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This is a “Menu and Roster” for “Christmas 1942” for the U.S. Army’s O’Reilly General Hospital at Springfield in Greene County, Missouri. Included are the menu for Christmas dinner and an every-name roster of personnel.

O’Reilly General Hospital was built in 1941 and by late 1942 it was home to hundreds of sick and wounded soldiers. The commanding officer was Col. George B. Foster, Jr., and the Deputy Commander was Col. Walter D. Vail. The roster includes officers, warrant officers, the Army Nurse Corps, the Detachment Medical Department, the Detachment Quartermaster Corps, and the Detachment Finance Department.

After the Second World War, O’Reilly became a veterans’ hospital and then was closed in the early 1950s. Eventually much of the land and many of the buildings were transferred to Evangel College (now Evangel University), which still occupies the site today (2006).

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