

**Guide to the Otis B. Wight - Base Hospital
46 : Glass Plate Negative Collection
2006-012**

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator - Photographer	Wight, Otis B. , M.D.
Title	Otis B. Wight - Base Hospital 46 : Glass Plate Negative Collection
Date [inclusive]	1918-1919
Extent	0.5 Linear feet 1 box, 28 negatives
Physical Description	The glass plates are very fragile and the solution is cracking and flaking around the edges.
Location	Archives, Room 440, Old Library, Marquam Hill Campus
Language	English
Abstract	The collection consists of two sets of glass plate silver bromide negatives, totaling 28 negatives. The images were taken by Otis B. Wight, M.D., and are of Base Hospital 46 and staff stationed in Bazoil-les-sur-Meuse, France during World War I. During the war, Wight served as Captain as well as the Chief of Medical Service at the base hospital. In addition to military service, Wight practiced as a physician and surgeon in Portland, Oregon for many years.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical note

Otis B. Wight, M.D., was born on May 28, 1877, in Cleveland, Ohio. He received a B.A. from Stanford University in 1898 and graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1902. Otis married Clara L. Martin in 1904 and raised 2 daughters, Mary Louis and Jean and 1 son, Otis.

Wight was commissioned as Captain during WWI on December 2, 1917. His first assignment in 1918 was to mobilize enlisted men to staff Base Hospital 46. Base Hospital 46 was the University of Oregon Medical School's organized contingent of the volunteer medical personnel. He went first to Camp Lewis, Washington where he was promoted to Major. He also accepted a commission as Chief of Medical Service at the Base Hospital. In January of that same year, Wight became Adjutant and Registrar.

Wight served over 40 years as a Portland physician, surgeon, and civic leader. He also specialized in the treatment of cancer using radium. In 1955, at the age of 77, Dr. Wight died from a stroke. From the time that he suffered his first stroke until his death in 1955, he resided in Good Samaritan Hospital, becoming, at that time, the hospital's longest-term patient.

Medical Practice:

Private practice – Portland, Oregon

Medical director – Old Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company (Standard Insurance Company)

Commissioned Captain, Medical Corps – WWI

Memberships:

Board of Trustees – Portland Art Museum

Arlington Club

Waverly Country Club

Oregon State Medical Society

American College of Surgeons

Theta Xi social fraternity

Freemasons – Willamette Lodge AF & AM

Publications *On Active Service with Base Hospital 46 U.S.A.:* Mar. 20, 1918 to May 25, 1919, ed. Otis B. Wight, Major, M.C., Donald Macomber, Captain, M.C., Arthur S. Rosenfeld, First Lieutenant, M. C. Arcady Press: Portland, Oregon, 1920.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of two sets of glass plate silver bromide negatives, totaling 28 negatives. The images are of Base Hospital 46 and staff. The photographs were taken in Bazoil-les-sur-Meuse, France during World War I and were predominately used for publication. The negatives arrived housed in their original printed cardboard boxes which measure 13 cm x 18 cm. The boxes identify the plate manufacturer as J. Jougla of Lumiere & Jougla. The photographic method is identified as "plaques a mode bromure d'argent", or silver bromide plates. One plate is broken, and the solution on many are cracking and flaking around the edges.

The plates are not labeled, but were identified in the publication:

On Active Service with Base Hospital 46 U.S.A.: Mar. 20, 1918 to May 25, 1919, ed. Wight, Otis B., Major, M.C.; Donald Macomber, Captain, M.C.; Arthur S. Rosenfeld, First lieutenant, M.C. Arcady Press: Portland, Oregon, 1920.

The publication was previously held by the PNW Archives.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Acquisition Information

The glass plate negatives were transferred from the PNW Archives and accessioned to HC&A in 2006.

Related Materials

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Publications:

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The Ninety-First: The First at Camp Lewis, by Henderson Alice Palmer. Tacoma, Washington: John C. Barr, c1918

Notes on Medical Preparedness in Portland, Oregon, by Fenton, Ralph Albert, 1934

Other Archival Collections:

Herbert Merton Greene Papers, Accession No. 2006-005

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Glass plate negatives
- Negatives

Personal Name(s)

- Wight, Otis B. , M.D.

Subject(s)

- Hospitals, Military
- Medicine and Health
- Military Medicine
- Oregon

- World War I

Collection Inventory

Glass Plate Negatives

General note

Page numbers listed correspond with pages of the publication where these images were printed, *On Active Service with Base Hospital 46 U.S.A.*. See scope and contents note for full citation information.

Glass plate negatives in their original boxes , circa 1917 (Image of the collection)

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Unidentified women in aprons

Tent staff - pg. 146

Unidentified mess detachment

Medical Wards - pg. 110

Unidentified mess detachment

Unidentified four officers

Registrar's Office personnel - pg. 87

Boche prisoners in gravel pit - pg. 175

Unidentified 6 officers

Orchestra - pg. 164

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Officer's Base Hospital - pg. 10

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Nurses' club - pg. 151

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Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Yenny - pg. 6

Nursing personnel - pg. 22 1919/1

Detachment Base Hospital 46's enlisted personnel - pg. 27

Convalescent tents with valley in the background - pg. 146

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Christmas in hospital ward - pg. 139