

Finding Aid for

Walter Reed Army Medical Center History Collection OHA 355

Otis Historical Archives, National Museum of Health and Medicine Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

Date of Records: 1916 - present

10 Cubic Feet, 19 Boxes

This collection is active.

Description

Named after Major Walter Reed, the Army surgeon who discovered the cause of yellow fever, the Walter Reed General Hospital opened in 1909. After the Army Medical School, Army Dental School, Army School of Nursing, and other training facilities were established near the hospital, the campus became the Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., in 1923. In 1951, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Walter Reed, the center became the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). The Army acquired the Forest Glen Annex in Maryland in 1942 for use as a convalescent center for World War II patients. The original Forest Glen buildings were built for the National Park Seminary, a women's school (later National Park College). The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, with the National Museum of Health and Medicine, are located at the Center. The Army Medical School is now the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and moved to Forest Glen in 1999.

The collection contains files transferred from the WRAMC Public Affairs Office in 1990 as well as other items collected by Otis Archives. The Public Affairs Office files are in a series under "PAO file," followed by the original label, and contain photographs, press releases, clippings, and other materials (Boxes 3 and 4). Other items include a photocopy of "Borden's Dream," an unpublished manuscript on the history of WRAMC (referring to MAJ William C. Borden, who advocated the establishment of the center); brochures and publications; press releases; photographs (grouped by subject, in Boxes 5-9 and 12); and copies of *Stripe* (originally *Service Stripe*), the WRAMC staff newspaper (Boxes 15-19). Contact the *Stripe*'s editorial office for pre-1990 editions. The collection also contains the Army School of Nursing's annuals (yearbooks) for 1921, 1923, 1925-1927, 1929-1931. There is also a small amount of correspondence, reports, and speeches.

Box 1

American Red Cross Volunteer Program
Army community service packet
Army/DOD regulations, 1986-1987, nd
Army School of Nursing Circular of Information, ca. 1918
Army School of Nursing 25th Anniversary Alumnae Journal, 1946
Arts and Crafts Center
Borden Institute
"Borden's Dream," part 1, sections 1 & 2 (2 folders)

Box 2

"Borden's Dream," part 1, section 3
BRAC- articles, integration plans, recommendations
Brochures
Bruegge (Commanding General) curriculum vitae
Centennial celebration programs and brochures
Chemotherapy Guide Book
Clinical Investigator's Guide, 1992
Command Performance Summary, 1986
Commanders
Community relations slide set
Correspondence/memoranda, 1956-1986
Correspondence/memoranda, 1989, 2005
Correspondence re: new hospital opening, 1977
Defense and Veterans Head Injury Program
Deployment Health Clinical Center
Education division publications
Electronic medical records
Emergency Management Plan

Box 3

Events – Speeches, Ceremonies, Changes of Command
Fisher House
Fitness Center
Historical material on Walter Reed, WRAMC, and AFIP
Influenza: FAQs (H1N1, swine)
Integration, Office of (Newsletter)
Military Advanced Training Center
Mologne House brochure, 1997, 2007
Multi-Year Affirmative Action Program Plan, 1982-1986, pp 1-259
Multi-Year Affirmative Action Program Plan, 1982-1986, pp 260-539
National Capital Consortium – Graduation and Awards Ceremony, 2005
National Park Seminary, Enchanted Forest Glen book, 1999
National Park Seminary/Forest Glen material

National Park Seminary Site Preservation Feasibility Study, 1973

Nurses/Nursing

Occupational Health Clinic publications

Orthopedic Surgery Department

PAO files:

- AIDS

Box 4

PAO files:

- Appropriations and expansion
- Asian-American Week
- Budget cuts, 1960-1961
- Career program management
- Dedication of Walter Reed memorial, Nov. 21, 1966
- Departmental newsletters
- Early anniversary/first patient
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center
- Enlisted
- Fountain
- Genesee Hospital
- Granada
- Grey, Bertha J.
- Groundbreaking/history
- Lyme disease
- Medical staff
- Metals
- Myers, MGEN Paul/Wilford Hall Medical Center
- New hospital articles
- Nurses
- Old hospital
- Orientation tour (wives)
- Outpatient areas
- Patient transport
- Patients
- Post theater
- POW patients (Korean War)
- POW returnees, handling of
- Public relations typescript
- Red Cross
- Rehab clinic
- Scholarships
- Scientific Advisory Panel
- Surgeries
- Transition [training program, 1973]

- Wratten Symposium

Box 5

Patient evacuation vehicle

Patient guides, 1981-1995

Patient information, Ward 75

Pershing Suite

Photographs:

- Aerial views
- AFIP
- American Indians with patients, 1920s?
- Army hospitals, pre-1909
- Army Medical School
- Army Nurse Course graduation, 1921
- Borden, William C.
- Building 1, exterior
- Buildings, 1926-1928
- Buildings, especially Officers' Quarters, nd (1930s?)
- Buildings, including Forest Glen, 1930s-1940s

Box 6

Photographs:

- Buildings, including Forest Glen, nd (1980s?)
- Buildings, activities, etc, 1920s
- Buildings and activities taken by B. Chidel, 1985
- Buildings and grounds, miscellaneous
- Centennial book, used in (9 DVDs)
- Dedication of Walter Reed Memorial, 1966
- Forest Glen
- Funerals
- Gates
- Graduating classes
- Inauguration of AP wire service at WRAMC
- Leisure activities
- MacArthur at WRAMC, 1964
- Maps of WRAMC
- MIA/POW retreat ceremony, 1985

