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OHA 308 Smith (Gertrude) Collection

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Size: 1 box, 1 linear foot

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Series/Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of a scrapbook created by Gertrude Smith documenting her service as a nurse from 1918 to 1921 at Camp Mills, Long Island; Camp Pike, Arkansas; Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, DC; and Camp Eustis, Virginia. Most of the photographs document the social activities and daily lives of nurses, doctors, and patients at the various hospitals. The 1918 influenza epidemic is also documented in this collection. While the primary materials are photographs, the collection includes news clippings, correspondence, programs, and a typescript history of Camp Mills (which includes information about the influenza epidemic). There is a small amount of material from the 1930s. There is no biographical information available for Smith.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Gertrude Smith's scrapbook, 1918-1921

00002: Letter from Gertrude Smith to her mother (1918), letter to Gertrude Smith from Auyeauette Wagen (?) (1921), and loose ephemera

00003: Loose photographs

00004: Loose newspaper clippings

00005: 48-Star flag and "Buddy" poppy



00006: History of the Base Hospital "Camp Mills," Mineola, Long Island, New York, by Theda E. Schulte, 1919

00007: Telegrams, postcards, playbill, and programs, 1930s