



The Historical
Society of
Pennsylvania

Collection V95

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collection**

1914-1945

129 flat files, 2.4 lin. feet

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Restrictions: None

Related Collections at World War II Graphics (no number)

HSP: Balch War Posters (no number)

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Abstract

The Historical Society includes among its holdings a collection of over 500 original World War I and World War II posters. The World War I series includes a number of Liberty Loan, American National Red Cross, and the U.S. Food Administration posters, while the World War II group includes American home front posters, many published by the Office of War Information. Other organizations represented in the collection include the War Production Board, the U.S. Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve ("Spars"), the Y.W.C.A., the Women's Land Army, as well as branches of the U.S. military. War bonds, rationing, enlistment, vigilance, and conservation of resources are all topics treated by these artworks. The collection includes posters by such famous artists as Albert Dorne, James Montgomery Flagg, E. McKnight Kauffer, David Stone Martin, Norman Rockwell, Ben Shan, and Frederick Siebel.

The collection is arranged into three series: Series 1 (*World War I*), Series 2 (*World War II*), and Series 3 (*Commemorative*). Materials are further arranged by size, except for Series 3 which contains only medium-sized items, and country of origin. Within each subseries materials are arranged alphabetically by topic or issuing organization.

Overview of arrangement

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| Series I | World War I | Folders 1-49, 122-124, 128-129 |
| | a. U.S. Small | 1 folder |
| | b. U.S. Medium | 28 folders |
| | c. U.S. Large | 19 folders |
| | d. Foreign Medium | 3 folders |
| | e. Foreign Large | 2 folders |
| Series II | World War II | Folders 50-121, 125- 126 |
| | a. U.S. Small | 14 folders |
| | b. U.S. Medium | 25 folders |
| | c. U.S. Large | 31 folders |
| | d. Foreign Small | 1 folder |
| | e. Foreign Medium | 2 folders |
| Series III | Commemorative | Folder 127 |

Related materials

At HSP:
World War II Graphics (no number)
Balch War Posters (no number)

Subjects

National security – 1939-1945 – United States – Posters – Specimens.
Patriotism – United States – Posters – Specimens.
Savings bonds – United States – Posters – Specimens.
Uncle Sam (Symbolic character) – Posters – Specimens.
United States – Office of War Information – Division of Public Inquiries.
War posters, American – 1914-1918 – Specimens.
War posters, American – 1939-1945 – Specimens.
Women's Land Army of America.
World War, 1914-1918 – Finance --United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1914-1918 – United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – Economic aspects – United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – Food supply – United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – Participation, Civilian – United States – Poster – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – Propaganda – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – Social aspects – United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – War work – United States – Posters – Specimens.
World War, 1939-1945 – United States – Posters – Specimens.

Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945 -- Caricatures and cartoons.
Mussolini, Benito, 1883-1945 -- Caricatures and cartoons.
Tojo, Hideki, 1884-1948 – Caricatures and cartoons.

Administrative Information

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Acquisition information

This is an artificial collection created over time by HSP staff mostly through donations and purchases of individual images or groups of prints.

Alternative format

None.

Preferred citation

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Folder listing

Series 1. World War I. a. United States Small

| Folder number | Subjects |
|---------------|---|
| 1 | United States Food Administration – “America’s Food Pledge 20 Million Tons” |
| 1 | War Savings Stamps |

Series 1. World War I. b. United States Medium

| Folder number | Subjects |
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| 2 | American Chocolate Fund American Committee for Relief in the Near East American Field Service American Legion American Library Association American Ouvroir Fund American Red Star Animal Relief Business Men’s War Council |
| 3 | American National Red Cross |
| 4 | American National Red Cross |
| 5 | American National Red Cross |
| 6 | Committee on Public Safety Council of National Defense (various states) Department of Civilian Service and Labor Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania |
| 7 | Fatherless Children of France Girl Scouts Historical Society of Pennsylvania Interchurch World Movement Italian War Relief Fund Keystone Party Headquarters National Security League |
| 8 | Liberty Loan (general) |
| 9 | Liberty Loan (general) |
| 10 | Liberty Loan – 2 nd |
| 11 | Liberty Loan – 3 rd |
| 12 | Liberty Loan – 4 th |
| 13 | Liberty Loan – 4 th |

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| 14 | Liberty Loan – Victory |
| 15 | Liberty Loan – Victory (proofs) |
| 16 | Military Trainings Camps Association National War Garden Commission |
| 17 | National Committee of Patriotic Societies National Phonograph Records Recruiting Corps National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund Patriotic League Private Peat |
| 18 | U.S. Army U.S. Army Air Service U.S. Embassy, France U.S. Employment Service |
| 19 | U.S. Food Administration |
| 20 | U.S. Food Administration |
| 21 | U.S. Food Administration |
| 22 | U.S. Food Administration |
| 23 | U.S. Fuel Administration |
| 24 | U.S. Marines |
| 25 | U.S. Navy |
| 26 | U.S. Shipping Board. Emergency Fleet Corporation |
| 27 | U.S. Shipping Board. Emergency Fleet Corporation |
| 28 | War Savings Stamps |
| 29 | United War Work Campaign War Chest War Committee of the Episcopal Church War Risk Insurance Women’s Land Army YWCA |
| 30 | Miscellaneous: An Appeal to the American people Ask the Policeman “First Call” Marshal Foch On to victory “Over the Top” Ready to demobilize The Uhlan’s Raid The Road to France They brought is victory Welcome Home Welcome 77 th |

Series 1. World War I. c. United States Large

| Folder number | Subjects |
|----------------------|--|
| 31 | American Legion |
| 32 | American National Red Cross |
| 33 | Air Service American Committee for the Relief in the Near East American Red Star Animal Relief Aviation Section, Signal Corps Commission for Relief in Belgium (Czechoslovak Recruiting Office) |
| 34 | Committee on Public Information Committee on Public Safety Council on National Defense Home for Polish Girls National Guard Salvation Army |
| 35 | Liberty Loan – General Liberty Loan - 3 rd |
| 36 | Liberty Loan – 4 th |
| 37 | Liberty Loan – Victory |
| 38 | Liberty Loan – Victory |
| 39 | Society of the Sons of St. George |
| 40 | U.S. Army U.S. Employment Service U.S. Food Administration |
| 41 | U.S. Marine Corps |
| 42 | U.S. Marine Corps |
| 43 | U.S. Marine Corps |
| 44 | U.S. Navy |
| 45 | U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation |
| 46 | U.S. Tank Corps U.S. War Films United War Work Campaign |
| 47 | Women’s Land Army |
| 48 | War Savings Stamps World Fellowship Y.M.C.A. Y.W.C.A. |
| 49 | Miscellaneous: All For Victory American Library Association Boston Commission on Public Safety Daylight Savings Lectures / Demonstrations |

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| 49 (con't) | National League for Women's Service On to Berlin U.S. Boys Working Reserve Wake Up America |
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Series 1. World War I. d. Foreign Medium

| Folder number | Subjects |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 122 | Belgian Military Mission France |
| 123 | Britain |
| 124 | Britain Wales |

Series 1. World War I. e. Foreign Large

| Folder number | Subjects |
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| 128 | Belguim - Emprunt de la Restauration Nationale [National Restoration Loan] Britain Canada France |
| 129 | Poland |

Series 2. World War II. a. United States Small

| Folder number | Subjects |
|---------------|---|
| 50 | American Library Association |
| 51 | American National Red Cross |
| 52 | American National Red Cross |
| 53 | Health and Nutrition Programs |
| 54 | Merchant Marine |
| 55 | Nursing Recruitment |
| 56 | Office of War Information: "Can All You Can" |
| 57 | Office of war Information: "I'm Counting on You"; "Somebody Blabbed" |
| 58 | Office of war Information: "Strong in the Strength of the Lord" |
| 59 | U.S. Department of Labor |
| 60 | U.S. Public Health Service: |

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| 61 | U.S. Public Health Service: VD graphics |
| 62 | War Bonds |
| 63 | War Contributions: Seagrams: "When in Doubt, Lights Out" |
| 64 | U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Navy University of Pennsylvania War Camp Community Service War Contributions: various |

Series 2. World War II. b. United States Medium

| Folder number | Subjects |
|----------------------|---|
| 65 | American National Red Cross |
| 66 | Blotters: March of Dimes National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (President's Diamond Jubilee Birthday) Nursing Council for War Service Philadelphia Defense Council U.S. Army (including WAAC) U.S. Coast Guard (including SPARS) U.S. Marines U.S. Navy War Housing |
| 67 | Children's Bureau Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania National Committee for Conservation of Manpower in Defense Industries National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day National Inventors Council National Rifle Association National Society for the Advancement of Patriotic Education Russian War Relief, Inc. United China Relief |
| 68 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #1-24 (incomplete) |
| 69 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #26-37 (incomplete) |
| 70 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #39-64 (incomplete) |
| 71 | Office of War Information: |

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| | Numbered Series: #65-79 (incomplete) |
| 72 | Office of War Information: General subjects 1942-1943 |
| 73 | Office of War Information: General subjects 1944-1945 |
| 74 | U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Army U.S. Civilian Defense U.S. Crop Corps (one Woman's Land Army) |
| 75 | U.S. Coast Guard |
| 76 | U.S. Government: Federal Bureau of Investigation Industrial Salvage Internal Revenue Service Office of Price Administration Office of Production Management Public Safety Committee Solid Fuel |
| 77 | U.S. Government: Fuel Conservation Campaign Office for Economic Stabilization |
| 78 | U.S. Office of Defense Health and Welfare U.S. Office of Defense Transportation U.S. Office of Education U.S. Office of Emergency Management U.S. Office of Employment Service |
| 79 | U.S. Marines U.S. Navy |
| 80 | U.S. Postal Services: V-Mail U.S. Army and Navy U.S. Post Office |
| 81 | U.S. Public Health Services |
| 82 | War Contributions: Bearings Manufacturing ESSO Historical Society of Pennsylvania Kroger Baking and Grocery Company Philadelphia Evening Bulletin Philadelphia Inquirer Saturday Evening Post |
| 83 | War Contributions: Seagrams |
| 84 | United Service Organization United War Chest Veterans of Foreign Wars in the U.S. War Food Administration War Housing Center |

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| 85 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1942 |
| 86 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1943 |
| 87 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1943 |
| 88 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1944-1945 |
| 89 | Miscellaneous: Stop Hitler Now Extracts from Adolf Hitler's Public Speeches Headquarters Eastern Defense Command and First Army "I avow my hope and faith..." Eighth Pan American Child Congress |

Series 2. World War II. c. United States Large

| Folder number | Subjects |
|---------------|--|
| 90 | American National Red Cross Nursing Council for War Service |
| 91 | First Aid |
| 92 | Government Printing Office |
| 93 | Government Printing Office |
| 94 | Government Printing Office |
| 95 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #8-24 (incomplete) |
| 96 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #26-46 (incomplete) |
| 97 | Office of War Information: Numbered Series: #54-78 (incomplete) |
| 98 | U.S. Army: Conservation Project Ordinance Division WAC |
| 99 | U.S. Government: Office of Civilian Defense Office of Defense Transportation Office of Emergency Management U.S. Coast Guard (including SPARS) U.S. Employment Office |
| 100 | U.S. Government: Department of Labor-Women's Bureau Internal Revenue Service Office of Price Administration U.S. Maritime Commission War Department Safety Council Works Projects Administration |

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| 101 | U.S. Marines |
| 102 | U.S. Marines |
| 103 | U.S. Marines. Wake Island |
| 104 | U.S. Navy. Construction Works |
| 105 | U.S. Navy. "Don't Slow Up the Ship" |
| 106 | U.S. Navy. Incentive Division |
| 107 | U.S. Navy. Incentive Division |
| 108 | U.S. Navy. Recruitment |
| 109 | U.S. Navy. Recruitment |
| 110 | U.S. Navy. Seabees |
| 111 | U.S. Navy. WAVES |
| 112 | U.S. Office of Inter-American Affairs. |
| 113 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1941 |
| 114 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1942 |
| 115 | War Bonds & Stamps, 1943 |
| 116 | War Contributions: American Broadcasting Company American Express American Radiator and Standard Sanitary ESSO General Cable Corporation Koppers Company Republic Steel Steel |
| 117 | War Contributions: Pennsylvania Railroad |
| 118 | War Manpower Commission |
| 119 | War Production Board, 1942 |
| 120 | War Production Board, 1943 |

Series 2. World War II. d. Foreign Small

| Folder number | Subjects |
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| 121 | Canada |

Series 2. World War II. e. Foreign Medium

| Folder number | Subjects |
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| 125 | Britain |
| 126 | Canada: Director of Public Information |

Series 3. Commemorative

| Folder number | Subjects |
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| 127 | “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead.” First recognition of the Stars and Stripes “From the first volley...” “Good discipline is considered...” “If that fellow wants to fight...” “Logistics is as vital...” “The most blood and daring...” “Victory was the consummation...” “We fought her...” “We have the enemy and they are ours.” “You may fire...” Iwo Jima |