Basic Detail Report



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Title

Photograph of a Papuan wearing head-dress

Date

1954

Medium

Black and white photographic print on paper.

Dimensions

Overall: 63 x 90 x 1 mm

Name

Photograph

History

Harry Owen Hamment was born on 21 June 1927 in the town of Hamilton, New South Wales. He joined the Royal Australian Navy on 26 May 1952 and served for a six year period. He initially trained at HMAS CERBERUS and was transferred to HMAS PENGUIN in April 1953. He joined the RAN's flagship HMAS AUSTRALIA in May 1953. Hamment joined the crew of the aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY III in 1953 and worked as an Engine Room Artificer. He passed the relevant exams and was granted his Engine Room Watch Certificate in June 1954. The vessel was serving in Korean waters as part of the United Nations operation from late 1953 until June 1954. During this period HMAS SYDNEY III visited Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong and Japan while enroute to and from Korea. Petty Officer Hamment was assigned to HMA BARCOO, HMA TARANGAU, FREMANTLE and ALBATROSS during the second half of his naval career. He was discharged from the RAN in May 1958, having served for a six year period.