

THE 36TH GENERAL HOSPITAL COLLECTION

Papers, 1941-1946, 1955
(Predominantly, 1942-1945)

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Base Hospital No. 36, sponsored by the Detroit College of Medicine, was originally activated in World War I and stationed in Vittel, France. During the winter of 1942 the 36th was reactivated as a 1,000 bed General Hospital under Wayne University's sponsorship. In August of 1943 when the 36th left Camp Carson, Colorado for overseas duty, it had a staff of 50 medical officers, 120 nurses, and 500 enlisted men. Included in its ranks was a large number of Wayne University medical personnel.

After first being shipped to Algeria, the 36th was ordered to Caserta, Italy in October of 1943. Established in the rear of the Fifth Army, the hospital had an average daily census of 1,800 patients. In June of 1944 a Texas hospital unit was added to the 36th to make it a 2,000 bed facility. The hospital followed the allied invasion forces north into France and was located successively at Aix-en-Provence, Dijon, and Garches. The unit was deactivated at Baston in November of 1945. During its 3 1/2 years of service the 36th had treated over 45,000 sick and wounded and received two decorations.

The records of the 36th General Hospital relate predominantly to the unit's initial phases of mobilization during 1942 and early 1943. Included in the collection are a log book and annual reports for 1944 and 1945, materials assembled for a projected unit history, and a published history of the hospital's World War I activities.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Organization, administration and day to day functioning of a U.S. Army hospital unit.
Biographical data on Wayne University's College of Medicine faculty

Among the correspondents are: (An index to correspondents will be found on the last page of the guide.)

Henry R. Carstens
M.W. Ireland, Major General U.S. Army (Ret.)
James C. Magee, Surgeon General U.S. Army
Edgar H. Norris
Burt R. Shurly

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Series II is composed of materials relating to unit personnel including personnel rosters, officers active duty requests and, personnel files from 1942-1943. Biographical data is contained in the officers' personnel files.

Series III, Box 5 folders 16-38, Box 6.

Series III contains unit historical materials including a published history of the hospital's World War I activities, a manuscript outline of a history for the World War II period, materials gathered to write the history outline and copies of a special issue of the hospital's newspaper chronicling its World War II service.

Non-manuscript material

The following items have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collections: a motion picture film and 25 photographs and negatives relating to the 36th General Hospital's flag presentation ceremony held at Wayne University in October, 1942; 51 medical officers personnel photographs; 114 lantern slides and 210 photographs relating to the unit's activities in the United States and Europe; 3 maps of the hospital facilities in Caserta, Dijon, and Garches.

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Series I
Boxes 1-2

Series I contains unit organizational and administrative records from 1942-1946, 1955 (predominantly 1942-1945) including the Commanding Officers 1944-1945 log book, annual reports from 1944 and 1945, unit bulletins, U.S. Army regulation bulletins, financial records, newspaper publicity clippings and unit correspondence. The correspondence includes letters relating to Wayne's efforts to get the unit reactivated, recruitment of personnel, supply acquisitions, and plans for the hospital's November 1955 reunion.

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2. Annual Historical Report, 1944
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6. Unit Bulletins, Aug. 14, 1942-Feb. 3, 1943
7. U.S. Army Regulation Bulletins, July 25, 1940-June 2, 1941
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10. Financial Records-Correspondence, Jan, 14, 1942-Feb. 16, 1943

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3. General Correspondence, Jan. 14, 1942-March 17, 1942
4. , April 16, 1942-Nov. 23, 1942
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7. , Feb. 2, 1942-Aug. 13, 1942
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10. Hayes Hospital-Correspondence, March 19, 1942- June 20, 1942
11. Supply and Equipment Acquisition-Correspondence, Sept. 1942
12. Laboratory-Correspondence, May 8, 1942-June 26, 1942
- 13-14. Medical Library Organization and Holdings
15. Medical Examination Forms
16. Flag Presentation Ceremony Program Plans, 1942
17. Flag Presentation Ceremony Invitations-Correspondence, Sept., 1942
18. Flag Presentation Ceremony Invitation Responce-Correspondence, Sept., 1942
19. Publicity and Newspaper Clippings, 1942-1943
20. Pamphlets-Miscellaneous
21. Unit History Requests-Correspondence, 1942
22. 36th General Hospital Reunion Plans, Correspondence, Nov. 1955

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Series II

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Series II contains personnel Organization and recruitment records, unit personnel rosters, active duty requests, and personnel files from 1942-1943. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject. Biographical data is contained in the officers' personnel files.

