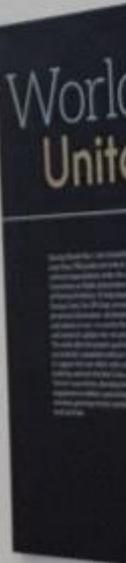
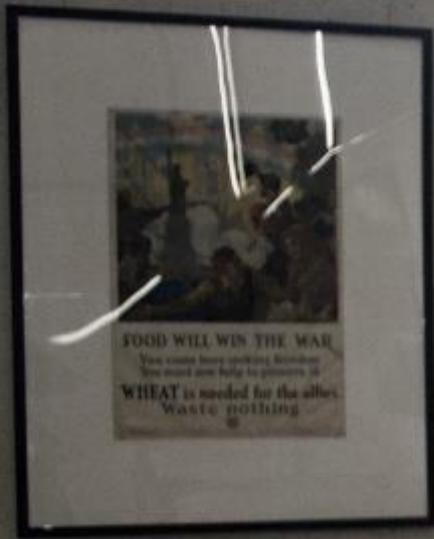


# Answering the Call: World War I Posters for Campus and Community Outreach



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# Answering the Call Poster Collection



**Photo Credit:** *The Index*, 1919

- 108 posters, all original to Milner Library
- 58 unique (50 are duplicates)
  - Posters received conservation attention in Milner Library's conservation lab
    - Tears repaired
    - Adhesive removed
    - Surface dirt removed



**FIGHT**

**BUY BONDS**

**THIRD  
LIBERTY LOAN**

Edward D. Breen 1917

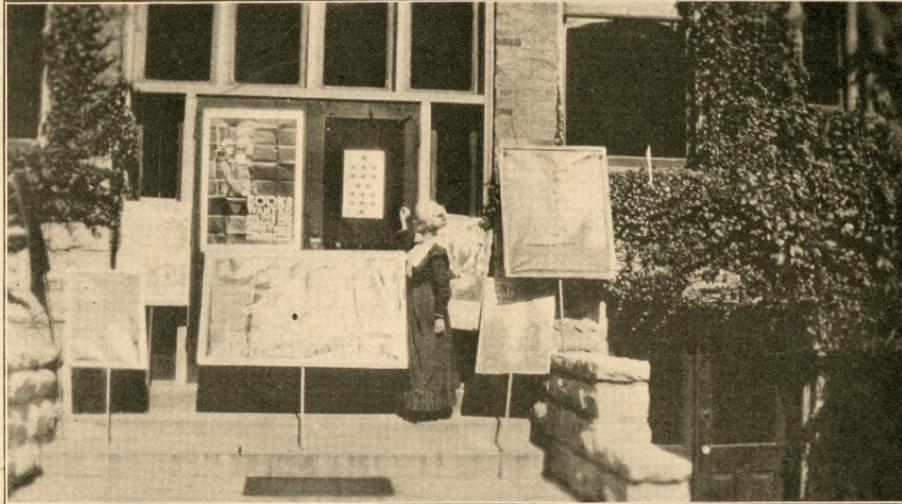


I summon you to  
the comradeship



*Woodrow Wilson*  
Answer the Red Cross  
Christmas Roll Call for  
Universal Membership

# Answering the Call WWI Poster Collection



AUNT ANGE'S SERVICE FLAG FOR THE "LIBRARY BOYS"

**Photo Credit:** *The Index*, 1919

- Illinois State University Librarian Ange. V. Milner
  - Displayed posters during war
  - Preserved posters following the war
  - Created War Service Roster of ISNU affiliates
    - 821 files created, more than 600 remain today



