

Cartoons and Comics in the National Museum of Health and Medicine

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All museums maintain research collections that are far larger than the material on exhibit. The NMHM's archives has a wide variety of collections, some of which include interesting material on comic art. Cartoonists represented include Clifford Berryman, Robert Osborn, Al Posen, Frank Robbins, Arthur Szyk, Paul Terry and Frank Mack. Popular characters include Dagwood. Most archives have collections or files that include clippings and these can frequently be a source for cartoons whether originally intended or not.

OHA 30 Curatorial Records: World War II Posters, ca. 1942-1946

Health education posters, including paste-ups and printed copies, created by the Medical Museum's Medical Illustration Service during World War II. Subjects include sexually-transmissible diseases (series of 41 posters); typhus; filariasis; dengue fever; malaria; hygiene; lice, mosquitos, and other pests; and food preparation. The posters were printed by the Government Printing Office.

OHA 38 Museum Records: Articles and Clippings, 1863-present

Richard Thompson, *Richard's Poor Almanac: The Big Leg* [cartoon on visiting the Army Medical Museum]. Washington Post (October 17, 1999): F2

OHA 65 Museum Records: Official Records, 1908-1983

Includes the original cartoon art for 3 Medical Museum Christmas cards from 1920s.

OHA 80 WWI / Reeve Photograph Collection, 1917-1953

Series of photographs taken by the Museum primarily during the tenure of Roy Reeve, chief of photography from 1917 to 1948. Some photographs copying cartoons have been identified, but others especially from World War II probably exist.

- 000483, Venereal Disease Prevention. Smutty Suggestions Cartoon.
- 000823, Venereal Disease Prevention. Chain of Syphilis.
- 000824, Venereal Disease Prevention: Experience of European Armies Etc. Cartoon.
- 000825, Venereal Disease Prevention: Tools of the Devil Cartoon.

- 000895a, Venereal Disease Prevention: Sound Education and Warning Cartoon on Motion Picture Fit to Fight.
- 000897, Venereal Disease Prevention: the Army Combats Venereal Disease Cartoon.
- 001101, Venereal Disease Cartoon by Sgt. Thayer.
- 001214, Carry On, Advertising Cartoon.
- 001242, Venereal Disease Prevention: Keeping Fit Cartoon.
- 001354, Colored Man Is No Slacker; Venereal Disease Prevention Cartoon.
- 001355, What the Colored Man Has to Look Forward to; Venereal Disease Prevention Cartoon.
- 004087, Medical Board Examining Candidate. Gen Arthur. [Cartoon],
- 032788, Cartoon of Major John Hill Brinton, First Curator of Army Medical Museum, 1862-64 by Hermann Faber. [See Rhode, M. *Drawing on Tragedy, Hogan's Alley*, 6 (Winter 1999).]
- 042150, Cartoon of Col. Joseph F. Siler.
- 074964, Joe Palooka. They Don't Mix.
- 080526, Joe Palooka - They Don't Mix.
- 088266, Know Your Enemy: the Flea. [Anti-Japanese Caricature.]
- 088266, Know Your Enemy: Tick. [Anti-Japanese Caricature.]
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, April 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, August 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, December 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, January 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, January 1945. [Layout by Frank Mack-].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, July 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, March 1945. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, November 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria and Epidemic Disease Control, South Pacific. Calendar, October 1944. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 088266, Malaria Moe #33: Your Bodyguard by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #34: Sleep under a Net by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #35: Taboo by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #36: a Guy Does Watch His Health - If He's a Smart Guy! By Frank Mack, on using Atabrine. For Malaria & Epidemic Disease Control, So. Pacific.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #37: the Moral Is... Spray the Joint! By Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #38: Moe Gets the 'Word' by Frank Mack.

- 088266, Malaria Moe #39: Don't Get Your Malaria Education the Hard Way by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #40: 'Malaria Discipline' Is Important by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #41 by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #42 by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #43: -And the Chaplain Broke down and Cried by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Malaria Moe #44: 'Skeeters' Nite Life by Frank Mack.
- 088266, Seven Days at Sixth Replacement. [Cartoon by Frank Mack].
- 089025, Don't Take Chances. No Bathing.
- 089025, Don't Take Chances. No Drinking.
- 089025, Don't Take Chances. No Wading.
- 089025, Don't Take Chances. No Washing.
- 038745, Katzenjammer Cats.
- 082233, Pots and Pans must be washed and scrubbed. Utensils too. Don't let them smell -- they'll serve you well! Give -'er a go Yank!! Take pride in your mess-- [WW2 cartoon poster drawn by Pfc. R. Epstein. Distributed through the US Army Medical Dept. U.S.A.S.O.S.]

