

Urbain Vaes collection on the German occupation of Belgium

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Vaes, Urbain J., 1896-
Title	Urbain Vaes collection on the German occupation of Belgium
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1067
Date [inclusive]	1914-1918
Extent	0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Language	French
Language Note	In French and German.
Abstract	Urbain Ghislain Joseph Jean Vaes (1896-1967) was a Belgian professor of business who spent most of his career at the University of Louvain/Leuven. After completing his undergraduate studies at Louvain, he received a scholarship to move to Philadelphia to study business at the University of Pennsylvania. The collection includes materials relating to the German occupation of Belgium, likely collected by Vaes during the war.

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Biography/History

Urbain Ghislain Joseph Jean Vaes (1896-1967) was a Belgian professor of business who spent most of his career at the University of Louvain/Leuven. After completing his undergraduate studies at Louvain, he received a scholarship to move to Philadelphia to study business at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated with an MBA from the University in 1922.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes materials relating to the German occupation of Belgium, likely collected by Vaes during the war. These materials include clandestine publications critical of the occupation, propaganda leaflets dropped by the British Army in Belgium, and a selection of everyday passes and documents produced by the occupation authorities.

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

Gift of Urbain Vaes, circa 1922.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Leaflets (printed works)
- Maps (documents)
- Printed ephemera

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Belgium--History--German occupation, 1914-1918

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Beyens, baron (Eugene-Napoleon), 1855-1934

SUBJECT(S)

- World War, 1914-1918--Belgium
- World War, 1914-1918--Propaganda

Collection Inventory

SERIES I. PRINTED PAMPHLETS AND DECLARATIONS, 1915-1918.

	Drawer	
À l'armée et au peuple belges de sa majesté le roi Albert 1er, proclamation (Le Havre Imprimerie du XXme Siecle), 1915 July 21.		50
	Drawer	
La Libre Belgique Bulletin de Propagande Patriotique, clandestine newspaper, Issues 114, 117, 120, 123, and 140, 1917 March-1918 January.	1	1
L'Ame Belge, number 17, 1917 August 14.	1	2
Revue Hebdomadaire de la Presse Français, numbers 90, 93, 94, and 95, 1917.	1	3
Revue Hebdomadaire de la Presse Français, numbers 96, 97, and 101, 1917.	1	4
Revue Hebdomadaire de la Press Français, numbers 103, 111, and 115, 1917.	1	5
"L'armée et la marine allemandes," par Le Baron Beyens, Paris, Revue des Duex Mondes (29 pages), [1915].	1	6
"La neutralité belge et l'invasions de la Belgique," par le Baron Beyens, Paris, Revue des Duex Mondes (38 pages), [1915].	1	6
"La Semaine Tragique," par Le Baron Beyens, Paris, Revue des Duex Mondes (40 pages), [1915].	1	6
"La Bravoure des Belges autravers des siècles," Brussels, Sambrée (16	1	6

pages), [1917].

Ce que vault le "Livre Blanc" (16 pages), circa 1915.	1	7
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SERIES II. OFFICIAL PASSES FROM THE GERMAN OCCUPATION GOVERNMENT IN BELGIUM, 1915-1917.

	Box	Folder
Militar-Fahrschein, second class military pass for a journey from Brussels to Mons given by the German occupation government, printed at "Waisenhus-Buchdruckerei, Cassel", 1915 July 21.	1	8
Pass-Zentrale Brussel, giving Urbain Vaes permission to travel, 1915 August 21.	1	8
Militar-Fahrschein, third class military pass for a journey to Charleroi given by the German occupation government (stub still included), printed at "Waisenhus-Buchdruckerei, Cassel", 1915 November 21.	1	8
Pass Zentrale Charleroi, giving Pierard Auguste permission to travel, 1917 July 18.	1	8

SERIES III. BRITISH PROPAGANDA DISTRIBUTED IN BELGIUM, 1918.

	Box	Folder
Mussen Wir ein Ende machen, leaflet (1003), circa 1918.	1	9
Noch ein deutscher Rückzug Glänzender Sieg der Amerikaner, leaflet	1	9

(1009), circa 1918.

Frieden im Osten und Frieden im Besten, leaflet (12697) (A.P. 43), circa 1918.	1	9
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Großherzige Britannia! Gedicht von Schiller, leaflet (12803) (A.P. 55), circa 1918.	1	9
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An Diejenigen, welche den Drieg nicht lieben, leaflet (12816) (A.P. 56), circa 1918.	1	9
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Kain, leaflet dropped by balloon, "Durch Luftballon," relating to the treaty of Brest-Litovsk (depicts the death of Prussian freedom at the hands of a stylized Russian brute) (A.P. 59), circa 1918.	1	9
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Deutsche Beitungsausschnitte, leaflet (A.P. 60), circa 1918.	1	9
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Die Wille zum Frieden, leaflet dropped by balloon (A.P. 88), circa 1918.	1	9
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Auf der schiefen Ebene, leaflet (1002), circa 1918.	1	9
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Printed propaganda map centered on Chambley entitled "La Victoire Américaine," giving American totals of captured soldiers and material to September 15, 1918, 1915 September 15.	1	10
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SEIRIES IV. POSTCARDS, 1914, UNDATED.

	Box	Folder
Four postcards: two with postage of German Belgium; one captioned "La Mère de nos Soldats. Le Compagnon combattant;" and one sent from Mr. Valentin to Mr. Jacquain in Mons on October 12, 1914, featuring a Germany military postmark, 1914, undated.	1	11