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TITLE: Ginda Kalujna Rosenblatt Fonds

DATES: 1917-1934(?)

EXTENT: 2 cm of textual material.

Biographical Sketch

Ginda Kalujna Rosenblatt was born in 1891. She was a graduate of the Women's Medical Institute of Saint Vladimir University, Kiev. After receiving her degree, Dr. Rosenblatt was conscripted by and served in the Russian Army from 1917-1918, at first as an intern and then as a captain. She was assigned to the 266th Regiment, working at the military hospital in Ostrog, Ukraine, and was later assigned a post closer to the front. The regiment was constricted by economic difficulties, transportation difficulties, and growing unrest among the troops with regard to the Russian military authority.

In late 1917 the 266th regiment decided, independently of the central government, to end their part in the war by demobilizing the troops. Dr. Rosenblatt agreed to this scheme and, along with Dr. Henryk Zamenhof, was responsible for the diagnoses of "heart ailments" among the majority of the members (probably in good health) of the regiment. She herself was diagnosed with a heart ailment and received an honorable discharge in 1918.

Dr. Rosenblatt was reunited with her husband, Abraham Rosenblatt, in Kiev shortly afterward. After the war, she practiced medicine in Briceni and then Lipcani, both in Bessarabia, Romania (now Moldova). Dr. Rosenblatt and her family immigrated to Toronto in May, 1934. Although she fulfilled the requirements for an M.D. degree at the University of Toronto, she chose to devote the rest of her career to social work. Dr. Rosenblatt died in 1986.

Scope and Content

The fonds contains papers relating to Dr. Rosenblatt's time in the army, including assignments, certificates of appointment, billets for lodging, railway tickets, an attestation of medical ability, and other documents. Also included are the boards (front and back covers) from Dr. Rosenblatt's daybook, which have, on the inside cover, a list of ailments and the drugs used to treat them.

Finding Aids

Inventory list available.

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Custodial History

Donated by Dr. Rosenblatt's daughter, Dr. Shena Sourkes.

Language

The documents are primarily in Russian, some English.

Source of Supplied Title Proper

Based on the documents of the fonds.

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2 Folders

Folder 1:

[This list transcribed from an earlier list]

Reference: T. L. Sourkes and S. R. Sourkes, Medical Demobilization in Wartime Russia, 1917 to 1918, American Journal of Cardiology, September 1, 1991, p. 701-702. [Copy of article included in the fonds.]

- Voting slip for Ginda Rosenblatt for elections to the Constituent Assembly, 8-14 November, 1917.
- Certificate of appointment to the Reserve Corps, July 1917
- Railway pass for Dr. Ginda Kalujna Rosenblatt, issued by the army
- Billet for lodging in Ostrog (near the Russian southwest front)
- Attestation (Written in Cyrillic script, but by someone who was more used to Latin script, possibly Dr. Henryk Zamenhof). The document states that Ginda Rosenblatt, head of the ambulatorium (clinic) and admissions, proved to have good knowledge of clinical medicine and therapeutics. The writer thanks her for her intelligent attitude and sensitivity in the work, and for her understanding of the problems of the ill soldiers. “Thus, comrade Rosenblatt presented herself in the finest aspects. [back of page] I recommend her as a doctor and as a comrade.” Signed by the Senior Physician of the 266th Regiment, Zamenhof. “D” Army, 14 December 1917.
- From the Office of Administration, the Director of the Sanitary Division of the Army, South-west Front. This is an order to Ginda Rosenblatt to proceed at once to Headquarters of the Medical Service of the First Army
- Statement that Ginda Rosenblatt was ill from 16 to 18 October 1917. Document is signed on 18 October 1917 by Dr. Shekter and Dr. Zamenhof.
- Military Pass stating that the bearer of this is indeed a doctor of the 266th rear infantry Regiment; good only for the City of Ostrog and environs. Signed by the Regimental Commander, by the Colonel, and by the Regimental Adjutant
- From the Headquarters of the Director, Medical Section, First Army. Initial assignment of Ginda Rosenblatt to 378 Mobile Field Hospital as intern.
- Provisional diploma from the President of the Medical Research Commission at the University of St. Vladimir, 13 July 1917. This was Ginda Kalujna’s graduation from medical school.
- Certificate of the All-Russian Council for Aid to the War-ill and War-wounded. Signed by the Physician-in-Chief of the No. 7 Hospital in Kiev, at Dorogozhitska St., No. 79. This attests to Ginda Rosenblatt’s service at that hospital as a felsher.
- Identification Certificate 67903. It states that the bearer of this certificate is a woman physician of the army reserve, Rosenblatt (Kalujna), Ginda. 25 August 1917.
- Office of the Command, 266th Regiment. Instruction for Ginda Rosenblatt to go to the 266th Regiment as soon as her leave is over. 13 December 1917.

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- Photostat of the original DECLARATION, IN THE MATTER of application for license to practice medicine in the Province of Ontario, DATED June 18, 1934. The declaration summarises Dr. Ginda Rosenblatt's educational and medical experience.

Folder 2

- Letter from Theodore Sourkes, written to accompany two “tattered boards” from Rosenblatt's daybook. The letter dates these items from “well before 1934” and states that the daybook would have been presented by a leading Hungarian Drug Company.
- Two boards (comprising the front and back cover) and seven leaves from a daybook belonging to Rosenblatt. Outside front cover reads “Tagebuch fur Aertze · Chemische Fabrik Gedeon Richter Bucuresti”. Inside front and back cover and on the seven leaves contain a list of medical ailments and the drugs used to treat them.