

Records of the Tropical Research Medical Laboratory Puerto Rico

Title: Records of the Tropical Research Medical Laboratory, 1950-1966

Author/Creator: Tropical Research Medical Laboratory

Collection number: 6

Size: 1 linear foot

Inclusive dates: 1950-1966

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

Abstract: The records include correspondence, photographs, and a report.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

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Status: This collection is processed.

Historical note:

The United States Army Tropical Research Medical Laboratory (TRML) in Puerto Rico was established from an Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Commission on Immunization project on leptospirosis. It began in 1950 utilizing the facilities of the former Medical Laboratory, Antilles Department, Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico. It was redesignated as the US Army Tropical Research Medical Laboratory in 1957. Its mission was the conduct of "tropical medical research unencumbered by additional secondary missions." It mainly studied communicable diseases such as schistosomiasis and filariasis; and metabolism. The TRML closed on 30 June 1966.

Scope and content of the collection:

The TRML records include correspondence, photographs, and a report.

Processing information:

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: Original order was retained. Materials were separated by document type and arranged chronologically. Exact duplicates were removed and discarded. Most metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. The photographs were placed in Mylar sleeves. All documents have been rehoused in acid-free folders.

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

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Reports

Detailed description of the collection:

Series I: Correspondence, 1957-1964

This series includes correspondence regarding the administration of the program and its ongoing issues. The bulk of the correspondence is from Abram S. Benenson, Geoffrey Edsall, and William H. Meroney. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Folder	Title	Date
1.	Correspondence, 1957-1959	
2.	Correspondence, 1960-1961, 1964	

Series II: Photographs, 1950-1966 and undated

This series includes photographs and negatives of the Commanders of the Unit, buildings, and field work conducted around Puerto Rico.

Folder	Title	Date
1.	Commanders, 1950-1966	
2.	Commanders, negatives, 1950-1966	
3.	Buildings, 1955, 1958 and undated	
4.	Building, negative, undated	
5.	Field Work, 1957-1958 and undated	

Series III: Reports, 1957-1966

This series includes progress reports from 1957 to its closing in 1966 and 1 report about the then current history of the unit.

Folder	Title	Date
1.	Annual progress report, 1957-1958	
2.	R&D progress report, 1959	
3.	Research and Development progress report, FY1960	
4.	Research and Development progress report, FY1961	
5.	Progress report, 1961-1962	
6.	Annual progress report, 1962-1963	
7.	Annual progress report, 1963-1964	

8. Annual progress report, 1964-1965
9. Annual progress report, 1965-1966
10. Tropical Research Medical Laboratory, History of the Unit, 1959