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Airborne leaflets collection

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Summary information

Repository:	Mount Royal University Archives and Special Collections
Title:	Airborne leaflets collection
Reference code:	C0017
Date:	1939-1991, predominant 1939-1945 (creation)
Physical description:	2.6 cm (24 leaflets) of textual records
Language:	Arabic
Language:	English
Language:	French
Language:	German
Language:	Italian
Language:	Japanese
Language:	Vietnamese
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created on September 12, 2022 by AP.

Scope and content

Fonds mostly consists of propaganda leaflets dropped from Allied and German aircraft during World War II, and it also contains a few American leaflets from the Vietnam War and Gulf War. The leaflets targeted enemy combatants, munition workers, and civilians and were designed to undermine morale, persuade their readers to surrender or stop fighting/working, or provide access to censored war news.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title supplied by contents of collection.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Military (subject)
 - Communications (subject)
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Collection holdings

File: C0017-0270-01 - German airborne leaflets in English

Title: German airborne leaflets in English

Reference code: C0017-0270-01

Date: 1939-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of English language leaflets from Germany that were dropped by aircraft on Allied soldiers to convince them to stop fighting and surrender.

Physical description: 10 leaflets (1 cm of textual records)

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-01-01 - Remember

Title: Remember

Reference code: C0017-0270-01-01

Date: 1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is a leaflet with an illustration of a couple in a car that tries to convince Allied soldiers to stop fighting and return home.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-01-02 - 6: Choosing a book in the camp library

Title: 6: Choosing a book in the camp library

Reference code: C0017-0270-01-02

Date: [1944 or 1945] (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is the 6th leaflet in a "series of twelve leaflets showing the life of prisoners-of-war in German camps" that aims to convince Allied soldiers they will be well-treated if they surrender. This leaflet shows Allied prisoners of war choosing books in a well-stocked prison camp library.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-01-03 - The Battle of the Atlantic is being lost!

Title: The Battle of the Atlantic is being lost!

Reference code: C0017-0270-01-03

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is a pamphlet providing information to support the claim that Britain is losing the Battle of the Atlantic, and with it, the war, by showing German naval superiority and unsustainable British losses.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-01-04 - To live for her -

Title: To live for her -

Reference code: C0017-0270-01-04

Date: 1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is an illustrated leaflet with the phrase "To Live For Her -" showing a beautiful blonde woman, and the phrase "- Or To Die For Him?" accompanying the image of a dead Allied soldier with the sinister face of Stalin looming in the sky overhead.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-01-05 - Diary of death

Title: Diary of death

Reference code: C0017-0270-01-05

Date: 1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Leaflet depicts the purported blood-stained diary of an Allied soldier who died in Italy, with a message that the reader may meet a similar fate if they continue to fight.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-02 - Allied airborne leaflets in German

Title: Allied airborne leaflets in German

Reference code: C0017-0270-02

Date: 1939-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of German language leaflets produced and dropped by Allied forces to undermine German morale, convince soldiers to surrender or desert, and persuade munitions workers to stop working.

Physical description: 24 leaflets (1 cm of textual records)

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-01 - Das sind eure Fuehrer!

Title: Das sind eure Fuehrer!

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-01

Date: 1939 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Leaflet (title translated as "This is your Fuehrer!") contains information from a report published by the American press about Nazi corruption, enumerating how much money the Nazi leaders, including Goering and Goebbels, have stolen for themselves.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-02 - "Ich fuehle mich so frisch. Es kommt der Fruehling."

Title: "Ich fuehle mich so frisch. Es kommt der Fruehling."

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-02

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts a grinning Hitler standing over a pile of frozen corpses of German soldiers with a quote "I feel so fresh, the spring is coming!" that it attributes to Hitler on February 24, 1941. On the verso is a description of the agreement signed by Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-03 - Iron crosses

Title: Iron crosses

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-03

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts a box of Iron Crosses, Nazi military decorations, on the recto, and a field of cross-shaped grave markers on the verso, suggesting that the Nazi pursuit of military glory will lead to mass death.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-04 - "Militaerische idioten"

Title: "Militaerische idioten"

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-04

Date: [1942 or 1943] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This leaflet makes fun of Hitler's belittlement of the Allies as "military idiots" against whom he couldn't test his skill, by describing how those same "military idiots" have destroyed his U-boats and forced him to strengthen his armies. On the verso is a quote by Churchill stating that Germans are "victims of their own lies."

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-05 - Ein peinliches versprechen!

Title: Ein peinliches versprechen!

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-05

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts a newspaper headline and an image of Hitler, under the title "An embarrassing promise!" On the verso are quotes from Hitler's headquarters describing different battles of 1941 which they claimed would bring ultimate victory.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-06 - So - oder so -

Title: So - oder so -

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-06

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This leaflet claims to be a safe-conduct pass for German soldiers who wish to give themselves up, and features an illustration of a German soldier up to his neck in water and in danger of drowning. This leaflet was apparently dropped on German troops near the end of the North African campaign before the Axis surrender.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Note [generalNote]: A handwritten annotation at the top of the leaflet reads "leaflet dropped in 1943 for surrender."

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-07 - "Fuehrer befiehl, wir folgen dir."

Title: "Fuehrer befiehl, wir folgen dir."