UNITED STATES  
FOOD ADMINISTRATION

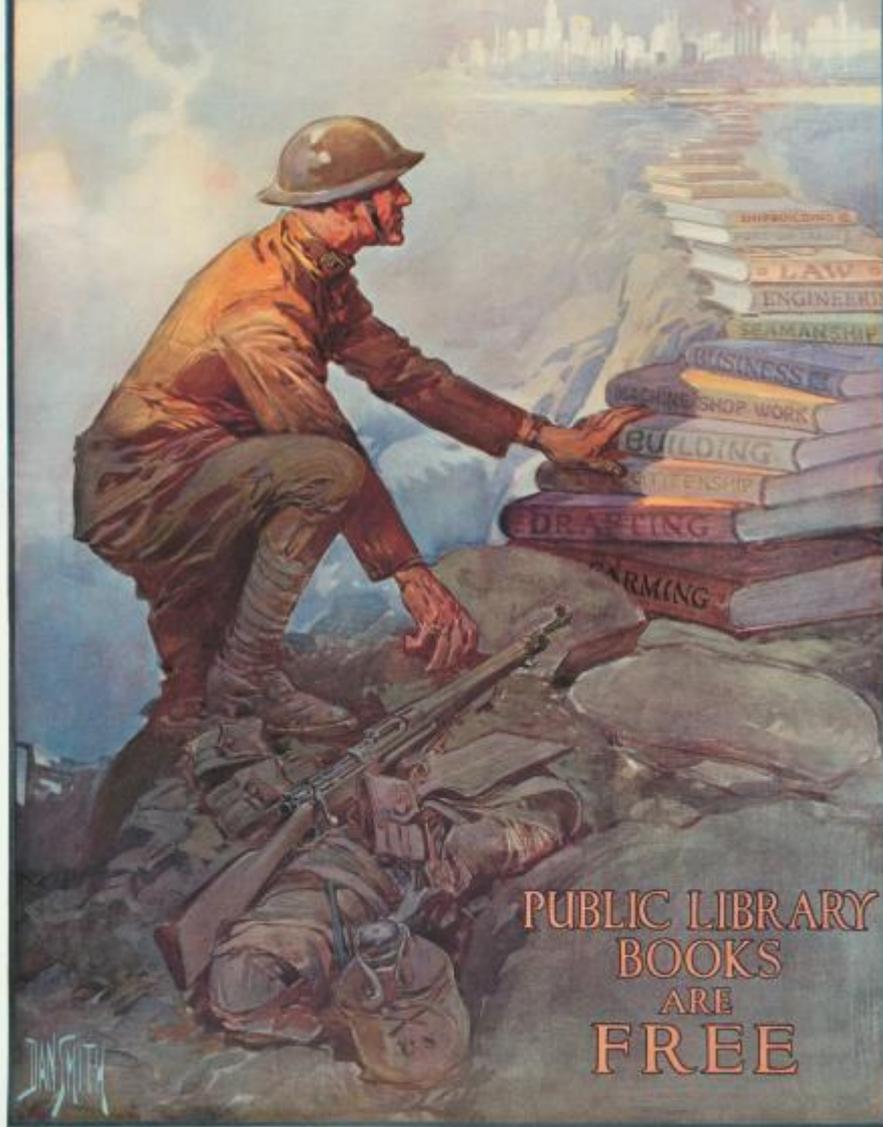


*E. J. Funn*

**The Consumption of  
Sugar Sweetened  
Must be Reduced**

The Great Trust Company

# KNOWLEDGE WINS



**PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOOKS  
ARE  
FREE**

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## AMERICAN RED CROSS



# Ships

**lbs. of sugar  
ar. Every  
a supplies now.**

# Digitizing the Answering the Call WWI Poster Collection



**Photo Credit:** *Milner Library website*

Posters scanned in Milner Library by Digital Center

- Better Light 8K-HS 8000 flatbed scanner
- Each poster scanned five times, focus stacked, and color corrected
- Saved as tifs and jpgs
- Jpgs ingested into CONTENTdm
- Metadata researched by student assistants hired from School of Art

# The Digital Collection and GPO Partnership



## Answering the Call

[Answering the Call](#) is an online exhibition of over 50 World War I posters held in Milner Library's Government Documents World War Poster Collection. Federal agencies and national organizations created these posters after the United States entered the war in 1917.

