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Creator

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Biographical Information:

Frances G. Hoppin was a volunteer who opened the Red Cross Grenelle Dispensary in Paris, France in 1917 with the support of the American Red Cross and Pastor and Mrs. Gallienne.

The Grenelle Dispensary was located at 17 Rue de l'Averre, in the 15th Arrondissement. The American Red Cross took over the parsonage formerly located there, reequipped it as a dispensary and on December 1, 1917, it was ready to receive the first patients.

Sources: History of American Red Cross Nursing, Part 1, by American National Red Cross. Nursing Service, Lavinia L. Dock, Sarah Elizabeth Pickett, Clara Dutton.

Scope and Contents

The papers, 1917-1918 of Frances G. Hoppin who opened the Red Cross Grenelle Dispensary in Paris, France in 1917, which was one of about 30 civilian dispensaries administered by the Red Cross in Paris at that time. This accession consists of both personal papers and records relating to the dispensary.

Included are two journals in which Frances Hoppin recorded both her personal experiences as well as business items relating to the dispensary. Also included is a 3-page report on the dispensary, detailing supplies, itemized expenses and salaries, and the number of people treated, etc.; personal and business correspondence, newspaper clippings in French and English, postcards, a program for classes in social hygiene, miscellaneous ephemera, and a photograph of a nurse with bedridden children at the Grenelle Dispensary in Paris, France.

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Description of Subordinate Components

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Unit Date 1918

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Scope and Contents

This diary begins in March 1918 and ends in September 1918, and details many of the experiences Hoppin had living in Paris during the war. Throughout the diary, the events of the war are interwoven with Hoppin's own life, including her lunches and the weather in Paris. She also includes information relating to her work with the dispensary and the people she came in contact with. On the April 21, Hoppin lists a number of mothers who were most likely received at the dispensary that day, and on May 30, she mentions refugees. In addition to information about the war in general, such as the March 9, 1918 entry where she detailed the collapse of Russia, Hoppin writes about the experience of living in a city in the throes of war. At the very end of the June 18 entry, Hoppin mentions that Paris had been badly bombed, and on June 29, she opens with "the planes are coming over again." The very end of the diary, separate from her daily entries, includes accountings of things such as board and the names of people and places in Paris.

Folder 2: Personal Papers

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Unit Date 1917-1918

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Folder 1: Journal

Unit ID id66223

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Unit Date 1917

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Scope and Contents

This book contains Frances Hoppin's description of her experience with the Red Cross during her time in France. She includes reports of both the dispensary and other organizations she came in contact with.

In the front entry, the diary includes a detailed description of the Grenelle Dispensary including the doctors, the running of dispensary, the red cross, and expenses. There is also a drawing of the floor plan of the building, including the uses of each of the rooms at 17 Rue de l'Averé. In this report, she mentions Monsieur and Madame Gallienne.

In the back entry, Hoppin mentions other organizations and doctors she worked with, including a Dr. Moercau (sic.). These are separated by individual headings for the different hospitals and charitable entities which are elaborated on further in a report issued April 1st 1918, which is included later in the collection.

Folder 3: Grenelle Dispensary Records and Photograph

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Unit Date 1917-1918

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Unit Date 1918 and undated

Mixed Materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 6

Container 1 (folder)

Language English

Scope and Contents

Newspaper clippings, from various sources, are in English and French. Some newspaper page fragments are undated.