Sources

CRB Official Reports and Books


Institutional Collections

I studied the papers of more than 50 CRB delegates that I found in numerous research libraries and institutions. Three critical archives and the primary papers I read within them are:

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Archives (HHPLA), West Branch, Iowa: Ben S. Allen, Hugh Gibson, Prentiss Gray, Joseph Green, Herbert C. Hoover, Edward Eyre Hunt, Maurice Pate, George Spaulding (found in the Alan Hoover papers), and Brand Whitlock. Also extremely useful were the comprehensive clip books that contained hundreds of CRB related newspaper clippings from the United Kingdom, and the oral history interviews.

Hoover Institution Archives (HIA), Stanford University, California: Ben S. Allen, Robert Arrowsmith, Perrin C. Galpin, Hugh Gibson, Emile Holman (original spelling Hollmann), Edward Eyre Hunt, Robert A. Jackson, Tracy B. Kittredge, David T. Nelson, Maurice Pate, Gilchrist B. Stockton, Robinson Smith, and Robert Withington. Also extremely useful were the oral history interviews and the more than 500 boxes of files under the name Commission for Relief in Belgium.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), College Park, Maryland: Extremely helpful were the General Records of the Department of State (RG 59), and the Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State (RG 84), particularly the files of the American embassy in London and the U.S. Legation in Brussels.

Author’s Archives Are Available

My archives are open to any legitimate researcher. They include hundreds of letters and a diary written by my grandfather, Milton M. Brown, while he was a CRB delegate (Jan. 1916 to April 1917), as well as an extensive final report he wrote on the clothing department. From my
grandmother, Erica Bunge Brown, I have a small diary (edited by my mother) and numerous photos she took during the war. In addition, I have from my great grandfather, Edouard Bunge, his extensive personal account, “What I Saw of the Bombardment and Surrender of Antwerp, October 1914,” that details his participation in the surrender of the city to the Germans. For more information about my archives or to obtain access, contact Jeff Miller at jbmwriter@aol.com or 303-503-1739.

**Primary and Secondary Books**

The following list is comprised primarily of the titles cited in the Notes. Because I researched World War I, Belgium, and the CRB sporadically since the 1980s (fulltime 1986–1988 and 2012–2014), and because I researched the entire time period (1914–1918), a comprehensive list of sources would be excessively long. I’ve chosen what I consider to be the most appropriate research materials to list for this book.

**Books**


Cammaerts, Emile. *Through the Iron Bars (Two Years of German Occupation in Belgium)*.


Mears, E. Grimwood. *The Destruction of Belgium; Germany’s Confession and Avoidance*. Google book: no original location, publisher, or date shown.


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1917.


Tuchman, Barbara M. *The Guns of August: The drama of August 1914, a month of battle in which war was waged on a scale unsurpassed and whose results determined the shape of the world in which we live today*. New York: Random House, 1962.


Wilson, Woodrow. *The President's War Message— Delivered at a Joint Session of the Two*


