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COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: HARVEY A DeWEERD PAPERS

ACCESSION NUMBER: (456, 84-6) 89

DONOR: Mrs. Harvey A. DeWeerd

DATE OF GIFT: June 25, 1981

SIZE: 4 linear feet

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1914-1979

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY:

Harvey A. DeWeerd (1902-1979) was a military historian whose special interests included nuclear weaponry and detente. A graduate of Hope College, he received his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1937 after writing a dissertation entitled "Production Lag in the American Ordnance Program, 1917-1918." Between 1925 and 1942 DeWeerd taught at a number of colleges in the United States before being temporarily commissioned into the Army of the United States with the temporary rank of Captain. While in the Army, he was assigned to work at the Army Infantry Journal; in 1945 he was transferred to Operations Division, War Department General Staff to prepare a history of its activities during World War II. Because of illness, DeWeerd was retired from the Army in 1946 with the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following the War he returned to teaching until 1953 when he joined the Rand Corporation as a senior staff member where he stayed until 1967. From this time until his death in 1979, DeWeerd was a consultant for the Rand Corporation and the United States Air Force (1974-1977). DeWeerd wrote several books; Great Soldiers of Two Wars (1941); Great Soldiers of World War II (1944); Selected Speeches of George Catlett Marshall (1945); and President Wilson Fights His War: World War I and the American Intervention, and many articles during his career.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The collection is arranged by types of material. Personal papers relating to DeWeerd's military career and correspondence (1944-1979) come first. This is followed by material written by DeWeerd: his dissertation, bibliographies, lectures and reading notes, articles, book reviews, unpublished manuscript of GCM Speeches 1945-1949. The last group of material consists of research items used by DeWeerd including papers given to him by Basil H. Liddell Hart, reprints of articles and newspaper clippings from the NY Times, Washington Post and L.A. Times (1973-1977).

RESTRICTIONS: None

LOCATION: Vault - upper level

COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: Yes

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DeWeerd (Harvey A.) 1902-1979. Papers, 1914-1979. 9 boxes. 4 linear feet.

Biographical Sketch

Harvey A. DeWeerd was a military historian whose special interests included nuclear weaponry and detente. Born September 21, 1902 in Holland, Michigan, DeWeerd received his AB from Hope College in 1924 and his MA from the University of Michigan. One year later while he was an instructor at Michigan State College, DeWeerd married Miss Nellie Kole. They had two daughters, Mary Jane and Evelyn.

While working toward his PhD at the University of Michigan, DeWeerd taught at Wittenburg College as assistant professor and at Denison College as associate professor. In 1937 he received his PhD with a dissertation entitled "Production Lag in the American Ordnance Program, 1917-1918." DeWeerd continued to teach at Denison College as well as act as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan (summer 1939) and the University of Missouri (summer of 1940).

In 1942, DeWeerd was temporarily commissioned into the Army of the United States with the temporary rank of Captain. His assignment was to work for the Army Infantry Journal. In this capacity, he wrote book reviews and articles of interest to the infantryman. DeWeerd was transferred to Operations Division, War Department, General Staff in 1945 and given the assignment of preparing a history of Operations in World War II. Chronic rhinitis forced DeWeerd to leave the Army in 1946 with the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following his retirement from military service, DeWeerd returned to the Academic world until 1953. At this time he joined the Rand Corporation as a senior staff member. In this capacity, DeWeerd studied the problems of strategy, detente and began exploring nuclear weaponry. He was on the Rand staff until 1967. After that time he served as a consultant for Rand and also for the U.S. Air Force (1974-1977).

Throughout his life DeWeerd was a prolific writer. He authored hundreds of book reviews on military subjects, wrote many reports for the Rand Corporation, and published three monographs and one edited work: Great Soldiers of Two World Wars (1941); Great Soldiers of World War II (1944); Selected Speeches of George Catlett Marshall (1945); and President Wilson Fights His War: World War I and the American Intervention. DeWeerd continued to write until his death; his last article was submitted six months before his death in November 1979.

Scope and Content Note

The Harvey A. DeWeerd Papers are arranged by type of material; the records are of three kinds: personal, papers written by DeWeerd, and research materials used by him.

Personal papers consist of DeWeerd's military records (1942-1946; 1974-1977). These are mostly forms showing DeWeerd's assignments. One folder of correspondence is also included. It spans the period of 1944-1979, but is not comprehensive. Most notable is the series of letters between DeWeerd and Basil H. Liddell-Hart (1944-1962).

