

Basic Detail Report



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Title

US Marines

Date

1943

Primary Maker

Julian Richard Ashton

Medium

Oil on wooden panel

Dimensions

Overall: 402 x 542 x 25 mm, 1.3 kg

Name

Painting

History

Artists were appointed to record the experiences of servicemen in war and usually held positions of office and authority in the unit. Australia's history of appointing official war artists started in World War I when the artist Will Dyson petitioned the government to allow him access to paint the western front. His posting was supported by the commissioning of a number of artists. During World War II the Australian War Memorial, Army, Navy and the Air Force all appointed artists to record the conflict. This tradition still continues today.