

# World War II

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Welcome to the 9th issue of the **Central Illinois Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter**, a collaborative project between the An Adventure of the American Mind / Teaching with Primary Sources Programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois University.

**World War II** is the focus of the September 2007 issue. The Spotlight on Central Illinois looks at the Veterans His-

tory Project pertaining to those who served from Central Illinois.

The Topic Collections provide primary sources on summertime from images to film. We have designated an area with lesson plans and activities to use in your classroom. Each lesson plan indicates the grade level it was created for. Teachers know the ability level of their students, so you may choose a part of a lesson or to elaborate as you see fit.

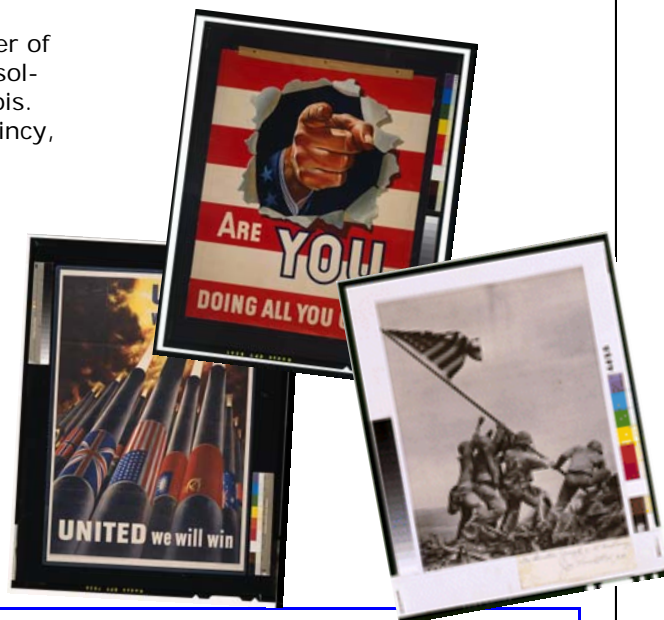
## Spotlight on Central Illinois

There were nearly 987,000 men and women from the state of Illinois that served during World War II of these 22,000 died to preserve our freedom.

In the Veterans History Project (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>), a section of the American Folklife Center, you can hear audio, see pictures and sometimes video of those who served our country during the war. You can read letters from soldiers to their sweethearts, you can listen to POW's talk about their experiences as a prisoner of war. In this collection you can find soldiers who served from all over Illinois. Some from as close as Danville, Quincy, Springfield and Hillsboro.

World War II is the topic of the April 1995 edition of "Illinois History" a magazine for young people (<http://www.lib.niu.edu/ipo/1995/ihy9504tc.html>). In this issue you can read about the USO in Mattoon, women's baseball in Illinois during World War II and Camp Ellis, an Army base in Central Illinois that housed some 5,000 POW's.

WEIU-TV at Eastern Illinois University is presenting "The War-Stories from Central Illinois" ([http://www.weiu.net:8080/weiutv/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=256&Itemid=166](http://www.weiu.net:8080/weiutv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=256&Itemid=166)). Eight individuals from Central Illinois will share their personal experiences from World War II. They will share their stories from the soldier on the battlefield to the loved-ones waiting at home. "The War-Stories from Central Illinois" will air September 30 and October 11 at 8pm on WEIU.



*"But there is one front and one battle where everyone in the United States - every man, woman, and child - is in action... That front is right here at home, in our daily lives." - Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1942*



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## Topic Connections

### After the Day of Infamy Man on the Street Interviews Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/afcphtml/afcphtml.html>

More than 200 individuals participated in over 12 hours of recordings of their thoughts and opinions in the days and weeks following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. In January and February of 1942 other interviews were recorded. Both collections of recordings give the "man on the street's" opinion of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and of World War II.



