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Abstract

Over one hundred photographs from the Underwood & Underwood photography agency of scenes from World War I in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the United States, taken from 1917 - 1918. The majority of the photographs depict soldiers of various nationalities during and training for combat, as well as the war effort and civilian life in the United States.

Creator

Underwood & Underwood

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0.5 Linear Feet 1 box, 101 photographs

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George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

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Historical Information

Underwood and Underwood (also written as Underwood & Underwood) was a large American photography agency founded by brothers Elmer and Bert Underwood in 1882. Originally based in Ottawa, Kansas, they relocated the business first to Baltimore, Maryland, and eventually to New York City, New York in 1891. Known for their massively popular stereograph photography, the company eventually took up photojournalism and entertainment photography to great success.

World War I, or the Great War as it was known at the time, was an international conflict that lasted from 1914 - 1918. The war affected nearly all European countries, as well as the United States and many others across the globe. According to Encyclopaedia Britannica, "[t]he war was virtually unprecedented in the slaughter, carnage, and destruction it caused." At its essence a conflict between the "Allies" (France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Japan, and the United States) and the "Central Powers" (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey), World War I ended on November 11, 1918 when the armistice between Germany and the Allies took place. Over 40 million people died as casualties of the war.

Scope and Content

Content Warning: Some of the photographic descriptions include racist language.

Over one hundred photographs from the Underwood & Underwood photography agency of scenes from World War I in Europe, the United States, Asia, and the Middle East. All photographs were taken between 1917 - 1918. The majority of the photographs depict soldiers of various nationalities during and training for combat. Other photographs depict the war effort and recruitment of soldiers. Notably, there are a few photographs of soldiers of color, including Seminole soldiers training under the United States army and Indian soldiers training under Great Britain. A handful of photographs depict civilian life in the United States during the time period.

Related Materials

The Special Collections Research Center holds other materials on World War I, including the [Gustav Klemp World War I German graphic materials collection](#).

Case Western Reserve University also holds [World War I photographs](#) taken by Underwood and Underwood.

A number of other archival repositories, including the [Smithsonian Institution](#), [University of California, Riverside](#), and [Brigham Young University](#), hold collections of Underwood and Underwood photography.

Keywords

Photography

World War, 1914-1918

Alternative Form Available

This collected was digitized by Mieko Palazzo and is available to view here: [Underwood & Underwood World War I press photographs](#).

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

The photographs in this collection are attached to small paper descriptions with adhesive. These paper descriptions are brittle and acidic, and are folded from the verso of the photograph to the recto.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

"French cavalry on road flooded by the Germans to protect their retreat"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386967

Unit Date May 7, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

King George V and General Sir Newton Moore watching the Australian artillery brigade march past

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386968

Unit Date May 7, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

French sappers, or civilian miners, at work underground

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386969

Unit Date May 18, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

"Artillery pieces marching by during the review and inspection by Col. Wolf"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386970

Unit Date August 9, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Gun explosion

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386971

Unit Date August 31, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Russian women from the "Battalion of Death" recovering in a hospital

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386972

Unit Date September 18, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Wounded Italian soldiers sitting on a road, waiting for medical attention

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386973

Unit Date September 18, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

French officers teaching American soldiers how to use gun grenades

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386974

Unit Date October 22, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

"Captain David Fallen of British army aids Liberty Loan"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386975

Unit Date October 22, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

"U-BUY-A-BOND" event in Central Park, New York

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386976

Unit Date October 23, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

British soldiers standing in front of a tank on an American tour

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386977

Unit Date October 24, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Soldiers ducking during a trench attack

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386978

Unit Date October 24, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

British soldiers assessing damage to the Western Front

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386979

Unit Date October 24, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

British soldiers standing in front of tank sent for Liberty Loan exhibition

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386980

Unit Date October 29, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Tank "Britannia" going up Fifth Avenue in New York City during the Liberty Loan Parade

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386981

Unit Date October 25, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

American officer making appeals to recruits on top of a tank in Madison Square, New York

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386982

Unit Date October 25, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Kingdon Gould and Sergeant Hinkley at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386983

