

Records of the United States Army Medical Research Unit, Brasilia, Brazil

Title: Records of the United States Army Medical Research Unit, Brasilia, Brazil, 1971-1999

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Collection number: 15

Size: 2 linear feet

Inclusive dates: 1971-1999

Bulk dates: 1973-1980

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

Abstract: The records include correspondence and ephemera.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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Status: This collection is processed.

Historical note:

United States Army Medical Research Unit (USAMRU), Brazil was established 1 July 1972 to study specific chemical compounds to determine their effectiveness in preventing and curing schistosomiasis. It was established as a cooperative effort between the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) and the University of Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil. Previous work on schistosomiasis had been conducted at the 406th Medical General Laboratory, Camp Zama, Japan and the work in Brazil was to test four compounds that had been found active in Japan, plus any active compounds given to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research for testing. The Unit was initially staffed with one officer only, LTC Myron Radke. In 1978, the Unit was expanded to include the study of chloroquine resistant malaria. The Unit moved to Rio de Janeiro in 1989 as a joint medical research laboratory with the Brazilian Army at the Instituto de Biologia do Exército (IBEX). The Unit was disestablished in 1999.

Scope and content of the collection:

The USAMRU- Brasilia records include correspondence, agreements, reports, protocols, and clippings. The bulk of the material is the correspondence from 1973 to 1979.

Custodial History

Four folders of correspondence from Robert J.T. Joy, Peter Loizeaux, and Garrison Rapmund; and two folders of clippings were given to WRAIR by Myron Radke on 18 August 1983. Four folders of reports, protocols and correspondence from 1993-1999 were given to WRAIR by Jack Balsinger, Director of the Office of Quality Activities, in May 2011. The remainder of the files was administrative and came from headquarters, date unknown. The AV materials are from DMAVS, received in February 2016.

Processing information:

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: Original order was retained wherever possible. The correspondence had been arranged in reverse chronological order. The telegrams (years 1973-1976, 1979, and 1980) had been placed in separate folders, incoming and outgoing, by year. The telegrams have been interfiled with the appropriate year correspondence. The four folders of correspondence from Myron Radke have also been interfiled with the administrative correspondence; however most of the correspondence was duplicates of the correspondence in the administrative files. There was very little correspondence from the later record transfer, but they have been placed in their own folders. The correspondence is now all filed chronologically. Exact duplicates were removed and discarded. A folder of reprints without annotations was discarded. A list of the reprints is available. Most metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. All records have been rehoused in acid-free folders. Detailed lists attached to some groups of correspondence are retained in the administrative archives records; please contact the archivist for more information.

Arrangement of collection: The collection is organized as 4 series.

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Reports and Protocols

Series III: Ephemera

Series IV: AV Materials

Detailed description of the collection:

Series I: Correspondence, 1971-1981, 1992, 1994-1999

The bulk of the correspondence is between Unit Director Myron Radke and WRAIR Directors Robert J.T. Joy and Garrison Rapmund. There are some reports mixed in with the correspondence when sent as enclosures. The materials are arranged chronologically.

Folder	Title	Date
1	Correspondence, 1971	
2	Correspondence, 1972	

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3	Correspondence, 1973
4	Correspondence, 1974
5	Correspondence, 1975
6	Correspondence, 1976
7	Correspondence, 1977
8	Correspondence, 1978
9	Correspondence, January-June 1979
10	Correspondence, July-December 1979
11	Correspondence, 1980-1981
12	Correspondence, 1992
13	Correspondence, 1994
14	Correspondence, 1995
15	Correspondence, 1996
16	Correspondence, 1997
17	Correspondence, 1998
18	Correspondence, 1999

Series II: Reports and Protocols, 1981, 1992-1999, and undated (6 folders)

This series consists of reports and protocols written during the final years of the Unit. The materials are arranged by type and then chronologically.

Folder	Title	Date
1	History of the Unit, 1995 and undated	
2	Information packet, 1981?	
3	Protocols, 1996-1999	
4	Record of the TAP study, 1992	
5	Reports, 1993-1997	
6	Reports, 1998	

Series III: Ephemera, 1976-1979 and undated (5 folders)

This series consists of clippings and journals. The clippings are mainly from Brazilian newspapers and journals and are in Portuguese. The materials are arranged alphabetically.

Folder	Title	Date
1	<i>Boletim Informativo Tecnico da Veterinaria Militar</i> , 1977-1978	
2	Clippings, in Portuguese, 1976-1979 and undated	
3	Clippings, political cartoons, in Portuguese, 1977 and undated	
4	<i>Istoe</i> , no. 32, 1977	
5	<i>Visao</i> , vol. 50, no. 7, 1977	

Series IV: AV Materials, 1988, 1990 and undated (1 box)

This series consists of photographs and slides of the unit in Rio de Janeiro received from DMAVS.

Box	Title	Date
1	Buildings, photographs and slides, undated	
2	Field work, photographs and slides, 1988, 1990 and undated	

Related Material

For more information, see the Records of USAMRU-Belem, 1971-1979; the Records of the WRAIR Overseas Laboratories, 1935-1998; the Records of the WRAIR AV Materials; and the Records of USAMRU-Panama, 1959-1976 in the Gorgas Memorial Library.