

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Souvenir of HMAS VENDETTA's visit to Cebu Island

**Date**

1974

**Medium**

Shell, paint

**Dimensions**

Overall: 200 mm, 2.4 kg Display Dimensions: 280 x 200 x 200 mm

**Name**

Painted helmet shell

**History**

This shell was purchased as a souvenir during a visit to Cebu Island in the Philippines and features the Daring class destroyer HMAS VENDETTA. HMAS VENDETTA was the same class of destroyer as the Australian National Maritime Museum's HMAS VAMPIRE. Launched in 1954 at the Naval Dockyard in Williamstown, Victoria, VENDETTA served in the Royal Australian Navy until decommissioned in 1979. During that time, the ship served in South-East Asian waters with the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve (FESR) and played a vital role during the Vietnam War as troop carrier escort and naval gunfire support. This multi-purpose gunship was sold to a breaker's yard in 1986. The other Daring class destroyer of the period was HMAS VOYAGER which sank in 1964 when it collided with HMAS MELBOURNE.