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air miles northwest of Calcutta—to treat thousands of Chinese soldiers who were struggling out of Burma long into the summer and fall of 1942. In late July, Grindlay was ordered to rejoin the Seagrave hospital and arrived there on the 28th. He was welcomed with joyous "tears and shouting," he wrote. He became head of surgical services under Seagrave and "took over five 22-bed wards and OR." Stilwell visited the hospital in August and awarded the Purple Heart to both Grindlay and Seagrave. Grindlay also received the Bronze Star and, from the Republic of China, the Order of Yun Hui, for his services in Burma.

Grindlay remained at Ramgarh until mid-1943 and then moved to northwestern Burma with the bulk of the Seagrave unit to support the Chinese and American troops who were beginning to clear the Ledo Road (later renamed the Stilwell Road), an overland supply route being constructed from India to a linkup with the Burma Road at Myitkyina. Seagrave had gone ahead with part of the group in March and set up a hospital at Tagap Ga in the Hukawng Valley of Burma; later, he established other hospitals in a string down the Ledo Road to provide medical aid not only to the workers building the road but to the Nagas, who had been badly mistreated by retreating Chinese troops the year before. It was hoped that their respect and loyalty could be regained.

The war finally ended for Grindlay on January 20, 1944. He received orders to return to the U.S. almost two and a half years after he had left on what he’d believed would be a three-month stint. His diary ends abruptly on February 1 as he was flying over the Atlantic. For the rest of the war he was posted in Washington, D.C., at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He was reunited with Stilwell at Ft. McNair in October 1944.

In January 1946, Grindlay returned to the Mayo Clinic, where he received an appointment in the Institute of Experimental Medicine. He became head of the Section of Surgical Research in 1952 and a senior consultant in 1961. He was widely known for his research in experimental surgery and authored over 250 papers. He retired from Mayo in 1963 and died at his home in Colorado in December 1968.

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Donald West, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry, received the Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education from the American Psychiatric Association.

Stephen Bartels, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry, received the Health Services Research Senior Scholar Award of the American Psychiatric Association.

Kiang-Tek Yeo, Ph.D., a professor of pathology, was appointed to the editorial board of Clínica Chimica Acta.

Robert Harris, M.D., an associate professor of radiology, was selected as an examiner for the oral section of the American Board of Radiology diplomate examination.

Lori Alvord, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery, received a Federal Appreciation Award in recognition of her teaching and research on surgical outcomes in Native American populations.

Sarah Johansen, M.D., an instructor of medicine, was elected president of the New Hampshire section of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Robert Keene, D.M.D., an adjunct associate professor of surgery emeritus (dentistry), was elected secretary-treasurer of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, which is dedicated to excellence in surgical dentistry.

Virginia Olga Emery, Ph.D., an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry, was honored for "outstanding research on behalf of those afflicted with dementia" by the New Hampshire Hospital.

A pair of otolaryngologists on the faculty earned recent honors. Samuel Doyle, M.D., was named New Hampshire Tree Farmer of the Year. And Dudley Weider, M.D., took third place in his age group at both the 25-kilometer and 50-kilometer distances in the 2004 U.S. Marathon Speed-Skating Championship.

Suzanne Boulter, M.D., an adjunct assistant professor of pediatrics, received the Founders Award for Community Leadership from the American Academy of Pediatrics and was designated as one of two nationally recognized "local heroes" for her activities in behalf of children in the state.

Alumni Album: Schuchat

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ing them to keep up with their malaria prophylaxis and not to take unnecessary risks."

The CDC had the members of the SARS team "fit-tested to wear respirators appropriately, so that we knew how to wear our masks and such in certain circumstances," Schuchat explains. "And we went with alcohol hand gels so that we could wash our hands constantly."

Schuchat's branch also investigates non-life-threatening infections, including an outbreak of bacterial conjunctivitis at Dartmouth College two years ago. It was determined to have been caused by the same strain of bacteria—Streptococcus pneumoniae—that caused a conjunctivitis outbreak in New York and California in 1980.

Still, as exciting and as satisfying as her career at the CDC has been, Schuchat longs for the day when, like William Carlos Williams, she'll be able to combine medicine with writing—and not just writing for professional journals. "In the future I'd like to write novels," she sighs.