FOREWORD

Few retired officers or civilians of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ever set down a summary of their careers with the intention of sharing their acquired knowledge with others. As a result, our organization and the engineering profession have lost valuable information and an important perspective for present and future decision-making. This volume in the Engineer Memoirs Series attempts to correct the situation by preserving material of historical significance that is not available elsewhere.

Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau had a distinguished career in the U.S. Army that included nearly 20 years in the Corps of Engineers; troop command in Europe, the Far East, and Korea; and a final assignment as Chief, Research and Development, U.S. Army. His career provides an outstanding example and many valuable insights for young Engineer officers. General Trudeau's accounts of his role in Engineer amphibian operations during World War II and of national defense issues in the 1950s make particularly good reading. I recommend this interview to thoughtful officers and civilian members of the Engineer family.

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