



Henrietta Anna Wiltzius: World War I Materials PU-N.MC 224

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on September 03, 2021.
English
Describing Archives: A Content Standard

University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The
History of Nursing

Claire Fagin Hall
418 Curie Boulevard
Floor 2U
Philadelphia, PA 19104-4217
nhistory@nursing.upenn.edu
URL: <http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Biographical / Historical	3
Scope and Contents	4
Administrative Information	5
Controlled Access Headings	6
Collection Inventory	6
Photographs	6
American Red Cross	6
American Red Cross with Henrietta Anna Wiltzuis	7
Scrapbook	7
General Pages	8
Deployment Orders Pages	8
Miscellaneous Pages	9
Medals and Pins	10
Award Medals	10
Pins	10
Mercy Hospital Chicago	11
Biographical and Collection Information	11

Summary Information

Repository:	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
Creator - own:	Wiltzius, Henrietta Anna, USN (Retired), Lieutenant Commander
Creator - dnr:	Whitehead, Suzanne F.
Source - dnr:	Wiltzius, Henrietta Anna, USN (Retired), Lieutenant Commander
Title:	Henrietta Anna Wiltzius: World War I Materials
ID:	PU-N.MC 224
Date [inclusive]:	1918-1920, 1923
Physical Description:	1 box(es) 1 Flat box
Language of the Material:	English .
Text [flatbox]:	1

Preferred Citation

Henrietta Anna Wiltzius: World War I Materials, Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical / Historical

Henrietta Anna Wiltzius was born September 7, 1889, in Appleton, Wisconsin. She graduated from the Academy of Our Lady, Longwood, Chicago, Illinois, in 1908 and from Mercy Hospital School for Nurses, Chicago, Illinois, in 1915.

Miss Wiltzius joined the American National Red Cross as a registered nurse in 1918 and during World War I was stationed at Base Hospital #41, St. Denis, France. The France assignment was followed by ten months in a relief unit in the Balkans, where she was assigned to Montenegro. For her service in Montenegro she received the Cross of Queen Marie from the Queen in

Bucharest in recognition of her post-war service in fighting small pox and typhus, as well as the Serbian War Medal for services in the Kolachine Unit.

At the completion of her tour with the American National Red Cross, she received the Foreign Service Certificate. It stated: "The American National Red Cross tenders this expression of sincere appreciation for the faithful and efficient services rendered by you to this organization in its work overseas connected with the great European War, when you served in the French and Montenegro commissions from September 1918 to November 1919". The Certificate was signed by President Woodrow Wilson. She left Montenegro in 1919 and was assigned to Santo Domingo in the West Indies for 20 months. Her personal experiences are detailed in the History of American Red Cross Nursing, 1922, pages 1199-1200.

Miss Wiltzius was appointed to the rank of Reserve Nurse in the United States Navy in 1923. Her initial tour of duty was at the United States Naval Hospital, Washington, D.C. She served in Washington until 1925, earned the rank of Nurse and was transferred to the United States Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. She served at Great Lakes until 1926.

Her subsequent, successive tours of duty with the United States Navy included: 1926-1929 United States Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia; 1929-1931 United States Naval Hospital, League Island, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 1931-1932 United States Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; 1932-1934 United States Naval Hospital, Guam; 1934-1935 United States Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; 1935-1937 United States Naval Hospital and the Hospital Corps Training School, Portsmouth, Virginia; 1937-1939 United States Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; 1939-1940 Dispensary, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California; 1940-1941 United States Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; 1941-1942 United States Naval Hospital, Washington, DC; 1942 National Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Washington, DC; 1942-1944 United States Naval Hospital, Quantico, Virginia; 1944-1946 United States Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida; 1946-1951 (approximate) United States Naval Hospital, San Margarita Beach, Oceanside, California. Lt. Commander Wiltzius was promoted to the grade of Chief Nurse in 1940. As Chief Nurse she was responsible for the Nursing Departments in Quantico, Virginia; Pensacola, Florida; San Diego, California; and Bethesda, Washington, DC. After retiring from the Navy as Lieutenant Commander, Miss Wiltzius lived in San Diego until her death in 1970.

Sketch provided by niece Suzanne Whitehead.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

The materials in this collection primarily consist of official American Red Cross (ARC) Photographs, scrapbook pages, and memorabilia. Photographs document the region where Henrietta Anna Wiltzius was stationed in the Balkans, primarily Montenegro. All of them are labeled with official ARC information with some annotated by Henrietta. Photographs also

document the awarding of the Serbian War Metal to her unit in 1919 (found in Series 3). Scrapbook pages follow her time during World War I from Paris, France to the Balkins as well as stops and trips she made during the war. Pages include booklets, travel documents and receipts, photographs, and notes. This collection also contains numerous medals and pins she received and earned during her time in the Army as well as an American Red Cross flag and the book *Official: History of American Red Cross*, 1922.

