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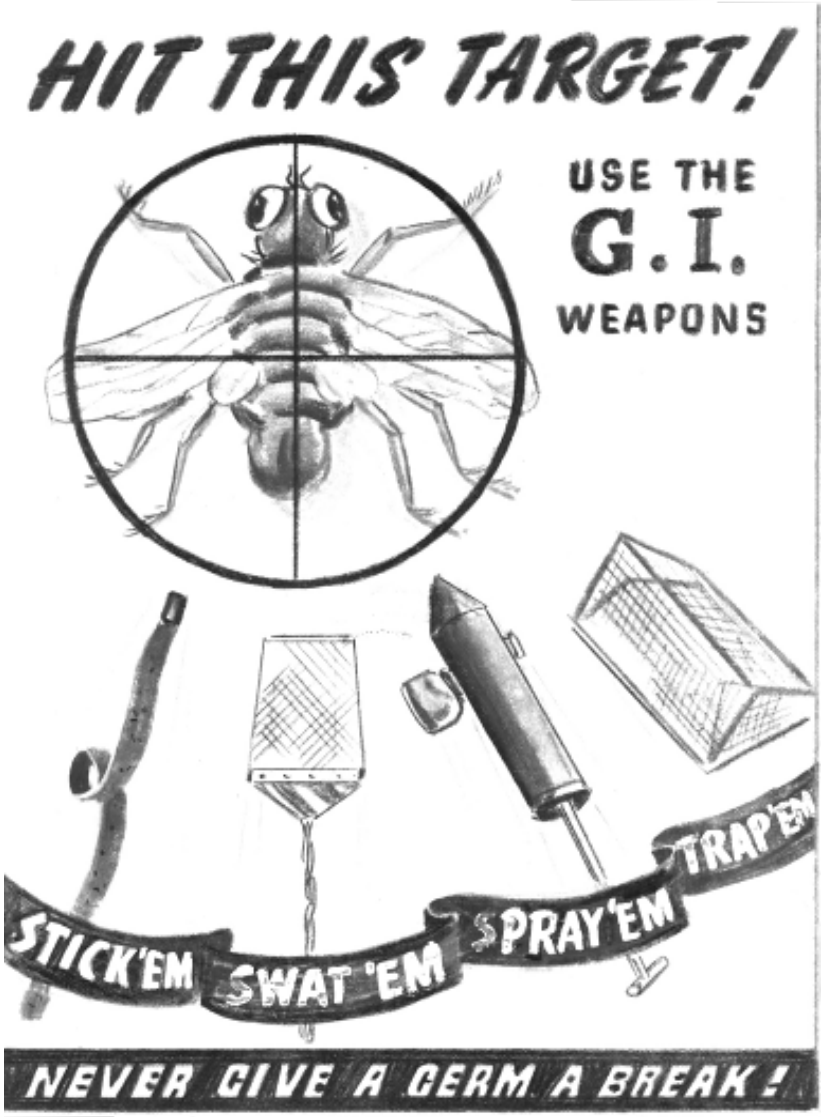
# #ColorOurCollections of World War II public health posters




***Hit this target, use the G.I. weapons, never give a germ a break,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-3)**

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National Museum of Health and Medicine and contribute to the national military medical collection.

