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## Otis Historical Archives

### OHA 375 WRAIR Korean War Photographs Collection

**Date of Records:** 1951-1953

**Size:** 9 boxes

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**Series/Scope and Content Note:** This collection consists of unidentified photographs from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) of Korean War medical scenes, including pathological photographs and images of field medicine, evacuations, medical staff, hospitals, hospital ships, equipment, ambulances, and helicopters. The descriptions in this finding aid are designed to provide an overview of the content of the content of images. See also New Contributed Photographs (OHA 250) for other WRAIR photographs from this period.

## BOX AND CONTENT LIST

### **Box 001:           Photographs 1-99**

1-80	Various wounds
82	Operating room overview
84-90	Misc. wounds

### **Box 002:           Photographs 100-180**

100-102	Flash burns
103-140	X-rays
141-145	Close-ups of patients' eyes, mouth, arms
146-152	Clinical exams, etc.
153-164	Close-ups of patients' eyes, mouth, arms
165-180	Field hospital, semi-permanent framed tent, interiors, patients arriving, etc.



**Box 003:            Photographs 181-249**

181-196            Field hospital, semi-permanent framed tent, interiors, patients arriving, etc.  
197                Medic giving first aid  
198                Tank-infantry team attacking Sherman tank  
199                4.2 mortar chemist  
200                First aid  
201                Infantry attacking through smoke  
202                First aid, 221  
203                Shell bursts  
204                Infantry close-up - flak jacket  
205-208            Battle scenes, long shots  
209-210            Sgt. firing flexible tank, 50 caliber, close-up  
211                Tank-infantry team  
212                Sherman tank, 76 mm  
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215                Tank-infantry team  
216                Tank-infantry team  
217                Sgt. firing flexible tank, 50 caliber, close-up  
218                Tank-infantry team  
219                .30 Browning M1919 tripod inf  
220                Litter team carrying wounded  
222                .30 Browning M1919 tripod inf  
223                Infantry and phosphorus shell burst  
224                Medic and litter team  
225                Tanks and infantry  
226                Mortar crew  
227                Tanks and infantry  
228                Infantry and phosphorus shell burst  
229                Infantry and tanks close-up  
230                Helicopter on airstrip #114255  
231                Airstrip, ambulance, helicopter approaching  
232-235            Unloading wounded from helicopter  
236                Dustoff  
237-242            Unloading wounded from helicopter  
243                Helicopter approaching #114290  
244-247            Unloading #14290  
248                Light helicopter unloading  
249                Helicopter approaching #114290

**Box 004:            Photographs 250-314**

250-251            Unloading #14290  
252                Three helicopters unloading  
253                Crew and light helicopter  
254                Light helicopter landing, semi-permanent hospital buildings across road



255	Light hospital	
256	uUnloading light helicopter	
257	#114255 and crew close-up	
258	Light helicopter hovering	
259	Unloading light helicopter	
260	Long view airstrip, ambulances, buildings, etc.	
261	Unloading #114255	
262	Airstrip, ambulance, helicopter approaching	
263	Long view airstrip, ambulances, buildings, etc.	
264	Unloading light helicopter	
265	Long view airstrip, ambulances, buildings, etc.	
266	Unloading #114255	
267	Close-up litter team, #114255 in background	
268-269	Unloading light helicopter	
270	Medium at left, light landing just over blade	
271	Unloading light helicopter	
272-273	Insects	
274	Carrying a sheep into a ward tent	
275-278	Slides	
279-285	Clinical - sheep	
286-287	Treating a sheep	
288	Clinical	
289	Termite catching?	
290-296	Slides	
297-299	Dipping equipment, blood boxes, rodent cages in field, 8th Army medical	research team
300-301	Field team setting rodent traps	
302-305	Lab scenes	
306-308	Film making, inside and out	
309	Film crew on weapons carrier	
310-312	Film making, inside and out	
313	Weapons carrier	
314-316	Film crew on weapons carrier	

