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Title Navy Relief and Other Military Fundraising

Date 1942-1957

Primary Maker William H. Mortensen

Medium Photography; gelatin silver prints on paper

Description Photographs mostly taken during the World War II era. Most include William H. Mortensen at fundraising events and patriotic rallies, for example: a bond rally with men and women in military uniforms, most apparently Marines; on a stage, with men speaking at a podium with a microphone; buying tickets at a box office window with a poster nearby reading, "Leave contributions here for Navy Relief"; looking at a large broadside advertising the Broadway play "No Time for Sergeants" coming soon to the Bushnell Memorial; standing with uniformed policemen at a bond rally at the Bushnell; as State Senator-elect standing on an outside platform for the opening radio program of Women at War

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Week on 23 November 1942, with Mrs. Armstrong, and Mayor Thomas J.

Spellacy. One photograph shows the visit of Admiral Thomas Hart that includes

a trip to Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Aircraft with Lieutenant

Commander C. E. Smith, Lieutenant Commander R. W. Oliver, and Horace M.

Horner, Vice President United Aircraft Corporation and general manager of Pratt

& Whitney Aircraft. They are seen in a factory looking at machinery, in an office,

and at a dinner at the Hartford Club on 26 May 1942 in honor of the admiral.

Guests include the admiral's wife, Caroline Brownson Hart; Alice Mortensen;

Barnard Whelan, Vice-President of United Aircraft, and his wife Blanche; Colonel

George A. Wardinski, Quartermaster general of the State of Connecticut, and his

wife Elizabeth; Rear Admiral F. A. Daubin and his wife; Mayor Spellacy and his

wife, Elizabeth; Dr. William Lyon Phelps of Yale; Alice Tranberry, a Hartford

Public High School teacher; General Reginald (Rex) B. DeLacour, adjutant

general and Chief of Staff of State of Connecticut; and past Hartford Mayor

Walter Batterson. Other subjects include: an elevated view of a dinner on a stage

with several tables and decorations with American flags and banners in the

background; a dedication ceremony with men in uniform and women seated on

a platform; some of the same women standing on a grassy lawn looking at a

large object covered with a tarp, with several older men in uniform raising or

lowering an American flag; and women in uniform standing at a long table

serving baked goods, including cupcakes and donuts, to men in uniform. William

H. Mortensen is also shown on a tour of the navy ship Bexar. Images from this

visit include a view of the deck with several men in uniform; a uniformed man

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showing them a bazooka; and the ship at a dock with two other ships in the

background, and an ambulance and other automobiles in the foreground.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): $7 \frac{15}{16} \times 9 \frac{3}{16}$ in. (20.2

$\times 23.3$ cm) Sheet (height x width): $8 \frac{1}{16} \times 10$ in. (20.5 $\times$ 25.4 cm)