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Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Manuscript Collection

Kathryn C. Singer: An Inventory of Her Papers

Overview of the Collection

Repository: U.S. Army Military History Institute

Creator: Kathryn C. Singer

Dates: 1937-1990s

Title: Kathryn C. Singer Papers

Extent: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

Biography

Kathryn Claire Singer was born 23 April 1920 in Oil City, Pennsylvania; graduated from the Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, PA, 13 September 1941; joined the Army Nurse Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant, 1 Feb 1942; served as nurse, surgical nurse, and operating room nurse at 33rd Station Hospital, 315th Station Hospital, 101st Evacuation Hospital, and 67th Evacuation Hospital, USAREUR, 1943-1945; inactive reserve 1945-1950; returned to active service December 1950 as a first lieutenant and served as general duty nurse at US Army Hospital Ft Dix, NJ, US Army Security Agency Field Station Asmara, Ethiopia and Kagnew Station, Ethiopia, 1951-1954; promoted to the rank of captain (reserve) March 1952; served as head nurse of pediatrics, US Army Hospital, Ft Belvoir, VA, 1954, and head nurse of obstetrics-gynecology, DeWitt Army Hospital, Ft Belvoir, VA, 1956; graduated first in the class from Advanced Nursing Administration Course, Ft Sam Houston, TX, 1958; served as pediatrics nurse and nursing methods analyst, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, PA, 1958-1960; promoted to the rank of major, 1960; graduated from Hospital Administration Course, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1962 and completed residency in Hospital Administration at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO, 1962-1963; served as supervisor of nursing, US Army Medical Service Group, Okinawa, 1963-1965; served as assistant chief nurse and chief nurse, 2nd Surgical Hospital (Mobile Army), Ft Bragg, NC and Vietnam, 1965-1966; promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, 1967; served as chief of nursing service, Sandia Base Army Hospital (Defense Atomic Support Agency), NM, 1967-1969; served as a member of the Worldwide Organizational Structure for Army Medical Support (WORSAMS) Study Group, Office of the Surgeon General, 1969-1970; served as Chief of Nursing Service, US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ft Detrick, MD, 1970-1972; promoted to the rank of colonel 1972; served as Chief, Nursing Service, US Army Hospital, Ft Campbell, KY, 1972-1974; retired from active service April 1974. After retiring Singer lived in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Singer's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 campaign stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Kathryn C. Singer Papers document Singer's career as an Army Nurse Corps officer between 1941 and 1974 and consist of service records, correspondence, memorandums, awards and letters of commendation, orders, organizational pamphlets, M.A. thesis and other scholarly papers, reports, and newspaper and magazine clippings. The materials date between 1937 and the 1990s, with the bulk falling between 1941 and 1974.

The collection was donated to MHI in 1994, and had been partially processed prior to May 2002.

The Kathryn C. Singer Photograph Collection is housed separately.

Notes on Arrangement

The Kathryn C. Singer Papers consist of 25 folders arranged chronologically.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access:

The collection is open for research.

Ownership and Literary Rights

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation:

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Processed in May 2002 by Kathy J. Olson

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1.

- Folder 1. Allegheny General Hospital School of Nursing, 1937-1941
- Folder 2. Service Records, 1940s
- Folder 3. Service Records, 1950s
- Folder 4. Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, CO, 1959-1961
- Folder 5-6. Service Records, 1960s
- Folder 7. Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, PA, 1960
- Folder 8. Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX 1961-1962
- Folder 9. Dallas, TX Project, 21 May-2 June 1962

Box 2.

- Folder 10. M.A. thesis, "A Study to Plan the Use of Non-Hospital Buildings to Provide a 300-bed Expansive, Emergency Relocation Site for Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, in the Event of a Nuclear Attack," dated August 1963
- Folder 11. Fort Bragg and Womack Army Hospital, NC, 1965
- Folder 12. 2nd Surgical Hospital (Mobile Army), Vietnam, 1966
- Folder 13. Fort Lewis and Madigan General Hospital, WA, 1967-1969
- Folder 14. Albuquerque and Sandia Base, NM, 1968-1969
- Folder 15. Service Records, 1970-1974
- Folder 16-17. Fort Campbell, KY, 1973-1974

Box 3.

- Folder 18. Papers written by Singer, 1949-1962
- Folder 19. "Worldwide Organizational Structure for Army Medical Support," 1970; other papers written by Singer, 1975
- Folder 20. Speeches by Singer, 1960s-1970s
- Folder 21-22. Army Nurse Corps History, 1940s-1970s and n.d.
- Folder 23. Tourist pamphlets, brochures, 1940s-1970 and n.d.
- Folder 24. Newspaper clippings, 1960s-1990s
- Folder 25. Magazine clippings, 1960s-1990s

Withdrawn Items

AR 40-6 Medical Services, Army Nurse Corps, 1 Aug 1969

TM 8-230 Medical Corpsman and Medical Specialist, May 1961