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William McCormick Blair Collection

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Biographical Note

Born May 2, 1884 into a notable Chicago family, William McCormick Blair was destined for success. Upon graduating from Yale, Blair rose through the ranks to become a Managing Partner at the investment firm of Lee, Higginson & Co. in Chicago. On February 10, 1912 he married Helen Hadduck Bowen, daughter of Chicago banker, Joseph Tilton Bowen.

On the eve of the U.S. entrance into WWI, opinions toward the war were unfavorable. In light of this, President Woodrow Wilson created the Committee on Public Information, headed by George Creel, to propagate millions (especially those that were illiterate, foreign born, and non-English speaking) into gaining support for the war. The CPI consisted of over twenty bureaus and divisions by the end of WWI. Of these divisions, one of the most successful was the Four Minute Men. Over 75,000 men were recruited to give 4 minute war support speeches during the reel changes at motion pictures. The 4MM successfully reached out to over 400 million listeners during its 18 month run. Much of this success was due to Blair's hard work ethic, courtesy, motivation and zeal.

On August 31, 1918, Blair officially resigned from his position as National Director of the 4MM to join the Army. Letters and telegrams poured in from all ranks of the 4MM voicing their support and wishing their friend well as he set off to train at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, KY. Blair was soon sent to France and returned home unharmed a few months after the armistice was signed.

Blair died in on March 29, 1982 in Washington D.C.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The William McCormick Blair Collection consists of letters, news bulletins, pamphlets, publications, newspaper clippings and photographs related to Blair's service as the National Director of the Four Minute Men, a division of the Committee on Public Information during WWI.

Arrangement

This collection is kept in the order that the creator arranged it with minor adjustments to follow best practices. It has been organized into six series:

Series One: Letters to the partners of Lee, Higginson & Co.

These letters are written to the partners of Lee, Higginson & Co. about the happenings of the war.

Series Two: Four Minute Men

These bulletins and newsletters contain suggestions, tips, speeches, letters, newspaper clippings and pertinent information relating to the Committee on Public Information's agenda for the Four Minute Men throughout WWI.

Series Three: Army Service

Including training manuals, pamphlets and an artillery exam.

Series Four: Publications

Including booklets from the Committee on Public Information, France's Government and the Atlantic Monthly

Series Five: Service in France

Including booklets from the Committee on Public Information, France's Government and the Atlantic Monthly

Series Six: Commemorative Photo Album

After Blair's resignation his colleagues at the CPI made a photo album.

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Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

George Creel
Harvey O'Higgins
Edgar Sisson
Maurice Lyons
Keith Evans
W. Curtis Nicholson
Thomas Meek
Woodrow Wilson
William H. Ingersoll

Subjects

Propaganda--American--1910-1920

United States. Committee on Public Information.

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		800106002	Letter to partners from R.G., Jr. regarding Allies preparing for great offensive on the eastern and western fronts.	July 27, 1916
		800106003	Letter to partners from R.G., Jr. regarding Allies forcing the Central Empires on to a defensive basis.	April 28, 1916
		800106004	Letter to partners from R.G., Jr. regarding Germans falling back, Russian advances and Russian troops.	September 27, 1916
		800106005	Letter to partners from R. G., Jr. regarding Korniloff	September 9, 1917
		800106006	Letter to partners from R. G., Jr. regarding Cambrai attack	February 1-10, 1918
		800106007	Daily log from R. G., Jr.	March-April 1918
		800106008	Letter to partners from R. G., Jr. regarding German offensive	April 28-May 5, 1918
		800106009	Letter to partners regarding change of events unfavoring Germany	October 25th- November 6, 1918
		800106010	Letter to partners from R. G., Jr. regarding Italian disaster	November 7, 1917
		800106011	Letter to partners from R. G., Jr. regarding end of war	December 25- January 1, 1919

Series Two: Four Minute Men Anthology (first set in chronological order)

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800106026	"Unmasking German Propoganda" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 15	August 27, 1917
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800106030	"Food Pledge Week" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 18	October 29, 1917
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800106034	"Carrying the Message" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 20	November 26, 1917
800106035	"Supplement No. 20-b, The American Red Cross" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 20-b	December 17, 1917
800106036	"Why We Are Fighting" 4 Minute Men, Army Bulletin No. 1	January 2, 1918
800106037	"W.S.S." 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 21	January 2, 1918
800106038	"The Man of the HourThe Shipbuilder" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 22	January 28, 1918
800106039	"Insurance For Soldiers and Sailors" 4 Minute Men, Army Bulletin No. 2	February 1, 1918

