



O'Reilly General Hospital Records (R1054)

Collection Number: R1054

Collection Title: O'Reilly General Hospital Records

Dates: 1942-1945

Creator: United States Army Medical Corps

Abstract: The O'Reilly General Hospital Records contain menu and roster booklets from Christmas 1942 and 1945 for the United States Army's O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Missouri. Included are the menu for Christmas dinner and an every-name roster of personnel.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(2 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were purchased by the University of Missouri from Georgia Elliott on November 7, 2005 (Accession No. RA1211). An addition was purchased on April 21, 2003 from Diana Johnson (Accession No. RA0944).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the O'Reilly General Hospital Records can be found in the following collections:

Phil M. Donnelly Papers (C2151)

Dewey Short Papers (CA5944)

World War II, Letters (C0068)

Henry Tobias Brewers and Maltsters Union NO. 6 Collection (S0615)

John M. Dalton Papers (C2417)

Thomas C. Hennings Jr. Papers (C3000)

O.K. Armstrong Papers (C4056)

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Historical Note:

The O'Reilly General Hospital was built in 1941 incorporating the already existing Knights of Pythia's building constructed in 1914 as a home for orphans and widows of the society's members. By late 1942, the hospital was home to hundreds of sick and wounded soldiers. The commanding officer was Colonel General George B. Foster, Jr., who was promoted to Brigadier General by 1945 and the Deputy Commander was Colonel Walter D. Vail. After World War II, the hospital became a veterans' hospital and then closed in the early 1950s. After several years of petitions the land and many of the buildings were transferred to Evangel College (now Evangel University) in 1954.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The booklets contain the menu for Christmas dinners served in 1942 and 1945. The roster portion of the 1942 booklet includes officers, warrant officers, the Army Nurse Corps, the Detachment Medical Department, the Detachment Quartermaster Corps, and the Detachment Finance Department. The roster portion of the 1945 booklet contains officers, the Army Nurse Corps, Dietitians, Physical Therapists, Service Detachment S. U. No. 1763, 306th Army Service Forces Band, Reconditioning Service Detachment, No. 1763, Women's Army Corps Hospital Companies No. 62, 63, and 114. The booklets are arranged chronologically.

Container List:

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Box 1	f. 1	Christmas menu and roster, 1942
	f. 2	Christmas menu and roster, 1945

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