

## **Edward Sheldon Barr Papers**

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## Descriptive Summary

**Languages:** English

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**Title:** Edward Sheldon Barr Papers

**Creator:** Barr, Edward S., 1933-

**Identifier/Call Number:** SMC 0096

**Physical Description:** 1.6 Linear feet(3 archives boxes and 1 shoebox)

**Date (inclusive):** 1943-1975

**Abstract:** A small collection of papers, photographs and sound recordings documenting the experiences of Edward Sheldon Barr, a crew member who participated in the MidPac Expedition of 1950 and the Capricorn Expedition of 1952.

### Scope and Content of Collection

A small collection of papers, photographs and sound recordings documenting the experiences of Edward Sheldon Barr, a crew member who participated in the MidPac Expedition of 1950 and the Capricorn Expedition (including Operation Ivy) of 1952.

Arranged in two series: 1) MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, and 2) EXPEDITIONS.

### Biography

Edward Sheldon Barr (b. 1933) voyaged with the 1950 MidPac Expedition as a seventeen year-old high school junior from Point Loma High School. In the spring of 1950, he inquired at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and met with Roger Revelle regarding potential summer employment, and was able to secure a position as a laboratory helper for the upcoming SIO expedition. Two years later, Barr accompanied the 1952 Capricorn Expedition while he was enrolled as an undergraduate at Stanford University. Over the course of each expedition, Barr maintained detailed personal diaries and took many photographs.

Barr received a B.S. in Physical Science from Stanford University in 1956. Between 1968 and 1972 he worked as vice president of New York Stock Exchange Roberts, Scott & Company, and has worked as a ship captain for the United States Coast Guard since 1978.

### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Acquired 1990.

### OFF-SITE STORAGE

COLLECTION STORED OFF-SITE. ALLOW ONE WEEK FOR RETRIEVAL OF MATERIALS.

### Publication Rights

Publication rights are held by the creator of the collection.

### Digital Content

A selection of images from the collection have been digitized.

[Items available online](#)

### Subjects and Indexing Terms

Barr, Edward S., 1933- -- Archives

Capricorn Expedition (1952-1953)

MidPac Expedition (1950)

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## MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

Box 1, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 2

### Identification cards 1952

### WWII postcard 1943

#### General note

Sent to Barr from his father, who was stationed in Hawaii.

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Box 1, Folder 3                    **King of Men award 1950**  
   **General note**  
   Mock award from the "Society for the Appreciation of E. S. Barr."

Box 1, Folder 4                    **Of Restless Nights - Manuscript draft of novel ca. 1952**  
**EXPEDITIONS**

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**MidPac Expedition**

Box 1, Folder 5                    **Correspondence and memoranda 1950 July-September**  
Box 1, Folder 6-7                **Personal correspondence 1950 June- September**  
Box 1, Folder 8                    **25th anniversary celebration 1975**  
Box 1, Folder 9                    **Original expedition diary 1950**  
Box 1, Folder 10                 **MidPac: The First Big Step - Typewritten diary 1975**

**General note**

Typed version of Barr's 1950 diary detailing his experiences participating in the MidPac Expedition. Dedication reads: "To Roger Revelle, Who took the time and interest to give a young man a lift, and a fulfilled dream." Created for the MidPac Expedition 25th anniversary celebration.

Box 1, Folder 11                 **My Fascinating Experiences on the Island of Bikini - Paper written for college course 1952**  
Box 1, Folder 12                 **Cartoon newsletters 1950**  
Box 1, Folder 13                 **Cruise map and itinerary 1950**  
Box 1, Folder 14                 **M/V *Horizon* crew lists 1950**  
Box 1, Folder 15                 **Letter from bottle found on Bikini Atoll 1949-1950**

**General note**

Letter discovered by Barr on September 27, 1949 during MidPac Expedition on Bikini Atoll. Folder includes thank-you letter written by Ruth E. Hendricks, who had thrown the bottle overboard near Panama on June 19, 1949 as well as news article entitled "Bikini Bottle Brings Boy No Bonuses."

Box 1,                                **Miscellaneous photographs 1950**

Folder 16-19

Box 1, Folder 20

**Assorted contact prints 1950**

**General note**

Includes photos of Bikini Atoll encampments, work at sea, Honolulu scenery and group photos of expedition personnel.

Box 1,                                **Photo album 1950**

Folder 21-22

**General note**

Assorted b/w photos mounted on stock paper.

Box 2, Folder 1                    **Hawaiian postcards 1950**

Box 4

**Assorted negatives 1950**

**General note**

73 2x2" sleeved negatives from the expedition.

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**Capricorn Expedition**

Box 2, Folder 2                    **General information and correspondence 1952**  
Box 2, Folder 3                    **Shipboard report 1952-1953**  
Box 2, Folder 4                    **Original expedition diary 1952**

EXPEDITIONS

Capricorn Expedition

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Box 2, Folder 5

**Scriptps and the Bomb - Typewritten diary 1990**

**General note**

Typed version of Barr's 1952 diary detailing his experiences participating in Operation Ivy and Capricorn Expedition. Dedication reads: "To Helen Raitt, who pioneered the possibility that all can participate in the oceanographic expedition experience."

Box 2, Folder 6  
Box 2, Folder 7

**Goggles used to view nuclear blasts 1952**  
**Miscellaneous photographs 1952**

**General note**

Assorted color photographs, including portraits of Barr on beach.

Box 2, Folder 8-9

**Miscellaneous photographs 1952**

**General note**

Assorted b/w photographs, including photos of Bikini Atoll, expedition personnel and work at sea.

Box 2,  
Folder 10-11

**Assorted contact prints 1952**

**General note**

Includes photos of Fiji, Bikini Atoll, Namdrik Atoll and work at sea.

Box 2, Folder 12  
Box 4

**Hawaiian postcards 1952**  
**Assorted negatives 1952**

**General note**

143 2x2" sleeved negatives from the expedition.

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**Slides**

Box 3, Folder 1-2

**MidPac and Capricorn expedition slides 1950-1952**

**General note**

Miscellaneous slides from both expeditions, some unidentified. Original slide order maintained.

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**Sound Recordings**

Box 3, Folder 3

**Capricorn Expedition oral memoir 1975**

**General note**

Three reel-to-reel sound recordings of Barr recounting his experiences on the 1952 Capricorn Expedition. Total time 01:50.

**Access**

Original restricted (digital version available)

Box 3, Folder 4

**SIO 25th anniversary of the MidPac and Capricorn expeditions - Roger Revelle's remarks 1975 August 17**

**General note**

Audiocassette. Time 00:34:00.

**Access**

Original restricted (digital version available)