***OHA 87 AFIP Historical Files, 1945present**

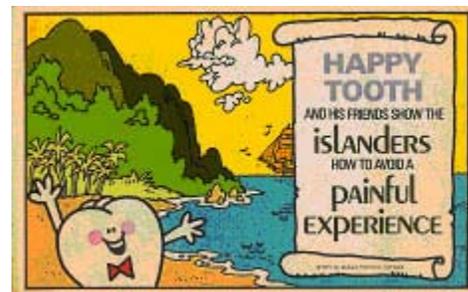
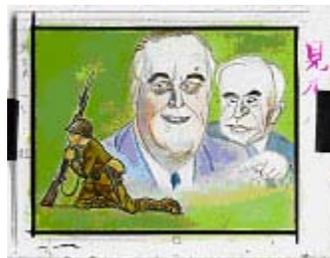
Frank Johnson folder - Applied Optics, January 1969 reprints Dick Tracy 4-2-61 on cover, and an earlier strip on p. 48.

OHA 108.05 Barondes Collection, 1933-1960

Personal papers of Royal de Rohan Barondes (b. 12/10/1896), of California. A veteran of the US Army Medical Department for both world wars, Barondes was an amateur cartoonist in both wars.

OHA 117 Blumberg Collection, 1940s-1970s, 1 piece.

Franklin Roosevelt and Cordell Hull caricatures on glass lantern slide from Japan.



OHA 130 Canham Collection, 1940s, 1968

Three scrapbooks with newspaper clippings about amputees and prosthetics, primarily

concerning World War II veterans, many concerning Walter Reed Hospital. Compiled by Donald Canham, an orthopaedic mechanic who worked for J.E. Hanger Co. Canham included clippings of comic strips.

Doonesbury Comic Strips, 2004

Original comic strips by G.B. Trudeau from April 21 and 22, 2004 in which B.D. is wounded in Iraq and loses a leg, but his life is saved by a military surgeon. Photocopies of the other strips in the series, and articles on the series are held.

OHA 168 General Medical Products Information Collection, ca. 1815present

*Abbott Laboratories - *Omnicef Hates Bugs, Loves Patients 2004 Daily Calendar with cartoons* by Dan Eaker;

- Colgate-Palmolive - *Happy Tooth and his Friends Show the Islanders How To Avoid A Painful Experience* (1972) comic book;
- Marion Laboratories - *The Anxious World of the Angina Patient as seen by Osborn* (1968) portfolio advertising medicine;
 - *Merck - *Captain Bio: Attack of the Hep B Virus!* by Tim Peters, Bio Comics, 1997;
 - *Merck - *Do You Know Your Numbers? Understanding High Blood Pressure* comic book;
- Pfizer - *Microbes: Invisible Invaders, Amazing Allies* by Sydney Donahoe and John A. Wilson (BBH Exhibits, National Institutes of Health, 1997) comic book;
- Schwarz Pharma - Verelan brochure (SP3899A 9/99) uses Dagwood.

***OHA 220.05 Museum and Medical Arts Services (MAMAS) Photographs, 1941-1945**

D441433 - "While Aussies shed their precious blood, Ole man Roosevelt finds his selfish aims going according to schedule," Japanese propaganda leaflets found on battle filed [battlefield]. World War 2. 363rd Station Hospital.



OHA 233 Medical Ephemera, 20th century

Ephemera is material that is meant for a specific purpose and then usually discarded. Comic books in this collection are mostly on AIDS education and are filed under their publisher. They include: *Bun Time Is Fun Time But Yo! Don't Play Sex Without The Latex minicomic* (Inner City AIDS Network, Washington, DC, 1992); *The Incredible Hulk #420: In the Shadow of AIDS* by Peter