The next set of records are those which DeWeerd authored. These include a typescript of his dissertation, copies of Rand Corporation in-house reports, book reviews (1940's to 1970's), articles on SALT II, detente, and nuclear arms as well as reading notes taken at various stages of his career. Also included is an unpublished manuscript of "The Major Speeches and Statements of General George C. Marshall, 1945-1949."

Making up the remainder of the collection are the note cards and clippings DeWeerd used in his research. These span the period 1914-1979. His notes focus on World War I and the generals while the clippings are much more recent coming from the New York Times, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times of the 1970's. Also in this section are two file folders of material written by Basil H. Liddell-Hart and donated by him to DeWeerd.

There are four photographs which have been separated from the collection: two are of a German robot bomb, one shows a fighter bomber, and the last is of three soldiers examining German weaponry.

Presented by Mrs. Harvey A. DeWeerd, June 25, 1981.

A. M. Weber
28 October 1982

Container List

Box/Folder(s)

MILITARY CAREER AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 1 DeWeerd, H. A. - Army Career; 1942-1946.
2 DeWeerd, H. A. - USAF Consultant, Appointment and Clearances;
November 1974- August 1976.
3 DeWeerd, H. A. - Correspondence; 1944-1979.

MATERIALS WRITTEN BY H. A. DEWEERD

- 4-5 PhD Dissertation, "Production Lag in the American Ordnance
Program, 1917-1918," Chapters 1-12; 1936.
6 Outline and Notes on Facism.
7 Lecture Outlines; Conduct of Modern War, Part I (P.S.138-B).
8 Lecture Outlines; Modern Military History, World War I (312).
9 Bibliography; German Military Works, 1914.
10 Bibliography; World War I.
11 Bibliography; Notes.
- 2 1-3 "The Major Speeches and Statements of General George C.
Marshall, 1945-1949." Unpublished manuscript, edited
by H. A. DeWeerd.
4-7 Book Reviews, 1940's.
8 Reviews written for Los Angeles Times (1968).
- 3 1 Articles, 1932-1962.
2 Air War College Lecture "The President as Commander-in-Chief"
(1953).
3 Rand Report (P-497) "Atomic Weapons and Ground Combat," 1954.
4 "An Approach to the Study of Surprise in Modern War," November
8, 1955.
5 Rand Report (P-697) "Britain and the Defense of Western
Europe," 1955.
6 Rand Report (P-825) "United States Policies on Disarmament,
1946-1955," 1956.
7 Rand Report (P-896) "Disarmament Failure and Weapons
Limitations," 1956.
8 Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc., Project "Trends and Problems
in NATO," 1957.
9 Rand Report (P-2059) "The Korean War: Political Limitations,"
1960.
10 "American Attitudes Toward War: Their Influence on Arms Control
Proposal." Speech presented at Foothill World Affairs
Council, 1961.
11 Rand Report (P-2351) "American Attitudes Toward War: Their
Influence on Arms Control Policy," June 21, 1961.
12 Rand Report (P-2352) "Concepts of Limited War: An Historical
Approach," 1961.

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MATERIALS WRITTEN BY H. A. DeWEERD (continued)

