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OHA 181.05 Hansen (James L.) Collection

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Biographical Information: James L. Hansen, (1918-200?) was born in Goshen, Utah. He attended the University of Utah for premedical in 1941 and received his M.D. from Duke University in 1944. After interning at the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, CA in 1945, Hansen completed his residency in 1946 at Duke University Hospital, where he focused on pathology. Hansen served in the United States Army Reserves until April 8, 1946 and entered Active Duty for the United States Army on April 9, 1946 as a 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps.

Hansen's assignments during his time of service for the United States Army include the following:

- -Student officer, Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, April 1946-May 1946
- -Surgical Service Officer, Murphy General Hospital, Waltham, MA., May 18, 1946
- -Pathologist, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, CO, June 22, 1946
- -Pathologist, 406th Medical General Laboratory, Tokyo, Japan, December 29, 1946
- -Chief, Laboratory Service, 49th General Hospital, Japan, May 25, 1947
- -Army Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C., March 20, 1948-November 22, 1948
- -Resident in Pathology, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., November 23, 1948-July 6, 1949
- -Chief, Anatomic Pathology, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., July 1949-August 1950
- -Commanding Officer, First Army Area Medical Laboratory, New York, NY, August 8, 1950-December 3, 1952
- -Deputy Commander and Chief of Pathology, 406th Medical Laboratory, Tokyo, Japan, March 5, 1953- June 1, 1955



- -Chief, Pathology Service, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, TX, January 20, 1956-January 18, 1962
- -Commanding Officer, Medical Field Service Laboratory (Provisional), Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX, January 1962-September 1962
- -Director, USA Medical Research Laboratory, SEATO, Bangkok, Thailand, September 8, 1962-June 1, 1965
- -Assistant Chief, Department of Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C., August 13, 1965- July 10, 1967
- -Chief, Pathology and Laboratory Science Consultant, Office of The Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., August 1965-July 10, 1967
- -Deputy Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C., July 10, 1967-May 31, 1973
- -Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C., June 1, 1973-September 30, 1976

Series/Scope and Content Note: The collection contains material from Colonel James L. Hansen, Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology from 1973-1976. The collection was organized by material and arranged chronologically (if known). The collection is separated into the following folders: official certificates, notable official certificates, unofficial certificates, illustrations, photographs, photograph album, slides, ephemera, official orders and letters, and unofficial letters. **See also:** AFIP Historical Files, Box 63

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Official Certificates

- 1943-1976. Various certificates and awards presented to Hansen. Includes United States Army commissioning certificates for the following ranks: First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, Captain in the Medical Corps Regular Army, Major in the Medical Corps Regular Army.

00002: Unofficial Certificates (including oversized)

- 1944-1970. Various training certificates and awards presented to Hansen.

00003: Illustrations (oversized)

- 1973-1976. Illustrations from Hansen's service as Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

00004: Photographs

- 1941-1976. Primarily contains photographs taken during Hansen's stint at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Box 002:

00001: Photographs

- 1941-1976. Photographs primarily exhibit Hansen in Bangkok during his work with SEATO.

00002: Photograph Album



- November 18-November 22, 1974. Presented to Col. James L. Hansen, the album is compiled of images and captions detailing Hansen and Iranian doctors addressing plans for a research center in various meetings.

Box 003:

00001: Slides

- 1968-1972. 35mm, colored slides. Slides from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the World Health Organization, covering the following topics: Odontogenic Tumors, Oropharyngeal Tumors, various slides from Hansen's work at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Soft tissue-breast, and Salivary slides.

00002: Ephemera

- Pamphlet from SEATO, and postcards from Bangkok, Thailand.

00003: Notable Official Certificates

- 1955-1976. Includes The Bronze Star Medal, presented to Hansen in 1955, The Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster) presented to Hansen in 1971 and the Legion of Merit (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) presented to Hansen in 1976.

00004: Official Orders and Letters

- 1954-1976. Various orders and letters from the Department of the Army, primarily involving Hansen's retirement in September 1976.

00005: Unofficial Letters

- 1946-1985. Letters from various medical associations.