David and Gary Frank (Marvel Comics); *Tar Gits: The Tar Gits get Pregnant* anti-smoking comic book by Ed Hillyer and Philip Boys (London: Health Education Authority / Comic Company, 1998); *The Provider: A Guidebook to the Tricare Healthcare Program #1-4* (US Army Medical Command, 1999-present); *Positive Power Comix #1* by Nils Osmar (University of Washington / Positive Power, 2002); *Knowledge Protects* (Maryland Dept. of Health), *Risky Business* (San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 1988); *My Brother / Mi Hermano* (American Red Cross, 1990), anti-AIDS photocomic flip book with English and Spanish text, stock #329573; *Lead the Silent Threat / El Plomo una Amenaza Silenciosa* (Children's Television Workshop, 1996); *Celia Learns to Protect Her Baby* by Tom Furtwangler and Dean Haspiel (University of Washington's Novela Health Education, 1998); *The Hazard Factor* photocopied one-shot minicomic on head injuries (Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center and the Washington Bicycle Helmet Coalition, 1999); *Sex On Earth And Other Planets -- HIV and Living in the 90's* and the Spanish-language version *Relaciones En Tierra Y Otros Planetos -- VIH y la vida en los 90's* (AIDS Project Los Angeles, 1992); *Captain Condom And Lady Latex At War With The Army Of Sex Diseases* (Program for Appropriate Technology In Health and Center For Youth Services, Washington, DC, 1991); *El Brillante* by Jason Lutes (Granger, WA: Northwest Communities Education Center and KDNA, 2001) dental education poster and comic books (in English and Spanish versions); and several Novela Health Education fotonovelas.

OHA 250 New Contributed Photographs, 19th century-present

- 0318, *Them Days Is Gone Forever* poster by Al Posen for the US Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery.
- 0320, *Your Face Looks So Familiar* poster by Frank Robbins for the US Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery.
- 0322, *Pro Station* 30 Feet cartoon poster.
- 0323, *VE; VJ; VD* poster.
- 0326, *Let There Be Light...* poster by Bob Bode.
- 0886, World War II Venereal Disease Poster: *VD: American Soldier Could Catch it with Ease; but - Prophylaxis Prevents Disease* by Arthur Szyk. Copyright 1943 by John Wyeth and Brother, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 0887, World War II Venereal Disease Poster: *Fool the Axis - Use Prophylaxis. Prophylaxis Prevents Venereal Disease!* by Arthur Szyk.
- 2818a-b, AIDS Poster: Beware of AIDS. Fiji, 1987.
- 2826a-b, AIDS Comic Book: *Leo Setzt Auf Liebe (Leo Does it out of Love)*. Germany, Nd.
- 2827a-b, AIDS Postcard: *Untitled (Skeletal Hand Pushing Needle Labeled SIDA Which Ejects Floating Skulls)*. France, 1987.
- 2829a-b, AIDS Postcard: *Les Annees SIDA (The AIDS Years)*. France, Nd.
- 2830a-b, AIDS Brochure: *(Have a Safe Trip...But Beware of the Killer Disease, AIDS, Which Threatens the World)*. Jordan, Nd.
- 2831a-b, AIDS Comic Book: *Captain Condom and Lady Latex at War with the Army of Sex Diseases*. United States, 1991.
- 2832, AIDS Postcard: *Lutte Contre Le Sida (Fight Against AIDS)*. France, Nd.

- 2919a-c, Global Responses: AIDS Posters and Printed Ephemera, 1993, installation view, ephemera case with comic books.
- 2954, AIDS Poster: If It's Not On, It's Not On.
- 2967, AIDS Poster: Esta Pensando En Hacerse La Prueba- (Are You Thinking about Taking the Test?).
- 2969, AIDS Poster: Bleachman.
- 2987, AIDS Poster in Unidentified Language (Condom on Hangar).
- 2990, AIDS Poster (Hand with Condom-covered Pencil).
- 2991, AIDS Poster in Unidentified Language (Drawing of Building Showing Safe Sex).
- 2995, AIDS Poster in German (Drawings of Homosexual Couples, We Do at Any Hour it and Are to this Date Fresh and Fit...).
- 3001, AIDS Poster (Woman Running to Man with Condoms).
- 3048, AIDS Poster: During Sex, Use a Latex Condom and a Lubricant with Nonoxynol-9.
- 4073, Copy of caricature of pathologist and Army Medical Museum curator James Earl Ash during World War II by Fred W. Toelle (original in Lent Johnson records)

OHA 253 NMHM Audiovisual Collection, 1930spresent, 5 films.

