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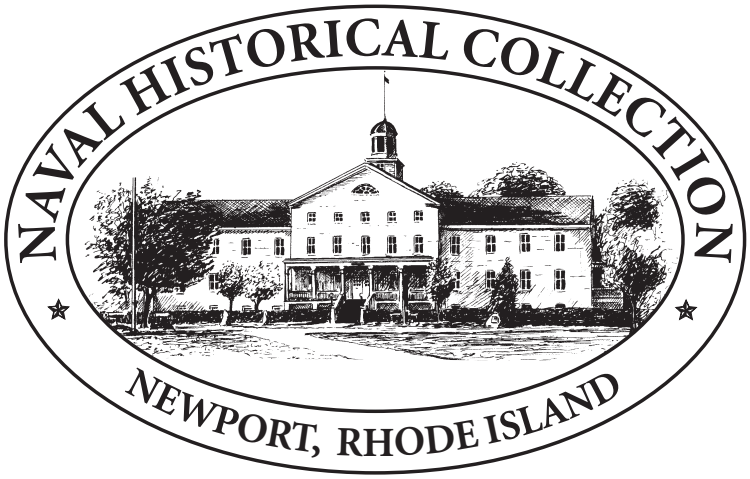

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Herbert F. Rosinski was born on January 30, 1903, in Konigsberg, East Prussia to Dr. Bernhard Rosinski, a medical doctor and professor at the University of Konigsberg, and Sophie Leo Rosinski. He attended the Royal Wilhelms Academy and studied history, archeology and Egyptology at the Universities of Tubingen, Konigsberg and Berlin. This was followed by visits to archeological sites in Greece and Egypt.

In 1925, the Rosinski family moved to Berlin where young Herbert continued his studies at the University of Berlin. He studied Japanese language and civilization at the University's seminar for Oriental languages and passed the Interpreters Examination with distinction in 1927. In 1930, he received the Doctor of Philosophy degree, magna cum laude, for his dissertation entitled *Studies on the Problem of Autarky in Japan*. He continued post-doctoral studies there in the fields of political geography, economics and sociology.

The 1930s were a period of great professional achievement and personal change for Rosinski. Intellectually, he was well on his way to making his mark in military studies, with a spate of articles to his name, lectures at the German Naval Staff College and Oxford University, and, in 1939, the European publication of *The German Army*, his seminal work. In 1934, he married Maria-Luise Tripp and the following year he was barred from intellectual and cultural activities because of his Jewish ancestry. (His maternal grandfather was Jewish.) He emigrated to London, England, in 1936 where he received a special grant from the Julian Corbett Prize Fund to pursue studies on Mahan, Corbett, and Castex. He was interned briefly as an enemy alien when England declared war on Germany in 1939.

Given wartime conditions in Europe, Rosinski emigrated to the United States in 1940. Upon arrival, he accepted an appointment at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. He continued to lecture and write on naval, military, and foreign policy topics during the 1940s. His articles were published in *Brassey's Naval Annual Yale Review, Infantry Journal, Military Affairs* and *The American Historical Review*. In 1944, a revised edition of *The German Army* was published. During this decade, he was affiliated with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy as a lecturer and with the Voice of America. In 1948-1949, he visited India where he lectured to Indian Army Generals and interviewed Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, a high point in his academic career.

The 1950s saw Rosinski a frequent lecturer at the National War College and the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. There he made the acquaintance of Rear Admiral Henry E. Eccles who became a lifelong friend and intellectual mentor. In 1951, he began an affiliation with the Council on Foreign Relations which lasted a decade. Research and writing continued to absorb much of his time as he authored several unpublished studies, including *The Evolution of Warfare, Halder Study* and *Power and Peace*. He made four separate study tours of Europe in connection with research for these works.

Herbert Rosinski died on February 27, 1962, in New York, after suffering his second heart attack. Rosinski's works were reprinted in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. *Power and Human Destiny*, an adaptation of *Power and Peace*, was edited by Dr. Richard Stebbins and published in 1965; a new edition of *The German Army* in 1966; *The Development of Naval Thought*, a compilation of his contributions to *Brassey's Naval Annual*, edited by B. Mitchell Simpson III and published by the

Naval War College Press in 1977; and a German version of his doctoral dissertation, *Autarky in Japan* in 1982.

