

COLLECTION TITLE	Papers of Alan Zammit
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Allan Zammit was born in 1927 and joined the heavy cruiser HMAS Australia as a canteen assistant at the age of 17. His service continued on the vessel as part of the Allied occupation forces in Japan in 1947. Joining HMAS Sydney in 1948, his service included two tours of duty in the Korean War. Zammit retired from the Navy in 1955 and wrote naval history for newspapers, journals, and the Australian Dictionary of Biography

References:

Naval Historical Society of Australia, 'Obituary: Alan Zammit RAN (1927-1997)' <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/tag/naval-historical-society/page/2/> retrieved 2 December 2020

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Typescripts, newspaper clippings and photographs relating to Alan Zammit's naval journalism, especially concerning Rear Admiral Harold Farncomb and the Battle of the Coral Sea

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AV Box 1 (MSS 292.AVB1)

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1989 (Inclusive date(s))

Article written by Alan Zammit about Rear Admiral HB Farncomb for the official opening of Farncomb House at the Australian Defence Force Academy by Mrs JR Farncomb and the unveiling of a plaque in honour of her husband (photocopies), 29 September 1989

Article written by Alan Zammit for *Naval Historical Review* about the Coral Sea Battle and Rear Admiral Farncomb (copy of magazine, September 1988 issue, vol. 9, no. 7)

Newsletter of HMAS Australia Veterans Association (David Hopkins (1989))

Clippings - articles by Tom Jackson, *Reveille*, and Alan Zammit, *The Sun*, regarding Rear Admiral Farncomb

Article by Alan Zammit 'Sons of the Sea' taken from *Naval Historical Review* (1956 entry of cadet midshipmen to the RAN College)

Article by Alan Zammit 'War Heroine Ruby Turns 98' - Ruby Boye Jones

Article by Alan Zammit 'Naval Wartime' - "Hero Helped Rescue Nine Airmen in Atlantic Gale - Death of Captain JM Armstrong"

Copy of Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Vice Admiral Sir John Collins 8 September 1989

Photocopies of correspondence from Alan Zammit to Michael Denholm, 17 July 1989 and 25 October 1989

Folder 2 (MSS 292.AVB1.2)

1947 (Inclusive date(s))

Photographs :

Rear Admiral HB Farncomb, 1947; Mrs Farncomb at the Australian Defence Force Academy, 29 September 1989; Naval History Conference, 2 July 1989; and Ruby Boye Jones on her 98th birthday, 29 July 1989

Photocopies of photographs taken by Alan Zammit at the Naval History Conference
