Descriptive Summary
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Contributing Institution: Special Collections & Archives, UC San Diego
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla 92093-0175
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.

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Acquisition Information
Acquired 1990.

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

Publication Rights
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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)

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

Box 1, Folder 1
Identification cards 1952
WWII postcard 1943

Box 1, Folder 2
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**

**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, Folder 16-19  
Miscellaneous photographs 1950

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, Folder 21-22  
**Photo album 1950**

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.

**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
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Capricorn Expedition

Box 2, Folder 5
Scripps 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
Goggles used to view nuclear blasts 1952

Box 2, Folder 7
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
Hawaiian postcards 1952

Box 4
Assorted negatives 1952
General note
143 2x2" sleeved negatives from the expedition.

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.

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)