https://www.medicalmuseum.mil/index.cfm?p=collections.index

***Carelessness spreads disease,*** **World War II**

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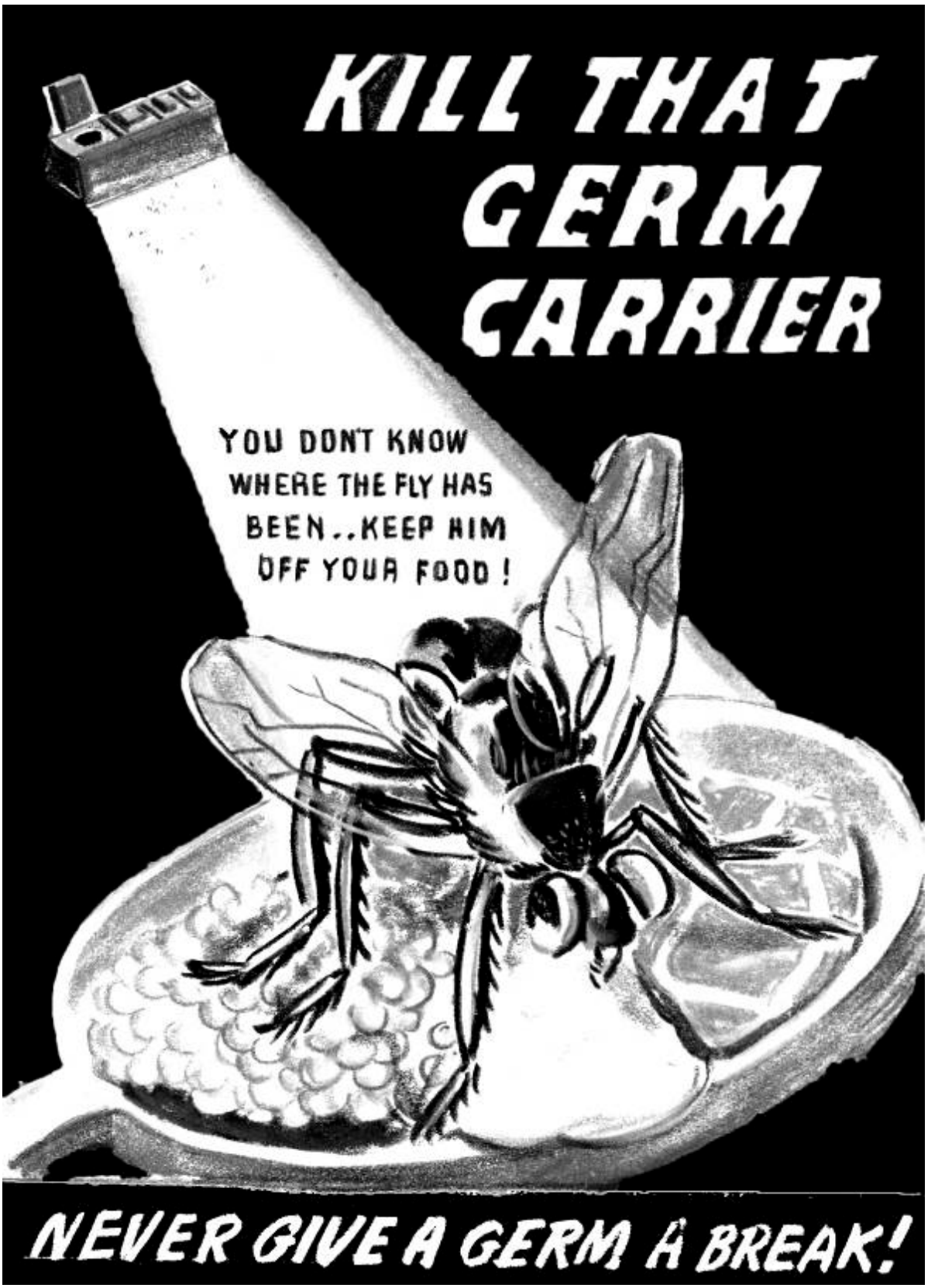
***Play safe with drinking water, use purification tablets, 2 per canteen of water, crystal clear water may be loaded with germs, melted snow or ice is not safe for drinking unless boiled or purified, never give a germ a break,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-10)**




***Kill that germ carrier, you don't know where the fly has been…keep him off your food, never give a germ a break,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-8)**