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1. Personnel-Organization and Recruitment Records, Aug. 3, 1942-Feb. 16, 1943
2. , undated
3. Personnel-Officers Active Duty Requests, Aug. 4, 1942-March 6, 1943
4. Unit Personnel Rosters-Officers, April, 1942-Oct. 9, 1942
5. , undated
6. -Nurses, July 14, 1942-June 15, 1943
7. -Enlisted Men, March 19, 1942- Jan. 8, 1943
8. -Enlisted Men, Undated
9. Medical Services - Dr. John Allen
10. Internal Medicine - Dr. Raymond M. Andries
11. Medical Services - Dr. Carl B. Beeman
12. Surgery - Dr. Matthew C. Bennett
13. Surgery - Dr. James H. Blain Jr.
14. Surgery - Dr. Roman E. Boucher
15. Surgery - Dr. George T. Bradley
16. Surgery - Dr. William Brommer
17. Medical Administrative Corps - John J. Caldwell
- 18-19. Medical Services - Dr. W.C.C. Cole
20. Mess Officer - John F. Corcoran
21. Dental - Dr. William W. Crebs
22. Surgery - Dr. James E. Croushare
23. Medical Administrative Corps - Frances A. Crowley
24. Surgery - Dr. Robert T. Crowley
25. Medical Services - Dr. Grant R. Curless
26. Medical Administrative Corps - Hillis R. Duggins
27. Medical Services - Dr. Seth W. Ellis
28. Laboratory - Dr. Franklin F. Ferguson
29. Medical Services - Dr. David P. Gage
30. Surgery - Joe H. Gardner
31. Surgery - Dr. Charles M. Henry
32. Dental - Dr. David F. Heron
33. Dental - Dr. James H. Hicks
34. Internal Medicine - Dr. Charles L. Hudson
35. Medical Services - Dr. Ralph H. Huff
36. Internal Medicine - Wendell C. Kelly
37. Medical Services - Dr. Lewis Kline
38. Roentgenology - Dr. Donald A. Koch

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2. Dental - Dr. Micheal W. Leary
3. Medical Administrative Corps - J. Lyndon Leet
4. Roentgenology - Dr. James LofStrom
5. Medical Administrative Corps - Douglas E. McCormick
6. Nurse - Emma J. MacDonald
7. Medical Services - Dr. Richard McKean
8. Medical Services - Dr. Rennett W.A. McLeod
9. Dental - Dr. Max Mallon
10. Surgery - John Edward Manning
11. Laboratory - Harry C. Matthews
12. Medical Services - Dr. Franklin O. Meister
13. Surgery - Dr. Harry Miller
14. Medical Administration Corps - James O. Niess
15. Surgery - Dr. Rudolf J. Noer
16. Medical Services - Dr. Hal V. Norgaard
17. Dental - Dr. Alfred Rehfield
18. Surgery - Dr. Bert R. Richey
19. Medical Services - Dr. Milton J. Rueger
20. Surgery - Dr. Richard C. Schneider
21. Medical Administrative Corps - John d. Seeley
22. Internal Medicine - Dr. Harold C. Shafer
23. Medical Administrative Corps - Kenneth W. Smith
24. Medical Services - Dr. Lewis L. Smith
25. Surgery - Dr. Richard Speirs
26. Surgery - Dr. John C. Stageman
27. Dental - Dr. William D. Suthers
28. Surgery - Dr. Ivan B. Taylor
29. Internal Medicine - Dr. Nelson M. Taylor
30. Surgery - Dr. Mayo Tenery
31. Surgery - Dr. William M. Tuttle
32. Surgery - Dr. Willis H. Vlrich
33. Medical Services - Dr. Bernard A. Watson
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2. Dietition - Majorie J. Wood
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6. - Dental Laboratory Technicians
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10. - Male Nurses, Operating Room
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Series III contains materials relating to the 36th General Hospital's history including the manuscript outline of a comprehensive unit history compiled by Chalmers Wickwirs (Box 5, folders 16-27, Box 6 folders 1-28), copies of a special issue of the hospital's newspaper describing the unit's World War II activities, and a published (1919) World War I history of Base Hospital No. 36 whose author is unknown.

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- 21. 36th General Hospital - Appendix I
- 22. - Chapter Outline: Medical,
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- 23. : Nursing,
- 24. Radiology, Laboratory Services : Physiotherapy,
- 25. Administrative Supply and Utility Services : Registrar,
- 26. Medical Department, Mess Department : Red Cross,
- 27. Special Services, Summary of World War II Activities
- 28. 36th General Hospital-Appendix II
- 29. Administrative Services
- 30. Awards and Citations
- 31. Burr-Medical History of Michigan
- 32. Barratt, Major
- 33. Clift, Dr. M.W.
- 34. Cole, Dr. Wyman C.
- 35. Correspondence
- 36. Dental Services
- 37. Detachment, Medical Detroit
- 38. Detroit Medical News
- 39. Detroit College of Medicine

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- 3. Journal of the Michigan State Medical Society
- 4. Laboratory Services
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11. Medical Services, Mc Graw, Dr. Theodore A.
12. Mess Department
13. Narrative History
14. Brief History of Unit
15. Noer, Dr. Rudolf J.
16. Pictures and Caption Correspondence
17. Radiology Department
18. Red cross
19. Shurly, Dr. Burt R.
20. Surgical Services
21. Taylor, Dr. Nelson
22. 36th General Hospital
23. U.S. Army Base Hospital #6 W.W.I
24. U.S. Army Base Hospital #36 W.W.I
25. Walter, Dr. Frank B.
26. Wayne College of Medicine
27. Warwick, Lorene, Cheif Nurse
28. Wilson, Catherine
29. Dry Run-Unit Newspaper History Of World War II
Activities; Bound, November 25, 1946
30. Dry Run-Unit Newspaper History of World War II
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31. A History of Base Hospital No. 36, Detroit College of Medicine
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