800106040	"'Eyes' For the Navy" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 23	February 11, 1918
800106041	"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 25	February 12, 1918
800106042	"The Danger to Democracy" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 24	February 18, 1918
800106043	"The Junior Four Minute Men War Savings Contest" 4 Minute Men, School Bulletin No. 1	March 11, 1918
800106044	"The Income Tax" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 26	March 11, 1918
800106045	"Farm and Garden" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 27	March 25, 1918
800106046	"President Wilson to the Motion Picture Theatres" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 28	March 31, 1918
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800106048	"The Junior Four Minute Men Liberty Loan Contest" 4 Minute Men, School Bulletin No. 2	April 6, 1918
800106049	"The Third Liberty Loan" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 29	April 6, 1918
800106050	"The Red Cross War Fund" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 30	May 13, 1918
800106051	"Danger to America" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 31	May 27, 1918
800106052	"War Savings Campaign" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 32	June 24, 1918
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	800106070	"Red Cross Home Service" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 43	December 7, 1918
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	800106072	"Four Minute Men News" 4 Minute Men, Edition F, Illustrated Section (two copies)	December 24, 1918
	800106073	"Four Minute Men News" 4 Minute Men, Edition F	December 24, 1918
	800106074	"Four Minute Men News" 4 Minute Men, Edition A	n.d.
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	800106077	"General Suggestions to Speakers" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 1	May 22, 1917
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800106082	"Red Cross Week Campaign" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 6	June 16, 1917
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800106084	"Purpose and Plan of the Four Minute Men" 4 Minute Men, General Bulletin No. 7a	November 25, 1917
800106085	"Preliminary Bulletin on Food Conservation" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 8	June 25, 1917
800106086	"Food Conservation" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 9	June 26, 1917
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800106091	"What Our Enemy Really Is" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 14	August 27, 1917
800106092	"Unmasking German Propoganda" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 15	August 27, 1917
800106093	"Onward to Victory" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 16	September 24, 1917
800106094	"Supplement to Bulletin No. 17 on the Second Liberty Loan of 1917" 4 Minute Men, Supplement to Bulletin No. 17	October 20, 1917
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800106096	"Food Pledge Week" 4 Minute Men,	October 29, 1917

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800106097	"Supplement No. 18a to Food- Pledge Week Bulletin No. 18" 4 Minute Men, Supplement 18a to Bulletin No. 18	October 29, 1917
800106098	"Maintaining Morals and Morale" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 19	November 12, 1917
800106099	"Carrying the Message" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 20	November 26, 1917
800106100	"Supplement No. 20-b, The American Red Cross" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 20-b	December 17, 1917
800106101	"W.S.S." 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 21	January 2, 1918
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800106103	"'Eyes' For the Navy" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 23	February 11, 1918
800106104	"The Danger to Democracy" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 24	February 18, 1918
800106105	"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 25	February 12, 1918
800106106	"The Income Tax" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 26	March 11, 1918
800106107	"Farm and Garden" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 27	March 25, 1918
800106108	"President Wilson to the Motion Picture Theatres" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 28	March 31, 1918
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	800106114	"Four Minute Message from President Wilson" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 33a	July 4, 1918
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	800106117	"Certificates to Theatre Members" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 36 (two copies)	September 9, 1918
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	800106121	"Food Program for 1919" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 40	October 10, 1918
	800106122	"Fire Prevention" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 41	October 15, 1918
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	800106124	"Red Cross Home Service" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 43	December 7, 1918

	800106125	"What Have We Won?" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 44	November 25, 1918
	800106126	"Red Cross Christmas Roll Call" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 45	December 1, 1918
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	800106136	"Insurance For Soldiers and Sailors" 4 Minute Men, Army Bulletin No. 2	February 1, 1918
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	800106145	eulogy for Ruby McCormick	September 17, 1917
	800106146	letter to Blair from Louise Goldsmith expressing sympathy.	n.d.
	800106147	memorial program for Ruby McCormick	September 17, 1917
	800106148	newspaper clipping: poem by Edgar Abott, <i>To Poppy Land</i>	n.d.
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	800106150	Letter from Blair to all 4MM regarding Monday meetings, speaker suggestions, and Motion Picture Industry (two copies)	n.d.
	800106151	generic sample letter from "State Chairman" to "Local Chairman" regarding new appointment for moving picture theatre (two copies).	n.d.
	800106152	Letter from Blair to "State Chairman" regarding plan of action for organizing local branches (two copies).	n.d.
	800106153	Generic letter from Blair to new 4MM recruit expressing appreciation and logistics.	n.d.
	800106154	Generic letter from Blair to 4MM inquiry regarding starting an organization.	n.d.
	800106155	"Preliminary Bulletin on Food Conservation" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 8	June 25, 1917

