

Violet Glycer Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator - Author	Gyer, Violet, 1907-2001
Title	Violet May Gyer Collection
Date	1942-1945
Extent	1.33 Linear feet
Language	English

Biography

May Violet Victoria Glycer (who went by the name of Violet) was born in Chisago County, MN on May 31st, 1907 to Alfred and Beda Lindberg Glycer. Violet graduated from Forest Lake High School in 1925. Violet entered the University of Minnesota nursing program and graduated with a nursing degree in 1927. She got a job as a school nurse in St. Paul.

At 35 years of age, Glycer enlisted as a nurse to serve in the U.S. Army shortly after Pearl Harbor. She served in the 26th General Hospital Unit (University of Minnesota) 1942-1945. In the course of her military career, she was stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Birmingham, England, Oran and Constantine, North Africa, Bezerte and Bari, Italy, Boston, Massachusetts, Cairo, Egypt, Palestine, Des Moines, Iowa. After the war, Glycer became a Public Health nurse in 1946 for the city of St. Paul and retired in 1968 and moved to Gull Lake near Brainerd. She died October 26, 2001.

Description of the Collection

May Violet Victoria Glycer did a great job of documenting her service years, 1942-1945 in the U.S. Army through black and white photographs. She served with the University of Minnesota's 26th General Hospital Unit. Her meticulous identification of people in the photos and the location, make her photographs especially useful. She photographed fellow medical personnel, friends, the communities and local people where she was stationed.

The collection was originally received as one scrapbook with four photos in small acid free envelope and newspaper clipping. 16.5 by 12.5 inches.

Because of the highly acidic content of the scrapbook paper and the deteriorating condition of the scrapbook, the decision was made in 2016 to remove the photographs from the scrapbook, record any attendant metadata in a spreadsheet and discard the remaining portions of the scrapbook. The photographs constituted the entirety of the scrapbook's content.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army Nurse Corps -- History -- 20th Century.

Subject(s)

- Military nursing -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Medical care -- United States.

Media

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Biographical Article	2	1
Media 1942-1945		
		Box
Small photographs, postcards and commercial prints		1
	Box	Folder
Large photographs, postcards and commercial prints: GLY042, 052, 053, 072, 094	2	2
Large photographs, postcards and commercial prints: GLY096, 099, 100, 104, 121	2	3
Large photographs, postcards and commercial prints: GLY122-125, 132	2	4
Large photographs, postcards and commercial prints: GLY266, 273, 455, 457	2	5