



PRESS RELEASE: BREAKING NEWS! 98 year old of S.S. Tilawa found!

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BARDOLI, GUJARAT, INDIA

Mr. Chotoo Khoosal Age 98, a survivor of S.S. Tilawa is alive! His son Mr. Pravin Patel contacted our team today. Mr. Khoosal lived in South Africa and Canada for many years, but has decided to spend his remaining years in Bardoli, Gujarat.

The sad part is, Mr. Khoosal was in India during the first ever commemoration of S.S. Tilawa, last month on November 23rd 2022 on the 80th anniversary, in Mumbai. Sadly, they missed the event. The tilawa1942 only knew of Mr. Khoosal today.

S.S. Tilawa was a passenger cargo liner built by the British India Steam Navigation company in 1924 named after a Burmese port, and used for about 18 years. Its last route from Mumbai was planned for South Africa via the Seychelles, Mombasa, and Maputo, ending in Durban. Passengers were mainly Indian nationals. On November 20th 1942 at 17:00, the ship left the Ballard Pier Mumbai. There were 222 crew members, 732 passengers, 4 gunners, 9 lifeboats, over 6,000 tons of cargo, including 60 tons of silver bullion. The Tilawa wreck site was recently discovered, and silver bars were salvaged in 2017 by a British company, Argentum Exploration Ltd.

More information on the S.S. Tilawa incident can be found at www.tilawa1942.com. This website was created for families connected to Tilawa to gain some closure, and meet fellow victims.

Photograph attached.

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