CAREER OUTLINE

1903	Born, January 30, Konigsberg, East Prussia, Germany.
1911-1921	Attended Royal Wilhelms Gymnasium, Konigsberg.
1921-1925	Student at Universities of Tubingen, Konigsberg, Berlin and Halle.
1925-1930	Student at University of Berlin. Received Ph.D., Magna Cum Laude.
1930-1932	Postdoctoral studies at University of Berlin.
1934	June 2, Marries Maria-Luise Tripp.
1932-1935	Lectures and writes on military and naval topics and Japan.
1935	Barred from educational and cultural activities because of Jewish ancestry.
1936	Emigrated from Germany to England.
1937	Lectured at Oxford University.
1938	Received grant from Julian Corbett Prize Fund for studies on Mahan, Corbett, Castex.
1939	Interned as enemy alien upon outbreak of war with Germany. Publication of *The German Army*.
1940	Admitted as visitor to U.S.; Accepted Appointment as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.
1941	Appointed Lecturer at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
1942	Publication of *Sea Power in the Pacific* with W.B. Ellinger.
1944	Publication of revised edition of *The German Army*.
1944-1945	Military Analyst for the Voice of America.
1946	Lectured at Naval War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Canadian Institute of International Affairs.
1948-1949	Visited and lectured in India.
1949	Visited and lectured in England and Switzerland; Divorced from Maria-Luise Rosinski.

1951-1961	Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York, Researcher.
1953	Became naturalized citizen.
1955	Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York, Member.
1957-1958	*Power and Peace* Project sponsored by the Twentieth Century Fund.
1959	Institute for Strategic Studies, London, England, Member.
1962	Died, February 27, New York, New York.

DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

The papers of Herbert F. Rosinski, military historian and strategist, were presented to the Naval War College Foundation for deposit in the Naval Historical Collection by Dr. Richard P. Stebbins of Boston, Massachusetts in August 1987. Stebbins was a friend and colleague of Rosinski for many years and he prepared the collection for transfer, adding an inventory of Rosinski's publications and a biographical outline. He also annotated much of the material.

The collection consists of ten boxes of papers which fully document Rosinski's personal life and academic career, both in Europe and America. They are divided into six series: Personal records, Correspondence, Writings, Lectures and Seminars, Unpublished Writings, and Notes and Outlines. These designations follow the sequence and numerical designations assigned to them by Dr. Stebbins.

Series I, Personal records, contains biographical statements, photographs, fellowship applications, income tax records, medical records, estate records and copies of his obituary.

Correspondence, Series II, contains both letters to and from Rosinski and correspondence initiated by Dr. Richard P. Stebbins and Dr. Evelyn M. Cherpak, regarding the location of Rosinski manuscripts in other libraries. The correspondence series is arranged alphabetically and chronologically within, except for several folders (arranged by subject) containing correspondence written in German and sent by Rosinski from India in 1948-1949 and from Europe in 1958-1961. The latter are addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Stebbins. The bulk of the correspondence is with military leaders, political figures, publishing houses, universities and private think tanks and focuses on his academic appointments, research work and publications, lecturerships, contracts for services and books and letters of congratulations and appreciation. Also included in this series are ten folders labelled miscellaneous correspondence containing letters received by Rosinski and the Stebbinses on professional and career matters as well as letters of condolence. These letters are in German, English and French.

Published Writings, Series III, contains copies of Rosinski's major books, pamphlets, articles, book reviews and letters to the editor which appeared in U.S. and foreign periodicals. These works are in English and German and date from 1930-1977. They include studies on Sea Power, Warfare, National Defense, Clausewitz, Mahan, the Strategy of War, German Naval Thought, and Japan.

Series IV consists of lectures and seminar presentations covering the years 1937-1956. Rosinski lectured extensively throughout his academic career at universities, war colleges and conferences both here are abroad. His topics ranged from sea power to Soviet strategy and Mahan and Corbett. These presentations were given in both English and German.

Unpublished Writings are contained in Series V and consist of holograph and typescript articles, editorials, reviews and accounts of conversations written during the years 1935-1962. They, like many of the other items in the collection, are annotated by Richard P. Stebbins and are in both English and German.

The last series, Notes and Outlines, contains materials on German affairs, military affairs, seapower and air power.

Rosinski's papers are important to students of pre and post World War II military affairs, military strategy and international relations. In his published and unpublished writings he sought to develop a comprehensive theory of strategy and warfare and to reach an understanding of the role of power in human history. Throughout his life he was dominated by intellectual passion, by the world of ideas and by an overwhelming desire to commit his ideas to writing. His intellectual struggles, his personal struggles as an alien in America, and his achievements as a scholar are fully documented here.

