

THE RHYTHMIC SNARE AND BIG DRUM

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A snare drum consists of a sound box, a striking head (top head) and a resonance head (bottom head). When the top head is struck, the bottom (resonant) head vibrates in tandem. The drum can be played with a drum stick or any other form of beater such as brushes, rute and hands . *Postmark cancellation*



A larger variant is the parade drum, often used in drum bands and marching bands. While banging, the deeper corps produces more volume, whereas a snare drum in these bands sounds sharper and brighter. *Military folding letter with military free postage sent on 23.3.1917*



The percussion mechanism of the big drum consists of a hollow cylinder covered with percussion heads. The drum is usually carried at a slight angle. In marching groups, the drum is carried in front of the belly with a harness. *Flag with date indication on the right*