**Box 005:            Photographs 315-382**

315-316	Film crew on weapons carrier	
318	Semi-permanent field hospital, sand bagged sheet iron cross on roof	
319	Staff headquarters 48th surgical hospital	
320	Grinning group	
321-322	X-rays in field hospital	
323	Missing	
324	Filming an operation - close-up	
325	People and vehicles, long shot with terrain	
327	Combat cameraman inside helicopter	
331-333	NCO group, close-ups with cameras	
334	Close-up photo frame	
335	Photo team with captain	



337	Photo team without captain
338	Operation
339-346	Pieces of people
347	Bunkered clearing station, cut out hill
348	Long shot field hospital
349	Loading litters into truck, close-up
350	Litter cases on road
352-353	Infantry and trucks
354	Long shot of area
355	Close-up of 347
356	Interior of bunker
357	First aid outside, face wound
358	Infantry and trucks
359	Resting infantry with some packs
360	Road and helicopter landing pad
361	Close-up of resting infantry, one with pack - small white cross on red rubber assault pack
362	Long shot field hospital building
363	Koreans boating and washing in river
364	Field hospital and helicopter pad
365	Koreans washing in ditch
366	Picture of Yung Deng Po
367-368	Street scenes, Seoul?
369	Children
370	Low oblique aerial view of city
371	Houses, villages
372	Motor pool
373	Han bridges, Seoul?
374-375	Houses, villages
376	Han River highway bridge
377	Bridge, Han River
379	Village, far view
380	Village, aerial, high oblique
381	River
382	Dam

**Box 006: Photographs 383-450**

383	River
384-385	Terrain
386	Aerial view of terrain
387	Bridge, Han?
388-389	Rat control
390-396	Treating underwear with insecticide
397-404	Mosquito control, digging in ditch
405-406	Tokyo General Hospital
407-408	General Hospital, unloading civilian ambulances, Japan



409-415 Tokyo General Hospital  
416 #114280 landing on hospital ship  
417-426 Hospital ship  
427-430 #114280 landing on hospital ship  
431-438 Various aerial views of semi-permanent base hospitals - "sheet iron Hiltons"  
434 Dressing tent  
439-444 #1144285 in flight  
445-447 Field ambulances  
448 SFC with M2 carbine  
449-450 Field ambulances unloading at semi-permanent hospital, walking wounded, litter case

**Box 007: Photographs 451-519**

451-453 Field ambulances unloading at semi-permanent hospital, walking wounded, litter case  
454 Field ambulance  
455-464 Various rehab. hospital scenes - volleyball, cards, etc.  
465 Seoul?  
466-467 Empty  
468 Korean carts  
469 Medical photo team, vehicles marked 8A-48th/SH  
470 Hospital in distance  
471-472 Missing  
473-474 City scenes, pirogues  
475-480 Missing  
481-482 Terrain views  
483-484 Groups at field hospital  
485-498 Insects?  
499 Missing  
500 Hospital plane with ambulances  
501-502 Missing  
503 Korean female nurse and three GIs talking in quarters  
504 Sewn up torso  
505 Hospital plane with ambulances  
506-507 Loading stretchers on hospital train, black litter man  
508 Unloading wounded from field ambulance at airfield  
509 First aid traction splint, black MGT, Asian captain, 8th Army patch, giving transfusion  
510 Wounded man on inclined stretcher frame, being transfused  
511 Shot-up torso healing  
512 Transfusion bags  
513 Field hospital in valley, light plane landing  
514 Dextan, blood plasma  
515 Long view of 516  
516 First aid traction splint, black MGT, Asian captain, 8th Army patch, giving transfusion  
517 Insects?  
518 Bullet lodged in ankle, retracted  
519 Sewn up torso



**Box 008: Slides, Correspondence, Records**

- Glass lantern slide copies for photographs 175, 197, 200, 227
- Correspondence: AFIP Transmittal
- Records: 5 HF Patients in Film

**Box 009: Prints**

- Prints of photographs