Women in World War I Collection
MS 78

Summary Information

Creator
Bastian, Misty, 1955-

Title
Women in World War I Collection

Dates
1907-1929, bulk 1914-1918

Extent
1.33 LF (4 boxes, plus oversize items.)

Arrangement
Materials are organized and arranged in series by type of material such as books, correspondence, photographs, postcards, magazines, posters and sheet music. All materials are described to the item-level.

Language of Materials
Materials in English, German, French.

Abstract
This collection contains original and reproduction materials such as books, correspondence, photographs, postcards, magazines, posters and sheet music from the period of World War I (1914-1918) that represent the roles of women in the war in words and images. Also included is the correspondence of a male soldier to his parents.
Index terms/Subjects (600,610,650,651)
World War, 1914-1918 -- Women
Women
Women in war -- United States
Women in war -- Great Britain
Women in war -- France
Women in war -- Germany

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
All materials in this collection were acquired as a gift from Misty L. Bastian in June 2016.

Custodial History
All materials were collected by Franklin and Marshall College, Professor of Anthropology Misty L. Bastian between 2012 and 2013 in anticipation of the centenary of World War I. They were deposited in the Archives and Special Collections of Franklin and Marshall for safekeeping in August 2013 and gifted to the College in 2016.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Processing Information
Processed by Julie Kopperman (2013) and Michael Lear (2017). Description based on DACS.

Access and Use

Access Restrictions
Access unrestricted.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use
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Additional Information

Related Materials
World War I Poster Collection, Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA.

Womens Studies Collection (MS 42), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA.

Preferred Citation
Women in World War I Collection (MS 78), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.
Publications
Portions of this collection were exhibited in 2013 at Franklin and Marshall College’s Phillips Museum of Art and Shadek-Fackenthal Library as part of an exhibition on women in World War I in commemoration of the centenary of World War I.

Scope and Content Note
This collection contains original and reproduction materials such as books, correspondence, photographs, postcards, magazines, posters and sheet music dating from the period of World War I (1914-1918) that represent the roles of women in the war. Images and published material depict women in traditional and non-traditional roles such as nursing, volunteer and military service, and factory and farm work. Themes such as femininity, feminism, patriotism, sacrifice and service are represented through the iconography of the materials. Both European and American and Caucasian and African-American women are represented in the collection. Also included is the correspondence of a male soldier to his parents.

Historical Information
With the recruitment and conscription of large numbers of men into the armed forces of the United States in 1917 and 1918, women were recruited to fill supporting roles such as nursing sick and injured soldiers, providing wholesome entertainment such as musical entertainment and reading material and providing personal necessities such as clothing and toiletry needs through non-governmental organizations such as church organizations and the Red Cross and Salvation Army. Women also assisted governmental organizations with conservation and recruitment efforts and sales of war bonds to finance the war and enlisted in military service where they served as drivers and in other non-combat roles.

With men away in military service women also filled factory, munitions and farm work jobs to support the war effort. In addition, women served in a variety of other, traditionally male, jobs such as policemen, firefighters, postal workers, bus and train conductors, ticket takers, etc. As a result of doing their part to support the war effort and proving to be equal to men, the women’s suffrage movement gained momentum, resulting in women winning the right to vote through the passage and ratification of the 19th amendment in 1919-1920.

Inventory/Contents

Series I - Books and Miscellaneous

Box 1, Folder 1
Memories: November 1917-March 1919 by Dorothy Cheney
Houston: Sewall Art Gallery, Rice University.

Box 1, Folder 2
1918 Ten Pfennig German Coin- features German Woman Carrying Explosive Warhead Munitions
Series II - Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 3
James Sullivan to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sullivan (parents), Little Rock, Arkansas- letters from College Station, Texas and Camp Johnston, Florida June 16, August 25, September 3, 4, 9, 11, 1918.

Series III - Photographs and Photographic reproductions

Box 1, Folder 4
Glass Slide- Russian Woman Flyer. Killed in Action 1916
Photo Album- Carte-de-Visite. Contains 50 WWI-era prints and tintypes.

