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#### Scope and Content Abstract

This collection documents the work of the American Legion Post #27 (ca. 1930-1970). Records consist mostly of administrative records, meeting minutes, and correspondence. It also includes memberships and grave registration cards.

#### Historical Note

The American Legion was originally an organization of veterans of World War I. Cambridge Post #27 was established just after World War I, in 1918 or 1919. The post's members succeeded in attracting many World War II and Korean War veterans, but they had little appeal for veterans of Vietnam and later wars. As a result, the American Legion's membership has diminished. While it a "ghost-post" (with no address) today, it occupied rooms at the police headquarters from the early 1920s until the 1970s. Before closing, Post #27 had also been at 53 Prospect Street (now a parking lot) and at Saint-John's church on Massachusetts Avenue. [Information from Laurence Maguire, Vietnam veteran and current Post #27 adjutant).

# Arranged in 5 boxes as follows:

Administrative documents [misc. 1959-1970s]	Box 2
Correspondence [1930-1936; 1961-1970]	Box 2 & 3
Events & programs [misc. 1932-1970]	Box 2
Grave Registration cards	Box 4
Membership cards	Box 5
Minutes [1939-1970]	Box 1
"The Recall" [newsletter] [misc. 1930s, 1940s, 1960s, 1970s]	Box 2
Special Regulations fascicles [1918, 1919, 1921]	Box 2

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