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**BERNICE M. HARTZ
COLLECTION, CA. 1917-1944**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript folders, 2 photograph folders, 1 PAC album

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1917-1944

PROVENANCE: Gift in loving memory of Auntie Bee, Cynthia Zarate and Mark Hartz, Ocala, FL

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bernice M. Hartz (September 16, 1895-December 11, 1968) was born to Alonzo and Elizabeth (Kelly) Hartz in Liberty Township, Warren County, Indiana. Bernice graduated from Attica High School and from the nursing school at City Hospital in Indianapolis. Upon her graduation, Bernice joined the Army Nurse Corps, training at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. In 1919, she received orders to serve with the Army at Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. She served for fifteen months before returning to the mainland. She continued her career as a nurse back in Indianapolis, as well as Danville, Illinois, Kansas City, Missouri, and Crisfield, Maryland. In 1938, she again returned to Indiana where she worked as the assistant superintendent of Ball Memorial Hospital. In 1943, Bernice returned to Indianapolis for a position as the nursing supervisor at Robert W. Long Hospital. In 1956, she became the coordinator of graduate nurse housing for Indiana University Medical Center. Bernice retired from her nursing career in 1958. She belonged to a variety of nursing organizations in the state of Indiana, including the IU Nurses Alumni Association, the Indiana State League for Nursing Education, and the Indiana State Nursing Association. Additionally, she belonged to the Pi Omicron sorority, the Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society, and was a fifty-year member of the Jordan Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Ancestry.com

“Bernice Hartz to Direct Housing at Medical Center.” *Indianapolis News*, 19 September 1956, page 22.

“Bernice Hartz, Former Nurse Supervisor, Dies.” *Indianapolis Star*, 12 December 1968, page 75.

“To New Position.” *Journal and Courier*, 24 February 1938, page 9.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains correspondence, clippings, official Army Nurse Corps documents, and a photo album. The correspondence in the collection is made up of letters that Bernice Hartz received from friends she met at Fort Harrison. Of particular interest is a letter from Pvt. Stuart A. "Mac" McCormick, who wrote on July 25, 1918 from an evacuation hospital in France describing some of his experiences with receiving patients directly from the trenches, gas mask drills, and treating patients who are German prisoners with the same care as they do their own soldiers. The only document in the collection in Bernice's own hand is a document recalling the timeline of her service in the Army Nurse Corps and details she remembered from that time, such as living conditions at Fort Harrison, quarantines for influenza and diphtheria, passing through San Francisco on the way to orders in Honolulu, and swimming in the ocean on Christmas Day in Hawaii. The final significant piece of this collection is a photo album that was kept by Bernice Hartz. The album is full of mostly candid snapshots of scenes from her daily life- some of which look to be time with family and friends, but most of the photographs were taken during her time in Indianapolis (Fort Harrison), San Francisco, and Honolulu from 1917-1920 with friends and colleagues in the military. Most of the photographs are not dated or identified, but there are some with individuals listed on the back or dates and places written on the front of the photograph.

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