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-07

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts corpses of German soldiers in Africa and on the Eastern Front, under the Nazi slogan "Fuehrer commands, we follow you." On the verso is "Hitler's Mathematics," with calculations relating to war losses.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-08 - Fruehjahrs - offensive

Title: Fruehjahrs - offensive

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-08

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts aerial photographs of bomb-damaged German factories, accompanied by exhortations to armament factory workers in Germany (including foreign workers) to quit working. The verso states, "Hitler can no longer win the war, he can only prolong it."

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-09 - Deutschland verlor

Title: Deutschland verlor

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-09

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item consists of images of graves and dead German soldiers with the description: "Another winter in Russia." The verso claims to show the real numbers of German casualties in comparison to how many soldiers that Hitler states have died in three years of war.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-10 - Wolkiger beobachter

Title: Wolkiger beobachter

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-10

Date: [1939 or 1940] (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is an issue of the "Cloudy Observer" containing illustrations of Hitler and Stalin with a message that "sheep" follow the two leaders. The verso has a cartoon depicting Karl Marx hiding under a Hitler mask.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-11 - Luftpost no. 11

Title: Luftpost no. 11

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-11

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is an issue of the Luftpost newspaper dropped by the Royal Air Force that provides statistics of daily German military deaths and stories about America's military might. It also features a German soldier entering the Soviet Union about to be attacked by a hand holding a giant sickle.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-02-12 - Luftpost no. 20

Title: Luftpost no. 20

Reference code: C0017-0270-02-12

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is an issue of the Luftpost newspaper dropped by the Royal Air Force with articles about how the SS have taken over the German government, and illustrated with photos of British and Soviet soldiers meeting.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

German

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-03 - Allied airborne leaflet in Italian

Title: Allied airborne leaflet in Italian

Reference code: C0017-0270-03

Date: [between 1939 and 1945] (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of leaflets in Italian dropped by Allied forces in World War II.

Physical description: 3 leaflets (0.2 cm of textual records)

Language of the material:

Italian

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-03-01 - La guerra come ve la spacciavano

Title: La guerra come ve la spacciavano

Reference code: C0017-0270-03-01

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is a leaflet that depicts Italian soldiers marching in a triumphant parade on recto, and a mutilated corpse of a soldier on the verso, showing the difference between "the war as they sold it to you" and its actual reality.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Italian

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-04 - Allied airborne leaflets in Japanese

Title: Allied airborne leaflets in Japanese

Reference code: C0017-0270-04

Date: 1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of leaflets in Japanese dropped by Allied Forces in World War II.

Physical description: 3 leaflets (0.3 cm of textual records)

Language of the material:

Japanese

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-04-01 - We have opportunitites but no planes

Title: We have opportunitites but no planes

Reference code: C0017-0270-04-01

Date: 1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item depicts an American B-29 bomber on the recto and text on the verso lamenting the lack of Japanese fighter aircraft.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Japanese

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-04-02 - News from Burma

Title: News from Burma

Reference code: C0017-0270-04-02

Scope and content: Leaflet is illustrated with a photo of tanks and a dead Japanese soldier, and refers to Japanese military losses in Burma.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Japanese

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-04-03 - Surrender leaflet

Title: Surrender leaflet

Reference code: C0017-0270-04-03

Scope and content: This leaflet was presumably meant to be dropped on Japanese prisoner of war camps, and has Japanese text on the recto and verso, with a short explanation in English: "This leaflet gives your Japanese guards the official news that Japan has surrendered and tells them to treat you with every care and attention. You guards have been told to withdraw to their own quarters."

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Japanese

Note [generalNote]: Title supplied based on description of item.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-05 - Allied airborne leaflet in French

Title: Allied airborne leaflet in French

Reference code: C0017-0270-05

Date: [between 1939 and 1945] (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of leaflets in French dropped by Allied Forces in World War II.

Physical description: 4 leaflets (0.3 cm of textual records)

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-05-01 - Le courrier de l'air

Title: Le courrier de l'air

Reference code: C0017-0270-05-01

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is an issue of Le courrier de l'air, a miniature newspaper leaflet dropped by the Royal Air Force in German-occupied France to provide uncensored war news to the French population. The headline translates as "Hitler's advance toward the abyss," and is accompanied by a cartoon of a vulture on a "victory" sign in a barren field strewn with bones.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-06 - Vietnam War airborne leaflet

Title: Vietnam War airborne leaflet

Reference code: C0017-0270-06

Date: 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of a leaflet from the Vietnam War.

Physical description: 1 leaflet

Language of the material:

Vietnamese

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-06-01 - Giay thong-hanh

Title: Giay thong-hanh

Reference code: C0017-0270-06-01

Date: 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item is a safe-conduct pass promising proper treatment of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese combatants who surrender to South Vietnamese forces.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Vietnamese

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: C0017-0270-07 - Gulf War airborne leaflet

Title: Gulf War airborne leaflet

Reference code: C0017-0270-07

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of a leaflet from the Gulf War.

Physical description: 1 leaflet

Language of the material:

Arabic

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: C0017-0270-07-01 - Safe conduct pass

Title: Safe conduct pass

Reference code: C0017-0270-07-01

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Item consists of a safe conduct pass for Iraqi soldiers designed to look like an Iraqi 25-dinar banknote that was dropped by US forces during Operation Desert Storm.

Physical description: 1 p.

Language of the material:

Arabic

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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