- MF 1035, *Private Snafu Versus Malaria Mike* (1944), US War Department, black & white, sound, animated;
- WR 79880, *Cardiac Medication: Angina & Nitroglycerin* (1980), WRAMCTV, 6:12 3/4" videotape, animated film for patients;
- WR 80080, *Cardiac Medication: Antiarrhythmic Drugs* (1980), WRAMCTV, 4:43 3/4" videotape, animated film for patients;
- WR 80280, *Cardiac Medication: Coumadin* (1980), WRAMCTV, 5:28 3/4" videotape, animated film for patients;
- WR80380, *Cardiac Medication: Diuretics* (1980), WRAMCTV, 5:27 3/4" videotape, animated film for patients. *SFS AFIP 1009A, HR 2001, *How To Handle Complaints* (1970), HarrisTuchman Productions, 2 film strips, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. On nursing.
 *SFS AFIP 1009B, HR 2002, *Communicating FacetoFace* (1970), HarrisTuchman Productions, 2 film strips, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box.
 *SFS AFIP 1009C, HR 2003, *How To Listen More Effectively* (1970), HarrisTuchman Productions, 2 film strips, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box.
 *SFS AFIP 1014A, SA 1001, *How Electricity Works* (1971), HarrisTuchman Productions, 1 film strip, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. Also titled "Your Partnership with Power..."
 *SFS AFIP 1014B, SA 1002, *Electrical Safety in General Care* (1971), HarrisTuchman Productions, 1 film strip, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. Also titled "Your Partnership with Power..."
 *SFS AFIP 1014C, SA 1003, *Electrical Safety in Special Care* (1971), HarrisTuchman Productions, 1 film strip, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. Also titled "Your Partnership with Power..."
 *SFS AFIP 1015A, *Take 2 and See* (1964), HarrisTuchman Productions, 1 film strip, 1 33

1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. 3 copies.

*SFS AFIP 1015B, *Tend With Legal Care* (1964), HarrisTuchman Productions, Film strip/33 record, 1 film strip, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. 3 copies.

*SFS AFIP 1015C, *Better Up Than Sorry* (1963), HarrisTuchman Productions, 1 film strip, 1 33 1/3 rpm record. Set of 3 films in box. 3 copies.

***OHA 288 Reid Collection, 1919-1936**

Correspondence of Capt. Elizabeth Reid of the U.S. Army Nursing Corps, who served in Germany after World War I and at Walter Reed in the 1930s. An additional donation of photographs in 2004 included one of a child holding a doll of Buttercup, the baby from the Toots and Casper comic strip.

OHA 293.05 Saint Elizabeth's Hospital Collection, 1861-1990

Material transferred when Saint Elizabeth's closed its museum due to being transferred from the federal government to the District of Columbia. Includes two original editorial cartoons.

1. Dr. Winifred Overholser and Dr. William A. White at an American Psychiatric Association meeting, by Roseman of the Boston Post;

2. Clifford Berryman cartoon showing Senator Carlson (written on his hat) handing a model of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to Dr. Overholser (written on his doctor's smock) as he stands in the doorway of St. E's. Inscribed: To my esteemed friend Dr. Winfred Overholser who knows nuts from noodles with cordial regard, C.K. Berryman Evening Star Jan. 29. 1944. Matted below the cartoon are two notes:

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Dr. C.

Today, I talked to Jim Berryman, son of C.K. Berryman, regarding the cartoon and its meaning. Mr. Berryman said he thinks this is when Carlson (he thought he was a Senator from Kansas) first put pressure on Congress for taxation on charitable institutions. They have tried, each session since then, to push thru this taxation, but have never been successful.

M.T.

And hand-written on stationary from Overholser' desk:

Feb 17, 1963

Dear Dale

This is an original Berryman cartoon. It might be of interest for your historical museum.

Sincerely,

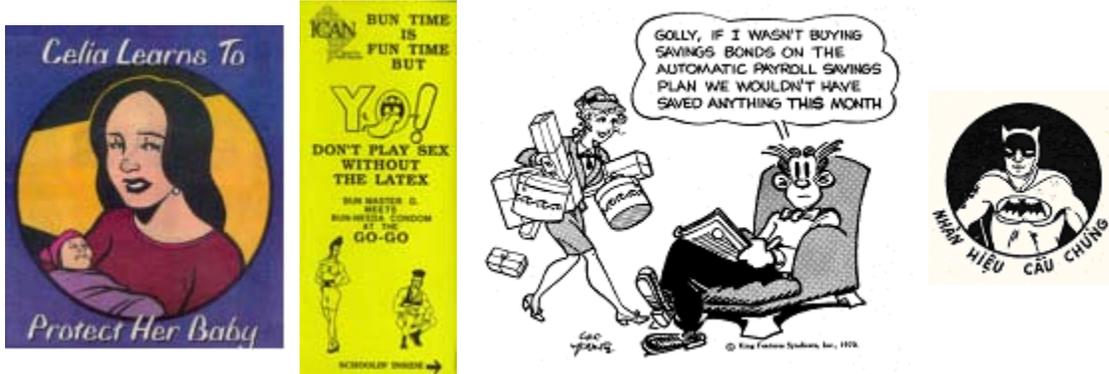
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OHA 333 Townsend Collection, 1950s-1960s

Two booklets illustrated by Robert Osborn, *Strange Area Sense* [Pamphlet 95-4; military aviation] (1960) and *Human Sense* [Pamphlet 95-3; military aviation and psychology] (1959), Washington: Department of the Army; Collection also has military newspapers with comics in them.