Box 2, Folder 1
Photograph Woman on Motorcycle.
Photograph Army- Camp Douglas, Wisconsin WWI Tent and Woman, Lucille Prange, August 1917.
Photograph Group of Three Men and One Woman in Uniform.
Photograph Group of Red Cross Volunteers with flag.
Photograph Group of Women Carrying American Flags.
Photograph Woman with Fur Muff, December 20, 1914.
Photograph ca. 1914 Group of Young Woman Winter Coats Hats, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY.
Photograph Two Women in Uniform in Front of House.
Photograph Woman Wrapped in American Flag (Minna from Toledo, Ohio).
Photograph Gussie Stewart in Uniform.

Box 2, Folder 2
Photograph A group of women with bonnets on, all working in a row in a factory.

Box 2, Folder 3
Photograph of Illustration When Our National Guard is Feminized.

Box 2, Folder 4
Photograph of Drawing 1916 Artist Sketch Women on Galician Front Practising With Rapid Fire Gun.

Box 2, Folder 5
Photograph and Enlargement Be a Trained Nurse.

Box 2, Folder 6
Photograph Army Women in Red Cross Vehicle 1917.

Box 2, Folder 7
Photograph A group of women in white Navy uniforms ("Fourteenth Naval District" written on the back).
Box 2, Folder 8
Photograph  Women's Work In War... (Women operating machines used to attach rib reinforcements).

Box 2, Folder 9
Photograph  San Francisco Chinatown Has its Own Exchange. (Chinese Women Switchboard Operators).

Box 2, Folder 10
Photograph  Negro Women Working in a Southern Saw Mill 1917.

Box 2, Folder 11
Photograph  Women's Land Army 1918, Fallston, MD (Woman in Overalls Holding a kitten).

Box 2, Folder 12

Box 2, Folder 13
Photograph  French Women Working in Munitions Factory 1917.

Box 2, Folder 14
Photograph  Women in Work Clothes with Tools.

Box 2, Folder 15
Photograph  Selecting Women Munitions Workers (New York) March 12, 1918 (Press Photo)

Box 2, Folder 16
Photograph  Miss Beatrice Schoenberger and Miss Marcella Venture Threading Pipe.

Box 2, Folder 17
Photograph  British Women Land Workers Preparing for Next Day's Work, 1918 (British Women Replace their Men in Lumber Work, Press Photo).

Box 2, Folder 18
Photograph and Enlargement  Mrs. Vernon Castle Costumed á la Guerre for a Walk.

Box 2, Folder 19

Box 2, Folder 20
Photograph  Beulah Wilson, The First Woman to Enlist in U.S. Navy. 1917 (Press Photo).

Box 2, Folder 21
Photograph  Group of women in white uniforms and colored ties. Standing on steps of large structure.
Box 2, Folder 22
Photograph  Woman in Police Uniform Directing Traffic.

Box 2, Folder 23
Photograph  Woman in Red Cross Uniform.

Box 2, Folder 24
Photograph  Weeping for the Home She Loved and Lost, 1915 (Woman Finds Destroyed Home in Champagne Region of France).

Box 2, Folder 25
Photograph  Ruth Law, 29th Division Camp McClellan, AL 1918.

Box 2, Folder 26
Photograph  Honoring Men About to Leave for Camps: Colored Women Open a Club to Care for Men in the Service, Newark, NJ ca. 1918.

Box 2, Folder 27
Photograph of Propaganda poster  Woman putting on a coat with the words “These Women are Doing Their Bit” and "Learn to Make Munitions". Issued by the Ministry of Munitions.

Box 2, Folder 28
Photograph  Dry Cleaners, 1907.

Box 2, Folder 29
Photograph  Col J. M. Wells Swears in Women Motorist  (Group of women soldiers in uniform taking oath, 1918).

