

Camp Rimini Oral History Collection, 1982-1983

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Fischer, Karen, interviewer
Title	Camp Rimini Oral History Collection
Dates	1982-1983 1982 1983
Quantity	.2 linear feet
Collection Number	Collection 1349, MtBC, us (collection)
Summary	The Camp Rimini Oral History Collection includes nine audiocassettes, two bound copies of the interview transcriptions, and photocopies of two U.S. Army pamphlets dealing with the use of pack dogs.
Repository	Montana State University Library, Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections Montana State University-Bozeman Library Merrill G Burlingame Special Collections P.O. Box 173320 Bozeman, MT 59717-3320 Telephone: 406-994-4242 Fax: 406-994-2851 spcoll@www.lib.montana.edu
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Camp Rimini, Montana trained sled and pack dogs for use as war dogs in WWII. The facility was run by the Quartermaster Corps, which was responsible for running the Army's K-9 Corps. In 1981 Karen Fischer, an MSU librarian, received a staff improvement grant to interview some of the surviving members of the dog training program at Camp Rimini. In 1982 and 1983 she interviewed Stuart Mace, David Armstrong, Eddie Barbeau, and John "Jack" Eslick. Topics include the problems involved in procuring and training sled dogs and sled-dog drivers for use in search-and-rescue work in the Arctic; the history of the detachment from its inception at Camp Hale, Colo., to its final days at Fort Robinson, Neb.; administering the program; the project's difficulties, accomplishments, and failures; feeding and health problems encountered by the dogs and search and rescue operations in Newfoundland and Greenland.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Duplicate copies of audiocassette tapes, and typed transcriptions, of four oral history interviews conducted by Karen Fischer were deposited with the Montana Historical Society in Helena and the Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections in 1983.

Processing Note

This collection was processed 2014 November 14

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Dog trainers
Dog trainers -- Montana -- Interviews
Dogs -- Training
Dogs -- Training
Dogs -- Training -- Montana -- Rimini
Dogs -- War use
Dogs -- War use
Rescue dogs
Rescue dogs -- Canada, Northern
Search and rescue operations
Search and rescue operations -- Arctic regions
Search and rescue operations -- Newfoundland and Labrador
Search and rescue operations -- Greenland
Sled dogs
Sled dogs
Sled dogs -- Training
Sled dogs -- Training -- Montana
Veterans -- Colorado -- Interviews
World War, 1939-1945 -- Montana
World War, 1939-1945 -- Montana -- Rimini
World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal narratives, American
World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans -- Colorado -- Interviews

Corporate Names :

United States. Army -- Officers -- Interviews
United States. Army -- Officers -- Interviews
World War (1939-1945)

Geographical Names :

Camp Hale (Colo.)
Camp Rimini War Dog Reception and Training Center (Mont.)
Canada, Northern

Fort Robinson (Neb.)

Greenland

Montana

Montana -- Camp Rimini War Dog Reception and Training Center

Montana -- Camp Rimini War Dog Reception and Training Center

Montana -- Rimini

Form or Genre Terms :

Interviews

Interviews

Interviews -- Montana

Oral histories -- Montana

Personal narratives -- American

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Fischer, Karen, interviewer

Corporate Names :

General Montana History Collection (Montana Historical Society)

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