ARRANGEMENT OF PAPERS

Series I

Personal Papers
(1 Box)

Box	Folder	
1	1	Inventory of Papers of Herbert Rosinski prepared by Richard P. Stebbins.
	2	Career Chronology prepared by Richard P. Stebbins, 1987.
	3	An Annotated Checklist of the works of Herbert Rosinski compiled by Richard P. Stebbins, 1987.
	4	Index to Correspondence of Herbert Rosinski with an introductory note by Richard P. Stebbins.
	5	Personal Documents, including both certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree, certificate of naturalization and certificate of death.
	6	Passports and Identity Documents.
	7	Photographs, Personal and Family.
	8	Bank Books.
	9	Address Books.
	10	Personal History Statements, including curriculum vita, publications in English, job applications, and list of academic and professional positions.
	11	Fellowship Applications, including those for Guggenheim and James Forrestal Fellowships.
	12	Income Tax Records, 1940-1945.
	13	Income Tax Records, 1946-1952.
	14	Income Tax Records, 1953-1956.
	15	Income Tax Records, 1957-1961.
	16	Medical Records.
	17	Obituaries, 1962.

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2	1	Personal Papers, Estate Papers.
	2	Miscellaneous.

Series II

Correspondence
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2	3	Correspondence, Letters sent from Europe and India, 1948-1949.
	4	Letters sent from Europe, 1958.
	5	Letters sent from Europe, 1960.
	6	Letters sent from Europe, 1961.
	7	Letters received, Army War College, 1956-1957.
	8	Letters received, Boeing Company, 1942-1986.
	9	Letters sent and received, Boston University Library, 1985-1986.
	10	Letters sent and received, Brookings Institution, 1953-1986.
	11	Letters sent and received, Admiral C.R. Brown, 1948-1960.
	12	Letters sent and received, Edward M. Earle, 1943.
	13	Letters received, RADM Henry E. Eccles, 1954-1985.
	14	Letters received, Col. A. Ernst, 1951-1962.
	15	Letters sent and received, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1941-1943.
	16	Letters received, *Foreign Affairs*, 1939-1941.
	17	Letters received, Hans Friedrich-Freska, 1947-1962.
	18	Letters received, Christian Herter, 1950-1962.
	19	Letters sent and received, Hogarth Press, 1941-1963.

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2	20	Letters received, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1946-1956.
	21	Letters received, *Infantry Journal*, 1941-1961.
	22	Letters sent and received, Institute for Advanced Study, 1940-1943.
	23	Letters received, Captain Tracy B. Kittredge, 1951-1956.
	24	Letters sent and received, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1940-1963.
	25	Letters received, National War College, 1950-1951.
	26	Letters sent and received, Naval War College, 1940-1953.
3	1	Correspondence, Letters sent and received, *Naval War College Review*, Posthumous publications, 1975-1977.
	2	Letters sent and received, Naval War College, Rosinski Papers, 1986-1987.
	3	Letters received, Office of War Information, 1945.
	4	Letters sent and received, Oxford University Press, 1942.
	5	Letters received, John McAuley Palmer, 1941-1946.
	6	Letters sent and received, Frederick H. Praeger, Inc., 1963-1968.
	7	Letters sent and received, Princeton University Press, 1942-
	8	Letters received, Helmuth and Elisabeth Reme, 1950-1951.
	9	Letters received, Mathilde Rohland, 1948-1949.
	10	Letters received, Leo Strauss, 1950-1964.
	11	Letters sent and received, Twentieth Century Fund, 1956-1986.
	12	Letters received, Anne-Marie Volger, 1950-1951.
	13	Letters received, Burke Wilkinson, 1948-1956.
	14	Letters received, RADM Harry E. Yarnell, 1941-1948.
	15	Miscellaneous Letters received, A-B.

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3	16	Miscellaneous Letters received, C-D.
	17	Miscellaneous Letters received, E-H.
	18	Miscellaneous Letters received, H-K.
	19	Miscellaneous Letters received, L-M.
	20	Miscellaneous Letters received, M-N.
	21	Miscellaneous Letters received, O-R.
	22	Miscellaneous Letters received, R-S.
	23	Miscellaneous Letters received, S-V.
	24	Miscellaneous Letters received, W-Z.

