

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Naval Officer's sword : Commander Harry Thring Bennett

Date

c 1916

Medium

Metal, fish skin

Dimensions

Overall: 100 x 910 x 50 mm, 65 kg Display Dimensions: 923 x 66 x 101 mm

Name

Sword

History

Harry T Bennett DSO served in the Royal Navy during World War I and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order; he then transferred to the Royal Australian Navy where he spent most of the 1920s in the Hydrographic Branch undertaking surveys of northern waters and of the Great Barrier Reef. He retired in 1929 but was recalled during World War II where he served firstly as Commander of HMAS PLATYPUS and then as Staff Officer in Sydney of the DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships).