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Collection V95

War Posters  
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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**

<b>Series I</b>	<b>World War I</b>	<b>Folders 1-49, 122-124, 128-129</b>
	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
<b>Series II</b>	<b>World War II</b>	<b>Folders 50-121, 125- 126</b>
	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
<b>Series III</b>	<b>Commemorative</b>	<b>Folder 127</b>

## **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**

Cite as: [Indicate cited item or series here], War Posters collection (Collection V95), The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

## 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
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 <sup>nd</sup>
11	Liberty Loan – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
12	Liberty Loan – 4 <sup>th</sup>
13	Liberty Loan – 4 <sup>th</sup>

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 <sup>th</sup>

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

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
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 <sup>rd</sup>
36	Liberty Loan – 4 <sup>th</sup>
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

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**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
122	Belgian Military Mission France
123	Britain
124	Britain Wales

**Series 1. World War I. e. Foreign Large**

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

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

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
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:

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**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
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: 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
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**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
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
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**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
121	Canada

**Series 2. World War II. e. Foreign Medium**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
125	Britain
126	Canada: Director of Public Information

**Series 3. Commemorative**

<b>Folder number</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
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