

**Collection #
M 0987**

**FLORENCE J. MARTIN
PAPERS, 1917–1959**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half sized manuscript box; 2 photographs

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Florence J. Martin (November 1876–June 1963) resided in Indianapolis most of her life. She was chief superintendent of nurses at Indianapolis City Hospital when the United States entered World War I and transitioned to Chief Nurse for Base Hospital #32 when the unit was formed in 1917.

Base Hospital #32 (Lilly Base Hospital) was an Indianapolis based volunteer unit formed in February 1917 in cooperation with the American Red Cross with the financial support of Eli and J.K. Lilly to provide medical assistance for the anticipated the United States' entrance into the First World War. The unit became part of the U. S. Army in September 1917 and arrived in France two months later where they served as an evacuation hospital in Contrexville. The hospital ceased operations in January 1919.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, pp. 299–300.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains papers kept by Florence J. Martin regarding her role of Chief Nurse for Base Hospital #32 during World War I. Most of the items covering the period 1917–1919 are official orders, communications and letters regarding Martin's duties as Chief Nurse including her efficiency report for the nurses serving under her when the Base Hospital disbanded in January 1919. There also are newspaper clippings and typed copies of the History of Base Hospital #32. Also included are two photographs: one of Florence Martin and Mary Scales in September, 1917, and one of an ambulance driver who served Base Hospital # 32.

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Correspondence, 1917–1919

Memorandum and Orders, 1917–1919

Efficiency Report of Nurses, 1919

Forms, 1917–1919

Photographs (2): Florence Martin & Mary Scales;
Base Hospital #32 Ambulance Driver

Newspaper Clippings and Printed Items, 1919–1959;
n.d.

History of Base Hospital # 32

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