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Collection Summary

Title: Edmond M. DeMar papers

Span Dates: 1930-2006

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1935-1962)

Accession No.: A2010-8

Creator: DeMar, Edmond M., 1917-1996

Extent: 6 containers ; 4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Library and Archives, U.S. Marine Band, Washington, D.C.

Summary: MgySgt Edmond M. "Bud" DeMar was born in 1917 in San Dimas, California, joined the Marine Corps in 1935, and was assigned as a bugler with the Drum and Bugle Corps at Marine Barracks Washington. He went on to serve in various USMC bands as a drum major and also in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1949 he became drum major of the United States Marine Band and remained in that position for thirteen years until his retirement in 1962. This collection includes personal papers, photographs, press clippings, and audio recordings.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

DeMar, Edmond M.

United States Marine Band

Subjects:

Bands (music)

Drum majoring

Drum majors

Military Bands

Washington, D.C.

Occupations:

Military

Musician

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Harriette Thompson, daughter of Edmond M. DeMar, on December 28, 2010.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

Rachel Horoschak processed the collection, and MGySgt Jane Cross coded the finding aid for EAD format, in 2019.

Transfers

According to U.S. Marine Corps historical property procedures, three-dimensional artifacts were separated and accessioned through the National Museum of Marine Corps (NMMC) at accession number 2011.47 (uniform items and drum major mace).

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Access and Restrictions

The Edmond M. DeMar papers are open to research. Researchers must contact the Marine Band Library and Archives to schedule a research appointment.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [item, date, container number], Edmond M. DeMar papers, Marine Band Library and Archives, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

MGySgt Edmond M. DeMar was born in 1917 in San Dimas, California. He joined the Marine Corps in 1935. In 1936 he was assigned as a bugler with the Drum and Bugle Corps at Marine Barracks Washington DC. He also played cornet, snare drum, and scotch tenor drums. Because of his height (6 foot 4 inches) it was directed that he be trained to serve as Drum Major. He then served in various bands in the Marine Corps and in the South Pacific during Word War II. Upon his return to the U.S. he served with fleet bands, trained drum and bugle corps, and served as Drum Major. In 1949 he became Drum Major of the United States Marine Band and remained in that position for 13 years until his retirement in 1962. He died in 1996.

Scope and Content Note

Materials in the Edmond M. DeMar collection span a period from 1930 to 2006, with the bulk of the materials dating from 1935 to 1962. The collection focuses primarily on two periods of DeMar's life: his service during WWII and his time as Drum Major in the Marine Band. There are photographs, greeting cards, telegraphs, and letters from his service in the South Pacific during WWII. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs and news clippings from his time in the Marine Band. There is also a collection of audio recordings of the Marine Band, as well as recordings of other military bands.

Organization of the Edmond M. DeMar papers

The collection is organized into 5 series:

- I. Documents, 1937-1966 and undated
- II. Photographs and negatives, 1930-1961 and undated
- III. Press clippings, 1949-1964 and undated
- IV. Publications, 1957-1997 and undated
- V. Recordings, 1973-2006 and undated

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BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Orders to Camp Lejeune, February 22, 1945
BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Correspondence, April 1, 1945 to Marjorie DeMar
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Correspondence, May 1945 to Marjorie DeMar
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	Correspondence, July 19, 1945 to Marjorie DeMar
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	Marine Barracks
BOX-FOLDER 1/17	Program, June 14, 1956 Flag Day, United States House of Representatives
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BOX-FOLDER 1/22	Certificate of Retirement, May 1, 1965
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BOX-FOLDER 1/32	Meal Ticket, undated
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BOX-FOLDER 1/34	Telegram, undated from Dorothy DeMar Scott (photocopy)

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II. Photographs and negatives, 1930-1961 and undated

Personal photographs, including photographs from DeMar's service during World War II. Official Department of Defense photographs of DeMar and the U.S. Marine Band, including performances, events, and portraits of band members.

List arranged chronologically.

