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**TITLE:** M/V Health Collection

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** B2001.035

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Dates: 1950-1952

Extent: 43 items, 0.01 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Jeanne Schaver

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

The *M/V Health* was a “floating clinic,” a marine unit of the Alaska Department of Health. The program was created to facilitate the battle against tuberculosis in Alaska after World War II. The *M/V Health*, along with the *M/S Hygiene*, were mobile health units that allowed medical professionals to treat rural Alaskans in their villages. The two ships serviced the coastlines of Alaska, from the Aleutian Islands to as far north as Point Hope.

**Scope and Content Description:**

The collection consists of 28 black-and-white photographs, reports, newsletters, and ephemera. The photographs primarily depict villages and villagers in coastal Alaska. There are also some photos of the crew of the *M/V Health* and the ship itself.

**Arrangement:**

Collection arranged by format.

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE**

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Items in good condition.

Technical Access: Light box may be required to view strip negative images.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

This collection was found in collection at the Anchorage Museum on September 19, 2001.

Processing Notes

One newspaper clipping photocopied and original discarded.

**SUBJECTS**

Schaver, Jeanne

Blair, Hazel

Gordon, Marshall

Hittson, Jack

Wasilla Public Library

Health (Ship)

Public health—Alaska

Eskimos--Health and hygiene

Eskimos--Dwellings

Savoonga (Alaska)

Saint Lawrence Island (Alaska)

Hooper Bay (Alaska)

Scammon Bay (Alaska)

Saint George (Alaska)

Perryville (Alaska)

Kotzebue (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

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**Photographs**

- .1 – [The *M/V Health* near land. People stand on deck.]
- .2 - “X-Ray Lab Technician Marshall Gordon”
- .3 - “Dr. Hittson at work. *M/V Health*.”
- .4 - “Dr. & Mrs. Jack Hittson.”
- .5 - “*M/V Health* Crew.”
- .6 – [Dr. Hazel Blair examines young Aleut boy onboard *M/V Health*.] “Dr. Hazel Blair.”
- .7 – [Woman at reception on *M/V Health* greets Aleut child and mother.] “Reception – *M/V Health*.”
- .8 – [Crew of the *M/V Health*. Same group as B01.35.5.]
- .9 - “Nurses’ office – Jeanne Schaver.” [Aleut children]
- .10 - “Nurse’s office.”
- .11 - “Dr. Blair.”
- .12 - “Reception Room. *M/V Health*.” [Aleut children]
- .13 – [Unidentified young Eskimo girl.] “Savoonga.”
- .14 – [Unidentified Eskimo person wearing parka.] “Savoonga.”
- .15 – [Close-up of young Eskimo child wearing parka.]
- .16 – [Villagers standing in line on St. Lawrence Island.] “St. Lawrence Is.”
- .17 – [Children on St. Lawrence Island.] “St. Lawrence Is.”
- .18 – [Unidentified Eskimo child in Hooper Bay.] “Hooper Bay.”
- .19 – [Boat of villagers departing the *M/V Health*.] “Leaving the Health.”
- .20 – [Unidentified child in small boat.]
- .21 – [People stand outside of wooden structure in village. Fish drying.]
- .22 - “Scammon Bay.” [Fish drying]
- .23 – [Unidentified woman stands next to house. Dog next to house.]
- .24 – [Unidentified man wearing glasses and parka.]
- .25 – [Unidentified people standing outside of fish camp.] “At Fish Camp.”
- .26 – [Four people stand next to boat.] “St. Lawrence Is.”
- .27 – [Postcard of Wasilla Public Library, log cabin.] “Wasilla Public Library. Wasilla, Alaska.”
- .28 – [Three young girls sit on steps wearing dresses.]

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### Reports, newsletters, ephemera

- .29 - Clipping. “*M.V. Health Sets Sail for Far North Again*.” No date.
- .30 – Typescript. “Narrative Report.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver. Dated June 1951.
- .31 - Typescript. “Narrative Report, July 1951.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver.
- .32 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Narrative Report, March 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver.
- .33 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Narrative Report, April 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver.
- .34 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Narrative Report, May 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver.
- .35 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Monthly Narrative, June 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver. 2 pages.
- .36 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Narrative Report, July 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver.
- .37 – Correspondence. Manuscript letter to Jeanne Schaver, signed “HB.” Dated “Tues. A.M.”
- .38 - Typescript. “Nurse’s Narrative Report, August 1952.” Signed by Jeanne Schaver. 2 pages.

- .39 – Plan. Manuscript sketch of floorplan of M/V Heath. “Rest of the crew live above, back of the pilot house. Engine room and storage are below us.”
- .40 – Newsletter. “The Daily Bulletin, St. George Island, Alaska, Monday, June 11, 1951.”
- .41 – Newsletter. “Perryville Star, 4/3/52.”
- .42 – Newspaper. “The Mukluk Telegraph, Kotzebue, Alaska, February 28, 1952, Vol. 4, no. 1.”
- .43 – Newsletter. “Alaska’s Health, Juneau, Alaska, July-August, 1950, Vol. 8, nos. 7 and 8.”
- .44 - Newsletter. “Alaska’s Health, Juneau, Alaska, June 1951, Vol. 9, no. 6.”