

Object Summary



HMS Illustrious Badge

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Object Type

Crest Badge; Ship Badge

Material

Wood, paint

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

MMM 000745

Description

The crest badge of HMS Illustrious represents in front a trumpet erect two trumpets in saltire gold, topped with the naval crown. The aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious came to the Mediterranean with the convoy Operation Excess in 1941, but was immediately badly damaged by the Axis forces. The crippled aircraft carrier entered the Dockyard for repairs. On January 16, for the first time the German Luftwaffe appeared over the Maltese skies, their target HMS

Illustrious. The air raids devastated the three maritime cities especially Senglea, and their citizens. The hard work of the Dockyard paid off, as Illustrious left Malta for Alexandria on 23 January.

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