Box 2, Folder 30
Photographic Reproductions from Pennsylvania State Archives
  Red Cross nurses folding bandages.
  African-American Red Cross Nurse.
  African-American Red Cross Nurse.
  Group photo of 6 Red Cross Women volunteers in uniform.
  Suffrage Service Hut.
  Red Cross Nurse.
  Allentown and Lehigh County Chapter Red Cross articles made by women volunteers.
  Red Cross women on parade.
  Am. Red Cross Canteen Service, Pennsylvania-Delaware Division.
  Red Cross Nurse.
  Red Cross woman volunteer in uniform.
  Red Cross woman volunteer in uniform.
  Red Cross woman volunteer in uniform.
  Red Cross woman volunteer in uniform - Christine Hare [Stockloy].
  Ladies’ Dining Room during lunch hour September 30, 1918.
Series IV - Postcards

Box 2, Folder 31
Patriotism/Propaganda

Postcard Woman in Red, White, and Blue Hat and Scarf
Postcard WWI French Propaganda Postcard- German Bandits
Postcard Woman in a toga places a star on a map of Europe and writes, ‘Reden[i].’ dated 10/22/1915
Postcard *Lieb Vaterland, magstruhig sein!* (Dear Fatherland, rest peacefully!) features soldiers leaving home for the front
Postcard *Dear flag of our country…*
Postcard *Kriegshilfe Elberfeld 1915* features a soldier holding a sword in the left hand and putting the right hand on a wreath over a grave. Large black bird on far right of picture.
Postcard French woman in uniform wearing a revolutionary hat. Holding the French flag in right hand and gun in left hand.

Box 2, Folder 32
Women

Postcard Woman Playing Piano
Postcard *Verschleierte Tuerkenfrauen vor einem Tuerkenhause.* Veiled Women with Children Walking Down a Street
Postcard Woman Wearing a Graduation Cap in Front of a Book Shelf
Postcard Woman Dressed in Black Sitting on Striped Pillows
Postcard Woman in All Black dress with Blue cap, holding onto her cap with one hand and books with the other (writing on back is in German)
Postcard Black and White photograph of a woman in dark dress holding white flowers
Postcard Black and White photograph of a woman sitting in a wooden chair in dark dress and black hat with a flower or emblem in the middle, dated November 10, 1918
Postcard *Love’s Victory*
Postcard Woman Wearing Winter Hat and Scarf
Postcard *A Thrilling Tale*

Box 2, Folder 33
Women in the Red Cross

Postcard Red Cross Nurses with Guitars
Postcard Red Cross Nurse with Soldier- *Elle account leblesse’ reprenant confiance. Sait qu’ elle le guerira par armour pour la France*
Postcard WWI French Red Cross Nurse with Two Soldiers- *O vous! Qui versez l, esperance. A nos soldats aux jours de deuil. Ma main, Fremissante d’orgueil. Vous decore au nom de la France!*
Postcard Red Cross Nurse- Maude J. Wade Photographer Columbus OH
Postcard *American Red Cross Nurses in Parade-Paris-July 4th 1918*
Postcard Two women workers for the Red Crescent in uniform. Writing in Arabic on the back.
Postcard *Dolly Dingle Joins the Red Cross* (Reproduction of a 1910s-1920s paper Doll series)
Postcard Red Cross, *Mail Notification- Ship has Arrived Safely*
Postcard  Medicine- Thou Foe of Death

Box 2, Folder 34
Women and Soldiers

Postcard  Woman Looking at Picture of Soldier German New Years Herzlichen Gruss zum Neuen Jahr
Postcard  1915 Dutch Woman on Telephone with a Soldier- Electrisch ben ik met mijn leijfe verbonden...
Postcard  Enfin de Retour (Spanish soldier and woman embracing)
Postcard  I'm at your service all the time: Whaddya Mean I'm a Slacker
Postcard  Volunteers (Two woman and a soldier)
Postcard  Women with German Soldier Smoking Das Draht hindernis
Postcard  Woman and Soldier Stolzenfels am Rhein
Postcard  Group of Two Women and a Little Girl In treuem Gedenken
Postcard  Group of Women and a Man in Uniform Saluting Each Other

