

UNITED STATES. ARMY. GENERAL HOSPITAL, 43RD. Emory Unit collection, 1917-1998, undated

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: United States. Army. General Hospital, 43rd.
Title: Emory Unit collection, 1917-1998, undated
Call Number: Series No. 015
Extent: 2.20 linear ft. (3 boxes + 6 bound volumes +2 oversize + 1 broadside)
Abstract: Contains materials documenting the Emory Unit, a volunteer medical regiment that served during World War I and II. Materials include photographs, hospital records, printed material including scrapbooks and newspaper clippings, and memorabilia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Base Hospital 43, also known as the Emory Unit, was a civilian medical regiment comprised of volunteer physicians, nurses, and other enlisted personnel. Consisting of members from the Emory community, the Emory Unit served in Blois, France, during World War I. Organized by Major Edward C. Davis in 1918, the Emory Unit was a Red Cross Hospital consisting of 500 beds, 24 officers, 65 nurses, 154 enlisted personnel, and 6 civilians. Major Davis served as Medical Director of the Emory Unit, overseeing Base Hospital 43. The hospital treated over 9000 patients during a six-month span, including many who suffered wounds from mustard gas. For his service during World War I, Edward C. Davis would later be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

The United States entered World War II in December 1941, but preparations for a second Emory Unit had already begun. Dr. Daniel C. Elkin and Dr. Ira Ferguson, Sr. were separately appointed to head recruitment efforts, and by the summer of 1942 all positions had been filled with qualified officers. The nurses, likewise, were being recruited with 63 nurses responding to the call for volunteers, 32 of which were graduates from Emory's School of Nursing while six others were employed by Emory University Hospital. After recruitment, the 43rd General Hospital was assigned to Camp Livingston, Louisiana for training before shipping off to Oran, Algeria one year later, arriving in Africa on September 2, 1942. From there, the 43rd General Hospital was transferred to Naples, Italy before finishing in southern France, where they operated in Les Milles and Aix-en-Provence, France. Combining both wars, the Emory Unit treated over 37,000 patients, including American and Allied servicemen, prisoners of war, and civilians.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of historical information related to the Emory Unit, including Army Nurse Corps history drafts, personnel rosters, and newspaper clippings. Also included are photographs primarily from World War II, including photos of the Emory Unit training in Camp Livingston, Louisiana, their deployment to Oran, Algeria, Naples, Italy, and finally in Les Milles and Aix-en-Provence in southern France.

Four bound volumes are included in the collection: *History of the Emory Unit, Base Hospital 43, U. S. Army, American Expeditionary Forces* by Joel Chandler Harris, *Mother of Base Hospital 43 Visits her Children in America*, the memoir of Madame Henri Raguin of Blois, France who served as a nurse for the Unit during World War I, *The 43rd General Hospital--World War II, the Emory University Unit* by Nina Rusk Hosch and John D. Martin, Jr., and a scrapbook compiled by Captain Halo Warman, a staff anesthetist during World War II.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Army Nurse Corp history, 1945
1	2	Army Nurse Corp history, 1956
1	3	Army Nurse Corp rosters, 1943-1945, undated
1	4	Board of Trustees resolution, undated
3	1	<i>43rd General Hospital Mercury</i> , issue 14, May 8, 1945
3	2	<i>43rd News</i> , issues 1-13, 1943
1	5	Hospital personnel rosters, undated
1	6	Personnel records, 1st Lt. Susan W. LaFarge, A.N.C., 1942-1945
1	7	Reunion, 1983
1	8	Clippings, 1917-1992
1	9	Clippings, 1944-1946
1	10	Memorabilia, 1944, 1948, undated
1	11	Loyce Douglas plaque dedication, 1998
BSD	1	Panoramic photograph of the Emory Unit, 1917
2	1	Photographs, [1942-1945]
2	2	Photographs, [1942-1945]
2	3	Photographs-Camp Livingston, LA (1 of 2), 1943
2	4	Photographs-Camp Livingston, LA (2 of 2), 1943
2	5	Postcards-Camp Livingston, LA
2	6	Photographs-Africa and Italy (1 of 2), 1943-1944
2	7	Photographs-Africa and Italy (2 of 2), 1943-1944
2	8	Photographs-France (1 of 3), 1944-1945
2	9	Photographs-France (2 of 3), 1944-1945
2	10	Photographs-France (3 of 3), 1944-1945
2	11	Photographs-reunion of the 43rd General Hospital, 1983 September
2	12	Photographs, undated
3	3	<i>The Atlanta Journal</i> front page depicting "first picture of Emory Nurses" travelling overseas, 1918 August 4
3	4	"The Morning Breeze," artist depiction of front cover of publication that circulated on board the USAT Madawaska transport ship, circa 1917-1918
3	5	<i>The New York Times</i> full page with scenes from the "Great Fourth of July Pageant," 1918 July 5

Bound Volumes

BV 1	<i>History of the Emory Unit, U. S. Army, 1917-1919</i> (copy 1)
BV 5	<i>History of the Emory Unit, U. S. Army, 1917-1919</i> (copy 2)
BV 6	<i>History of the Emory Unit, U. S. Army, 1917-1919</i> (copy 3)

- BV 2 *Mother of Base Hospital 43 visits her children in America-Memoir of Madame
Henri Raguin of Blois, France, 1920-1938*
- BV 3 Scrapbook of Captain Halo Warman, 1942-1945
- BV 4 *The 43rd General Hospital--World War II, the Emory University Unit, 1983*

Oversize

- OP 1 Collected newspapers, 1933-1950
- OP 2 Military uniform of Robert F. Mabon, 1945
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