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Dr. R. Thomas McLaughlin

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Dear Dr. McLaughlin:

Admiral Zumwalt forwarded your letter of 25 August to the Naval Historical Center for reply. To assist you with source material for your project of painting USN Medical Corps subjects in honor of your father, we recommend that you contact Mr. Jan Herman, historian for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (2300 E Street, NW; Washington, DC 20372-5300; 202-762-3248). He maintains an extensive collection of books, photographs, and archival material related to naval medicine as well as researching, writing, and exhibiting on this subject. He will be able to provide information on the availability of source material and images.

In addition, the Naval Historical Center manages three collections that are pertinent to your topic--the Navy Art Collection, Photographic Collection, and Operational Archives. The Navy Art Collection contains a number of works on naval medicine primarily dating from World War II to the present. One of its subcollections are about 300 WWII paintings commissioned by Abbott Laboratories documenting naval medicine both in the United States and in combat theaters. The collection contains works documenting aspects of naval medicine in the South Pacific, including Tarawa, Philippines, and Pelelieu. Please contact the staff at (202) 433-3815 for more information about this collection and research opportunities. The Photographic Collection contains over 1,000,000 photographs with a sizable collection of naval medical subjects as well as ship portraits. To research this collection, contact the staff at (202) 433-2765. The Operational Archives (202-433-3170) manages the operational archive collection with holdings from the World War II era; however, a significant portion of this collection was recently turned over to the National Archives and is accessible to researchers (for information call 301-713-7250).

These sources should be able to provide you with a wide array of information and images of naval medicine. Please contact directly them with specific research inquiries. Good luck with your project and all other artistic endeavors.

Sincerely,

W. S. DUDLEY  
Director