Box 2, Folder 35
Women in Uniform

Postcard  German New Years Day Woman in Uniform 1916 Viele Herzliche Nejahrs Grusse
Postcard  Two Women Soldiers in Plane
Postcard  Who's the Lady-Tommy?
Postcard  WWI Serbia Military Uniform Woman and Flag
Postcard  Woman Wearing Blue Hat
Postcard  Woman in Pink with Rifle
Postcard  Woman in Uniform with Cigarette- Fraulein Feldgrau Auf Urlaub!
Postcard  Two Soldiers (one Man and one woman)
Postcard  South Africa (Woman in Uniform with Trumpet)
Postcard  Woman in Uniform Holding Gloves
Postcard  Women in Uniform With Rifles-Welcome Home Parade Bangor, ME
Postcard  Woman Wearing Tan and Blue (Air Corps?) Military Hat
Postcard  Woman Wearing German Navy Hat

Box 2, Folder 36
Women at War Work

Postcard  Women binding wheat in field
Postcard  The Girls went on the Land, and the Boys went to Sea!
Postcard  Have I punched your ticket Sir?
Postcard  War 1914-15... Women at Work for the Making of Shells in Scotland
Postcard  Soldiers Confronting Women Farming (Russian postcard)
Postcard  Woman and the War= La Femme et la Guerre (farm work)
Postcard  Japanese Woman Cooking and using a Fan
Postcard  At the Front with the Troops in France. Two women doing war work (cooking) in an encampment.
Postcard  Scores of Women are Filling Men's Places with Great Success.
Postcard  Out for Victory. The Farm. Who is doing her bit to feed us all
Postcard  Working in 'shifts' and no 'bloomers'!!
Postcard  The Girls in Uniform Used to Drive Me Crazy
**Postcard**  
*The Only Kind of Matches Allowed in a Munitions Factory*

**Postcard**  
WWI Woman Munitions Worker Royal Arsenal (reproduction)

**Postcard**  
WWI Women Engineering Workers (reproduction)

**Postcard**  
WWI Women Munitions Factory Workers and Two Men, Group Pose.

**Cigarette Card**  
(Black Cat Cigarettes) *Women on War Work: No. 19 Mechanics Electrical Engineering*

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**Box 2, Folder 37**

**Other**

**Postcard**  
*I Married My Wife to Avoid Going to War.* Woman dressed in all red dress with a man trying to escape with a "Ticket to ball game"

**Postcard**  
*Life in the U.S. Army Cantonment: Guns Down*

**Postcard**  
*Castle Acre Priory, Norfolk* (ruins of monastery)

**Postcard**  
*The Christmas Tree Fairy*

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**Series V - Magazines and Newspapers**

**A. Magazine and newspaper advertisements and illustrations**

**Framed** Cut-out illustrations  Framed cut outs of Red Cross Nurse in the center shaking hands with Navy and Army servicemen.

**Box 3, Folder 1**

**Illustration(s) of Propaganda Posters, page from a book?** Young Women's Christian Association and United States Food Administration Posters. Edward Penfield. Top poster says "The Girl on the Land Serves the Nation's Need..apply Y.W.C.A." and pictures women workers with horses. The bottom poster says "Will you help the Women of France?...SAVE WHEAT" and shows three women working on the land.

*The Mighty Tractor Obeys a Woman’s Hand.* 1918 Los Angeles CA Woman Member of Land Army Drives Farm Tractor.

Illustration entitled *Unconquerable* by Arthur Rackham from *King Alberts Book*, 1914.

Magazine pages-Three Photographs. All taken from a magazine, 3 photos portraying women at work. One woman is filing fittings for the wing spars of airplanes entitled "America’s Women are Enlisted in the Air Service of Their Country; a group of women make airplane turnbuckles "Girls Making Airplane Turnbuckles"; "Volunteer Workers in the Kitchen of one of the Twelve Canteens... Red Cross in Paris"

Magazine advertisement *(The Saturday Evening Post)* November 9, 1918 with the headline *Women Run America's Biggest Industry* (Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets).

**Box 3, Folder 2**

**Magazine-Section of The Independent News-Pictorial Harper's Weekly 1918 The "WAACS" (Women Army Auxiliary Corps) At Work**

Magazine Clipping *(Red Cross Magazine May 3, 1918)* Red Cross women working in the Palace of the Hawaiian Kings.
(Women at Work at Munitions Factory)

Magazine page of *Railway Age Gazette. Women Railway Employees in England*


Magazine page from the *Independent Magazine* 1917. *The Ladies' Aid.* four women in uniforms posing for their picture. Signifies women doing various jobs during wartime. Eleanor Regan, Julia Laughlin...

