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[John H. Bogle Papers](#)

**BOGLE, JOHN H. (JOHN HAMILTON), 1906-1978.  
Papers, 1943-1946.  
.12 cubic feet (1 box)**

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Medical records, photographs and printed matter documenting Bogle's career as a U.S. Army surgeon during World War II. Included are two volumes of field hospital journals; approximately 225 wartime black & white snapshots of Bogle and his colleagues; two articles by Bogle; and 5 glass plate black and white slides.

The journals list date, name and rank of patient, diagnosis, operation, and results, as well as the name of the surgeon, assistant, and anesthesiologist, for surgery performed on U.S. and Allied soldiers, civilians, and prisoners of war. Interspersed are occasional diary notes about what division was being supported, location, a trip to Paris and other personal matters.

The photographs show Bogle, both individually and with others; tent hospitals; operating scenes; camp scenes; landscapes and street scenes; bombed areas; refugees; soldiers and other wartime scenes. They were taken in England, France, Germany, Austria and the United States. One photograph shows General Patton conferring with men in an unidentified location.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** John H. Bogle was born in Parkersburg, W.V., Dec. 4, 1906. He received his AB from Columbia College (1928) and his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons (1932). He served as a surgeon at the field hospital supporting the 9th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, 1944-1945, and was a veteran of Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. In 1946, he became Associate Attending Surgeon at Brooklyn Hospital and Instructor in Surgery at Long Island College of Medicine. He later served as chief of surgery at Brooklyn Hospital before becoming Director of Sacred Heart Hospital in Loup City, Nebraska (1953-1967). From 1967-1973 he served as chief surgeon of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Altoona, Pa. He married Rebecca Hawley who had 3 children. Together, they had one daughter, Nancy. He died Nov. 28, 1978 in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

**ACCESS:** Access to the field hospital journals is allowed under terms of Archives and Special Collections' Access Policy to Records Containing Protected Health Information.

**PROVENANCE:** Gift of Rebecca Hawley Bogle, 1981.

**SUBJECTS**

World War, 1939-1945 – Medical care.  
Medicine, Military – United States.  
Military Medicine – United States.

Surgery, Military.  
Medical records.  
Photographs.

**Bogle, John.**  
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**FOLDER LIST**

1. Field hospital journals, 1944-1945
2. Printed Matter, 1945-1946
3. Photographs, 1943-1944 and undated

Five black and white slides, mounted in glass, show field operating theater and war scenes.