The posters illustrate the demands and needs of a global war. The most effective posters quickly informed and compelled citizens to support the war effort with such activities as contributing to Victory Loan drives, knitting socks for the Red Cross, donating books and magazines to soldiers, sponsoring orphans overseas, or conserving food and fuel.

[View the Collection](#)

### Organizer

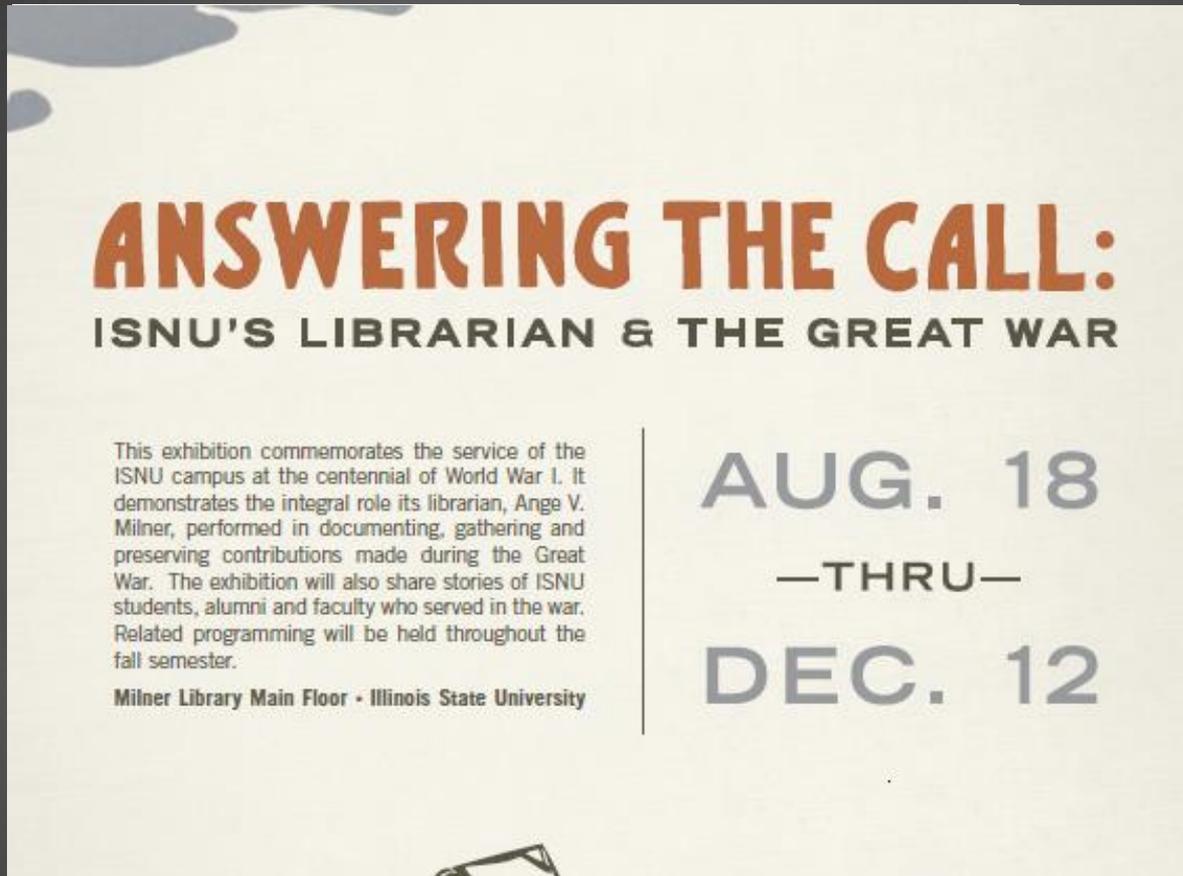
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## Milner Library Digital Collection online in 2014

- Contacted by GPO in Fall 2014
- Created GPO partnership in Fall 2015
  - GPO created bibliographic links and PURLs to posters

# Campus and Community Outreach

The poster features a light beige background with a faint, stylized map of the United States in the upper left corner. The title 'ANSWERING THE CALL: ISNU'S LIBRARIAN & THE GREAT WAR' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the exhibition's focus on the centennial of World War I and the role of librarian Ange V. Milner. To the right of the text, the dates 'AUG. 18 -THRU- DEC. 12' are listed in a large, bold font. At the bottom left, the location 'Milner Library Main Floor • Illinois State University' is noted. A small, dark object, possibly a pen or pencil, is visible at the bottom center of the poster.