*Box 3, Folder 3*


Magazine page (page 182) from *Illustrated World, 1917 Dolling Up A Big Freighter* (Woman working on locomotive.)

Magazine pages *National Geographic Magazine. Illustrations- America's Appeal to Patriots was not in Vain; Women at Work on the Wings of Victory; At a Punching Machine in an Airplane Parts Factory.*


Magazine advertisement- *Brighton Carlsbad Sleepwear and Stewart Motor Trucks.*

*Box 3, Folder 4*
Magazine page from the *Delineator* for July, 1917 Examples of Women’s Fashion

Magazine section of *The Graphic*, January 2, 1915. *Incidents in the Russian Campaign: Two Aspects of the German Invasion of Poland* (Arresting the Eagle: Polish Women capturing German Military Aviators in a Damaged Machine Near Lublin; German Ruthlessness on the Eastern Frontier)


Magazine page from *The Ladies Home Journal*, March, 1918 *War-Winning Women: What They Did Throughout the Country Last Spring and What You Can Do This Spring.* (front) and *The New Red Cross Work For The Boys and Girls of France and Belgium: Here Are The Things Which Every Woman and Girl Can Make and Thereby Help Our Allies Endure the Strain of War.*

Magazine pages from *The Ladies' Home Journal* for April, 1918 *War-Winning Girls* (page 38) and *War-Winning Women* (page 39 - 2 copies).


**B. Magazines (whole issues)**

*Box 3, Folder 5*
Magazine- *Carry On: British Women's Work in War Time.*

*Box 3, Folder 6*

*Box 3, Folder 7*
Magazine- *Leslie's.* November 30, 1918 “The War in Pictures”.

*Box 3, Folder 8*
Magazine- *Life.* November 8, 1917 “Woman-In-The-War Number”.

*Box 3, Folder 9*
Magazine- *McCall's.* July 1929.

*Box 3, Folder 10*

*Box 3, Folder 11*
Magazine- *The American Woman.* November 1916, April 1918, July 1918, August 1918, September 1918, December 1918. featuring patriotic women on the cover of each issue.

*Box 3, Folder 12*

*Box 4, Folders 1 and 2*

*Box 4, Folder 3*
Box 4, Folder 4

Box 4, Folder 5
Magazine - The Saturday Evening Post. March 9, 1918.

Box 4, Folder 6
Magazine - The Sphere: Women in Wartime Number. Woman with horse on the cover.

Box 4, Folder 7
Magazine - The Woman Citizen. May 4, 1918. Female nurse on the front cover taking care of a man

**Series VI - Posters**
*Over-Oversize flat drawer*
- Poster Soviet poster - Woman Worker Holding Flag in Front of Factory, 1920
- Poster *YWCA For every fighter a woman worker...Back our second line of defense*, by Ernest Baker. linen backed.
- Poster *YWCA Back our girls over there*, by Clarence Underwood.
- Poster *Emprunt National 1918 French Loan* Poster of Woman and smaller child in field, linen backed.
- Poster Photographic reproduction *American Red Cross, Our Boys Need Sox: Knit Your Bit*. with yarn as the large graphic and a Red Cross behind it.
- Poster Reproduction *Colored Man is No Slacker*. features African American soldier saying goodbye to wife.
- Poster Fragment of Poster *Flag of Freedom*. Woman in white uniform with blue waistband in front of flowing flag. Soldiers marching in background

**Series VII - Sheet Music**
*Box 4, Folder 8*
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover *I Don’t Want to Get Well*.
- Sheet Music with Cover Photograph *I’m Going to Follow the Boys*.
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover *1917 WWI Good-Bye Laddie Boy* by Gus Edwards.
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover *There’s A Vacant Chair in Every Home Tonight*.
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover *Three Wonderful Letters From Home*.
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover with woman dressed in nurse’s uniform on the cover. *The Rose of No Man’s Land*.
- Sheet Music with Illustrated Cover *The Sentiment of Every American Mother: America Here’s My Boy*.

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