All scrapbook pages were disassembled prior to the Center's accession. Inventory (which the folder information is based on) performed by donor Suzanne Whitehead.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing

Claire Fagin Hall

418 Curie Boulevard

Floor 2U

Philadelphia, PA 19104-4217

nhistory@nursing.upenn.edu

URL: <http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history>

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright restrictions may apply. Please contact the Center with requests for copying and for authorization to publish, quote or reproduce the material.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift from Suzanne F. Whitehead

Conditions Governing Access

This collection has no restrictions.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- World War, 1914-1918 -- Medical care
- Nursing
- Military nursing
- World War, 1914-1918
- Mercy Hospital (Chicago)
- Scrapbooks
- Nurse
- American Red Cross
- Wiltzius, Henrietta Anna, USN (Retired), Lieutenant Commander

Collection Inventory

Photographs

American Red Cross, 1918-1919

file 2

Scope and Contents

According to family research, none of these pictures are available through the ARC Archive-in boxes.

Title/Description	Instances
Training the Relief (Cettinje), # N3/2702, Condition Poor	
Montenegrin Sick (Kolchin), # N111802, Condition Fair	
Only Hospital within 60 Miles (Nicsic), # N12784, Condition Fair	
Nicsic Hospital , # 09076, Condition Good	
Down from the Hills (Kolachin), # N12954, Condition Fair	
Calling to See their Sick (Podgoritza), # N112156, Condition Fair	
Conserving Health instead of Flowers, # 12/1203, Condition Fair	
A Retreat in the Black Mountains, # 12/1156, Condition Fair	
World's Record Medical Practice (Nicsic), # 12112877, Condition Fair	

Montenegro's Smoothest Highway (Lake Scutari), # 111929, Condition Fair
Montenegro's Mountains by the Shore (Cettinji), # 111436, Condition Fair
The Water Bay of Kolachin, # 111843, Condition Good
The Flower of Flours, # 12/1232, Condition Good
Way up in Montenegro's Mountains (Kolachin-may be HAW in background, labeled "my hospital), # 1/1804, Condition Good
Promoting Serbo-American Friendship (Niksic), # 121153, Condition Fair
The Call of the Sick (Kolachin), # 12/1261, Condition Fair
How Daddy Won the War (Kolachin) Podgaritza Hospital), # 111822, Condition Fair
Group of Native Montenegrins (Kolachin) Podgaritza Hospital, # 09316, Condition Fair
The Interpreter with Native Student Nurse (Kolachin), # 09300, Condition Fair
Four ARC outside Truck, # 06771, Condition Fair
Sanitary Plumbing in Montenegro (Kolachin), # 111983, Condition Fair

American Red Cross with Henrietta Anna Wiltzius

file 3

Scope and Contents

Hemietta Wiltzius is in these pictures. According to family research, none of these pictures are available through the ARC Archive-in boxes.

Title/Description	Instances
New American Flying Squadron: Personal note on the back: "Horse back and a truck like this was the only means of travel.", # RC 107, Condition Good	
Making Montenegro Fit to Live in (HAW in profile), # 2/2458, Condition Fair	
When a Feller Needs a Friend, # 09347, Condition Fair	

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scrapbook

General Pages, 1918-1920		file 4
Title/Description	Instances	
Front Cover of Scrapbook: Picture, We Shall Not Sleep		
Picture of Henrietta A. Wiltzius, Dec 1919		
On back of picture: Letter from ARC, National Headquarters, Washington, D.C., requesting information for the proposed History of Nursing book, Mar 10, 1920		
Letter of Appointment from the ARC, June 14, 1918		
Letter from ARC regarding eligibility for foreign service, Aug 6, 1918		
Telegram: The Call (to ARC service), Aug 24, 1918		
Scrapbook Page: Arm Band, Picture of Jane Delano		
Five letters to Henrietta Wiltzius from L.M. Johnson, chief nurse Letter 1: 5/18/19 - good condition, on ARC letterhead Letter 2: 7/26- good condition Letter 3: No date, good condition, on ARC letterhead Letter 4: 8/28, good condition Letter 5: 10/13/19 in good condition, on ARC letterhead, May-Oct 1919		
Scrapbook pictures: At the base hospital at St. Denis before going to the Balkans		
Scrapbook pictures: Kolachine pictures		
Scrapbook pictures: More Kolachine pictures		
Booklet: Information for Personnel en Route for Foreign Service in the Red Cross, Aug 1918		
Booklet: Plan of Insurance for Red Cross Workers Abroad, Aug 1918		
Letter of Appreciation on ARC letterhead from the Commissioner for France about deployment to the Balkans, Feb 4, 1919		
Deployment Orders Pages, 1918-1919		file 5
Title/Description	Instances	
Title: Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, London From: London To: Paris Signed: Commissioner of the ARC for Great Britain, Oct, 20 1918		
Title: Headquarters America Expeditionary Forces, Paris From: Paris To: Montenegro Signed: U.S. Reserve Corps, Jan 2, 1919		
Title: ARC, Commission to the Balkan States, Order of Mission (on Letterhead) From: Podgoritza, Montenegro		

