

## **Guide to the Kay Royer Red Cross Scrapbook**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Royer, Kay, 1909-1991
<b>Title:</b>	Kay Royer Red Cross Scrapbook
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00962
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1945 to 1948
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.36 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.08 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Kay Royer Red Cross Scrapbook contains black-and-white photographic prints, newspaper clippings, and personal correspondence collected by Sarah "Kay" Royer while stationed at the 248th General Hospital and 4th General Hospital in the Philippines from 1945 to 1948. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings with commentary written by Royer documenting her training at the American University in Washington, D.C., the journey to Manila, and her time spent there working in various hospitals. Included in the scrapbook are letters from soldiers thanking the nurses for their care, dance cards, menus from holidays and special occasions, and hand-drawn sketches given to Royer.

### Preferred Citation

Kay Royer Red Cross Scrapbook, 1945-1948. MS-00962. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Sarah Katheryn "Kay" Royer was born in Decatur, Illinois on March 4, 1909. She attended Millikin University, the University of Wisconsin, and American University in Washington D.C., where she prepared for her time in the Red Cross. Before joining the Red Cross, Royer was an elementary school teacher in Illinois. She also worked as a machine operator and personnel worker in a war

plant during World War II. After joining the Red Cross initially for a two-year contract, Royer remained with the Red Cross for over thirty years, in both wartime and peace. She served as the executive director of the Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross in Southern Nevada after moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1964. Royer was active in many non-profit agencies and philanthropic endeavors, and was a member of the Altrusa International Club, chaplain of her Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) chapter, and a member of the Council of Social Agencies.

Royer passed away on October 31, 1991.

Source:

"Red Cross Director Serves Humanity" *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. June 30, 1968.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain as they were received.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Note

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### Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Sarah Jones rehoused the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter Records, 1917-2015. MS-00600. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Scrapbook
- Women
- War work -- Red Cross

- American Red Cross

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Red Cross scrapbook, 1945 to 1948	oversized box 01