

**Oregon Health & Science University
Historical Collection & Archives**

**Kathryn D. Hilterbrandt Collection
Accession No. 2003-001**

Guide

Organizational/Biographical Information

Kathryn D. Fisher was born July 10, 1913 in Roseburg, Oregon. Fisher was a member of the 46th General Hospital. She stayed in the Army Reserves to attain a lieutenant colonel's rank and worked at Vancouver Memorial Hospital in Vancouver, Washington for 34 years as a nurse anesthetist. In 1965, she married Howard E. Hilterbrandt. Mr. Hilterbrandt died in 1985.

The 46th General Hospital was organized at the University of Oregon Medical School and staffed by Oregon medical personnel. The 46th General Hospital was called to active duty and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas on July 15, 1942 to begin training for overseas duty. The 46th General Hospital landed in North Africa in August of 1943 and had been stationed near Oran, Algeria until it was moved across the Mediterranean to a town in Southern France. In Algeria, the 46th General Hospital handled casualties from the Italian front. It was designated as the specialist unit for the handling of eye cases, skin diseases and tuberculosis patients.

Kathryn Hilterbrandt died on December 11, 2000 at the age of 87. Her funeral was held on December 15, 2000 in Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Vancouver, Washington.

Scope, Content and Arrangement

The collection consists of an American flag and a film. The American flag was used in Kathryn Hilterbrandt's funeral. The film, which has no sound, shows members of the 46th General Hospital in Kansas marching and playing sports. The film arrived in a box with the following inscription written on the front: "46th GE H 1942, film taken by Frank Lutz. This is a duplicate of a duplicate. We understand this film was taken at our basic training station, Ft. Riley, Kansas. Our boys playing baseball-at play? - Lt. Cal. Lutz headed our Dental Section."

Related Materials

Archives

Accession Number: 1998-007 Hills, Hilterbrandt and Richards Papers
Accession Number: 2000-005 Evert A. Tinker Photograph Albums
Accession Number: 2000-006 Colonel Strohm's Nurse's Photograph Albums
Accession Number: 2000-007 Charles F. Norris Photograph Albums
Accession Number: 2001-001 46th General Hospital Papers

Accession Number: 2003-004 Naida Hoffman Hurlburt
Accession No. 1997-003 Oregon State Medical Society
The Service Bulletin (1943-1946), subject files, physician correspondence files, and physician card files. These records document the military careers of Oregon physicians serving in World War II through correspondence, clippings, and records of rank and decorations. They also document various aspects of the war effort and its impact on the physicians who served, including racial issues, POW experiences, and various service units. Specific units mentioned include the U.S.S. Comfort, 41st Division, 46th General Hospital, 91st Evacuation Hospital, 101st Airborne Division, and 104th Infantry Division.

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PNW Archives

Burns, Edgar Murray, *Notes on the U.S. Medical Service 46th General Hospital in WWII: history of the Oregon Neuropsychiatric Society*. [1945-1979?]

Diack, Arch W. 46th General Hospital: University of Oregon Medical School in World War II, 1942-45, a sketch journal. Published by Arch W. Diack, 1986

Hills Ruby, *Remembering Our Experiences in WWII: 1942-45*, 1991.

World War II and the Greatest Generation [video recording]: *the University of Oregon Medical School history*. [Produced by] Linda Weimer, Joan Ash. Portland: Oregon Health & Science University, 2001.

Quantity

Boxes: 2

Linear feet: 2.42

Provenance

The materials were received from Ruby Hills in September 2001 and processed by the OHSU Historical Collections & Archives staff in February 2003.