



HMS Foylebank was a Merchant vessel of 5,582 tons (ex 'Andrew Weir') requisitioned in 1939 and converted into an anti-aircraft gunship for patrols around Britain's east coast. In June 1940, as the Battle of Britain was in progress, she arrived at the harbour of the Royal Naval Base of Portland in England's south coast. At breakfast time on July 4 the ship was attacked by a squadron of German JU 87 Stuka dive bombers. In an action that lasted only eight minutes the *Foylebank* (Captain H. Wilson) was hit by over twenty bombs. The vessel listed to port and shrouded in smoke and flames, finally sank. Casualties among her 298 man crew were 176 men killed and many injured.



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