Series III

Writings
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4	1	Books and Pamphlets, *Das Japanische Kaisereich*, 1937.
	2	Review of *Das Japanische Kaisereich*.
	3	*Deutsche Bearbeitung von Castex*, 1937.
	4	*The German Army*, 1940.
	5	*The German Army*, 1965.
	6	*The German Army*, Reviews of.
	7	*Die Deutsche Armee*, 1970.
	8	*Sea Power in the Pacific*, 1942.
	9	*Power and Human Destiny*, 1965.
	10	*Power and Human Destiny*, Reviews of.

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5	1	Writings, *El Poder y el destino humano*, 1967.
	2	*The Development of Naval Thought*, 1977.
	3	*The Development of Naval Thought*, Reviews.
	4	Pamphlets, Studien zum Problem der Autarkie in Japan, 1930.
	5	The Evolution of Sea Power, 1951.
	6	The Evolution of the Conduct of War, 2nd edition, 1958.
	7	Articles and Reviews, *American Historical Review*, 1942-1947.
	8	*Brassey's Naval Annual*, "Command of the Sea," 1939.
	9	*Brassey's Naval Annual*, "Mahan and the Present War," 1941.
	10	*Brassey"s Naval Annual*, "The Expansion of Sea Power in the Present War," 1944.
	11	*Brassey's Naval Annual*, "Strategy and Propaganda in German Naval Thought," 1945.
	12	*Brassey's Naval Annual*, "The Role of Sea Power in Global Warfare of the Future," 1947.
	13	Deutsche Literaturzeitang, 1931.
	14	*Historische Zeitschrift* and *Wetenschappelijke Bladen*, Articles in, 1935.
	15	*Infantry Journal*, Reviews, 1941-1943.
	16	*Infantry Journal*, articles and reviews, 1944-1950.
	17	*Journal of World History*, "The 20th Century Revolution in Warfare," 1958 and *Readings in American Foreign Policy*, 5th edition.
	18	*The Nation*, Reviews, 1940-1944.
	19	*The National Review*, "The Strategic Geography of Oceans," 1938.
	20	*The Naval War College Review*, "From Scharnhorst to Schlieffen: The Rise and Decline of German Military Thought," 1976.

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5	21	*Nene Zurcher Zeitung*, 1958.
	22	*New York Times Magazine*, "The Army Behind Hitler," 1939.
	23	*Political Quarterly*, "The Reichswehr Crisis," 1938.
	24	*The Reporter*, "More than Ever—Land vs. Sea Power," 1950.
	25	*Round Table*, "The Past and Future of Warfare," 1938 and "The German Military Mind," 1939.
	26	*Yale Review*, Reviews of books on Naval Strategy, 1942.

Series IV

Lectures and Seminars
(1 Box)

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5	27	Lectures and Seminars, Development of Clausewitz's Theory of War, Oxford University, 1937. Edited and unedited versions and revised draft.
6	1	Lectures and Seminars, Changes in Character of War, London, [1939].
	2	Changes in German Army, London, [1939].
	3	The Role of Civilian Scholars in the Study of War, American Historical Association, 1940.
	4	Clipping referring to Lecture on Strategic Aspects of American Defense at American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1940.
	5	Command of the Sea, Lowell Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, 1941.
	6	Germany Military Studies, 1919-1945, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1945.
	7	Expansion of Sea Power, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1945.
	8	German Industrial Mobilization, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1946.

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6	9	Lectures delivered to Generals of the Indian Army, New Dehli, 1948, entitled The World Crisis, The Evolution of Warfare, Warfare of the Future, The German School of Military Thought, The German General Staff System, Coordination of Strategy, and Industrial Mobilization and Higher Military Organization.
	10	Notes for lectures delivered to Generals of the Indian Army, New Dehli, 1948.
	11	Role of the Small Neutral State, Swiss Officers' Society, Bern, Switzerland, 1954.
	12	Lecture Notes on Sea Power and Industrial Warfare, 1949.
	13	Soviet Strategy, 1950-1955, National War College, 1950.
	14	Asiatic Third Force, School of Advanced International Studies Alumni Association, Washington, D.C., 1951.
	15	Maritime Strategy in First and Second World Wars, [1951].
	16	The Characteristics of Sea Power, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1951.
	17	Notes on Development of Global Strategy, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1952.
	18	Clausewitz, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1953.
	19	Mahan and Corbett, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1953.
	20	Lecture Notes for Naval War College presentations, 1953.
	21	Sea Power and Naval Power and Their Relation to National Power in the World Today, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., 1956.
	22	Discussion at Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1956.
	23	The Structure of Military Stratey, Army War College, 1956.
	24	The Structure of Strategy in the Nuclear Age, Army War College, 1956.