OHA 344 U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Archive (AVCA), 1916-1979

Collected material on the AVCA which includes clippings and articles that might have cartoons. Examples from Box 163, 'Vietnam -- Dogs' folder include a Blondie savings bond ad (The Observer, September 11, 1970), Fan Fare comic strips by Walt Ditzen, a Herblock cartoon on wire-tapping, and a tearsheet of gag cartoons "Up Country" with SP6 Bill Dolan (Army Digest, November 1967, p. 59).



OHA 351 Vietnam War Collection, 1960s-1970s

Artificial collection of various materials on the Vietnam War, much of it captured items. Includes a US Army Intelligence copy of a bootleg Batman image on a Vietnamese nasal decongestant, demonstrating his world-wide popularity during the television show.

OHA 354 Vorwald Industrial Medicine Collection, ca. 1900-1980s

Staff Commander Joint Task Force One: Naval Medical Research Section Operation Crossroads (1946) printed certificate drawn by Hadden and showing King Neptune fleeing from an atomic blast in the ocean at Bikini atoll. The certificate is bordered by drawings of fish and beautiful women as mermaids.

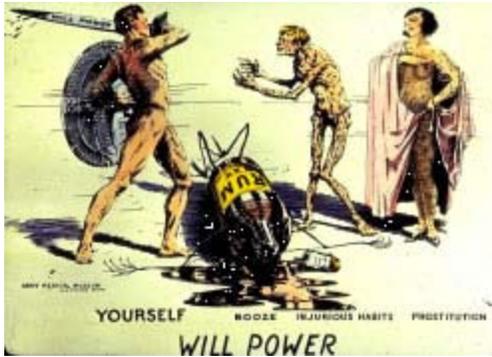
OHA 355 Walter Reed Army Medical Center History Collection, 1916-present

Photograph reproductions of two political cartoons - *Very Bad News for the Free World!* (2/15/1959) by Jim Berryman & *Foreign Policy Decision* (1959) by Herblock -- both apparently on the announcement by the President that Secretary of State Dulles had cancer and was at Walter Reed Hospital. The Berryman original cartoon was apparently given to Leonard Heaton as the cartoon is inscribed, "With Regards to Maj. Gen. Heaton."

*Also, 1918-1919 editions of the base newspaper, The Service Stripe have cartoons in each issue.

OHA 367 World War I Lantern Slide Training Sets, ca. 1916-1919

Training sets made by the Army Medical Museum during World War I, some for ROTC and the Army Air Corps. Slides on sexually transmissible diseases frequently used cartoons to make their case. See also the WWI/Reeve Collection, and Rhode, M. *The Other Battle of WWI, Hogan's Alley*, 9 (Summer 2001).



OHA 371 World War Reconstruction Aides Association Manuscript Collection, 1919-1951

Includes selection of Great Lakes Bulletin newspaper from 1919 which has editorial cartoons by Garrett Price and others, and a comic strip, Salty Steve by 'Vic Vac.'

AFIP Photographs (unsorted)

MIS 218006: photographs of Atomic exhibit at U.S. Naval Air Station at Olathe [includes panels of *Dagwood Splits the Atom* and another comic book].

Book Collection

McCleary, Robert A. 1946. *Call Me Doctor! Cartoon Memories of a Medical Student*. Baltimore: Student Book Store.

MIS Library

MIS 218598: Nine color transparencies of watercolor paintings by Marianne Giers which show Amazons invading a French town, probably ca. 1920s. There is no record of where the paintings came from, except for a notation on the envelope linking them to General Paul R. Hawley (or Howley).

Van Wey AIDS material

AIDS comic books including *H.I.V. + AIDS Can be Prevented* illustrated by Juliette de Wit (Scottish AIDS Monitor, nd); *Dora & Dan: The Dramatic Start Of A Love Affair* (National Board of Health, The AIDS Foundation and Education Department of Denmark Radio/Television and the Scottish AIDS Monitor, nd); *Sex On Earth And Other Planets -- HIV and Living in the 90's* and the Spanish-language version *Relaciones En Tierra Y Otros Planetos -- VIH y la vida en los 90's* (AIDS Project Los Angeles, 1992); *Captain Condom And Lady Latex At War With The Army Of Sex Diseases* (Program for Appropriate Technology In Health and Center For Youth Services, Washington, DC, 1991).

Unprocessed material - Two Korean war era photographs of soldier reading comic books.



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