

Kermit Roosevelt Exchange Lecture Collection

The Kermit Roosevelt Lecture collection is a processed, restricted collection containing audio tapes, video tapes, transcripts and programs relating to the annual Kermit Roosevelt lecture held at the Command and General Staff College. The collection is contained in three boxes. The materials are arranged chronologically and are not separated by format.

The material was acquired as part of the Combined Arms Research Library's ongoing mission to collect and preserve materials relating to curriculum and events taking place at the Command and General Staff College.

The collection is incomplete. Audio tapes, videotapes and typed transcripts are available for approximately 2/3 of the lectures given at CGSC by the lecturer from the United Kingdom. The text of the United States lecturer's speeches are available only in one or two cases. The collection also contains lecture programs, which give background information on the lecture series and biographical information on both the U.S. and U.K. lecturers.

Access to this collection is restricted to staff, faculty and students of the Command and General Staff College.

Background information

The Kermit Roosevelt Exchange Lecture Series began in 1947. The idea for an annual exchange of American and British military lecturers came from Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, who intended it as a memorial to her late husband. Her ideas were set forth in correspondence to General George C. Marshall dated 17 June 1944.

"My husband, Kermit Roosevelt, ... attempted to carry out in his own life his conviction that the development of a closer relationship between individual English and Americans, and a better understanding between the military forces of the United States and the United Kingdom would contribute in large measure to the preservation of world peace. In view of this conviction of his, it seems appropriate.. to set up this Memorial"

The U.S. Congress enacted legislation in 1945 which authorized the Kermit Roosevelt Fund and established in the War Department a Board of Trustees to implement and administer the exchange program, "...for the purpose of fostering a better understanding and a closer relationship between the military forces of the United States and those of the United Kingdom by sponsoring lectures or courses of instruction..."

The exchange lectures have been held every year since 1947. As of 1997, the lecturer from the United Kingdom spoke at the United States Military Academy, the U.S. Army War College, and the Armed Forces Staff College in addition to the Command and General Staff College. The lecturer from the United States spoke at the Military College

of Sciences, The Royal Military Academy, the Joint Services Defence College and the Ministry of Defence. The Kermit Roosevelt Fund was sustained through 1957 by Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, and through 1969 by grants from the Rockefeller and McCormick Foundations. In 1970, it was mutually agreed that the Kermit Roosevelt Lecture Series would be officially support by the United Kingdom and the United States as a continuation of the program formerly sponsored by the Kermit Roosevelt Fund.

Contents Notes

BOX 1

Undated: Listing of Kermit Roosevelt Lecturers (kept current)

1952: Field Marshall Sir William Slim: Reel to Reel tapes (4 copies on 5 tapes), Cassette tapes (1 copy on two cassettes), VHS tape (1 copy), 2 reel to reel tapes of extracts from the speech, 2 transcripts of the speech along with copyright release information.

1953: LTG Sir George W.E.J. Erskine - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy); Cassette tapes (1 copy)

1954: GEN Sir Dudley Ward - Transcript (1 copy)

1955: Field Marshall Sir Francis W. Festing - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy)

1959: GEN Sir James Cassels - Reel to Reel tapes (2 copies on four reels)

1960: LTG Sir Michael West - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy on two reels)

1961: LTG Robert J. Wood (US) - Transcript (1 copy), LTG Sir Charles P Jones (UK) - Reel to Reel tapes (Original copy on two reels, remastered copies on 3 cdroms and 3 reel to reel tapes), Program*

1962: LTG Sir Roderick McLeod - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy); Transcript (1 copy)

1963: LTG Sir William Pike - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy on two reels), Program*

1964: LTG Sir Kenneth Darling - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy on two reels), Program*

1966: LTG Sir Charles Richardson - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy on two reels)

1968: GEN Sir Charles Harrington - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy on two reels)

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1969: GEN Theodore J. Conway (US) - Transcript (1 copy), LTG Sir John Mogg (UK) - Reel to reel tapes (1 copy)

1970: GEN Sir Michael Carver - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy)

1971: LTG Sir Napier Crookenden - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy)

1972: GEN Sir Anthony Read - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy), Program*(2 copies)

1973: GEN Sir Noel Thomas - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy), Program*

1974: Program*(2 copies)

1975: GEN Sir William Jackson - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy) , Program*

1976: Program *(4 copies)

1977: MG DeWitt C. Smith Jr. (US) - Transcript (3 copies), GEN Sir Frank King - Transcript (2 copies)

1978: GEN Sir Edwin Bramall - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy), Program*

1979: GEN Sir David Fraser - Reel to Reel tapes (1 copy), Program* (2 copies)

1980: Program*

1981: LTG Sir Frank Kitson - Transcript (1 copy), Program* (3 copies)

1982: Program* (2 copies)

1983: Program*

GEN William R. Richardson -- Transcript of speech delivered in England

1986: GEN Sir Thomas Morony - Audio cassettes (1 copy on two cassettes), Program* (5 copies)

1987: LTG Sir John Chapple - Audio cassettes (1 copy on two cassettes)

1988: GEN Sir Richard F. Vincent - Audio cassettes (1 copy on two cassettes)

1989: LTG Sir David Ramsbotham - Audio cassettes (1 copy on two cassettes)

1990: GEN Sir Peter Inge - Audio cassettes (1 copy on two cassettes)

1991: Program* (2 copies)

1994: GEN Sir Edward Jones - Video cassette (1 VHS)

1995: GEN Sir Michael Wilkes - Video cassette (1 VHS); Transcript (1 copy)

1996: Program* (2 copies) Also a folder on itinerary of speaker available in the curriculum archives. (no copy of speech)

1997: Program* (2 copies)

1998: GEN Sir Michael Dawson Walker - Video cassette (1 VHS)

1999: GEN Sir Roger Wheeler-Video cassette (1 VHS)

Box 3

2000: GEN Sir Michael Jackson (2 VHS)

2001: GEN Sir Rupert Smith (1 VHS)

2002: GEN Sir Jack Deverell (1 VHS)

2003: GEN Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman (1 VHS)

2004: GEN Sir John Reith (1 VHS)

2006: GEN Sir Richard Dannatt (1 VHS, 3 CDROMS)

2007: Gen Sir Redmond Watt (1 cdrom)

2008: GEN Sir David Richards (1 cdrom)

2009: GEN Sir John McColl

(* Programs include biographical information on both the U.S. and U.K. Lecturers)