

# Object Summary

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## H.M.S Surprise Pattern Badge

### Primary Maker

Malta Dry Docks

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### Dimensions

Overall: 19.5 × 23.5 cm, 0.9 kg

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### Object Type

Pattern Badge; Crest Badge

### Material

Aluminium

### Technique

Cast in aluminium

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### Museum

Malta Maritime Museum

### Registration Number

## Description

A regular diamond-shaped aluminium pattern badge. It depicts an ancient galley. The border of the badge is elevated, mimicking a stranded rope. On top, the vessel's name in a rectangular box topped with a naval crown.

Launched in March 1945, the vessel belonged to the Bay-class anti-aircraft frigates of the Royal Navy. Its name (earlier: H.M.S Gerrans Bay and Lock Carron) was changed to H.M.S Surprise when it became the Despatch Vessel (later: Flag Frigate) of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, most often stationed in Malta. The vessel regularly took part in visits and exercises in the area, eventually leaving Malta in 1964.

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