

Records of the Army Medical Research Program on Malaria

Title: Records of the Army Medical Research Program on Malaria, 1963-1979

Author/Creator: Army Medical Research Program on Malaria

Collection number: 16

Size: 1.5 linear feet

Inclusive dates: 1963-1979

Bulk dates: 1963-1969

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

Abstract: The records include correspondence and reports.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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Status: This collection is processed.

Historical note:

While malaria has been a concern for the US Army for many years, research lagged after WWII when it was erroneously believed that chloroquine and DDT were enough to tame the parasite. Unfortunately, resistance to chloroquine and DDT developed, which sparked a return to the study of malaria in 1961. Research dollars were quickly accelerated in 1965 just as troops were landing in Vietnam. Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Director Colonel William Tigertt headed the Army's new emphasis on malaria research. COL Tigertt was also the Director of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board's Commission on Malaria from 1967-1969. Malaria studies were conducted at WRAIR laboratories in Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Clinical trials at Stateville Prison in Illinois had been ongoing since 1944 and were continued until 1974.

Scope and content of the collection:

The Army Medical Research Program on Malaria records includes correspondence and some reports.

Processing information:

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: Original order was retained. All correspondence had been separated by year and filed in reverse chronological order. The order of the letters in the folders has been reversed to flow

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naturally through the time period covered. Exact duplicates were removed and discarded. Most metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. All records have been rehoused in acid-free folders.

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

Series I: Reports

Series II: Correspondence

Detailed description of the collection:

Series I: Reports, 1964-1976 and undated (16 folders)

This series includes one report about the malaria program in Vietnam as requested by the Government of Vietnam, a reprint of presentations given at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Physicians, 1-5 April 1968, which includes reports on the Army Malaria Research Program, and some budget data.

Folder	Title	Date
1.	Report Malaria Evaluation Team,	1964
2.	Army Malaria Research Program 1. General Information,	1965
3.	Army Malaria Research Program 2. Reports on Progress,	1966
4.	Army Malaria Research Program 4, 5, and 6,	1967
5.	Army Malaria Research Program 7 and 8,	1968
6.	Panel on Malaria,	1968
7.	Parasitology in the U.S. Army,	1968
8.	Army Malaria Research Program 9 and 10,	1969
9.	Army Malaria Research Program 11,	1970
10.	Army Malaria Research Program 12 and 13,	1971
11.	Budget, FY71 Malaria Program,	1971
12.	Army Malaria Research Program 14,	1972
13.	Army Malaria Research Program 15 and 16,	1973
14.	Army Malaria Research Program 18,	1975
15.	Army Malaria Research Program 19,	1976
16.	WRAIR research program in malaria,	undated

Series II: Correspondence, 1963-1979 (28 folders)

This series includes correspondence regarding the ongoing issues surrounding malaria such as resistance, clinical trials at Stateville Prison in Illinois, and new drug evaluation. Other topics include funding, scope of projects, and personnel. The bulk of the correspondence is from William D. Tigertt, Robert E. Blount, and Robin Powell. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

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1. Correspondence, 1963
2. Correspondence, 1964
3. Correspondence, January-March 1965
4. Correspondence, April-June 1965
5. Correspondence, July-October 1965
6. Correspondence, November-December 1965
7. Correspondence, January-March 1966
8. Correspondence, April-June 1966
9. Correspondence, July 1966
10. Correspondence, August 1966
11. Correspondence, September-October 1966
12. Correspondence, November 1966
13. Correspondence, December 1966
14. Correspondence, January-March 1967
15. Correspondence, April-June 1967
16. Correspondence, July-August 1967
17. Correspondence, September-November 1967
18. Correspondence, 1968
19. Correspondence, January-March 1969
20. Correspondence, April-June 1969
21. Correspondence, July-September 1969
22. Correspondence, October-December 1969
23. Correspondence, 1971
24. Correspondence, 1972
25. Correspondence, 1973
26. Correspondence, 1974
27. Correspondence, 1975
28. Correspondence, 1977-1979

Related Material

More information may be found in the Records of USAMRU-Malaysia, 1952-1987; the Records of SEATO Medical Research Laboratory, 1958-1982; the Records of USAMRT-Vietnam, 1963-1973; the Records of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, 1941-1992; and the Migratory Animal Pathological Survey (MAPS), 1963-1972 in the Gorgas Memorial Library.