Inventory of the Robert Arrowsmith papers

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**Title:** Robert Arrowsmith papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1914-1921

**Collection Number:** XX135

**Contributing Institution:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 6 oversized boxes, 4 envelopes(12.0 linear feet)

**Abstract:** Correspondence, clippings, printed matter, memorabilia, and photographs relating to conditions in German-occupied Belgium during World War I, relief activities of the Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB), and war loan and relief publicity in the United States.

**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives

**Creator:** Arrowsmith, Robert, 1860-1928.

**Access**
The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.

**Publication Rights**
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**Preferred Citation**
[Identification of item], Robert Arrowsmith papers, [Box no., Folder no. or title], Hoover Institution Archives.

**Acquisition Information**
Acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives.

**Accruals**
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**Biographical Note**
Robert Arrowsmith (1860-1928) was an American from New Jersey who served as a member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB) during World War I, working in Belgium and campaigning for funds in the United States. Arrowsmith was in charge of the transportation and distribution of food supplies in the province of Liège during the war and in 1918 took up the clothing campaign of the CRB.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
The collection consists of photographs and four scrapbooks that contain correspondence, news clippings, maps, posters, photographs, ephemera, and CRB distribution orders and inventories, all of which relate to Arrowsmith's work with, and the relief activities of, the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the conditions in German-occupied Belgium during World War I, and war loan and relief publicity in the United States.

**Related Collection(s)**
Commission for Relief in Belgium Records, Hoover Institution Archives
Frederick H. Chatfield papers, Hoover Institution Archives

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Commission for Relief in Belgium (1914-1930)
Belgium--History--German occupation, 1914-1918.
International relief.
World War, 1914-1918--Belgium.
World War, 1914-1918--Civilian relief.
World War, 1914-1918--United States.

**Visual Materials circa 1914-1918**

**Scope and Contents note**
Consists of photographs, postcards, and illustrations depicting life in Belgium, the activities of the CRB, and the effects of World War I. Arranged by subject.
| Envelope A | Photographs and postcards of King Albert I and Queen Elisabeth of Belgium and their children during World War I circa 1914-1916 |
| Envelope B | Photographs and postcards of war damage and scenes at the Western front during World War I circa 1914-1918 |
| Envelope C | Postcards and political cartoons relating to Belgium in World War I circa 1915-1917 |
| Envelope D | Small prints of CRB members, offices, and activities circa 1914-1918 |

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes CRB service-related material such as distribution inventories, logs, correspondence, membership handbooks, maps, news clippings, posters, and other ephemera. Also included are postcards and photographs that reflect the CRB's efforts and the devastation to occupied Belgium. Arranged in chronological order.

- **Box 1** 1914-1916
- **Box 2** 1915-1917
- **Box 5** 1915-1917 (continued)
- **Box 3** 1916
- **Box 4** 1918-1921
- **Box 6** 1918-1921 (continued)