### Special Presentation: Making and Maintaining the Original Recordings <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/afcphtml/afcphtml.html>

### America from the Great Depression to WWII <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsowhome.html>

The images in the Farm Security Administration-Office of War Information Collection are among the most famous documentary photographs ever produced. Created by a group of U.S. government photographers, the images show Americans in every part of the nation. In later years, the photographers turned their attention to the mobilization effort for World War II. The core of the collection consists of about 164,000 black-and-white photographs.



### Portrait Sampler of FSA Photographers <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fsahtml.html>

### Map Collections <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

In the Map Collection there is a section called Military Battles/Campaigns <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/milhome.html> where you can search for maps pertaining to World War II. In the collection World War II Military Situation Maps <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/maps/wwii/>. These maps show troop positions from June 6, 1944 to July 26, 1945. These maps and reports were used by the commanders of the United States forces in their evaluation of the campaigns and for planning future strategies. There is a great section of maps from the Battle of the Bulge that shows military positions by date.



#### MAP

**TITLE:** [June 12, 1945], HQ Twelfth Army Group situation map.

**Collection:** World War II Military Situation Maps.

### Special Presentations: Places in the News <http://www.loc.gov/today/placesinthenews/>

### Meeting the Frontiers: Collections from the Library of Congress: Maps <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/mtfhtml/mfdigcol/mfdigcol.html>

### Puerto Rico at the Dawn of the Modern Age: Selected Cartographic Items <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/puertorico/cartographic.html>

### Essay: Battle of the Bulge (interactive) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/maps/wwii/essay1.html>

### Ansel Adams's Photographs of Japanese-American Internment at Manzanar. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/anseladams/>

In 1943, Ansel Adams (1902-1984), America's best-known photographer, documented the Manzanar War Relocation Center in



### Special Presentations: Documenting America: Photographers on Assignment <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fadocamer.html>

### Selected FSA Images: Popular Requests <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fatopint.html>

### Selected FSA Images: Staff Selections <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsahtml/fagem1.html>

## Topic Connections (cont)

(Ansel Adams Cont.)

California and the Japanese Americans interned there during World War II. When he offered the collection to the Library in 1965, Adams wrote, "The purpose of my work was to show how these people, suffering under a great injustice, and loss of property, businesses and professions, had overcome the sense of defeat and despair [sic] by building for themselves a vital community in an arid (but magnificent) environment...All in all, I think this Manzanar Collection is an important historical document, and I trust it can be put to good use."

### Special Presentations:

**Collection Highlights** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/anseladams/aamsp.html>

**Timeline** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/anseladams/aamchron.html>

**Essay: Born Free and Equal** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/anseladams/aamborn.html>

### Words and Deeds in American History

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/corhome.html>

There are only four entries pertaining to World War II in the Words and Deeds Collection, but they are very unique primary sources that could help peak your students interest in World War II. The items consist of a naval dispatch announcing the attack on Pearl Harbor [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(mcc/002\)\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field(DOCID+@lit(mcc/002))). A memorandum in Russian from Joseph Stalin [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(mcc/077\)\)](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field(DOCID+@lit(mcc/077))). General George S. Patton's diary entries [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(mcc/085\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field(DOCID+@lit(mcc/085))) and a letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt about secret atomic research [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(mcc/083\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/mcc:@field(DOCID+@lit(mcc/083))).

### Special Presentations:

**Collecting, Preserving and Researching History** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mchtml/special.html>

**Built in America** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs\\_haer/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/index.html)

This collections document achievements in architecture, engineering, and design in the United States and its territories through a comprehensive range of building types and engineering technologies. Some of the buildings in this collection include World War II era type homes, naval air stations, ammunition plants and memorials.



### Special Presentations:

**HABS/HAER Highlights** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs\\_haer/hhmap.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/hhmap.html)

**History of the American West** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/codhtml/hawphome.html>

This collection pertains mainly to photographs from Colorado and the west. Hidden in this collection are photographs from World War II and the 10th Mountain Division ski troop that was stationed in Italy during the War.