***Take a bath every day, don't smell like an old goat,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-3a)**

***Stop the filth columnist,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-2)**

***Bad water will make you sick,*** **World War II**

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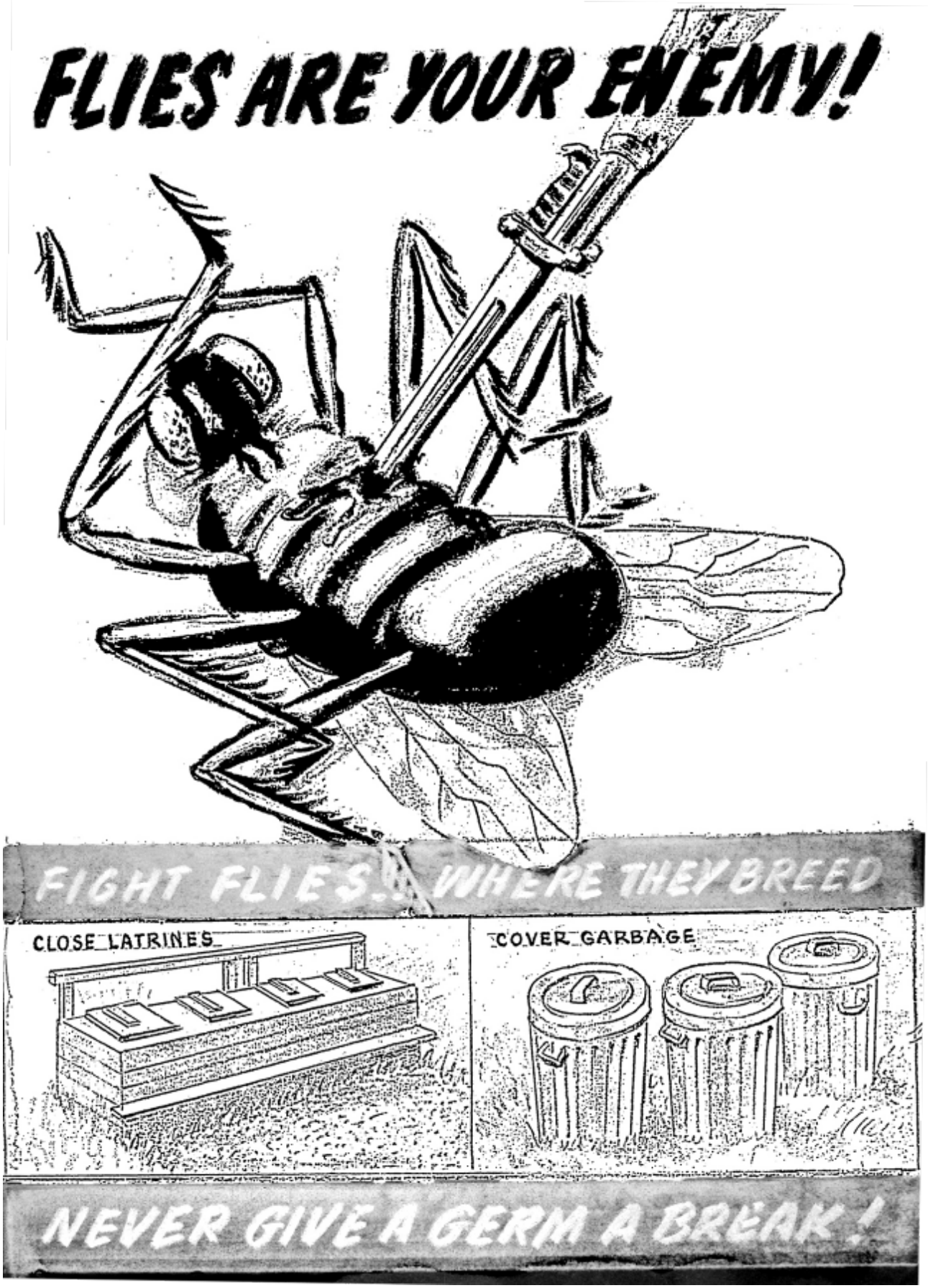



***Flies are your enemy, fight flies where they breed, never give a germ a break,*** **World War II**

**Otis Historical Archives (Reeve 84392-9)**

# About the Otis Historical Archives

The Otis Historical Archives (OHA) was established in 1968 to consolidate the museum's institutional records, manuscript collections, photographic collections, and rare books previously held by other collections divisions. The archives consist of more than 700 collections documenting the relationship between records, artifacts, and specimens housed in the museum.

