

Basic Detail Report



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Title

From the VICTORY to the QUEEN ELIZABETH for the ships may change but the spirit remains

Date

c 1920

Medium

Cotton, ink

Dimensions

Overall: 470 x 630 mm, 0.035 kg

Name

Tea towel

History

HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, a Dreadnought battleship, was launched on 16 October 1913 at Portsmouth, Hampshire and commissioned for service in the Royal Navy in January 1915. The battleship became the flagship for several

naval operations including the 1915 Dardanelles Campaign and the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force of that year. From 1919 to 1924 QUEEN ELIZABETH became the flagship for the Atlantic Fleet and from 1924, for the Mediterranean Fleet, where she participated in the Spanish Civil War blockade. Following a reconstruction the battleship served in World War II but suffered extensive damage in a mine attack by Italian combat divers in 1941. Following repairs in America, the ship joined the Eastern Fleet in 1945 and took part in raids on Japanese bases in Indonesia. In July 1948 the vessel was scrapped.