

George W. Hunter III Papers

Title: George W. Hunter III Papers

Author/Creator: George W. Hunter III, PhD

Collection number: 21

Size: linear feet

Inclusive dates: 1942-1984

Bulk dates: 1947-1955

Repository: Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Archives, Gorgas Memorial Library, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

Abstract: The records include correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and slides.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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Status: This collection is processed.

Biographical note:

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) operated as a research organization from 1941 to 1972. George W. Hunter's involvement with the Army Epidemiological Board (AEB) began in 1945 when he joined Drs. Ernest Carroll Faust, Willard H. Wright, and Donald B. McMullen and SGTs Preston M. Bauman and James W. Ingalls in the Philippines to study how to protect the military from schistosomiasis. They were there for 6 months in 1945. In 1947 Hunter and McMullen were assigned to the 406th Medical General Laboratory in Tokyo, Japan to work on various problems related to schistosomiasis and other diseases prevalent in Japan. Additional staff in Japan were Drs L.S. Ritchie, Chiatung Pan, S.S. Lin; MAJ R.E. Freytag, SSG Doyle E. Potts, SGT L.L. Muniz, CPLs R.N. Tillman and C.P. Knox. In September 1948 testing was done with the mulluscacide Santobrite donated by Monsanto Chemical Company in Nagatoishi, a suburb of Kurume. Testing was successful and "Operation Santobrite" began in 1950. Twice a year for the next two years a three car laboratory train was brought to Kurume for the spraying of Santobrite on local rivers and canals. Snails, dead and alive, were collected and counted. Effects on the people, fish and crops in the area were studied and no adverse effects were found.

In 1951, overlapping with his duties for "Operation Santobrite," he was the Deputy Blood Administrator and was responsible for transporting blood supplies from Japan to Korea to aid injured service members during the Korean Conflict.

Scope and content of the collection:

The papers include correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and slides.

Custodial History:

The records were donated by COL (ret) George W. Hunter III, PhD to Myron Radke in 1983 and 1984.

Processing information:

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: The records were originally stored in blue folders. Since the records had been donated to COL Radke, there was no original order. The correspondence and the AV materials were grouped in their own series. Metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. All records have been rehoused in acid-free folders. All of the photographs and slides have been rehoused in Mylar sleeves and have been separated into their own box. Records and photographs for the Commission on Schistosomiasis in Japan were moved to the Records of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board under the series Commission on Tropical Diseases.

Arrangement of collection: The collection is organized as 2 series.

Series I: Publications, Reports, Citations and Correspondence

Series II: AV Materials

Detailed description of the collection:**Series I: Publications, Reports, Citations, and Correspondence, 1942-1982 and undated (8 folders)**

This series includes certificates, drafts, manuscripts, and clippings. The materials are arranged chronologically. See last page for list of awards, certificates, and citations.

Folder	Title	Date
1.	Correspondence, 1942-1984	
2.	Awards and Certificates of Appreciation, 1950, 1973, 1975, 1976 [OS, S05]	
3.	Clippings, 1951-1952, 1958	
4.	The Nagatoishi Story, 1952?	
5.	Biological Abstracts, 1956	
6.	Newsletter, US Army Parasitologist, July 1971	
7.	Biography and bibliography, undated	
8.	Mr. Deputy Blood Bank, undated	

Series II: AV Materials, 1923-1984 and undated (2 boxes and an envelope)

This series includes photographs and slides. Most of the photographs have accompanying negatives.

Folder	Title	Date
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Box 1, Photographs

1. Awards, certificates, and citations, 1944-1976
2. "Operation Santobrite," Japan, 1947-1950, and undated

Box 2, Photographs and Slides

3. Blood banking, Korea, 1950-1951, and undated
4. George Hunter Statue, Kurume, Japan, 1952-1976 and undated
5. Retirement, 1955
6. Cuban National Academy of Science, Carlos Finlay Award, 1958
7. American Society of Parasitologists, 1973
8. Portraits, undated
9. Emperor of Japan visiting snail site in Kofu, slides, 1923?
10. Blood-Korea, slides, 1950-1951
11. Puerto Rico, slides, 1952-1953
12. Bullis studies and Retirement, slides, 1955 and undated
13. "This is your life," slides, 1982

Photographs, Manila Envelope

14. George Hunter at home in California, 1984

Related Material

For more information about the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, see the Records of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, 1948-1974 in the Gorgas Memorial Library, WRAIR; the Records of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Commission Project and Manuscript files, 1954-1965, at the National Archives; the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board records, 1946-1990, and the Stanhope Bayne-Jones Papers, 1852-1969, at the National Library of Medicine.

Awards, Certificates, and Citations folder:

- Medical Department Professional Service Schools, Course in Tropical and Military Medicine, 1944
- Washington Academy of Sciences, Member, 1945
- Army Commendation Ribbon, 1946?
- The Bronze Star Medal, 1952
- Certificate of Achievement, Prefix A award, 1952
- The American Public Health Association Fellowship Certificate, 1954
- Knox College Alumni Achievement Award, framed, 1954
- Republic of Cuba, Carlos J Finlay Award, 1958
- Ceremony Invitation, Kurume, Japan, 1976