- 3 13 Rand Report (P-2390) "British Defense Policy: An American View," 1961.
- 14 Rand Report (P-2509) "Lord Russell, Unilateralism and the Labour Party," 1962.
- 15 Rand Report (P-2542) "Notes On A Conference with Soviet Scientists," by H. A. DeWeerd, A. L. Horelick, and N. Leites, 1962.
- 16 Rand Report (P-2562) "Britain's Defense New Look Five Years Later," 1962.
- 17 Rand Report (P-1800-1) "Strategic Surprise in the Korean War," 1962.
- 18 Notes and Outlines.
- 19 Rand Report (P-2692) "The British Effort to Secure an Independent Deterrent, 1952-1962," 1963.
- 20 Rand Report (P-2709) "British Attitudes in the Cuban Crisis," 1963.
- 21 Rand Report (P-2779) "Britain and the Alliance," 1963.
- 22 Rand Report (P-3347) "The 1966 British Defense Review," 1966.
- 23 Rand Report (P-3535) "Political Military Scenarios," 1967.
- 24 Rand Report (P-3561) "Lord Russell's War Crimes Tribunal," 1967.
- 25 Rand Report (P-3949) "Triumphs of the Limiters: Korea," 1968.
- 26 Proposal for a "Book on Scenarios and Gaming," 1970.
- 27 History of the Atomic Energy Commission, Part III (1970) - Notes.
- 28 Encyclopedia Britannica entry "World Wars" (in part), 1971.
- 29 Rand Report (P-5084) "A Contextual Approach to Scenario Construction," 1973.
- 4 1 Rand Internal Symposium Detente Report and Notes, 1973.
- 2 Nuclear Weapons Policy articles (1975-1979).
- 3 SALT II Articles (1977-1978).
- 4 Foreign Policy decision-making articles (1977-1979).
- 5 Vietnam Assessment articles; 1978-1979.
- 6 Notes for and drafts of "Churchill, Coventry and Ultra," 1979.
- 7 Reading Notes - Preparation for President Wilson...
- 8 Reading Notes - The War Speeches of William Pitt the Younger, 3rd edition.
- 9 Reading Notes - Milton Schulman's Defeat in the West.
- 10-11 Reading Notes.
- 12 "Memorandum Regarding the Definition of the Term 'Strategy'," n.d.
- 13 Reviews of Great Soldiers of World War II, (1941-1945).
- 14 Reviews of President Wilson Fights His War, (1968, 1969).
- 15 Reviews of The War of 1812 by Henry Adams, edited by H. A. DeWeerd (1943, 1944).

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RESEARCH NOTES, NOTE CARDS AND CLIPPINGS

- 5 1 Notes for Great Soldiers - Maginot Line/Ludendorff, Hindenburg.
2 Notes for Great Soldiers - Schlieffen.
3 Notes for Great Soldiers - Hoffmann.
4 Notes for Great Soldiers - Gamelin.
5-7 Notes - World War I.
8 Notes - World War II.
- 6-7 Note Cards.
- 8 1 Notes - Post War Great Britain.
2 Notes - Post War Europe - NATO.
3 Notes - Korean War.
4 Notes - U. S. Nuclear Future.
5 Notes - Defense Department Reorganization, 1953.
6 Notes - Quotations.
7-8 B. H. Liddell Hart Papers, 1932-1965.
9 Reprints of R. V. Jones' articles, 1963, 1965, 1966.
10 "Crisis and Confrontations 1955-1964."
11 Christopher Lasch, "The Cold War, Revisited and Re-visited,"
1968.
- 9 1 "The Memoirs of General Koller, the German Chief of Air Staff."
2 T. F. Walkowicz and W. Pfaff "Nuclear War" The Commonweal,
December 10, 1954.
3 P. M. S. Blackett, "Critique of Some Contemporary Defense
Thinking," 1961.
4 Clippings - Bombs and Weaponry, World War II.
5 Clippings - World War II.
6 Clippings - Western European Policy Statements and Political
Affairs.
7 Clippings - Texts of U. S. - U. S. S. R. Agreements.
8 Clippings - U. S. Military.
9 Clippings - Eastern European Politics.
10 Clippings - U. S. Policy Statements and Political Affairs.
11 Clippings - U. S. S. R. Policy Statements and Political Affairs.
12 Clippings - NATO Military.
13 Clippings, 1960's.
14 Clippings and Notes; Detente, 1975-1976.
15 Clippings and Notes; Detente, Nuclear Arms, 1976.
16 Clippings and Notes; Nuclear Arms, Foreign Policy, 1976.
17 Clippings; Detente, Human Rights, 1975-1977.
18 Clippings; W. W. Norton.

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10 1	DeWeerd - Seagrave Correspondence, 1942-1945.
2	Clippings - Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave.
3	Correspondence with MacMillan Co. re <u>President Wilson</u> , 1963-1964, 1966-1968-1972
4	DeWeerd - Louis Morton Correspondence, 1962-1965, 1967-1968.
5	Correspondence: Permission to Quote, 1967.
6	Letters and Reviews Re: <u>President Wilson</u> , 1968.
7	DeWeerd Correspondence, 1963.
8	DeWeerd Correspondence, 1965, 1967.

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1 ff Clippings re Dr. Gordon Seagrave.

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SEPARATION RECORD

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items	Location
<p>Select books from Mr. DeWeerd's library have been integrated into the Marshall Library's regular collection.</p>	Library
<p>Four photographs: two are of a German robot bomb, one shows a fighter bomber, and last is of three soldiers examining German weaponry.</p>	Photograph Collection GCM #6801-6804