Unit Date October 29, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

American soldiers during bayonet practice on a dummy of Kaiser Wilhelm

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386984

Unit Date October 30, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Soldiers holding onto a kite balloon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386985

Unit Date October 31, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

"Great captive dirigibles used by French for observation"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386986

Unit Date October 31, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Volunteer Ambulance Division - two women drivers named Hilda S. Ambler and Phyllis K. Martin

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386987

Unit Date November 1, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

British Naval Air Force kite balloons

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386988

Unit Date November 1, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

View of Camp Kearney barracks in San Diego County, California

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386989

Unit Date November 1, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

American soldiers in France using "liquid fire apparatus"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386990

Unit Date November 12, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

"German prisoners captured by British pass through wrecked Ypres"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386991

Unit Date November 18, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Indian soldiers training with bayonets in France

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386992

Unit Date November 19, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

American soldiers fencing on horseback

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386993

Unit Date November 19, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

View of No man's land

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386994

Unit Date November 20, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Lieutenant C.F. Parks modeling the new American trench helmet

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386995

Unit Date November 20, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Doctor helping wounded soldier write a letter after the Battle of Menin Road Ridge

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386996

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Transport ship Medie sinking in the Mediterranean [partially sunk]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386997

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Transport ship Medie sinking in the Mediterranean [fully sunk]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386998

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Transport ship Medie sinking in the Mediterranean [partially sunk]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/386999

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

View from British warship on rough seas

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387000

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

"Sixteenth Annual Championship Cat Show opens"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387001

Unit Date November 21, 1917

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Italian outposts along the Brenta River

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387002

Unit Date January 9, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Soldiers helping a fellow wounded soldier cross a duckboard track

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387003

Unit Date January 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

General Allenby reading proclamation at the Tower of David in Jerusalem, Israel

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387004

Unit Date January 18, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Portuguese soldiers stoking mortar gun

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387005

Unit Date February 3, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

"General Pershing meets King Albert of the Belgians"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387006

Unit Date February 5, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Older and younger marines doing the manual of arms

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387007

Unit Date February 5, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

British soldiers climbing out of a trench for a daylight patrol

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387008

Unit Date February 6, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

British soldiers eating food in a trench

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387009

Unit Date February 6, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

"Italian hydroaeroplane held by crane prior to flight over enemy territory"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387010

Unit Date February 8, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Swimmers Ruth and Eleanor Smith

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387011

Unit Date February 8, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

Dogfight between French and German planes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387012

Unit Date February 12, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Pilots testing a plane before a flight

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387013

Unit Date February 13, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Downed plane, known as a "Grass Cutter," in France

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387014

Unit Date February 12, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Portrait of swimmer Ellsworth Elderkin

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387015

Unit Date February 12, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

American soldiers throwing trench bombs and grenades

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387016

Unit Date February 12, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

British soldier on the front line in Flanders, Belgium during winter

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387017

Unit Date February 13, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

British soldiers on the front line signalling artillery to start

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387018

Unit Date February 13, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 52 (folder)

Disabled tank being used as observation post

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387019

Unit Date February 13, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 53 (folder)

Crashed German plane on the Flanders front

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387020

Unit Date February 13, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 54 (folder)

French shepherd with their dog and sheep

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387021

Unit Date February 14, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 55 (folder)

Soldier standing in a charred French forest

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387022

Unit Date February 14, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 56 (folder)

"Most advanced French line on the Belgian front"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387023

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 57 (folder)

"ANZACs [Australian and New Zealand Army Corps] capture Boche anti-tank gun"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387024

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 58 (folder)

British soldiers bringing food to the front line

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387025

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 59 (folder)

British soldiers on the Western Front waiting for coffee

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387026

Unit Date February 15, 2018

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 60 (folder)

British and Italian soldiers preparing for a football (soccer) game

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387027

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 61 (folder)

British soldiers in a trench

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387028

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 62 (folder)

Scope and Contents

A derogatory term against Germans is used in the official description of this photograph.

British soldier putting up barbed wire entanglements

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387029

Unit Date February 15, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 63 (folder)

American soldier standing next to Senegalese troopers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387030

Unit Date February 16, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 64 (folder)

British soldiers marching Iraqi prisoners of war through Baghdad

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387031

Unit Date February 17, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 65 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Content Warning: Offensive language towards Middle Eastern people.

