-A1 ^[3]
Propulsion:	Westinghouse, Turbo-Electric
Propeller(s):	1 at xx'y" diameter
HP:	7,500
Boilers(s):	2-Mfg. Pending
Speed-Knots:	15.5
Complement:	Pending
Classification:	A.B.S.
Capacity:	141,158 bbls

Sponsor:	Miss F.I Taylor
Owner:	Maritime Commission ^[3]
First Operator:	Pending ^[0]

Shipway Designations:

SY:	South Yard 9 thru 12
CY:	Central Yard 1 thru 8
NY:	North Yard 13 thru 20
4Y:	No.4 Yard 21 thru 28

2. Maritime Commission Data ^[3]

Contract Design:	T2-SE-A1
Hull No:	481 ^[1]
ID:	5272048 ^[2]
Official No:	248208 ^[2]
U.S.M.C Hull No:	2451 ^[1]
Contract No:	Pending
Contract Price:	\$2,587,867 ^[1]

3. Ship's Ownership and Naming Transition:^[2]

- 1945: Name- **Honey Hill**
Owner- U.S. Govt.
Port- Philadelphia, Pa
- 1946: Name: **Atlantic Dealer**
Owner: Atlantic Refining Co.
Port- Philadelphia, Pa
- 1960: Name: **Atlantic Dealer**
Owner- Skar-Ore SS Corp.
Port- Wilmington, De
- 1961: Name- **Paul H. Carnahan**
Owner- Skar-Ore SS Corp.
Port- Wilmington, DE

4. Ship's History:

4.1: Ship's Naming History

'Battle of Honey Hill': The Battle of Honey Hill was the third battle of Sherman's March to the Sea, fought November 30, 1864, during the American Civil War [4]

4.2: Acquired by the Atlantic Refining Co. c:1946 and renamed '**Atlantic Dealer**'

4.3: Acquired by Skar-Ore Steamship Corp., Wilmington, DE in 1960 and lengthened and widened for an ore carrier in 1961 as 12,626 GT bulk carrier, renamed '**Paul H. Carnahan**'.

4.4: Scrapped at Kaohsiung, (Taiwan^[1]) in 1986.

5. Artifacts:^[1]

5.1: Ship's Sponsor's Launching Plaque

It is a custom to give the sponsor of the ship being launched a ceremonial plaque commemorating the launching of the vessel. The sponsor would typically be the wife or daughter of an executive of the company that had purchased the ship. In the case of WWII however, there were so many ships being launched and purchased by the Maritime Commission, that sponsors were chosen by lottery among the shipyard workers. A bottle of champagne would be broken across the bow of the vessel, which would then be named by the sponsor. The sponsor would be protected from shattering glass by a woven mesh cover.

S.S. *Honey Hill* Sponsor's Plaque

SSHS: 500_259_03



5.2: Launching Pins

Pin typical of those given to attendees of a Yard launching for permission to enter the Yard for the launch.

Text from newspaper from launching of the *Sol Navis* H-010 (1919.02.04): "Long before the hour set for the launching, crowds of people filed into the main office, receiving badges that entitled them to pass through the yard and witness the all-important event. The visitors included the wives and relatives

of many of the workmen, who were perched on the roofs of nearby buildings, on the big ponderous cranes and other vantage points

Here is a sample of an early launch pin for the '*Tidewater Associated*' H-126, launched on 1930.09.06.

SSHS: 500_126_010:



This '*Honey Hill*' launch pin was acquired with Sponsor's Launching plaque. The launching pins were modified during WWII and titled 'Victory Launching Pin'.

SSHS: 011_481_02



5.3: From VP Robert Haig's 'Ship's Construction Details' Archive Collection

The 5- 5.5"Wx8"H, 3-ring binders, (including 4 duplicates) covering construction details of M/S *Gulf Spray* (H-101) thru USS *Shoshone* (H-600) were acquired during the Sun Ship demolition of 2004-5.

FORM 800 SS&DDCO.

Cont. # 481 - S/S 'Honey Hill'
 Built on Way #11 D.W.T. Tonnage: 16,353
 Owner: U.S.M.C.
 Sponsor: Miss F.I. Taylor

Keel Laid	4-5-45	On Ways	92	Days
Launched	7-5-45	Wet Dock	14	Days
Delivered	7-19-45	Total	106	Days
Hull Steel	Tons	Base Price		
Plates	4,289.77			
Shapes	651.65	FRT.		
Total	4,941.42			

Cost	Hull	Per Dwt.	Eng.	Per Dwt.
Labor	562,840.	34.42	236,019.	14.43
Burden	337,702.	20.65	141,611.	8.66
Mat'l	471,978.	28.86	762,458.	46.69
Total	1,372,520.	83.93	1,141,088.	69.78

Labor	798,859.	48.85
Burden	479,313.	29.31
Mat'l	1,235,476.	75.55
Total	2,513,608.	153.71

Miscellaneous

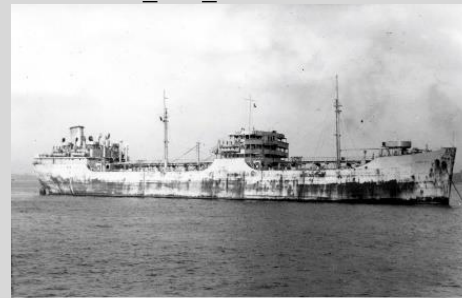
O. T. Bonus	44,485.	2.72
Hull Extras	94,820.	5.80
Errors and Defects	2,672.	.16
(B) Misc. Credits	197,718.	12.09
Total Cost	2,457,867.	150.30
(A) Total Sales Price	2,587,867.	158.25
Profit 3/31/48	130,000.	7.95

Contract Price		
(A) Extras & Changes		
Total Sales Price	2,587,867.	158.25

(Below) — MISS FRANCES I. LAYER of the Employment Office was sponsor of the first ship launched in July. She is the niece of Oscar Holt, foreman of the electrical dept. and employed by Sun Ship 26 years. She officiated at the christening of the S.S. HONEY HILL on the morning of July 5th.



6.2 Photo of 'Honey Hill' at anchor, date unknown. Photo courtesy of John Curdy, sssh: 500_481_01



6.3: Photo of her as the 'Atlantic Dealer' Photo courtesy of the 'Auke Visser's Famous T-Tankers Site. Auke Visser: 295f84110 [8]

(A) Total Sales Price	
Original Contract Price	2,957,800.00
Bonus Overtime - Direct and Indirect	60,438.10
Soc. Sec. & Unempl. Ins. Tax	1,148.18
Wage Increase	85,400.49
Material Increase	1,996.05
Special Items - Excess	81,391.64
National Defense Features	84,678.00
Degaussing System	17,683.27
Other Changes & Extras	49,758.02
U.S.M.C. Savings	332,325.41
Profit in Excess of Limitation	252,325.40
	2,592,859.66

Deduct	
Purchase of Surplus Mat'l.	815.43
Refund s/o Cost Credits	4,177.20
Total Sales Price	2,587,867.03

(B) Misc. Credits	
Overhead Adjustment	167,172.58
Scrap Cr. & Left-over Mat'l.	23,206.78
Inventory Adjustment	2,345.57
Purchase of Surplus Mat'l.	815.43
Refund s/o Cost Credits	4,177.20
Total Misc. Credits	197,717.56



6.4: Photo of her as the 'Paul H. Carnahan'. Photo courtesy of the 'Auke Visser's Famous T-Tankers Site. Auke Visser: 296258360 [8]



6. Photos:

6.1 Cropped from Our Yard magazine from August 1945 edition, page 15. SSSH: 705_4508_015

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