**ANSWERING THE CALL:**  
**ISNU'S LIBRARIAN & THE GREAT WAR**

This exhibition commemorates the service of the ISNU campus at the centennial of World War I. It demonstrates the integral role its librarian, Ange V. Milner, performed in documenting, gathering and preserving contributions made during the Great War. The exhibition will also share stories of ISNU students, alumni and faculty who served in the war. Related programming will be held throughout the fall semester.

**Milner Library Main Floor • Illinois State University**

**AUG. 18**  
**—THRU—**  
**DEC. 12**

- Library exhibits created in 2014, 2015, 2017 using WWI posters
- Awarded grant funding to promote programming
- Publicized through news and social media

# Propaganda on All Fronts, 2017

## Propaganda on all Fronts

United States & International Posters  
1917-1945

International and U.S. posters from Milner Library's World War Poster collection are on display together for the first time. Dating from the First World War through the Second World War, they are accompanied by a rare German propaganda piece distributed during the controversial 1936 Berlin Olympics. Biographical sketches of selected ISNU students help bring context to these vibrant, vintage propaganda posters.

The exhibition will be displayed until June 5, 2017.

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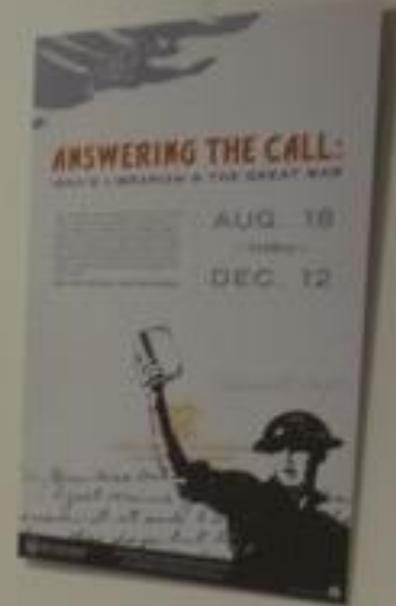
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**Answering the Call:  
ISNU's Librarian & the Great War, 2014**

ART 216:  
Graphic Design History  
Fall 2016



# Integrating WWI Posters with Local Primary Sources

## John Walker Duff (1888–1974)

John Walker Duff was born on March 15, 1888, the second of seven children to Peter and Fannie Duff. The family lived at 107 W. Poplar in Normal, Illinois. Duff was a star member of the track and football teams at Normal High School and attended ISNU in 1909. He was drafted into the war on August 2, 1918 into Company F of the 802d Pioneer Infantry. He served in the last thirteen days of the 47-day Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the largest American offensive of the war. Of the 1.2 million American troops involved in this campaign, approximately 26,000 lost their lives and 120,000 suffered casualties.

While overseas Duff learned of the death of his father and his younger sister, Jane, from influenza during the epidemic. Duff spent 11 months in France and was discharged from Camp Sherman in Ohio on July 16, 1919. After the war he returned to McLean County and served as the secretary at Redd-Williams American Legion Post #163 in Bloomington, an all-black American Legion Post named after John M. Redd and Gus Williams, members of the 370th, who died in service in France. He married Rhea Harris in Cleveland and lived in Youngstown, Ohio. He died September 27, 1974.



IDS 121: Weimar Germany, Fall 2016





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LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE DURING WAR-TIMES

Photo Credit: *The Index*, 1919



Paris is wet, dark and moldy.

J. L. Feek







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