

The Benedict Crowell Papers

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Collection Dates: (1917-1920)

Quantity: 10.42 linear feet

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Biography: Benedict Crowell (1869-1952)

Born October 21, 1869 in Cleveland, Ohio; son of William and Mary; Ph.D. Yale, 1891, MA, 1891; married Julia Cobb December, 1904; Died September 8, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. Prominent Cleveland business man, civic leader, Brigadier General, U.S. Army; Assistant Secretary of War and Director of Munitions during the World War I.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists largely of the war-time papers of Crowell in his capacity as Assistant Secretary of War. Weekly statistical reports of the War Department, some correspondence, departmental bulletins, and reports on various topics related to the army and the war effort comprise the greater part of the collection. The collection is arranged by material type, and within type, arranged numerically.

Boxlist

Box	Folder	Folder Title
1	1	Correspondence. Crowell and Woodrow Wilson. December, 1917 - June, 1920. (removed to University Library Collection).
1	2	Chemical Warfare.
1	3	War Communiques (secret) December, 1917 - December, 1918.
1	4	Letters, speeches, bills and hearings related to the Department of Aeronautics, 1919-1920.
1	5	Correspondence relating to the bill to establish a Department of Aeronautics, 1921.
1	6	Report of committee on aircraft investigation, March 15, 1918.
1	7	"Exhibit A" forecast of production by contractors and by the board of engineers for the Aircraft Investigation Committee.
1	8	"Exhibit B" reports regarding the Aircraft Investigation Committee.

1	9	"Exhibit C" general program of signal corps, December 3, 1917.
1	10	"Exhibit D" requirements for aircraft production.
1	11	"Exhibit E" complaints and suggestions of contractors.
1	12	"Exhibit F" correspondence regarding contracts.
1	13	"Exhibit G" memoranda on British military advice regarding airplane production.
2	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 52, August 24, 1918.
2	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 53, August 31, 1918.
2	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 54, September 7, 1918.
2	4	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 55, September 14, 1918.
3	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 56, September 21, 1918.
3	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 57, September 28, 1918.
3	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 58, October 5, 1918.
4	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. no. 59, October 12, 1918.
4	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 60-63, October 19, 1918 - November 9, 1918.
4	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 64-67, November 16, 1918 - December 7, 1918.
5	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 68-71, December 14, 1918 - January 4, 1919.
5	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 72-75, January 11, 1919 - February 1, 1919.
5	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 76-80, February 8, 1919 - March 8, 1919.
6	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 81-84, March 15, 1919 - April 5, 1919.
6	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 85-88, April 12, 1919 - May 3, 1919.
6	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 89-92, May 10, 1919 - May 31, 1919.
7	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 93-96, June 7, 1919 - June 28, 1919.
7	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 97-100, July 5, 1919 - July 26, 1919.
7	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 100-104, August 2, 1919 - August 23, 1919.
8	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 105-108, August 30, 1919 - September 20, 1919.
8	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 109-112, September 27, 1919 - October 18, 1919.
8	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 113-116, October 25, 1919 - November 15, 1919.
9	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 117-120, November 22, 1919 - December 13, 1919.
9	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 121-124, December 20, 1919 - January 10, 1920.
9	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 125-128, January 17, 1920 - February 7, 1920.
10	1	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 129-133, February 14, 1920 - March 13, 1920.
10	2	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 134-140, March 20, 1920 - May 1, 1920.
10	3	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. nos. 141-147, May 8, 1920 - June 19, 1920.
10	4	War Department. Weekly Statistical Report. Index to nos. 125-142, May 15, 1920.
11	1	War Department. Weekly Survey of Army Program. August 24, 1918 - November 15, 1918.
11	2	War Department. Weekly Survey of Army Program. November 22, 1918 - January 6, 1919.
11	3	War Department. Weekly Survey of Army Program. January 13, 1919 - March 31, 1919.

12	1	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 1-5, December 5, 1918 - January 2, 1919.
12	2	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 6-10, January 9, 1919 - February 6, 1919.
12	3	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 11-14, February 13, 1919 - March 13, 1919.
13	1	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 16-19, March 20, 1919 - April 10, 1919.
13	2	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 20-23, April 17, 1919 - May 8, 1919.
13	3	War Department. Weekly Report on Tonnage. nos. 24-27, May 15, 1919 - June 5, 1919.
14	1	State Department. Weekly Reports on Economic Conditions in Foreign Countries. nos. 22-28, January 10, 1920 - February 21, 1920.
14	2	State Department. Weekly Reports on Economic Conditions in Foreign Countries. nos. 29, 31, 32, 34-36, February 28, 1920 - April 13, 1920.
15	1	War Department. Strength of the Army Report. July 11, 1918 - September 15, 1918.
15	2	War Department. Strength of the Army Report. October 1, 1918 - December 15, 1918.
15	3	War Department. Strength of the Army Report. January 1, 1919 - May 1, 1919.
16	1	War Department. Strength of the Army Report. June 1, 1919 - December 1, 1919.
16	2	War Department. Commander in Chief. Weekly Statistical Report. September 14, 1918 - October 12, 1918.
16	3	War Department. Weekly Summary. September 3, 1918 - October 8, 1918.
16	4	War Department. Statistical Summary Series Reports. 1 and 2. January 28, 1919; n.d.
16	5	War Department. Tank Corps. Correspondence. 1918.
17	1	History of Government Departments.
17	2	Transportation of Troops.
17	3	Fuel bulletin no. 1, November, 1918.
17	4	Status of Advance Payments Authorized Through War Credit Board. January 31, 1920.
17	5	Council on National Defense; Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. Includes 9 oversize charts stored in separate enclosure.
17	6	History of the Production of Trench Warfare Material.
17	7	Military Intelligence Division. Work and Activities Reports. November 7, 1918 - December 5, 1918.
17	8	Military Intelligence Division. Work and Activities Reports. December 12, 1918 - February 6, 1919.
18	1	Operation of Troop, Cargo and Animal Transport. Report 83.
18	2	Service Planes in Use at the Front. Report 96.
18	3	Geographical Division of U.S. For War Activities. Report 98.
18	4	Geographical Division of U.S. For Distribution of Supplies. Report 99.
18	5	Tonnage for the expeditionary force. Report 100.
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18	10	Personnel Requirements for 80 Divisions. Report 107.
18	11	Statistical Analysis of Aerial Bombardments. Report 110.
18	12	Statistical Sidelights on Army Achievements. Report 122.
18	13	Special Personnel Statistics. Report 124.
18	14	Cost of Living and Army Pay. Report 137.
18	15	Distribution of War Debt. Contracts in the U.S. Report 146.
19	1	Price Fixing Bulletins I.
19	2	Price Fixing Bulletins II.
19	3	Price Fixing Bulletins III.
19	4	Commodity Bulletins I. Report 99.
19	5	Commodity Bulletins II.

Material not in boxes

12 bound volumes, *U.S. Chief of Staff. Military Intelligence Division. Weekly Intelligence Summary. Number 35-161, January 26, 1918-June 26, 1920.* Reports issued to Crowell in his role as Assistant Secretary of War. *missing Numbers 104-109 May 24, 1919-June 28, 1919*

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