"British prisoners of war have papers examined by German officers in Holland"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387032

Unit Date February 18, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 66 (folder)

Vietnamese soldiers fighting for France training for combat

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387033

Unit Date February 18, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 67 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Content warning: The provided description of this photograph includes a racial slur. Please contact SCRC if you wish to access the full description.

Y.M.C.A. workers distributing letters to soldiers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387034

Unit Date February 18, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 68 (folder)

The christening party of the American steam fishing ship "Kingfisher"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387035

Unit Date February 18, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 69 (folder)

"Heavy British gun in action on open Mesopotamia desert"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387036

Unit Date February 20, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 70 (folder)

British soldiers handling an 18-pounder field gun in the Mesopotamian Desert

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387037

Unit Date February 20, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 71 (folder)

Three photographs of actor Douglas Fairbanks touring the Grand Canyon and visiting a Native American family

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387038

Unit Date February 20, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 72 (folder)

Scope and Content

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"Telephone girl" M.E. Clarke working a telephone exchange

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387039

Unit Date February 21, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 73 (folder)

"French Military Police in Salonika [Thessaloniki, Greece] on review before General Fourasse"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387040

Unit Date February 21, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 74 (folder)

Royal Flying Corps pilot preparing for a bombing flight

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387041

Unit Date February 25, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 75 (folder)

Soldiers from the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma at Camp Travis, Texas

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387042

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 76 (folder)

Scope and Content

Content warning: The provided description of this photograph includes racially insensitive language towards Native Americans. Please contact SCRC if you wish to access the full description.

Soldiers learning to man a U.S. Navy dirigible

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387043

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 77 (folder)

Tank driving through barbed wire

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387044

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 78 (folder)

"Tanks mow down barbed wire entanglements"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387045

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 79 (folder)

Post-air raid damage to Paris buildings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387046

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 80 (folder)

British soldiers bunking in an overturned concrete tank

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387047

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 81 (folder)

British soldiers making camp in an overturned concrete tank

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387048

Unit Date February 26, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 82 (folder)

Baseball players "Nig" Clarke and Jack Miller at the Marine Corps' Recruiting Depot at Paris Island, South Carolina

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387049

Unit Date February 28, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 83 (folder)

British soldiers camp out in an overturned concrete tank

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387050

Unit Date February 28, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 84 (folder)

"German aviatik in raid over Paris downed by French"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387051

Unit Date February 28, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 85 (folder)

Red Cross workers in the home of John D. Rockefeller

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387052

Unit Date March 1, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 86 (folder)

"Cavalry goes into action on the Western Front"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387053

Unit Date March 1, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 87 (folder)

Balloon being prepared to be sent over enemy lines with a message from President Woodrow Wilson

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387054

Unit Date March 4, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 88 (folder)

American soldiers, also called the "Rainbow Division," marching in France

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387055

Unit Date March 4, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 89 (folder)

Concert for American soldiers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387056

Unit Date March 5, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 90 (folder)

"British scout plane ready for a flight before dusk"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387057

Unit Date March 5, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 91 (folder)

British officer on a submarine affixing a message to a carrier pigeon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387058

Unit Date March 5, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 92 (folder)

"First photo of General Guillaumat, new commander of allied forces on Eastern Front reviewing Greek troops"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387059

Unit Date March 6, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 93 (folder)

"Italian troopers strengthening the wire entanglements in front of the trenches on the Piave River"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387060

Unit Date March 6, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 94 (folder)

French marine guns and gunners

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387061

Unit Date March 6, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 95 (folder)

British officer on submarine releasing a carrier pigeon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387062

Unit Date May 3, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 96 (folder)

Men putting fuses on Stokes' mortar shells

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387063

Unit Date August 1, 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 97 (folder)

British soldiers sitting in building wreckage on the Western Front

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387064

Unit Date 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 98 (folder)

Italian infantry "Florence" resting after an attack

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/387065

Unit Date circa 1918

Photographs 1 (box)

Container 99 (folder)