### Special Presentations:

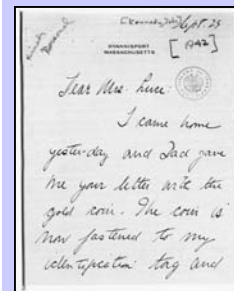
**Native American Women** <http://photoswest.org/exhib/gallery4/leadin.htm>

**L.C. McClure and Denver, the City Beautiful** <http://photoswest.org/exhib/gallery2/dcb.htm>

**The 10th Mountain Division** <http://photoswest.org/exhib/gallery1/camp.htm>

**Freedom's Fortress** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms\\_fortress/index.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms_fortress/index.html)

This collections tells the history of the Library of Congress during a particularly important period. From 1939 to 1953 the Library underwent a myriad of changes that established the institution as one of America's foremost citadels of intellectual



### MANUSCRIPT

**TITLE:** Letter, John F. Kennedy to Clare Boothe Luce thanking the congresswoman for a good luck coin, 29 September [1942].

**COLLECTION:** Words and Deeds in American History

## Topic Connections (cont)

*(Freedoms Fortress Cont.)*

freedom. In this collection you will find memos, letters and photographs some concerning the evacuation of the Library during World War II.

### Special Presentations:

**Timeline 1939-1953** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms\\_fortress/mfftime1.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms_fortress/mfftime1.html)

**Essay: Biographical Sketches** [http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms\\_fortress/mffbio1.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/freedoms_fortress/mffbio1.html)



### VIDEO/AUDIO

**TITLE:** William Francis Mahn

**COLLECTION:** Veteran History Project

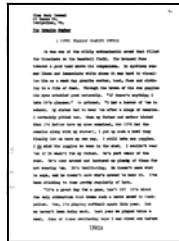
**DESCRIPTION:** Tells of his service during World War II.

**LINK:** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.05908/#vhp:other>

### American Life Histories; Manuscripts from the Federal Writer's Project, 1936-1940

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html>

These life histories were compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folkllore Project of the Federal Writers' Project for the U.S. Works Progress. The work represents over 300 writers from 24 states. Some of the life histories are from people who were in Italy or had family in Italy during World War II.



### Special Presentation:

**Voices from the Thirties: An Introduction to the WPA Life Histories Collection** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/exhome.html>

### Frontline Diplomacy (Diplomacy and Foreign Service)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/diplomacy/>

This collection presents a window into the lives of American diplomats. Transcripts of interviews with U.S. diplomatic personnel capture their experiences, motivations, critiques, personal analyses, and private thoughts. While some 1920s- 1930s-, and World-War-II-era diplomacy is covered, most of the interviews involve post-World-War-II diplomacy, from the late 1940s to the 1990s.

### Special Presentation:

**Essay; The Interview Process** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/diplomacy/process.html>

## Lesson Plans & Activities

### Exhibitions:

**American Treasures of the Library of Congress World War II** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/trm184.html>

**Bob Hope and American Variety** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/bobhope/uso.html>

**John Bull and Uncle Sam: Four Centuries of British-American Relations (From Enemy to Ally)** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/british/brit-3.html>

**Women Coming to the Front: Journalist, Photographers and Broadcasters during WWII** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/wcf/wcf0001.html>

**Churchill and the Great Republic** <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/churchill/interactive/>

### Today in History:

**February 4, 1941: USO Was Chartered** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/feb04.html>

**June 6, 1944: D-Day** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jun06.html>

**June 13, 1942: OWI was Created** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jun13.html>

**June 21, 1945: Japanese Troops Defeated on Okinawa** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jun21.html>

**December 7, 1941: Air Raid on Pearl Harbor** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec07.html>

### Special Presentations:

**Veteran's History Project** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>

**Dr. Seuss Went to War** <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/speccoll/dspolitic/>



## Lesson Plans & Activities (cont)

### Search Terms:

- World War II
- Pearl Harbor
- World War 1939-1945
- World War II Posters
- Women in War
- George Patton
- Winston Churchill
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- USO
- Adolf Hitler
- D-Day
- Manzanar
- World War II Japan
- World War II Germany
- Mussolini
- Dwight D. Eisenhower

