

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

HMS DUNEDIN at wharf 2 Circular Quay

**Date**

1934

**Primary Maker**

Frederick Garner Wilkinson

**Medium**

Emulsion on glass

**Dimensions**

Overall: 82 x 103 mm, 2 mm, 0.04 kg

**Name**

Glass plate negative

**History**

During 1923-1924, the British ship HMS HOOD with the Special Service Squadron undertook the Empire Cruise, a world tour that stopped at countries who fought for and held allegiance with Britain in World War I. Starting on 27 November 1923 and lasting until 28 September 1924 the tour was largely a public relations exercise to express Britain's sea power and dominance, particularly relevant in the aftermath of World War I. HMS DUNEDIN was a Danae class light cruiser of the Royal Navy commissioned at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 13 September 1919. In the decades prior to World War II DUNEDIN was attached to the New Zealand division of the Royal Navy. During the war it was used for searching out German battle cruisers and merchant ships as part of the Northern Patrol, then the West Indies Station and finally the South Atlantic Station. On 24 November 1941 DUNEDIN was sunk after it was hit by torpedoes from the German U-boat (U-124) off the coast of Brazil. In total 419 men lost their lives; there were only 67 survivors.