Records of the United States Medical Research and Development Project, Uganda

Title: Records of the United States Medical Research and Development Project, Uganda, 1959-1969

Author/Creator: United States Medical Research and Development Project, Uganda

Collection number: 11

Size: 1 linear foot

Bulk dates: 1960-1964

Inclusive dates: 1959-1969

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

Abstract: The records include correspondence, reports, and photographs.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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Status: This collection is processed.

Historical note

The Filarioid Diseases Project began in 1959 as a responsibility of the United States Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC). Professor Louis Van der Berghe, Director of the Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique on Afrique Centrale (IRSAC), invited the USAMRDC to investigate the epidemiological and epizootiological relationships of filarioid parasites and other tropical diseases. IRSAC was a quasi-governmental research institution located on the west shore of Lake Kivu and covered scientific investigations in the Belgian Congo. USAMRDC transferred responsibility of this overseas project to WRAIR on 30 June 1960. Political unrest during the transition from the colonial government to local rule in the Belgian Congo led the project officer CPT Donald L. Price to move his operations to Makerere College in Kampala, Uganda in July of 1960. Donald Price was welcomed by Makerere College and he quickly established a new laboratory in their medical school. Donald Price was succeeded by MAJ Norman Wilks in 1962 and LTC Dale Wykoff in 1966. The unit was disestablished in July of 1969.

Scope and content of the collection

The Filarioid Diseases Project records include correspondence, reports, newsletters, and photographs. The bulk of the material is the correspondence.

Custodial History:

Four reports (Earl Fife, 1962; Wally Murdoch, 1967; Bryce Walton, 1968; and Dale Wykoff, 1968) were donated by COL Dale Wykoff by way of COL Robert JT Joy in 2003.

Processing information

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: Original order was retained wherever possible. The correspondence files were originally arranged in reverse chronological order in the individual folders, but are now in chronological order. Monthly newsletters and annual reports were found in separate folders and they are maintained as a separate series. Exact duplicates have been removed and discarded. Most metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. All records have been rehoused in acid-free folders. All of the photographs in series III were found in their own folder and have been maintained as a separate series. There are a couple of photographs in the correspondence series.

Arrangement of collection: The collection is organized as 3 series.

Series I: Reports

Series II: Correspondence

Series III: Photographs

Detailed description of the collection

Series I: Reports, 1959-1963, 1968 (6 folders)

This series includes monthly and annual reports created by Donald L. Price and an annual report created by Dale E. Wykoff.

Folder	Title	Date
1	Monthly Newsletters, 1959	
2	Monthly Newsletters, 1960	
3	Monthly Newsletters, 1961	
4	Annual Report, July 1961-June 1962, 1962	
5	Annual Report, July 1962-June 1963, 1963	
6	Annual Report, 1 July 1967-30 June 1968, 1968	

Series II: Correspondence Files, 1959-1969 (19 folders)

The bulk of the correspondence is between Project Officers Donald L. Price, Norman E. Wilks, and Dale E. Wykoff and the Director of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research R.P. Mason and WRAIR Division Directors Geoffrey Edsall, Abram Benenson, and Robert Traub. There are some quarterly reports and newsletters mixed in with the correspondence when sent as enclosures. The general correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Folder	Title	Date
1	Correspondence, 1959	
2	Correspondence, January-June 1960	
3	Correspondence, July-December 1960	
4	Correspondence, January-March 1961	
5	Correspondence, April-June 1961	
6	Correspondence, July-September 1961	
7	Correspondence, October-December 1961	
8	Correspondence, January-March 1962	
9	Correspondence, April-June 1962	
10	Correspondence, July-September 1962	
11	Correspondence, October-December 1962	
12	Correspondence, January-June 1963	
13	Correspondence, July-December 1963	
14	Correspondence, 1964	
15	Correspondence, 1965	
16	Correspondence, 1966	
17	Correspondence, 1967	
18	Correspondence, 1968	
19	Correspondence, 1969	

Series III: Photographs, 1967 (1 box) [S16]

This series contains photographs taken by LTC Wykoff in 1967. Many of the photographs have been replicated in the 1 July 1967-30 June 1968 Annual Report.

Box	Title	Date
1	Karamoja District, Uganda, 1967	

Related Material

For more information, see the records of the USAMRU-Kenya in the Gorgas Memorial Library.