Series V

Unpublished Writings
(2¾ Boxes)

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7	1	Unpublished/Unidentified Writings, Ueber die Theorie des Krieges, [1953].
	2	Clausewitz and Schlieffen, [1938].
	3	Mahan, 1938.
	4	Anglo-German Naval Relations, [1940].
	5	The German Problem for *Atlantic Monthly*, 1941.
	6	Tirpitz and the Anglo-German Naval Rivalry, Guggenheim Fellowship Application, [1941].
	7	Draft Memo on Allied Strategy, 1941.
	8	World-Wide Strategy, 1942.
	9	The Delimitation of Strategy, Operations and Tactics, [1943].
	10	General Staff Make-Up, 1944; Hitler's Strategy of Despair, [1944].
	11	Proposals for Interrogation of German Officers, [1945].
	12	Der Kries zur see, 1945.
	13	Survey of German material for Industrial College of Armed Forces, 1946.
	14	Truman Doctrine, 1947.
	15	Review of French War Books, [1947].
	16	Review of British Naval Books, [1947].
	17	Review of *Military and Political Consequences of Atomic Energy*, 1948.
	18	Conversations with Nehru (German), 1949.
	19	Conversations with Nehru (English), 1949.

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7	20	Letters relating to Conversations with Nehru, 1949.
	21	The Education of the Officer, 1949.
	22	The World of Jawaharlal Nehru, 1950.
8	1	Unpublished/Unidentified Writings, Russia's Feet of Clay, [1951].
	2	The European Problem Area, [1952].
	3	American Foreign Policy, 1952.
	4	Matsuoka, [1953].
	5	Germany in 1953, 1954.
	6	The World War, 1954.
	7	*Halder Study*, Part I, [1954].
	8	*Halder Study*, German Strategy in the Second World War, Part II, [1956].
	9	*Halder Study*, The Russian Campaign of 1941, Part III, [1956].
	10	*Halder Study*, Notes.
	11	New Thoughts on Strategy, 1955.
	12	The Disarmament Problem in 1955.
	13	*The Evolution of Warfare*, 1955, Part I, Warfare and Strategy; Part II, The Early Period of Strategy; Part III, The Consolidation of Strategy.
	14	*The Evolution of Warfare*, 1955, Part IV, The Industrialization of Warfare.
	15	*The Evolution of Warfare*, 1955, Part V, The Problem of Strategic Thought at Mid-Century.
9	1	Unpublished/Unidentified Writings, *The Evolution of Warfare*, Comments on, 1955.
	2	Comments on the Theory of War, 1957.
	3	The Control of World Revolution, ca. 1958.

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9	4	Civilizations and Religions, 1959.
	5	The Western Powers, 1959.
	6	The Development of Strategy, ca. 1959.
	7	The Role of Historical Studies in the Scientific Age, 1959.
	8	Europe in 1961.
	9	*Power and Peace*, 1962, (German).
	10	*Power and Human Destiny*, 1963, Part I.
	11	*Power and Human Destiny*, 1963, Part II.
	12	*Power and Human Destiny*, Related Studies.

Series VI

Notes and Outlines
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9	13	Notes and outlines, Notes on German Affairs.
	14	Notes on Military Affairs.
	15	Notes on Sea Power and Mahan.
	16	Air Power, Outline.
	17	Notes on Soviet Affairs.
	18	The Future of War and the Problem of Permanent Peace, Outline.
	19	Global Age, Outline, ca. 1953.
10	1	Unpublished typescript Biography of Rosinski by Richard P. Stebbins, 1988. 2 copies.

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APPENDIX: FURTHER RESEARCH SOURCES

Record Group 2 Administrative Records

P11-3 Correspondence regarding Rosinski lecture and biographical data, February 26, 1940.

P11-3 Correspondence, Letter, regarding Rosinski as a lecturer, January 30, 1946.

Record Group 15 Lectures

Rosinski, Herbert F. The Evolution of Sea Power, 1948.

Manuscript Collection 52 Henry E. Eccles Papers

Two boxes of Letters, Speeches, Writings and printed items of Herbert F. Rosinski.