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Biographical Note: Eugene M. Bricker received a bachelor's degree in 1930 from Southern Illinois Teachers College in Carbondale (Southern Illinois University), where he later was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in football and track. He graduated from Washington University's School of Medicine and began teaching in the Department of Surgery there in 1938. During World War II, he served four years in the United States Army Medical Corps and was a senior consultant for plastic surgery in the European Theater of Operations. At the beginning of World War II, plastic surgery could still be considered a relatively new specialty. Bricker recalls that its function in a theater of operations was incompletely realized at the outbreak of the war, though the need for adequate coverage in plastic surgery was recognized by Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA (European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army). In the development of the Professional Services Division, Office of the Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA, a consultant in plastic surgery was one of the first to be named. The value of adequate organization of this specialty had been impressed upon members of the U.S. Armed Forces in the British Isles by the great number of casualties resulting from the Battle of Britain that required reconstructive plastic surgery. Lt. Col. (later Col.) James B. Brown, MC, arrived in England on 2 July 1942 in response to a specific request for a plastic surgery consultant. Colonel Brown was accompanied by Lt. Col. Eugene M. Bricker, MC, who succeeded him as Senior Consultant in Plastic Surgery, ETOUSA, on 12 June 1943, after Colonel Brown had returned to the Zone of Interior to organize and direct a plastic surgery center at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. Throughout the entire campaign until the dissolution of the Professional Services Division of the Chief Surgeon's Office in July 1945, Bricker worked in close cooperation with the consultants in the other surgical specialties. It could be said that the specialty, as applicable to a theater of operations, approached full maturity during the war in Europe. After the war, Bricker returned to Washington University where he was named professor of clinical surgery in 1966. His medical career at the University spanned more than 50 years. He was an internationally renowned surgeon who developed a series of surgical procedures that have aided thousands of cancer patients. From 1938 to 1975, he was on the surgical staff of several St. Louis area hospitals, including Barnes and St. Louis Children's.



Series/Scope and Content Note: The collection contains photographs of injuries and wounds suffered during World War II. There is evidence that most were taken at the 192nd General Hospital and Northington General Hospital in England. Most of the photos involve cases where a plastic surgeon was needed, including cases requiring skin grafts and facial reconstruction. The finding aid also lists the type of injury for the first two series. These photographs were provided to Major Ralph Creer of the Army Medical Museum by Dr. Bricker in December 1945.

SERIES 001: PHOTOGRAPHS WITH CASE HISTORIES

This series includes photographs paired with more detailed case histories. Thirty-seven of these forty-one cases were sent by Lt. Col. George K. Lewis, Chief of Plastic Surgery Section, to the Senior Consultant in Plastic Surgery at the Office of the Chief Surgeon in June 1945. The remaining series are divided according to the amount of information provided in the original record. All series are organized alphabetically.

SERIES 002: PHOTOGRAPHS WITH PARTIAL CASE REPORTS

This series includes cases that pair photographs with short case reports or notes.

SERIES 003: PHOTOGRAPHS WITH NO CASE REPORTS

Photographs in this series do not have any corroborating case notes.

SERIES 004: PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES WITH NO CASE REPORTS

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- 00034: Preston, Harry—Shell fragment injuries
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- 00039: Sullivan, James B.—Gunshot wound to face
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- 00047: Bonds, Alvin L.—Shrapnel wounds to arm
- 00048: Bowser, James K.—Shrapnel wounds to hand and forearm
- 00049: Brawner, Marshall H.—Shrapnel wounds to arm
- 00050: Carpenter, Oscar—Facial and mandible repair
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- 00052: Cochran, George—Shrapnel wound to arm
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- 00054: Dietz, Herbert J.—Mandible fracture
- 00055: Dobberstein, Hugo—Facial wounds
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- 00058: Festa, Nicholas—Facial laceration
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- 00060: Grasham, Junior—Traumatic facial wound
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- 00030: Wagenfeld, Kenneth—Gunshot wound to foot
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- 00043: Beasley, T.—Throat scars
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- 00046: Blood Clots of Pleural Artery
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- 00052: Clifton, W.—Right hand wound
- 00053: Conaut, K.—Right forearm and hand wound
- 00054: Craig, William D.—Mouth wound
- 00055: Daniel, R.—Right hand wound
- 00056: Danylak, L.—Hand injury
- 00057: Denison, G.R.—Left elbow wound



- 00058: Dicke, ?—X-ray of knee
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- 00060: Driggars, E.—Right hand finger wounds
- 00061: Dujinovich, Tromo M.—Facial wounds

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- 00006: Forrester, John E.—Penetrating facial wound
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- 00015: Henderson, R.—Nose graft
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- 00017: Hickey, D.A.—Zygoma
- 00018: Holmers, R.—Pre-op right leg ped
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- 00022: Kayboski, C.S.—With and without glass eye
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- 00025: King, Gerald P.—Facial burns



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- 00059: Smith, S.J.—Right hand, two finger amputation
- 00060: Sorozat, S.—Skin graft arm

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- 00003: Steele, C.—Right leg fracture and wound
- 00004: Stein, E.M.—Right ankle wound
- 00005: Stever, Iris—Facial reconstruction
- 00006: Stutsman, W.—Eye prep
- 00007: Sulewski, R.J.—Back of head burn
- 00008: Swin, R.—Right foot injury
- 00009: Vance, W.—Right hand wound
- 00010: Vaughn, D.W.—Right ankle wound
- 00011: Verke, N.W.—Right shoulder wound
- 00012: Wallace, H.—Right leg amputation
- 00013: Waller, R.—Wound left calf
- 00014: Wanfen, O.—Skin graft arm
- 00015: Warrick, C.L.—Cheek scar
- 00016: Weishrod, S.—Right hand finger amputation
- 00017: Wesolowski, H.J.—Chin scar
- 00018: Williams, A.—Leg x-ray
- 00019: Williams, ?—Leg burns
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- 00021: Wydner, Arthur J.—Hand x-ray
- 00022: 68th General Hospital—Eye care
- 00023: Abel, L.J.—Leg and thigh burns



00024: Allen, Woodford B.—Arm burns
00025: Banici, M.F.—Arm wound
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00027: Besciglia, Leo A.—Facial reconstruction
00028: Bonds, Alvin L.—X-ray broken bone
00029: Brock, W.F.—Hand ped
00030: Bruser, J.—Hand ped graft, severed
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