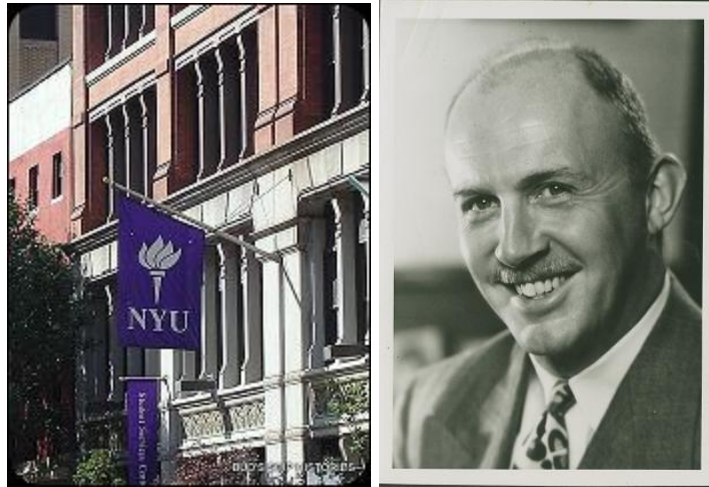


SS THOMAS POLLOCK



The Liberty ship *SS Thomas Pollock*...[I wish to point out early on I found two different spellings of this vessel...."Pollock or Pollack"....as you can see I choose "Pollock."] was named after: Educator Thomas Pollock (1902-1943) whom was head of the English Department of New York University in 1941.

Mr Bill Layton provided me with a photo of Mr. Pollock but so far no info has come across my desk on his life history...so if anyone has information about this gentleman and wishes to share I'd be grateful.

The Liberty ship freighter: *SS Thomas Pollock* was owned by the WSA [War Shipping Administration] and assigned by **Maritime Commission Emergency** a hull no. of 2001, and her **Builder** was: North Carolina Shipbuilding Company. The *Pollock's Keel was Laid*: July 22, 1943; **Launched on**: August 18, 1943, Delivered to her **Operator**: Grace Line, Inc. on August 26, 1943.

The *Thomas Pollock* first shipped out in October 1943, on **Convoy AP-50**...left Hampton Rds. to Khorram Shahr. These AP convoys were mainly Troop Carriers in the mid 1940's from the UK to Egypt.

Her next Convoy was **HX-282** a 96 ship convoy leaving New York on June 3rd ...but she was scratched from this particular convoy...reason unknown. From being scratched from this convoy the *Thomas Pollock* was ordered to join the 46 ship **Convoy SC-155** that sailed from Halifax on March 14, 1944 and was due to arrive in Liverpool on or around March 31st. She then left Liverpool in the 45 ship **Convoy ON-232** on April 13th en route to New York to arrive on or around April 29th 1944.

The *Thomas Pollock* pulled out of New York in the 97 ship **Convoy HX-293** on May 4th, 1944 to arrive in Liverpool on or around June 9th, 1944. She then left Liverpool in the 89 ship **Convoy ON-243** on July 3 or 4th, 1944 en route to New York to arrive on or about July 18th, 1944. She turned right around and headed back out from New York in a another 96 ship

Convoy HX-302 on August 4th, 1944 again en route to Liverpool to arrive on or about August 8th.

The *Thomas Pollock* sailed from Southend in a 59 ship **Convoy ON-268** on November 23rd, 1944 en route to New York to arrive on or about December 10th.

The last convoy that this author could uncover was a 56 ship **Convoy HX-358** leaving New York on May 23rd, 1945 en route to Liverpool to arrive on or about June 6th, 1945.



It is unknown when the SS *Thomas Pollock* was placed in storage....but it is known that she was sold in February of 1947 to Dampskibs.af 1912 A/S her name changed to *Else Maersk* (pictured above) and she would fly the flag of Denmark.

Then in 1949 the *Else Maersk* was sold to Skibs A/S Beirulv renamed *Geirulv* and her flag was changed to Norway



In 1954 she was sold to A/S Olymp and renamed *Sunlong* and continued to be flagged by Norway.

On December 26th, 1956 while on a voyage from Narvik, Norway to Rotterdam with a cargo of iron ore she began leaking and sank in the South China Sea....there was no loss of crew.

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