



BHC-MSS 0169
Guide to the World War I Subject Files Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bridgeport History Center

Title: World War I Subject Files Collection

Dates: 1914-1918

Quantity: 1.5 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box

Abstract During World War I, Bridgeport's many industries helped supply the war effort, even before the United States entered the war in 1917. Residents also participated in events such as war bond drives and created organizations to support servicemembers from the city. This artificial collection represents the latter, and includes some of the material of the Minute Women, along with material relating to the Red Cross and other organizations, as well as newspaper clippings.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

During World War I, Bridgeport's many industries helped supply the war effort. This included Remington Arms and Bridgeport Brass, along with smaller companies like Nielson Machine Tool Company. Residents of Bridgeport also served in the war.

This artificial collection of World War I related material found in the collections of the Bridgeport History Center represents a small slice of Bridgeport's role in the war; it focuses on propaganda created by the United States government and the State of Connecticut to encourage support for the war and the actions of Bridgeport residents in doing the same. Please note that this is not an extensive or definitive collection.

Scope and Content note:

The contents of the material are primarily propaganda created by the United States, the State of Connecticut, or local organizations related to increasing patriotism and encouraging support for America's war effort. There is some German language material reflecting German perspective. Of particular note are the minutes of the Minute Women, a women's support and organizing group for families and servicemembers overseas.

Arrangement Note:

Arranged alphabetically by assigned title.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1995.03, found in collections. Donors include Miss Evers, Mrs. Mizer, Patrick Kane and Margaret Bret.

Preferred Citation:

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Names and Subject Tracings***Personal names****Subject tracings*

World War, 1914-1918

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

1. Benefit shows, 1918, undated
2. Convention of American Legion, first state convention, October 1919
3. Century Magazine, "Fairfield County mobilizes", November 1917
4. History of the 28th division – The Yankee Division, 1918
5. German publications, 1917-1919
6. Letters to the Bridgeport Comfort Club by Leslie Barlow, 1919
7. Liberty loans, 1917-1919
8. Liberty Memorial Building campaign, 1920
9. Minutes of the Minute Women, 1917-1920
10. Official U.S. Bulletin, 1918
11. Photo of front page of the Bridgeport Times – Armistice, November 11, 1918
12. Photographs, postcards, etc. mounted on paper, c. 1914-1918
13. Publications, local, 1917-1920
14. Publications, national, 1917-1920
15. Publications, war work, 1917-1920
16. Reception and dinner for Hon. William Hays, undated
17. Thompson, Rev. A.C., undated

Box 2

1. Red Cross, 1918
2. Selective service. 1917-1920
3. Ribbons and award notes, 1917-1920
4. Song books, undated
5. Window cards, 1917-1920
6. Newspaper clippings, 1914-1920
7. Newspaper clippings, 1914-1920
8. Newspaper clippings, 1914-1920

Box 3

1. Newspapers, 1914-1918
2. Newspapers, 1914-1918
3. Newspapers, 1914-1918
4. Newspapers, 1914-1918