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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	American Red Cross. Vassar Unit
Title:	American Red Cross Vassar Relief Unit Records
Dates:	1914-1920
Quantity:	6 cubic feet (17 boxes)
Abstract:	Records concerning the Vassar Relief Unit's their work in France during and after World War I.

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Administrative History

In January 1918, the Associate Alumnae of Vassar College voted to send a delegation of Vassar graduates to France to assist in the relief efforts of the American Red Cross. There are many sources of further information on the Vassar Relief Unit, including:

Lambie, Margaret. [Verdun Experiences](#). Washington: Courant Press, 1945. [Main D570.9 .L28 1945]

Several articles in the *Vasssar Quarterly* [Main LH1.V3 V37]

The [Vassar College Subject Files](#) [folders 26.57-26.60]

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Scope and Content Note

Records concerning the Vassar Relief Unit's their work in France during and after World War I, including letters, photographs, reports, financial statements, account books, clippings, circular letters, Red Cross publications, and Vassar Unit newsletters. Correspondence is primarily of Elsa Butler Grove and Margaret Lambie. There are also two diaries kept by Grove concerning a trip to France in 1914 and her experiences with the Vassar Unit in 1920. There are also various realia and uniforms of the Vassar Unit.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Grove, Elsa Butler, 1884-1969
- Lambie, Margaret

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Students

Subjects:

- International relief
- Medical social work--France--Verdun
- Women college students
- Women--Diaries
- World War, 1914-1918--France
- World War, 1914-1918--War work--Red Cross

Places:

- France--Description and travel

Document Types:

- Account books
- Diaries
- Photographs

VCL Categories

- Vassar College Non-campus Organizations

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, July 2008.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

American Red Cross Vassar Relief Unit Records, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Boxes 1-12 are from the first accession, only boxes 1-2 have been processed, boxes 3-12 remain unprocessed. Five other boxes are a second accession and are not numbered as part of this collection (A2005-005) and include uniforms, other realia, correspondence, photographs, and publications.

Acquisition Information

Gift of multiple donors.

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Series List

[Series I.](#) Correspondence

[Series II.](#) Other Material

[Series III.](#) Later Accession(A2005-005)

Container List

SERIES I. Correspondence	
Folder 1.1	14 Jan 1918 to 26 Apr 1918
Folder 1.2	29 Apr 1918 to 9 May 1918
Folder 1.3	11 May 1918 to 5 June 1918
Folder 1.4	7 June 1918 to 27 Sep 1918

Folder 1.5	1 Febr 1921, 9-11 Oct1935, 21 Dec1958, 21 March 1972 and n.d.
SERIES II. Other Material	
Folder 1.6	Bibliography of material pertaining to the Vassar Unit
Folder 1.7	First members of the Vassar Unit
Folder 1.8	French Tank
Folder 1.9	Questionnaire for Biographical Address Register [Anabel Scharff Roberts, VC 1913]
Folder 1.10	Required Equipment
Folder 1.11	Miscellaneous
Folder 1.12-1.13	Articles
Folder 1.14-1.17	Printed Material
Folder 1.18	Clippings
Folder 2.19-2.20	Photographs
Box 2	Scrapbooks (4)
Boxes 3-12	Unprocessed material
SERIES III. Later Accession (A2005-005)	
Box 1	Ambulance Plate, ca. 1917-1919
Box 1	Medals, ca. 1916-1920
Box 1	Machine Gun Cartridges, ca. 1917-1919
Box 1	Vassar Unit Rubber Stamps, ca. 1917-1919
Box 1	Shrapnel, ca. 1917-1919
Box 1	Rolled certificates, ca. 1917-1919
Folder 2.1	Photographs, ca. 1917-1919
Folder 2.2	Correspondence, 1919-1920
Folder 2.3	"Verdun, 1920-1921 - 1936," Memoir of a return to Verdun by Elsa Butler Grove, 1936
Folder 2.4	<u>French Schools in War Time</u> , 1917
Folder 2.5	Miscellaneous, 1917-1936

Box 3	2 copper and wood plaques entitled "Verdun et ses Champs de Bataille par le Capitaine d'Art, Gerard," n.d.
Box 3	Publications, 1916-1919
Box 4	Red Cross Uniform of L. Little, ca. 1917-1919
Box 5	Uniform of Elsa Butler, ca. 1917-1919

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