	800106168	letter to Blair expressing thanks for report of the twenty-ninth.	August 5, 1918
	800106167	Telegram of suggested letter from Mr. McAdoo regarding War Savings Stamps	June 5, 1918
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	800106165	"The Liberty Loan" 4 Minute Men, Liberty Loan Bulletin No. 3	May 30, 1917
		"Red Cross Week Campaign" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 5	June 14, 1917
	800106163	"Red Cross Week Campaign" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 6	June 16, 1917
	800106162	"Food Conservation Week" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 10	July 8, 1917
	800106161	Letter to the Members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from Chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce regarding complete cooperation and understanding of the 4MM (two copies).	August 10, 1917
	800106160	"Division of Four-Minute Men" 4 Minute Men, General Bulletin No. 7	July 25, 1917
	800106159	"The Liberty Loan" 4 Minute Men, L.L.2. (two copies)	May 22, 1917
	800106158	"The Liberty Loan" 4 Minute Men, Liberty Loan Bulletin No. 3	May 30, 1917
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	800106156	"Red Cross Week Campaign" 4 Minute Men, Bulletin No. 6	June 16, 1917

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800106171	letter to Blair from Ernest Palmer regarding plans for keeping organization together informally.	November 30, 1918
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800106175	letter to Blair wishing every future success	November 5, 1918
800106176	letter to Blair from Ron Sydney regarding exchange rate of Liberty bonds	August 6, 1917
800106177	letter to Blair from Ray Jones wishing success	November 22, 1918
800106178	newspaper clipping expressing President Wilson's appreciation for the 4MM.	November 20, 1917
800106179	newspaper clipping expressing President Wilson's appreciation for the 4MM.	November 18, 1917
800106180	newspaper clipping regarding Secretary Baker's plans for new directions of universal training.	n.d.
800106181	letter to Blair from (Grandfather? Grandmother?)	August 23, 1918

800106182	letter to Blair from Herman Clark (?) expressing well wishes	n.d.
800106183	telegram to Blair from C.S. Schweppe expressing pride and pleasure for Blair's journey at Camp Taylor	August 31, ????
800106184	Memorial service program for Cpt. Henry Blair Keep	November 6, 1918
800106185	newspaper clipping, "Not Satisfied by Peace"	n.d.
800106186	newspaper clipping, "Democracy and Universal Training"	n.d.
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800106188	Gold Badge Contest booklet of Judges report and winning speech (three copies).	n.d.
800106189	telephone message for Mrs. Bowen from Tribune with accompanying newspaper clipping.	October 23, 1918
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800106191	newspaper clipping "Lincoln Park 'Mum' Show Opens"	November 2, 1918
800106192	letter to Don Ryerson from Blair regarding resignation, Ingersoll as replacement.	August 20, 1918
800106193	newspaper clipping "Organizers of 4-Minute Men Guests of Honor".	n.d.
800106194	letter to Blair from Albert Houghton regarding Milwaukee 4MM banquet.	December 6, 1918

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800106195	letter to Blair from Delvaille Theard expressing appreciation.	September 2, 1918
800106196	letter to Blair from George Vincent extending congratulations.	February 18, 1919
800106197	letter to Blair from Clifford Hubley wishing good luck and success.	n.d.
800106198	letter to Blair from Keith Evans (?) regarding Camp Taylor.	August 25, 1918
800106199	letter to Blair from Keith Evans (?) regarding time at Camp Taylor.	August 31, 1918
800106200	letter to Blair from Keith Evans (?) regarding experiences at Camp Taylor	September 3, 1918
800106201	letter to Blair from A.H. Merrill wishing success.	September 9, 1918
800106202	letter to Blair from Warren McBryde expressing appreciation and good luck.	November 4, 1918
800106203	letter to Blair from (??) expressing appreciation.	November 25, 1918
800106204	letter to Blair from (??) expressing appreciation and gratitude.	September 4, 1918
800106205	letter to Blair from Thos Crittenden expressing appreciation and support.	September 4, 1918
800106206	letter to Blair from Bert expressing regrets regarding Blair's resignation.	August 24, 1918
800106207	Telegram to Blair from E.B. Wilson .	August 30, 1918
800106208	letter to Mr. Meek from E.B. Wilson expressing regrets of Blair's resignation, optimism for a stronger organization.	August 31, 1918

