

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Demaree, Albert Lowther (1894-1964)** **MC 2010.4**

Material: Papers (1896-1977)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 Document Box, 1 Artifact Box, 6 Oversized Folders, and 9 Photograph Folders)

Donation: Gift of Helen J. Demaree (Mrs. Albert L. Demaree), 1975

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Albert Lowther Demaree was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on April 24, 1894, the son of William Lowther and Katharine Scott (Reifsnnyder) Demaree. He attended Bloomsburg Model School, followed by the town's Normal School for teacher training. After graduating from the latter in 1913, he taught high school science in the Bloomsburg area for several years before entering Dickinson College in 1916.

In the spring of 1917, World War I interrupted Demaree's studies. He actively served in the US Navy through the war's end. This service included his assignment to the USS *Olympia* during its famous return of the war's Unknown Soldier to the United States. Demaree remained in the Naval Reserves while reorienting himself to student life at Dickinson in 1921; in particular, he found success at Varsity Tennis.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1923 he followed his father's footsteps in business as an assistant purchasing agent with Certain-teed Products Corp. in York, PA. The academic world called once again, however, and in 1927 Demaree began teaching history at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. Two years later, he earned a Master's degree from Columbia University.

Demaree married Helen Ann Jackson of Pennsburg, PA in 1937 while employed at Dartmouth. Columbia granted him a Ph.D. in 1940, and in 1941 Dartmouth granted Demaree full professor status. When the Second World War broke out, Demaree found himself still willing to serve. During the war he lectured on naval history at Columbia's Midshipman's School, served aboard the USS *Boxer* (CV-21), and in 1945 authored the textbook *Naval Orientation*. In 1950 he earned naval rank of Commander.

Demaree continued teaching at Dartmouth until his retirement in 1961. From there he moved southeast to Antrim, NH and the newly-founded Nathaniel Hawthorne College. He

chaired the college's history department and wrote several articles before passing away at the age of sixty-nine on January 15, 1964.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Albert L. Demaree collection was donated to Dickinson College in 1975 by Mrs. Helen J. Demaree. The collection is comprised of one box of papers, four oversized folders of certificates and two oversized photographs, nine folders of photographs, and several small artifacts. The collection has been arranged into the following six categories: US Navy, Writings, Miscellaneous, Photographs, Artifacts, and Oversized.

The US Navy materials are arranged chronologically into three folders, the undated material appearing in the last folder. These materials deal with official military business including requests for leaves of absence, officer orders, and memorandae.

In the Writings categories, published articles and unpublished submissions are featured, arranged in chronological order. In addition, source notes and related correspondence are included along with the article that appeared in the *National Observer*.

The Miscellaneous category includes biographical Materials includes a typed obituary as well as an entry from *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. One folder includes a copy of a letter of appointment as a Columbia University Fellow, and another features an initiation certificate for the Phi Delta Theta fraternity chapter at Dickinson College. Materials regarding the Grave of the Unknown Warrior reflect the fact that Demaree was present at ceremonies held at Westminster Abbey in 1921 as he was serving aboard the USS *Olympia* at that time. Finally, a flyer printed by Nathaniel Hawthorne College introduces Demaree to that college community.

The Artifacts contain medals and pins relating to Demaree's naval service, including a gold cross pin. Some of the medals' dates are unknown.

The Oversized materials, arranged in chronological order, include certificates and diplomas received from the US Navy, Dickinson College, Columbia University and Dartmouth College. Contained within the Oversized materials are two large photographs, which feature the crew of the USS *Bridge* in 1919 and the crew of the USS *Olympia* in 1921.

The Photographs are arranged in chronological order and are labeled according to an inventory prepared by the donor, Helen Demaree. Each photograph includes a brief but informative description on its back. One folder includes scrapbook pages featuring 15 images of leisure time activity on the USS *Bridge*.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2010.4

US NAVY

Folder 01)	1917-1919
Folder 02)	1920-1921, 1950
Folder 03)	Undated (c1920)

BOX 1 - MC 2010.4 (cont.)

WRITINGS

- Folder 04) Submissions for *Reader's Digest* - 1962
- Folder 05) "Our Navy's Worst Headache: The Merrimack..." in *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* - 1962
- Folder 06) "The Speech that Wasn't Intended to Be" in *National Observer* - 1963
Letter from Harry W. Pfanz - 1963
Letter from Clifford Ridley - 1963
Letter from R. Samuel Dillon, Jr. - 1964
- Folder 07) Review of *The Big E* in *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* - 1963

MISCELLANEOUS

- Folder 08) Biographical Materials – undated
- Folder 09) Columbia University "Fellow" appointment letter (copy) - 1930
- Folder 10) Dickinson College Phi Delta Theta Initiation Certificate - 1916
- Folder 11) Grave of the Unknown Warrior, Westminster Abbey program - 1921
- Folder 12) Nathaniel Hawthorne College flyer regarding Demaree - c1962

ARTIFACTS - AC 2010.4

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- Item 01) World War I Victory Medal - 1919
- Item 02) Naval Reserve Medal
- Item 03) World War II Victory Medal - c1945
- Item 04) Ribbon to Accompany Medals
- Item 05) Gold Cross Pin

OVERSIZED - OC 2010.4

CERTIFICATES and DIPLOMAS

- Folder 01) US Navy Certificate for Crossing Equator - 1921
- Folder 02) Dickinson College Varsity Tennis Certificate - 1923
Dickinson College Diploma: BA - 1923
- Folder 03) Columbia University Diploma: MA - 1929
Columbia University Diploma: PhD - 1940
- Folder 04) Dartmouth College Diploma: MA - 1941

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Folder 05) Officers and Crew of USS *Bridge*, 1919
- Folder 06) USS *Olympia* - 1921

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PHOTOGRAPHS

- Folder 01) Age 2 - c1896
Age 4 - c1898
Age 7 - c1901
Age 9 - c1904
- Folder 02) Baseball Team, Bloomsburg State Normal School - c1912
Basketball Team, Bloomsburg State Normal School - c1912
- Folder 03) First Teaching Position at Grovania, PA - c1913
School building in Grovania, PA - 1977
Freshman at Dickinson College - c1916
Sophomore at Dickinson College - c1917
- Folder 04) World War I Seaman on USS *Bridge* - c1917
During World War I, playing his piccolo on rooftop - c1918
During World War I, onboard ship with dog - c1918
World War I Commission - c1918
- Folder 05) Officers on USS *Bridge* - 1920
Pages from scrapbook showing activities on USS *Bridge* - c1920
- Folder 06) At Dickinson following World War I - c1921
Tennis Team at Dickinson College - c1923
- Folder 07) At Dartmouth College - 1927
At Dartmouth - c1950
- Folder 08) In Naval Reserve, World War II - c1941
Stationed in Washington, D.C. Naval Department - c1945
Naval Commission as Commander - c1950
- Folder 09) Used for passport - 1957
At Dartmouth - 1961

This collection was processed by Jake Kauffman, August 2010.