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BOX-FOLDER 2/19	Edmond DeMar and U.S. Marine Band, undated
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BOX-FOLDER 4/1	1950 large format
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BOX-FOLDER 3/4	1952
BOX-FOLDER 3/5	1953
BOX-FOLDER 4/2	1953 large format
BOX-FOLDER 3/6	1954
BOX-FOLDER 4/3	1954 large format
BOX-FOLDER 3/7	1955
BOX-FOLDER 3/8	1957
BOX-FOLDER 4/4	1957 large format
BOX-FOLDER 3/9	1959
BOX-FOLDER 3/10	1960
BOX-FOLDER 4/5	1961 large format
BOX-FOLDER 4/6	1962 large format
BOX-FOLDER 4/7	1964 large format

Container	Contents
BOX-FOLDER 3/11	undated
BOX-FOLDER 4/8	undated large format
BOX-FOLDER 4/9	Scrapbook pages with press clippings, undated
BOX 1	

IV. Publications, 1957-1997 and undated

Publications about the U.S. Marine Band and Marine Corps service.
List arranged chronologically.

BOX-FOLDER 1/39	<i>Semper Fidelis</i> , November - December 1994 Memorandum for Retired Marines
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BOX 5	<i>Killing Ground on Okinawa: The Battle for Sugar Loaf Hill</i> , 1996 book
BOX-FOLDER 1/41	<i>Notes</i> , January - February 1997 Newsletter of the Friends of the U.S. Marine Band
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V. Recordings, 1973-2006 and undated

Professional recordings of a variety of military bands, including the U.S. Marine Band. DVD about the last battle of WWII.
List arranged alphabetically by album title.

BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Erin Go Bragh</i> , undated Marine Chamber Orchestra, LP phonograph
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BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Hail to the Spirit of Liberty</i> , 1986 United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Heritage of the March</i> Volume 57 – C. Unrath – E. Urbach, undated National Concert Band of America, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Heritage of the March</i> Volume AAAA – F. Von Blon, undated

Container	Contents
	National Concert Band of America, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Heritage of the March</i> Volume BBBB – Orsomando and Misc., undated National Concert Band of America, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Jesus Savior Pilot Me</i> and <i>Atlantic Zephyrs</i> , undated LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>John Philip Sousa</i> Volume 2, undated United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>John Philip Sousa</i> Volume 3, undated United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Marine Band Showcase</i> Volume Two, undated United States Marine Band, cassette tape
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Marches from Around the World</i> , undated United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Music of Hector Berlioz, The</i> , undated United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Music of Richard Wagner</i> , 1981 United States Marine Band, cassette tape
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Overtures</i> Volume Two, 1993 United States Marine Band, cassette tape
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>President's Own, The: A Concert in Celebration of the One Hundred Eighty-Fifth Anniversary of the United States Marine Band, The United States Marine Orchestra</i> , 1983 LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Profile</i> , undated The Cleveland Orchestra, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Recital de cantonete</i> , undated Nicolae Herlea, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Robert Hoe V: In Memoriam</i> , 1984 The United States Coast Guard Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	Royal Thai Marines, undated 33 ½ microgroove phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Semper Fidelis, Music of John Philip Sousa</i> , undated United States Marine Band, cassette tape
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Shootout Okinawa: The Last Battle of WWII</i> , 2006 DVD
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Showcase</i> , 1980 United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Symphony in the Sky, A</i> , undated

Container	Contents
	The United States Air Force Symphony, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Testament of Freedom</i> , undated
	The Naval Air Training Command Choir, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Tribute to the Marine Breed, A</i> , undated
	United States Marine Band, LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	<i>Uncommon Valor</i> , 1992
	United States Marine Band, cassette tape
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>United States Marine Band in Concert, The</i> , undated
	LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>United States Marine Band on Tour, The</i> , 1979
	LP phonograph
BOX-FOLDER 5	unlabeled, undated
	2 unlabeled LP phonographs
BOX-FOLDER 5	unlabeled, undated
	5 unlabeled 78 rpm phonographs
BOX-FOLDER 6	<i>Wagner</i> , 1983
	United States Marine Band, LP phonograph