800106209	letter to Blair regarding surprise party in Louisville.	November 15, 1918
800106210	letter to Blair from James Scherer.	June 6, 1918
800106211	letter to Blair from Southfort Mastin (?).	Septemeber 6, 1918
800106212	letter to Blair from Arthur Bear expressing appreciation.	September 9, 1918
800106213	letter to Blair from Marshall Stimson expressing thanks.	September 5, 1918
800106214	letter to Blair from J.W. Searson congratulating success of 4MM.	August 31, 1918
800106215	letter to Blair from Frank Brandon expressing appreciation.	September 6, 1918
800106216	letter to Blair from (?) expressing congratulations.	September 10, 1918
800106217	letter to Blair from William Saunders expressing appreciation.	September 9, 1918
800106218	letter to Blair from Ernest Reed expressing regrets, wishing success.	September 10, 1918
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800106220	letter to Blair from (?) expressing appreciation.	September 6, 1918
800106221	letter to Blair from Herman Dean expressing appreciation.	September 20, 1918
800106222	letter to Blair from Louis Cohen expressing gratitude.	December 2, 1918
800106223	letter to Blair from Sherman Hall expressing congratulations.	October 7, 1918
800106224	letter to Blair from Phillip White expressing congratulations.	October 11, 1918
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letter to Blair from Harry Deuel wishing success	October 24, 1918
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letter to Blair from Robert Hind (?) expressing appreciation.	November 18, 1918
letter to Blair from Bert Wheeler expressing thanks and appreciation.	November 13, 1918
	letter to Blair from William Cowan extending congratulations. letter to Blair from W.S. Harvey expressing best wishes. letter to Blair from Louis Bernstein extending best wishes. letter to Blaire from John McHale expressing appreciation. letter to Blair from William Flooney (?) expressing appreciation and best wishes. letter to Blair from Delvaille Theard extending best wishes of success. letter to Blair from Henry Chandler expressing best wishes and appreciation. letter to Blair from George Jones expressing best wishes and appreciation. letter to Blair from William Mathews extending best wishes and appreciation. letter to Blair from Harrison Jones expressing best wishes and success. letter to Blair from Morris Alling wishing success. letter to Blair from (?) expressing best wishes and enclosed song. letter to Blair from Robert Hind (?) expressing appreciation.

800106241	letter to Blair from Samuel Roibberg (?) expressing best wishes and regards.	November 12, 1918
800106242	letter to Blair from Leon Joseph (?) expressing sentiments.	November 4, 1918
800106243	letter to Blair from Herbert Swann expressing thanks and well wishes.	October 27, 1918
800106244	letter to Blair from S.A. McKeen expressing appreciation.	October 31, 1918
800106245	letter to Blair from R.B. Hayes wishing well and support.	November 1, 1918
800106246	letter to Blair from David Black expressing appreciation.	October 29, 1918
800106247	letter to Blair from Baxter Waters expressing appreciation.	September 19, 1918
800106248	letter to Blair from Israel Peres expressing appreciation.	November 5, 1918
800106249	letter to Blair from Grayson Dashiell expressing congratulations.	November 3, 1918
800106250	letter to Blair from Leroy Silbaugh wishing success.	November 2, 1918
800106251	letter to Blair from Henry Price wishing success and expressing admiration.	October 30, 1918
800106252	letter to Blair from W.W. Ayers expressing appreciation and wishing success.	October 18, 1918
800106253	letter to Blair from Tom regarding enclosed greetings and wishing success.	November 6, 1918
800106254	letter to Blair from C.O. Thompson extending congratulations and best wishes.	October 25, 1918

