

Naval Radio School Students 1918 Photograph Collection

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Extent: 1 linear foot

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Location: Cambridge Ephemera Collection (CMS Collection, CHC002).

Dates: 1918

Creator: Taken by anonymous student of the Naval Radio School, ca. 1918.

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Collection Description:

From 1917-1919, the U.S. Naval Radio School was stationed on the Harvard campus to prepare a corps of Morse Code operators for service in World War I. Several Harvard buildings were given over for use as barracks and classrooms. Sailors from all over the country arrived in Cambridge for training, with enrollment peaking at 3,500. With the end of the war, the school was transferred to Michigan.

The Cambridge Historical Commission acquired a collection of 26 black and white photo prints created over the course of the year 1918 by an unknown student at the Naval Radio School. The photographs include scenes of students in training on the Harvard Campus and the Charles River as well as social outings and civic parades throughout the Greater Boston area.

The reverse of each print bears a handwritten caption presumably created by the photographer. The captions here are used as the titles of the images.

Scope and Content: The photographs were taken throughout the year of 1918 by an anonymous Naval Radio academy student. (For more information on the photos see City of Cambridge Annual Reports, 1918, and Cambridge atlases for 1918.) There are twenty-six photos. Copies of the photos are in the survey files and also digitized on the CHC's Flickr account.

Related Resources:

Images available online:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/cambridgehistoricalcommission/albums/72157663445491296>

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<http://www.historypin.org/en/naval-radio-academy-students-1918/>

Item List:
[Captions transcribed by processor]

Photo 1.

Title: At Franklin Park. Boston Mass. 3/10/18 W.B. Hulburt, Alaska, R.A. Emery. Hood River Ore., A. Zenger Alaska Rusch. Ellensburg Wn, Me, Howard Hentze N.Y.C. Double exposed. Center of the Herbs. Girl Lydia?

Photo 2.

Title: Herbs! Lydia + I
Franklin Park,
3/10/18
March 10, 1918.

Photo 3.

Title: R.A. Emery in Front of our mansion 31 Everett St. Cambridge Mass. 3/25/18

Photo 4.

Title: Photo 4. At Lunch at Lind. Bound for Salem. Mass. Shortly bummed a bottle of milk from milk man. Duncan Zenger. Me. April 2-1918

Photo 5.

Title: At the old witch house of early days. Salem. Mass. April. 2-18 Me. Zenger. Ala. Duncan. Wn.

Photo 6.

Title: Emery, Zenger, Duncan, D. Salem Mass. 4/2/18

Photo 7.

Title: Zenger. April 12-18 Snowing. Cambridge. Mass. At 31 Everett St.

Photo 8.

Title: Cambridge Liberty Loan parade. April 29, 1918

Photo 9.

Title: Miss Lane. Prop of Polak. +The Red Head gobs. May 2-1918

Photo 10.

Title: Mr. + Mrs Wattles Home at Canton Jct. Where I spent a pleasant Sunday May 5-1918

Photo 11.

Title: Boat Drill in Charles River May 18

Photo 12.

Title: Girls that carried the flag resting under its bright colors. July 4-18 At West Roxbury. Mass. L.O. Hoff.

Photo 13.

Title: The bunch July 4 -18 West Roxbury. Mass

Photo 14.

Title: July 4-1918 West Roxbury. Mass.

Photo 15.

Title: Hoff + I. Think we were going to a picnic but they wanted to parade with daughters of Nation representing the Human. D.N. flag. A soldier + I asst. in carrying the banner flag. First parade W. Roxbury ever held. After seeing all the pretty girls we were willing to parade. Our section of parade.

July 4 -1918

Photo 16.

Title: L.O. Hoff and I eating Melon at Camp Devens July 6-1918

Photo 17.

Title: A full House. Inside YMCAHut Cambridge. Mass. July 13, 1918

Photo 18.

Title: L Hoff and Burrow and Norumbega Park. July 18- 1918

Photo 19.

Title: Agnes. Me. Hugh + I Boston Sept- 1918

Photo 20.

Title: Draft leaving Cambridge for Common Wealth Pier.

Oct 8-1918

Photo 21.

Title: 18 Wendell St Cambridge, Mass Where I roomed Coward Family. December 19, 1918

Photo 22.

Title: Perkins Hall at Harvard

Photo 23.

Title: Dinky eng. To Revere Beach. Narrow gauge.

Eng 24. I rode the Eng.

Photo 24.

Title: Kid Howard Hentze and girl. Commons. Boston. Mass

Photo 25.

Title: Boat Drill Charles River Cambridge. Mass.

Photo 26.

Title: Lunch where we all ate. Connor. Betty known as Mothers, or greasy spoon. Cambridge. Mass. 40 & 32 Boughton St. 1918

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