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Scope and Contents

Lieutenant Elizabeth A. Feldhusen (1918-2014) was born in Brooklyn, New York and served in World War II as a nurse at field evacuation hospitals in France, Germany, and Austria. She was part of the 131st Evacuation Hospital activated out of Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After German forces signed full surrender, the 131st was ultimately assigned in Austria near a concentration camp in order to take care of recently liberated Polish and Russian prisoners. This collection includes letters from Lieutenant Feldhusen to her family, two photographs of United States Army personnel in uniform, V-Mail letters, pamphlets, and letters from German friends to Elizabeth Feldhusen's mother Anna Feldhusen (in German).

Two of the German language letters were written by Rosa Vagt, Rome, Italy to Anna (Mrs. F. P.) Feldhusen in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1931. Rosa Vagt was in service with an American family residing in Italy at that time and her letters concern family affairs, living conditions of her and her employers, and her European travels.

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American Red Cross--History--World War II period
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World War, 1939-1945--Medical and sanitary affairs.
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons
World War, 1939-1945--Women--United States
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs

Arrangement of Materials:

Chronological.

Description of Subordinate Components

Folder 1: Letters

Unit ID id300002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448396

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two letters and one holiday card. Letters are from Ballston Lake in Saratoga County, New York; from

Two letters and one holiday card. Letters are from Ballston Lake in Saratoga County, New York from Elizabeth Feldhusen to her mother, Anna.

Folder 2: Letters

Unit ID id300023

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448397

Unit Date 1931

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two Letters in German from Rosa Vogt to Elizabeth's mother, Anna Feldhusen.

Folder 3: Letters

Unit ID id300038

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448398

Unit Date 1933-1944

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two Letters from Elizabeth Feldhusen to her mother and three letters or postcards written in German to Anna Feldhusen.

Folder 4: Photographs, Letters

Unit ID id300119

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448399

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Two photographs of Army women in World War II. All have the rank of Lieutenant marked on their helmets. One letter addressed to Elizabeth Feldhusen and two letters written from her to her mother. One of the letters addresses her delight but caution at hearing that the German Regime had collapsed and that the war was over.

Folder 5: V-Mail Letters, Letters

Unit ID id300164

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448400

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Thirteen V-Mail letters and one original letter from Elizabeth Feldhusen to her mother. She describes camp life, the movement of her convoy and her work as a nurse in Austria. After the censorship was lifted she openly describes the work she provides for freed prisoners of concentration camps.

Folder 6: Letters, Printed Material

Unit ID id300167

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448401

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains one letter, addresses, a book titled, "Frequently Called Phone Numbers" and religious printed material. Also included are two containers of pressed flowers as indicated in previous letters to her

mother.