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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Koopman, Harry Bernard
<b>Title:</b>	Harry Bernard Koopman Papers
<b>ID:</b>	8497994
<b>ID:</b>	UA#0171
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1917-1967
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1917-1919
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.42 linear feet 1 document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , French .
<b>Abstract:</b>	A collection of photos and memorabilia kept by Harry Bernard Koopman, pertaining to his time with the Columbia Ambulance Corps during World War I.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Harry Bernard Koopman Papers; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Born in 1900, Harry grew up on Staten Island. Upon leaving high school, he went up to Columbia University in June 1917 to join the college boys who were joining the ambulance corps in France before the United States entered the war. Harry was only 17 years old at the time, lied about his age and joined up. He eventually was part of the service unit SSU 575 which was sponsored by Columbia University. Harry Bernard Koopman later changed his name to Harry Cahill Koopman, taking is mother's maiden name. He died in Lebanon, PA in 1986.

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## Summary

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This collection of memorabilia maintained by Harry Bernard Koopman consists primarily of small format photographs and some postcards of fellow servicemen, scenery of the French countryside, battlefield conditions and local populations. Some of the identified locations in France include Meriel, Nice, Aix, and Vasseny. The collection also contains an intact photo album with fading notations, a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, letters, photographs and other memorabilia, a Red Cross flag, and a 1967 history of ambulance service during World War I.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in one series.

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Accrual**

No additions are expected

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## **Related Materials**

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[Columbia University in World War I Collection \(UA#0014\)](#). [Historical Photograph Collection, 1860- \(UA#0003\)](#)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- World War, 1914-1918
- Flags
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Scrapbooks
- Columbia University
- United States. Army. Ambulance Service

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Photographs and Memorabilia, 1917-1967

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of loose snapshots, one photo album with handwritten, fading, notations, a scrapbook, an old Red Cross flag, and a 1967 history of U.S. Army Ambulance Service with the French and Italian Armies between 1917 and 1919. Some of the small snapshots appear to have been pulled out of a photo album as the black paper is still stuck on the back. This paper often obscures the identification of the image, though in many cases you can still see, if not all, of the handwritten notes about the images. Photos are of people, scenery or battlefield conditions (e.g., abandoned tanks, camp sites, etc.). Harry Bernard Koopman was an avid photographer, but it is unclear as to whether he took all of these photographs or not. Folders are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Title/Description	Instances
Ambulance Corps Photographs, 1918-1919	box 1
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Ambulance Corps Photographs and Postcards, 1918-1919	box 1
<i>The History of the U.S. Army Ambulance Service with the French and Italian Armies 1917 -- 1918 -- 1919</i>	box 1
Photo Album -- U.S.A.A.S. 8th Battalion, 1917-1919	box 1
Red Cross Flag	box 1
Scrapbook, 1917-1963	box 1

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