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"HMS CHRYSANTHEMUM" BY A. TAYLOR

an English mid-century watercolour, signed, framed behind non-reflective glass, depicting the Anchusa class minesweeper moored alongside,

DIMENSIONS: 59cm (23^{3/4}"") High, 67cm (26^{1/2}"") Wide, 3cm (1^{3/4}"") Deep, as framed (35h x 47w the window mount)

PRICE: £335

STOCK CODE: 47039



HISTORY

Commissioned in 1917 as a minesweeper, and intentionally designed to look like a merchant ship in order to dupe those viewing her from a periscope, HMS Chrysanthemum had a colourful career in the First War off Turkey - working on the exchange of prisoners of war - and later during the Spanish Civil War. In 1938 she was permanently moored on the Thames Embankment and used as a drill ship until finally being decommissioned in 1988 and sold to a charity. Steven Spielberg used her as a location for an Indiana Jones film before she was laid up in The Medway. The brackish water there took its toll on the hull and she was scrapped in 1995.