Particularly significant collections within OHA include:

- **Medical Technology** and **Battlefield Surgery** from the Civil War through the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan
- **Medical Illustration** including anatomical drawings and paintings
- **Reconstructive Surgery** and **Photomicrographs**
- **Tropical** and **Infectious Disease Research**
- **Trade Literature** and **Advertisements**

The archives continues to collect material relating to these themes, with a special emphasis placed on the experience of the modern warfighter, medical innovation, and forensic medicine.

OHA is open for research by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is closed on federal holidays. We also encourage remote research requests via email. Researchers interested in consulting the collections are advised to read the Guide to the Collections or the archives' list of finding aids before sending an email to USArmy.Detrick.MEDCOM-USAMRMC.List.Medical-Museum@mail.mil.

A selection of public domain images from the OHA is available on the National Museum of Health and Medicine's Flickr account.

**Collections storage area of the National Museum of Health and Medicine**

# About the National Museum of Health and Medicine

***OUR MISSION:***
To preserve and explore the impact of military medicine

***OUR VISION:***
To preserve, inspire, and inform the history, research, and advancement of military and civilian medicine through world-class collections, digital technology, and public engagement

The National Museum of Health and Medicine was established during the Civil War as the Army Medical Museum, a center for the collection of specimens and artifacts for research related to trauma and pathology. 150 years later, the museum continues to preserve and explore the impact of military medicine as a part of the Department of Defense's Defense Health Agency Research and Development Directorate.

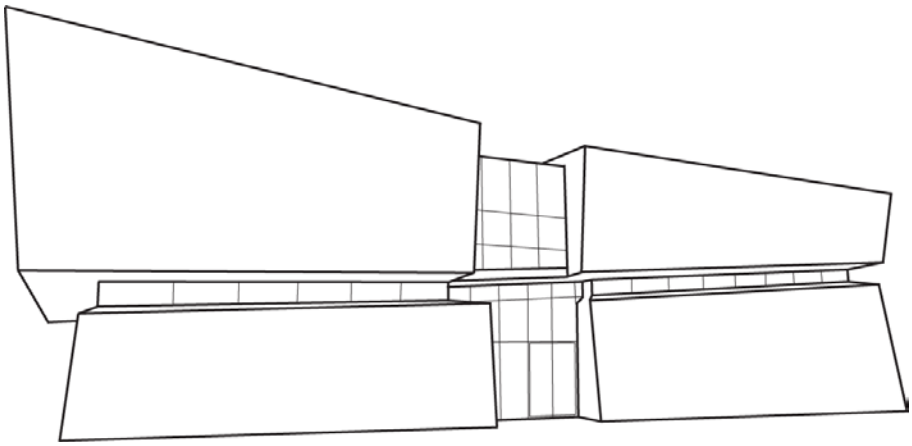
As the nation's medical museum, NMHM maintains and develops the national collections of medical artifacts, specimens, research collections and archival resources; develops and promotes programs and exhibitions; and presents informational activities that improve the understanding and awareness of military medical history, medical science and research, and disease prevention.

The collections are managed by five divisions: Historical Collections, Anatomical Collections, Neuroanatomical Collections, Human Development Anatomy Center, Otis Historical Archives

Follow our digital project, *The Micrograph*, which features stories about our collections, exhibitions, and happenings told by museum staff.

Come visit us at 2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910, just outside of the Fort Detrick-Forest Glen Annex. A free public parking lot is located in front of NMHM (directly off Linden Lane). Admission is free.

NMHM is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (except Dec. 25), including holidays.

NMHM website: https://www.medicalmuseum.mil/

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