

Carl Harms Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Carl Harms Papers

Span Dates: 1940-1946

ID No.: MSS83862

Creator: Harms, Carl, 1910-

Extent: 7 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Sailor. Daily journal kept by Harms as the cartographer and cook on an expedition to the Galapagos Islands sponsored by the United States Navy and the Pacific Development Company to select a site for a military base. Also includes a guidebook, newsletters, scrapbook, map, and photographs.

Selected Search Terms

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

People

Harms, Carl, 1910-

Organizations

Pacific Development Company.

Subjects

Military bases, American.

World War, 1939-1945--Pacific Ocean.

Places

Galapagos Islands--Description and travel.

Occupations

Sailors.

Provenance

The papers of Carl Harms, sailor, were given to the Library of Congress by Harms in 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Carl Harms were arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Carl Harms is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Carl Harms are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Carl Harms Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of H. Carl Harms (1910-) span the years 1940-1946 and pertain to an expedition to the Galapagos Islands, December 1940-May 1941, by the United States Navy and the Pacific Development Company to select a site for a military base. Harms, the expedition's cook and cartographer, was part of a contingent that studied the topography of the Sierra Negra crater basin and the cattle herds of the Great Pampas at the foot of Serro Azul. The papers document the expedition with a guidebook and map of Panama and the Panama Canal, newsletters of the *Chaumont* (transport), and a journal, photographs, and scrapbook.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Guidebook, <i>Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone</i> , 1940
BOX 1	Journal, 1941 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Map, <i>Bird's Eye View of the Panama Canal and Map of Panama</i> , undated
BOX 1	Newsletters, <i>Chaumont Morning Breeze</i> , 1941
BOX 1	Photograph, undated
BOX 1	Scrapbook, 1940-1946 (3 folders)