Bob Reed papers, 1936-1994

Overview of the Collection

**Creator**
Reed, Bob, 1914-2005

**Title**
Bob Reed papers

**Dates**
1936-1994 (inclusive)
1936 1994

**Quantity**
7.17 cubic feet (11 boxes) including 1 film reel, 4 videotapes and 24 audiocassettes plus 1 tube

**Collection Number**
3512

**Summary**
Veteran and political activist

**Repository**
University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections
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**Access Restrictions**
No restrictions on access.

**Languages**
English

Biographical Note

Robert Lee "Bob" Reed (1914-2005) fought in the Spanish Civil War with the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion until December 1938. He was on the City of Barcelona when it sank. He has been an active member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and from ca. 1974 to 1978 was president of the Seattle Chapter of the U.S. Committee For a Democratic Spain. In 1984 Reed initiated the "Northwest to Nicaragua Ambulance Campaign," a fund-raising campaign which purchased three ambulances for Nicaragua. The project was sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

Content Description

Consult the scope and content information for each of the accessions listed below.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Consult the restrictions governing reproduction and use for each of the accessions listed below.
Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 3512-007, Bob Reed papers, 1936-1994
Accession No. 3512-008, Bob Reed manuscript, 1936-1939

Separated Materials

Material Described Separately:
Spain in Exile Film (PH Collection 998)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 3512-007: Bob Reed papers, 1936-1994

Six point nine six cubic feet (10 boxes) including textual materials, 4 videotapes, 24 audiocassettes plus 1 tube
Scope and Content: Ephemera, military service documents, memorabilia, photographs, publications and film regarding the Spanish Civil War and the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 1936-39; notebook of biographical entries; supplemental folders of letters, general interest notebook; typed Seattle newspaper articles; list of volunteers prepared by Albert Ross; photographs of volunteers collected by Robert Reed 1936-39, 1991-94; correspondence, newsletters, ephemera, video and audio tapes, and clippings regarding the activities of the Veterans of the International Brigades, Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of Canada and the Seattle Chapter of the Committee For a Democratic Spain, 1971-94.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Reed's rights transferred to the libraries.

Acquisition Info: Donated by Robert Reed, 1/1/1983.

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**Series 2: Northwest Volunteers In The Spanish Civil War**

Scope and Content: Reed’s Research, Writings, Correspondence, Photographs, And Biographical Material On Veterans Including Reed’s "notebook" And "folders"

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Veterans Of The Abraham Lincoln Brigade

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9 3512-007 Video Cassettes - Valb Events 1986-91

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Tube

11 3512-007 Poster - U.S. Committee For A Democratic Spain undated

**Accession No. 3512-008: Bob Reed Manuscript, 1936-1939**

.21 cubic foot (1 box)

**Scope and Content:** Manuscript for "The Last Good Fight" by Hank Rubin. This autobiographical manuscript forms part of a collection being built by Bob Reed about Americans who fought in the Spanish Civil War and who enlisted in the Abraham Lincoln Battalion (popularly known as the Abraham Lincoln Brigade) of the Spanish Republican Army in 1936-1939. The book was published in 1987 by the Southern Illinois University Press under the title *Spain's cause was mine: a memoir of an American medic in the Spanish Civil War.*

**Restrictions on Access:** Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Hank Rubin, 7/10/1996.

Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms:**
Anti-fascist movements--History--Sources
Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
Political activists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives

**Personal Names:**
Reed, Bob, 1914-2005--Archives

**Corporate Names:**
Spain. Ejercito Popular de la Republica. Abraham Lincoln Battalion--History--Sources
Spain. Ejercito Popular de la Republica. MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion--History--Sources
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade--History--Sources
Veterans of the International Brigades MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion of Canada--History--Sources

**Geographical Names:**
Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939--Sources

**Other Creators:**

- **Personal Names:**
  Rubin, Hank
  (creator)

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