

Object Summary



H.M.A.S Vampire Pattern Badge

Primary Maker

Malta Dry Docks

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Dimensions

Overall: 17 × 22.8 cm, 0.2 kg

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Object Type

Pattern Badge; Crest Badge

Material

Wood

Technique

Carved in wood, manufactured from different wood inserts.

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Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

Registration Number

Description

The pattern for the ship's badge is a circular wooden plate depicting a slightly crudely carved, a displayed vampire bat with its mouth open, inserted into a larger circular plate, whose slightly elevated border mimicks a stranded rope. On top, the vessel's name in a rectangular box topped with a naval crown. Different tonalities of the wood, highlights its manufacture from different pieces. Launched in May 1917 and originally named H.M.S Wallace, H.M.S Vampire belonged to the V-class destroyers of the Royal Navy. The vessel was loaned to the Royal Australian Navy in 1933. During WW2, it carried out escort duties in the Mediterranean. As part of H.M.A.S Vampire's activity in the Mediterranean, it escorted convoys between Malta and Marseilles/Alexandria.

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