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 Capt. Robert Phillips (1906-1976) commanded the Naval Medical Research Unit Two (NAMRU-2) in Taipei, Taiwan (1955-1965) where he developed a revolutionary glucose-based oral rehydration therapy (ORT). **This breakthrough treatment dramatically reduced the mortality rate for cholera—a deadly bacterial disease—to less than one percent.**

 Under Phillips's leadership, NAMRU-2 **earned a global reputation throughout the 1950s and 1960s for its campaigns against cholera epidemics** across India, Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

 In 1967, Phillips's life saving work was recognized with the prestigious **Lasker Clinical Award**, making him the first U.S. military medical officer to receive this honor.

