

Object Summary



H.M.S Witch Pattern Badge

Primary Maker

Malta Dry Docks

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Dimensions

Overall: 11.7 × 11.7 cm

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Object Type

Pattern Badge; Crest Badge

Material

Wood

Technique

Carved in wood, crudely carved cat.

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

Description

Pattern for ship's badge of the shape of a heraldic shield depicting a statant cat on a crescent moon, opening leftward. Cats and moons are symbols traditionally associated with witches. Its upper, horizontal side, contains the name of the vessel mounted on a rectangular shape. The badge is topped by a Naval Crown. Launched in November 1919, H.M.S Witch (D89) belonged to the modified W-class destroyers of the Royal Navy. She took part in Operation Halberd, which headed from Gibraltar to Malta.

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