To: Paris via Belgrade, Serbia Signed: ARC Personnel
Officer, Oct 10, 1919

Title: Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces. Paris
From: Paris To: Italy Signed: U.S. Reserve Corps, Nov 1,
1919

Title: Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces From:
Paris To: Chicago, Illinois via Boulegne, Liverpool, New
York City Signed: Commissioner of the ARC for France,
Dec 2, 1919

Scrapbook: Sample Monthly Report on Hospitals, ARC,
Balkan Commission

Scrapbook: General Order #2, To: Members of Personnel
of Montenegrin Unit, Balkan Commission, ARC, Subject:
Restrictions about written personal correspondence,
hospitality, and the wearing of the ARC uniform

Letter 6: good condition, on ARC letterhead, about the
awarding of service certificate, Sept 1, 1919

Scrapbook page: the Foreign Service Certificate

Letter 7: good condition, on ARC letterhead, a thank you
from Helen Scott Hay , Nov 29, 1919

Scrapbook pictures: President Wilson's trip to Paris.
Lawrence was her younger brother., Dec 14, 1918

Scrapbook page: returning to the US via Cunard Line

Miscellaneous Pages, 1918-1920, 1923

file 6

Title/Description

Instances

Cunard Line Program, Oct 6, 1908

Letter, ARC Letterhead, service in Santo Domingo, Feb 20,
1923

Christmas Dinner Program, Paris, Base Hospital #41, Dec
25, 1918

Scrapbook pictures, both sides, Cetinje

Scrapbook pictures, one side: ARC Headquarters, Paris

Scrapbook pictures (2), Hoover Food Commission
dispensing flour

Scrapbook Program, Armistice Day, Etoile Service Club,
Paris, Nov 11, 1919

Scrapbook clipping, 3 Chicago girls get war medals

Paper receipt, ARC, blanket roll, Jan 2, 1918

Scrapbook, traveling expenses. Also includes deployment permission from Paris to Belgium and back (Wiltzius relatives lived in Luxemburg) , Nov 10, 1918

Scrapbook, entertainment program in Cetinje , Mar 1, 1919

Scrapbook, pictures Cetinjo and Podgoritza

Scrapbook, Orient Express from Belgrade to Paris , 1919

Scrapbook, 3 pages, Cunard Line, returning to New York, 1919

Scrapbook, telegram from home

Certificate, needs translating

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Medals and Pins

Award Medals, 1919

file 7

Title/Description

Instances

Scrapbook page: Unit receiving decoration, July 4, 1919

Picture of the Medals, 1919

Picture of the Unit Receiving the Medals, July 4, 1919

Picture of the Awarding of the Medals, July 4, 1919

Picture of the ARC personnel at dinner following the awarding of the medals, Official ARC picture of the awardees of the medals, July 4, 1919

The Medals (2): The enamel from one of the medals has worn off; otherwise the two medals are in good condition

file 9

Pins

file 10

Title/Description

Instances

ARC Foreign Service Pin

American National Red Cross Nurse Pin #21062

3 US uniform pins

1 large, 1 small button with cross on it

4 Red Cross caduceus uniform pins

1 red, 1 blue ribbon

1 dark two bar ribbon

1 unknown red, white, blue pin

1 unknown small pin on red and gold ribbon

Mercy Hospital Chicago	
	file 8
Title/Description	Instances
School for Nurses, Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Program, 1915	
Scrapbook Page: Roll of Honor, Alumni of Mercy Hospital	
Two Mercy Hospital School of Nurses Graduation Pins, 1915	file 11

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical and Collection Information	
Title/Description	Instances
Biography and Collection Information	folder 1
American Red Cross Flag, labeled 5x9 with a small emblem. The material may be muslin and there is an inch mended patch, slightly stained (aged)	file 12
Book: <i>Official: History of American Red Cross</i> , 1922. inscribed Henrietta Wiltzius Located in Reading Room	
Letters and American Red Cross papers, 1918-1930	file 13
Passport, allowing for travel from Belgrade, Yugoslavia to Yugoslavia, Italy Switzerland, France, Belgium, and England., 1919	file 14
American Red Cross Bulletin, Insular and Foreign Division , Mar 1919	file 15
Hospital Progress , July 1920	file 16
Red Cross Magazine, Oct 1920	file 17
Certification, Illinois State Board of Nurse Examiners, Registered Nurse, June 30, 1913	file 18

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)