800106255	letter to Blair from J.B. Marmon extending best wishes and congratulations.	November 1, 1918
800106256	letter to Blair from William Blair wishing well and good health.	October 23, 1918
800106257	letter to Blair (with attached Morris entertainer program) wishing well and expressing appreciation.	October 28, 1918
800106258	letter to Blair from H.C. Gilbert expressing appreciation and wishing well.	October 27, 1918
800106259	letter to Blair from Hardwig Perez expressing appreciation, well wishes and sentiments from brother.	November 1, 1918
800106260	letter to Blair from John Magee extending well wishes for success.	October 29, 1918
800106261	letter to Blair from G. Whitefield Simonson expressing gratitude.	October 30, 1918
800106262	letter to Blair from Max Seidler expressing congratulations and well wishes.	October 26, 1918
800106263	letter to Blair from Edward Jouett extending congratulations and good wishes.	October 30, 1918
800106264	letter to Blair from John Mimms wishing well and success.	October 22, 1918
800106265	letter to Blair from R. Robertson expressing gratitude and well wishes.	October 16, 1918
800106266	letter to Blair from Horace B. Tibbs wishing good health blessings.	October 28, 1918
800106267	letter to Blair from William Landman wishing well.	October 25, 1918
800106268	letter to Blair from extending congratulations.	October 26, 1918

800106269	letter to Blair from Emily Florion (?) expressing appreciation and sentiment on behalf of the 4MM and women.	October 21, 1918
800106270	letter to Blair from John McInerney wishing well and success.	September 6, 1918
800106271	letter to Blair from (?) expressing congratulations.	October 23, 1918
800106272	letter to Blair from Eugene Malpie (?) wishing well, health and happiness.	September 19, 1918
800106273	letter to Blair from Geo. Ward wishing well and success.	October 25, 1918
800106274	letter to Blair from Richard Shipp wishing more power.	October 23, 1918
800106275	letter to Blair from S.C. Evans expressing congratulations and best wishes.	September 14, 1918
800106276	letter to Blair from S. Heth Tyler wishing well and success.	September 28, 1918
800106277	letter to Blair from H.H. Wooledge wishing well and expressing gratitude.	September 12, 1918
800106278	letter to Blair S.D. Smith expressing sentiments and wishing the best.	October 24, 1918
800106279	postcard to Blair from Louis Aber expressing congratulations.	November 15, 1918
800106280	letter to Blair from P.C. Christianson expressing gratitude and well wishes.	November 19, 1918
800106281	letter to Blair from Fredi (??) expressing sentiments.	November 19, 1918
800106282	letter to Blair from George Jones regarding enclosed 4MM gold badge and speech by John Hennessy.	November 23, 1918

800106283	presentation speech by John J. Hennessy.	n.d.
800106284	letter to Blair from A.W. Urquhart (?) wishing well and happiness after the war.	December 1, 1918
800106285	letter to Blair from Ernest Palmer wishing good luck and expressing thanks.	September 6, 1918
800106286	letter to Blair from P.B. Doty wishing success.	September 6, 1918
800106287	letter to Blair from (?) extending congratulations.	September 9, 1918
800106288	letter to Blair from expressing sentiments and appreciation.	September 10, 1918
800106289	letter to Blair from (?) expressing sentiments.	September 5, 1918
800106290	letter to Blair from (?) expressing congratulatoins.	September 9, 1918
800106291	letter to Blair from expressing appreciation and sentiments.	September 6, 1918
800106292	letter to Blair from Joseph Hirsch extending congratulations and well wishes.	September 2, 1918
800106293	letter to Blair from F.F. Downs expressing appreciation and good luck.	September 7, 1918
800106294	letter to Blair from C.L. Young extending cogratulations and well wishes.	September 9, 1918
800106295	letter to Blair from R.S. Hemingway extending well wishes and success.	August 9, 1918
800106296	letter to Blair from James Hardy expressing appreciation and well wishes.	September 9, 1918

800106297	letter to Blair from T.F. Barry expressing congratulations and good luck.	September 7, 1918
800106298	letter to Blair from William Eaton extending congratulations.	September 4, 1918
800106299	letter to Blair from Leake Carraway expressing sentiments.	September 6, 1918
800106300	letter to Blair from Jesse Steinhart expressing sentiments and well wishes.	September 10, 1918
800106301	letter to Blair from Charles Rogers expressing appreciation.	September 10, 1918
800106302	letter to Blair from V.E. Anderson wishing success and well wishes.	September 9, 1918
800106303	letter to Blair from William Friend expressing appreciation and well wishes.	September 14, 1918
800106304	letter to Blair from W.S. Gilbert expressing appreciation and well wishes.	September 9, 1918
800106305	letter to Blair from C.J. Garlow wishing success and safe return.	September 6, 1918
800106306	letter to Blair from L.W.(?) Adoue extending congratulations and well wishes.	September 9, 1918
800106307	letter to Blair from Thos Comerford wishing well.	September 12, 1918
800106308	letter to Blair from D.R. Cotton extending congratulations.	September 7, 1918
800106309	letter to Blair from Edward Flynn extending congratulations.	September 9, 1918
800106310	letter to Blair from (?) regarding time together, expressing sentiments.	July 23, 1918

