



From Hidden to Discoverable: Reporting Unreported U.S. Federal Government Publications to the Government Publishing Office (GPO) at the University of Kentucky Libraries

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Introduction:

Over the years, U.S. federal government publications have been identified at UK Libraries that are not in the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) and the Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (MOCAT). Since the Federal Depository Unit (FDU) could not verify SuDoc call numbers for these publications or even determine if they were in scope of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), they could not be incorporated into our SuDoc Regional Federal Depository collection, and slowly a mountain of publications built up. These became known as the “problem publications” and over the years several projects were conducted to address these with varying levels of success. In 2024, these “problem publications” were moved into boxes due to an office renovation, and it was decided this was a perfect opportunity to make some of these publications discoverable for the very first time.

Tools and Resources:

- Laptop and internet.
- askGPO login.
- iPad. Used as a document scanner.
- Google Drive. Used to upload and store scans from the iPad.
- Paper slips. Used to document what publication had been reported and when.

Ask GPO

Title: Report - U.S. Army ...
Publisher: U.S. Army Medical
Publication Date: 1947
SuDoc: _____

CGP: ☒ System Number: _____
MOCAT: ☒ Month and year: _____
Alma: ☒ MMS ID: _____
OCLC: ☒ OCLC #: 1762159

Date Submitted: 10/7/2025

Comments/Notes:

Response/Updates:

Process:

1. Logged into askGPO.
2. Clicked on “Submit an Inquiry” and used the category of “Unreported Publication(s)”.
3. Provided important metadata about the publications such as title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.
4. Used an iPad to scan important aspects of the publications that could be used in MARC record creation, such as the cover page, title page, title verso page, last numbered page, etc. Then uploaded those scans to a Google Drive.
5. Submitted askGPO inquiries about the publications by providing all the appropriate information and supporting scans.
6. Documented the publications with a paper slip and waited for a response.
7. If the publications were in scope of the FDLP, GPO would add records to the CGP and OCLC when applicable.
8. Copy cataloged the records that were in OCLC into UK Libraries’ catalog Alma/InfoKat Discovery and added the appropriate holdings/item records. Then added them to the collection.

Unique Opportunity:

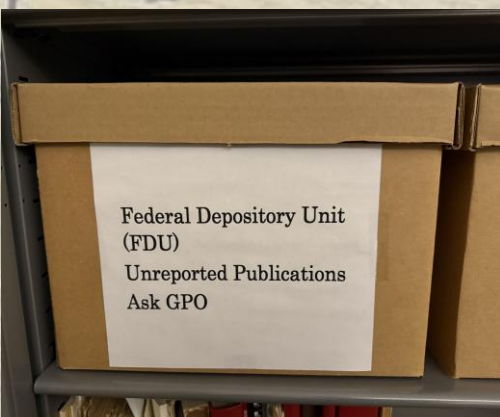
- In 2025, Oregon Health & Science University Library reached out to UK Libraries about donating U.S. Army Medical Research Laboratory Reports that were published by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky.
- We used askGPO to report this unreported serial publication to GPO.
- Once GPO confirmed it was in scope of the FDLP, they assigned it a SuDoc call number (D 104.14:) and added it to the CGP.
- We then had those reports shipped to us, where we cataloged, labeled, and shelved them.

Statistics So Far:

- Unreported publications submissions: 167
- Unreported publications submissions closed (Publications were added to the CGP or determined to be out of scope of the FDLP): 160

Next Steps:

- At UK Libraries, we have dozens of boxes of unreported publications, so we will continue to report them.
- Additionally, we may talk with GPO about ways we can further collaborate on this project.



Ask GPO form with handwritten details: Title: Report - U.S. Army ..., Publisher: U.S. Army Medical, Publication Date: 1947, SuDoc: _____, CGP: ☒ System Number: _____, MOCAT: ☒ Month and year: _____, Alma: ☒ MMS ID: _____, OCLC: ☒ OCLC #: 1762159, Date Submitted: 10/7/2025, Comments/Notes: _____, Response/Updates: _____



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Record 1 out of 1

Title: Report - US Army Medical Research Laboratory.
Format: volume
Author: Army Medical Research Laboratory (U.S.)
Published: Fort Knox, Kentucky : U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, 1947.

SuDoc Number: [D 104.14:](#)
ISSN: 0097-5362 1
LC Number: UH399.6 .U53a
Dewey Number: 355.3/45 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ddd/E3wqqMQC8XWcx8QgKM6C4HqFv>
Description: volumes ; 28 cm
Current Frequency: Irregular
Publication Dates: no. 1-
Content Type: text
General Note: This is a publication issued by the United States federal government or produced with federal funds.

