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Summary Information

Repository:	Brandeis University
Creator - col:	McCrahon, Edward H.
Source - dnr:	Baker, James
Source - dnr:	Baker, Sheri
Title:	Colonel Edward H. McCrahon family collection of World War I posters
ID:	11.MWalB02728
Date [inclusive]:	1913-1919, undated
Physical Description:	640 Items
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Colonel Edward H. McCrahon family collection of World War I posters, Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University.

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Biographical Note

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 11, 1891, Colonel Edward H. McCrahon was the son of Alexander McCrahon, a New York civic figure who helped dedicate the Statue of Liberty. McCrahon was a volunteer ambulance driver in France before the United States entered World War I. When the U.S. became involved, McCrahon enlisted in the army and rose to the rank of Colonel. It was during his time in the French army that McCrahon became interested in war posters and by the 1930s he had assembled an extensive collection.

Sources:

"Hotel Official And Soldier Dies at 76" The Washington Post, Times Herald, May 5, 1967.

Guernsey's Auction. The Astounding Col. McCrahon WWI poster Collection Coming to Unreserved Auction. New York: Guernsey's Auction, 2015.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately six hundred forty posters relating to World War I, which were created between 1913 and 1919. The majority of the posters are American but around one hundred five posters are from other countries, including Canada, Italy, Great Britain, Germany, and France. Most of the posters contain evocative and striking illustrations that are accompanied by text meant to elicit support for the war effort. A common theme is the public's monetary involvement in the war and many of the posters call upon citizens to support the war financially through the purchase of war bonds and loans. The posters were collected by Edward H. McCrahon, an American who served in both the French and United States armies. The collection is unprocessed. Please contact the department for more information.

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Arrangement

The posters are not organized according to any arrangement or scheme.

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research. Some posters may not be available due to fragility.

Access to the collection is in accordance with the policies of the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University. Please contact the department for more information.

Conditions Governing Use

Requests to reproduce or publish material from the collection should be directed to the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University.

Acquisitions Note

The collection was donated to Brandeis by the family of Colonel McCrahon in October 2015.

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Related Materials

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The University Archives & Special Collections department at Brandeis also houses the "World War I and World War II propaganda posters" collection. This collection includes over 100 propaganda posters from WWI and WWII, a majority of which were created between 1917 and 1918.

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- Baker, James
- Baker, Sheri