

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Wall plaque for the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight Vietnam

Date

2005

Medium

Wood, paint.

Dimensions

Overall: 180 x 128 x 25 mm, 0.24 kg

Name

Plaque

History

In October 1967 the Australian Government dispatched 723 Squadron from the Royal Australian Naval Fleet Air Arm to Vietnam to join with the American 135th Assault Helicopter Company. They were renamed EMU - Experimental Military Unit. The Unit supported troops on the ground with fire power and landed and retrieved troops from active areas. They also retrieved the wounded and killed. The pride and dedication in their job led to their own motto - Get the Bloody Job Done - not always recognised officially. The Unit fought with distinction and many awards were forthcoming - Valorous Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Member of the order of the British Empire, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, British Empire Medal. They also suffered a much higher casualty rate than any other aviation unit. The RAN segment of the Unit was deactivated in June 1971. The rest of the Unit continued until January 1972.