**America's Story: Jump Back in Time Depression and WWII** <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/wwii>

**America's Story: Meet Amazing People**

**George S. Patton** <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/leaders/patton>

**Dwight D. Eisenhower** <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents/eisenhower>

**Lyrical Legacy: The Young Dead Soldiers (Poem) by Archibald Macleish** [http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/poems/dead\\_soldiers.html](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/poems/dead_soldiers.html)

**We Shall Overcome (Song)** <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/lyrical/songs/overcome.html>

**Lesson Plans: Nothing to Fear (Grades 5-8)** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/99/fear/intro.html>

**Grandparent/Elder Project (Grades 7-12)** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/grand/>

**Exploring Community through Local History: Oral Stories, Landmarks and Traditions (Grades 9-12)** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/98/community/index.html>

**Prints and Photographs:** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html>  
Most of the World War II posters are found in the Prints and Photographs section

**Learning Page Timeline: Great Depression and World War II , 1929-1945** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/timeline/depwwii/depwar.html>

**Learning Page Activity: On the Home Front** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/homefront/index.html>

**Learning Page Activity: Women Pioneers (On the Job)** <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/women/work.html>

**Wiseguide: December 7, 1941: The Days after the Days of Infamy** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec03/infamy.html>

**The Tuskegee Airman** <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/mar03/tuskegee.html>

**Journeys and Crossings: Pearl Harbor Oral Histories with Ann Hoog** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/journey/pearlharbor.html>

**Rosie the Riveter: Real Women Workers In World War II** <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/journey/rosie.html>

**Webcasts: Wars End Pt 1** [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=3708](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3708)

**Wars End Pt 2** [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=3756](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3756)

**War Letters** [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=3648](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3648)

**Ken Burns The War Press Conference** [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=4062](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4062)



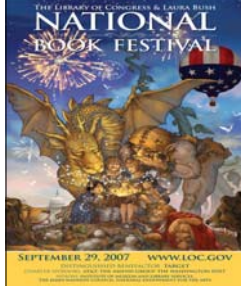
### SHEET MUSIC

**TITLE:** We won't be over till it's over over there.

**COLLECTION:** John Bull and Uncle Sam

## What's New at the LOC

### 2007 National Book Festival The Library of Congress celebrates the Joy of Reading



The 2007 National Book Festival, organized and sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 14th streets from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is free and open to the public. Ken Burns, co-producer and co-director of "The War" will be a speaker and have a book signing at the festival.



#### IMAGE

**TITLE:** The dead on Monte Belvedere.

**COLLECTION:** History of the American West, 1860-1920: Photographs from the Collection of the Denver Public Library.



### The Great War

This section of the Veterans History Project is a tribute to those who served during World War I. This war is the least documented war covered by the Veterans History Project and because we have lost so many who served in this war it is unlikely that this collection will grow at least through oral histories. The last three World War I veterans are profiled in this collection giving their stories, letters, and photographs from the times that they served their country in war.

## Tech Tip

### RSS Feeds

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is a technology that allows organizations to deliver news to a desktop computer or other Internet device. By subscribing to RSS feeds, users can easily stay up-to-date with areas of the Library's site that are of interest. The Library of Congress offers several RSS feeds for use in an RSS reader or RSS-enabled Web browser. Library feeds consist of headline, brief summary, and a link that leads back to the Library's Web site for more information.

Subscribing to an RSS feed offers a streamlined method of receiving content of interest. Feed readers allow the user to aggregate multiple feeds, making the process of gathering website content more efficient. Instead of visiting websites individually for new content, feed readers monitor the sites for you and provide updates from one location.