Box 7

Photographs:

- Military activities, unidentified
- New hospital
- New hospital, artists' conceptions

- New hospital construction (2 folders)
- New hospital floor plans
- New hospital groundbreaking, 1972
- New hospital opening, 1977
- Officers
- Officers, unidentified
- Patient care
- Patient rehabilitation
- Patient transport

Box 8

Photographs:

- Polio
- Political cartoons, emblems
- Postcards
- Post theater construction, 1949
- Presidents
- Prosthetics
- Reed, Walter
- Retirement of CSM Bell, 1983
- Staff and activities, 1940s-1950s
- *Stripe* photos, 1960s-1980s
- *Stripe* photos, mostly 1980s
- *Stripe* photos, 1990s
- *Stripe* photos and negatives
- Surgery
- Unsorted negatives
- Walter Reed

Box 9

Photographs:

- VIP visits (2 folders)
- Walter Reed School, 1950
- World War I
- World War I patients
- World War I scrapbook

Press releases, 1942-1991

Programs

Protocols

Red Cross certificate of appreciation, 1987

Requisitions, Supply

Box 10

Specimen Tracking System (SPETS)
Supervisor's Handbook, 1982
Telephone directories, 1987-1991, 1994
Telephone directories, 1995, 1997, 2000
Transition to Practice seminar

Box 10a

Tricare pamphlets
UPI report on J.N. Duarte (treated at WRAMC), Sept. 27, 1989
Videotape catalogs
Videotape of dedication of Veterans Memorial Park, 1988
VIP Guest Books, Ward 72 (digital only; 5 books, 2 copies each)
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), 1998
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), global emerging infections system
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Laboratory animal handbook, 1987
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Machine shop work
Walter Reed Institute for Biological Behavior newsclipping, 1990
Walter Reed Society, Inc.
Weitz, Charles A.
Wellness Center
Wickliffe, MGEN Nell, memorabilia [see also oversize]

Box 11

WRAMC Enhanced Use Leasing (EUL) Industry Forum, 2004
WRAMC (US Army Medical Center) guide, ca. World War II
WRAMC guides, ca. 1956, 1968
WRAMC guides, 1973, 1975
WRAMC guides, 1980-1982
WRAMC guides, 1985-1986
WRAMC guides, 1987-1989
WRAMC guides, 1990-1995
WRAMC guides, 2000-2005

Box 11a

WRAMC Hospital Formulary Pharmacy Service, 1970, 1989
WRAMC Infectious Disease Service Guide
WRAMC Outpatient Guidebook, Winter 2000
WRAMC Regulations, 1968-1973
WRAMC Regulations, 1974-1978
WRAMC Regulations, 1980-1988
WRAMC Section 106 Final Report
Yellow Ribbon Fund newsletter

Box 12 (Oversize)

Photographs: Buildings, including interiors, grounds, and staff, 1918-1940s
Working papers (notes, drafts for press releases)
Map of Washington, DC, prior to establishment of WRAMC
Map, Army Medical Research and Graduate Teaching Center, February 10, 1947
WRAMC Safety Guide
WRAMC – WRAIR evacuation plan, 1966
Photographs: Typhus medal presentation, unidentified ceremony
Photographs: Panorama of new hospital construction, 1974
Photographs: VIPs: Lloyd George, Joffre, Harding
Photographs: Aerial views of WRAMC, 1930, nd
Photographs: Color photos of emergency medicine, Vietnam
Photographs: Color photos of memorial chapel and new hospital
Photographs: Officers: Beach, Haig?, Siler, Stitt, unidentified
Service Stripe, 12/30/55, 12/16/66 [later issues of *Stripe* in Boxes 15-19]
National Park College (Forest Glen) Bulletin, viewbook issue, 1942
National Park Seminary (Forest Glen) viewbook, 1920s
Wickliffe memorabilia [see also Box 10a]
X-ray calibration data

Box 12a

Newsclippings, 1940s
Newsclippings, 1950s
Newsclippings, 1960s
Newsclippings, 1970s
Newsclippings, 1980s
Newsclippings, 1990s
Newsclippings, 2000-2007

Box 12b

Newsclippings, 2008
Newsclippings, 2009
Newsclippings, 2010

Box 13

The Army School of Nursing (Annual) 1921 (2), 1923, 1925-1927

Box 13a

The Army School of Nursing (Annual), 1929 (2), 1930-1931

Box 14

Records of the U.S. Army Prosthetics Research Lab, housed at Walter Reed at the time, 1955
(schematic drawings)

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Records of the U.S. Army Prosthetics Research Lab, housed at Walter Reed at the time, 1955 (schematic drawings)

Box 15

Stripe, scattered issues 1980-1987, complete run 1990-1993 [see also Box 12]

Box 16

Stripe, 1994-1998

Box 17

Stripe, 1999-2002

Box 18

Stripe, 2003-2006

Box 19

Stripe, 2007-

Unboxed on the shelf:

Six binders of slides showing buildings, grounds, staff, and patients, 1970s-1980s

Four bound volumes of the Come-back (Comeback), the Walter Reed newspaper produced by patients for patients, World War 1, including the first edition of December 4, 1918

Map case drawer (MC08 D1)

Four rolled US Army Prosthetics Research Laboratory blueprints

Rolled patient treatment chart

Photographs: aerial view of WRAMC, Confederate signal tree

Posters: print of National Park Seminary; notice for WRAMC Organization Day

Newsclippings

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