800106311	letter to Blair from Louis Brigham extending congratulations.	September 9, 1918
800106312	letter to Blair from J. Pollard expressing appreciation.	September 5, 1918
800106313	letter to Blair from O.W. Dawson expressing appreciation.	September 6, 1918
800106314	letter to Blair from C.C. Pierce expressing appreciation and regrets.	September 5, 1918
800106315	lettergram to Blair from H. Uehlinger expressing appreciation.	May 29, 1918
800106316	letter to Blair from E.J. Woofter extending gratitute and well wishes.	September 7, 1918
800106317	letter to Blair from Clarence MacGregor expressing congratulations.	September 6, 1918
800106318	letter to Blair from (?) extending congratulations.	September 6, 1918
800106319	letter to Blair from Franklin Upshur wishing well.	September 9, 1918
800106320	letter to Blair from Maurice Groshon extending congratulations and well wishes.	September 5, 1918
800106321	letter to Blair from William Dennis wishing well and good luck.	September 6, 1918
800106322	letter to Blair from S.G. Gilfriland (?) expressing appreciation and well wishes.	September 6, 1918
800106323	letter to Blair from Mark Crawford extending gratitude and well wishes for success.	September 6, 1918
800106324	letter to Blair from G.N. Merry expressing appreciation.	September 6, 1918
800106325	letter to Blair from J.T. Nelson expressing appreciation and regrets.	September 6, 1918

800106326	letter to Blair from D.O. Skillen extending congratulations.	September 7, 1918
800106327	letter to Blair from V.M. O'Shaughnessy extending congratulations.	September 7, 1918
800106328	letter to Blair from Harvey Allred extending well wishes for success.	September 4, 1918
800106329	letter to Blair from B.A. Gramm expressing appreciation and sentiments.	September 6, 1918
800106330	letter to Blair from Major Carson McCormack (Toronto) expressing sentiments and well wishes.	September 12, 1918
800106331	letter to Blair from (?) expressing regrets and sentiments.	September 6, 1918
800106332	letter to Blair from George Ross espressing appreciation and sentiments.	September 7, 1918
800106333	letter with newspaper clipping to Blair from H.F. Brownell expressing sentiments and apprecitation.	September 4, 1918
800106334	newspaper clipping "Blair Into Training"	August 31, 1918
800106335	letter to Blair from A.E. McManus regarding receipt of telegram and expressing appreciation.	September 3, 1918
800106336	letter to William Ingersoll from (?) extending thoughts of optimism and motivation to pursue Directorship of 4MM.	August 2, 1918
800106337	letter to Blair from J.E. Kavanaugh extending best wishes and appreciation.	August 30, 1918
800106338	letter to Blair from Rabbi Max Currick expressing appreciation and wishing well.	August 30, 1918

800106339	letter to Blair from H.E. Benedict extending congratulations and best wishes.	August 31, 1918
800106340	letter to Blair from L.B. Franklin expressing appreciation and well wishes.	August 29, 1918
800106341	letter to Blair from H.L. Remmel expressing regrets and wishing well for success.	August 31, 1918
800106342	letter to Blair from Arthur Wilcox extending well wishes.	September 6, 1918
800106343	letter to Blair from William George Trower expressing appreciation and gratitude.	September 5, 1918
800106344	letter to Blair from Frederick David Mellen (?) expressing appreciation.	September 3, 1918
800106345	letter to Blair from (?) expressing regrets and wishing well for success.	September 5, 1918
800106346	letter to Blair from M. Rosenwald (?) extending congratulations.	September 3, 1918
800106347	letter to Blair from (?) expressing appreciation and wishing well.	August 29, 1918
800106348	telegram to Blair from Dodge extending congratulations	August 30, 1918
800106349	letter to Blair from George F. Porter expressing appreciation and sentiments.	August 27, 1918
800106350	letter to Blair from H.A. Zeller extending congratulations and wishing well.	August 30, 1918
800106351	letter to Blair from Orrin Lester on behalf of the Red Cross extending appreciation and offering best wishes.	August 30, 1918
800106352	letter to Blair from L.L. Leonard	August 30, 1918

wishing well.

		800106353	letter to Blair from John Harris expressing regrets and offering best wishes for safety and success.	August 31, 1918
		800106354	letter to Blair from Robert B. Johnstone M.D. extending blessings.	September 7, 1918
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