There are many different types of feed reader applications to choose from: desktop, Web, mail-client, browser plug-in, etc. Some browsers have feed readers built-in. If yours does not, try performing a search with the term "feed reader" or find an application to download at [http://www.dmoz.org/Computers/Software/Internet/Clients/WWW/Feed\\_Readers/](http://www.dmoz.org/Computers/Software/Internet/Clients/WWW/Feed_Readers/)

## More on the Web

National Archives: <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/index.html>

Rutgers Oral History Project <http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/>

Women and the Homefront During WWII <http://www.teacheroz.com/WWIIHomefront.htm>

Avalon Project at Yale University <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/wwii/wwii.htm>

BBC-Children of World War II <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2children/>

## Image Sources



Library of Congress  
Are You Doing All You Can?  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
United we are strong, united we can win  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
American Marines raising American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, 1945  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
June 12, 1945], HQ Twelfth Army Group situation map.  
World War II Military Situation Maps.



Library of Congress  
Corner of Montgomery and Market Streets, Monday morning, after Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. San Francisco, California  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Naval air base, Corpus Christi, Texas. Women are contributing their skills to the nation's needs by keeping our country's planes in top-notch fighting condition. Wife of a disabled World War II veteran, Mrs. Cora Ann Bowen (left) worked as a cowler at the naval air base in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mrs. Eloise J. Ellis is a senior supervisor in the America from the Great Depression to WWII



Library of Congress  
[June 12, 1945], HQ Twelfth Army Group situation map  
World War II Military Situation Maps



Library of Congress  
Mrs. Naguchi and two children, Manzanar Relocation Center / photograph by Ansel Adams.  
Ansel Adams's Photographs of Japanese-American Internment at Manzanar



Library of Congress  
Naval dispatch from the Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC) announcing the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941.  
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Library of Congress  
Faro de Punta de Las Figuras, Punta de las Figuras, Las Palmas, Arroyo County, PR  
Built in America



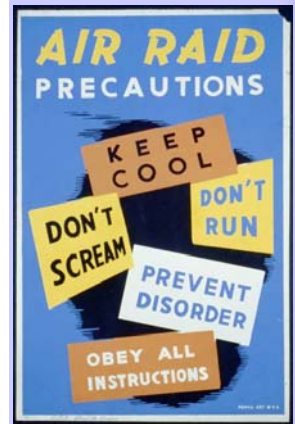
Library of Congress  
Letter from home  
History of the American West



Library of Congress  
Photograph of Library of Congress staff packing materials for evacuation, December 1941  
Freedom's Fortress



Library of Congress  
Letter, John F. Kennedy to Clare Boothe Luce thanking the congresswoman for a good luck coin, 29 September [1942].  
Words and Deeds in American History



## POSTER

**TITLE:** Air raid precautions : Keep cool, don't scream, don't run, prevent disorder, obey all instructions.

**COLLECTION:** By the People, for the People; Posters from the WPA, 1936-1943

## Item Source



Library of Congress  
New York Port of embarkation during World War II. In days of peace, a stateroom for one  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
A Young Italian Granite Cutter  
American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project



Library of Congress  
War Bond Cartoons  
A Catalog of Political Cartoons by Dr. Seuss.



Library of Congress  
World War battle scenes II  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
We won't be over till it's over over there.  
John Bull and Uncle Sam



Library of Congress  
The dead on Monte Belvedere.  
History of the American West, 1860-1920



Library of Congress  
American Army field hospital inside ruins of church. France. 1918  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., posed in his jeep in France during World War II  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Squad leader after assault - casualties high - machine gun bullet hole in helmet S/Sgt. Elwin Miller, KCo., 3Bn, 406 Rgt, 102 Div. / Sgt. Howard Brodie, Germany '45  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
New York Port of embarkation during World War II. He knows his job and he wants to get it done  
Print and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Seeking out the enemy / U.S. Army Signal Corps.  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
German airplane in flight over open field during World War II  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
Landing party from tank dislodging fascists from a village in the USSR  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
"Bombs Away"--Meucon [i.e. Meudon, France]  
Prints and Photographs



Library of Congress  
USO (United Service Headquarters) servicemen's club. Civic Center, San Francisco, California.  
America from the Great Depression to WWII



