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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Title: 20th Century International Poster Collection

Dates: circa 1914-1950

Quantity: 264 items

Abstract: Propaganda posters dating from the start of World War I, through World War II, and into the post-war period. The bulk of the items were produced in the United States or France, but there are also items from other European countries, as well as Canada.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged physically by size, and intellectually by country and date.[Top](#)

Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Propaganda
- War posters
- World War, 1914-1918--Posters
- World War, 1939-1945--Posters

Document Types:

- Posters

VCL Categories:

- Politics
- War and War Crimes

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, January 2015.

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Some of the largest posters may have damage and need special handling.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

20th Century International Poster Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Rachel Schles, 2004.

Acquisition Information

The origin of most of the posters is unknown, but the eight USSR Posters were a gift of Ebenezer Hill in 1928.

Other Formats

There are low-quality images available to browse before the original posters will be pulled for research.

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Container List

SERIES I. United States, circa 1917-1950 (98 posters)

01.01.001 - 01.01.009	World War I, circa 1917-1918 (9 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
01.01.010 - 01.01.047	World War I, circa 1917-1918 (38 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
01.01.048	World War I, circa 1917-1918 (1 poster, oversize)
01.01.049 - 01.01.071	World War I, circa 1917-1918 (23 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
01.03.001 - 01.03.003	Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (3 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
01.02.001 - 01.02.002	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
01.02.003 - 01.02.014	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (12 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
01.02.015 - 01.02.018	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (4 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
01.02.019 - 01.02.023	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (5 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
01.04.001	Post-World War II, circa 1945-1950 (1 poster, 20" x 24" folder)
01.04.002 - 01.04.003	Post-World War II, circa 1945-1950 (2 posters, 24" x 36" folders)

SERIES II. France, circa 1917-1945 (77 posters)

02.01.001 - 02.01.024	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (24 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
02.01.025 - 02.01.031	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (7 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
02.01.032 - 02.01.057	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (26 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
02.01.058	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (1 poster, oversize)
02.01.059 - 02.01.072	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (14 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
02.02.001 - 02.02.003	Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (3 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
02.02.004	Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster, 20" x 24" folders)
02.03.001	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (1 poster, 20" x 24" folder)

SERIES III. United Kingdom, circa 1917-1945 (32 posters)

- 03.01.001 -
03.01.002 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (2 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
- 03.01.003 -
03.01.006 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (4 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
- 03.01.007 -
03.01.009 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (3 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
- 03.03.001 -
03.03.018 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (18 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
- 03.03.019 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster, 36" x 48" folder)
- 03.02.001 -
03.02.002 World War II, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
- 03.02.003 -
03.02.004 World War II, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters, 24" x 36" folders)

SERIES IV. Canada, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters)

- 04.01.001 -
04.01.002 World War II, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters, 24" x 36" folders)

SERIES V. Italy, circa 1914-1918 (1 poster)

- 05.01.001 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (1 poster, 36" x 48" folder)

SERIES VI. Poland, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster)

- 06.01.001 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster, 36" x 48" folder)

SERIES VII. Germany, circa 1914-1918 (7 posters)

- 07.01.001 -
07.01.005 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (5 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
- 07.01.006 -
07.01.007 World War I, circa 1914-1918 (2 posters, 24" x 36" folders)

SERIES VIII. USSR, circa 1918-1939 (8 posters)

- 08.01.001 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster, 20" x 24" folders)
- 08.01.002 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (1 poster, 24" x 36" folders)
- 08.01.003 -
08.01.008 Between World War I and World War II, circa 1918-1939 (6 posters, 36" x 48" folders)

SERIES IX. Austria, circa 1939-1945 (36 posters)

09.01.001 - 09.01.012	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (12 posters, 20" x 24" folders)
09.01.013 - 09.01.014	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (2 posters, 24" x 36" folders)
09.01.015 - 09.01.024	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (10 posters, 36" x 48" folders)
09.01.025 - 09.01.036	World War II, circa 1939-1945 (12 posters, oversize)

SERIES X. Belgium, circa 1914-1918 (1 poster)

10.01.001	World War I, circa 1914-1918 (1 poster, 36" x 48" folder)
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