Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources:

Images

"75th Anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima." National Archives, 21 Feb. 2020, Accessed 9 Feb. 2021, https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/iwo-jima-75?ga=2.188915307.1511189008.1612923020-1368923455.1607135683.

This website provided a collection of pictures from the Iwo Jima Campaign, and also where I obtained the picture of the Marines holding up the American flag. The picture is found in my "Impacts" section.

Auel, Lisa. "Buddies: Soldiers and Animals in World War II." National Archives, 15 Aug. 2016. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/fall/buddies.html.

This source had a short collection of photos which included war animals such as horses, cats, and dogs. Among those photos is a photograph of wounded Caesar during the Bougainville Campaign. The photo can be seen in the "Caesar" section of my website.

Berg, Tom. "The Four-Legged Platoon That Helped Win a War." Orange County Register, Orange County Register, 17 July 2009. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020.

https://www.ocregister.com/2009/07/17/the-four-legged-platoonthat-helped-win-a-war/.

This website discussed about the 1st War Dog Platoon and had a collection of photos from World War II. One of the photos features a Doberman and their handler during the Battle of Saipan in 1944. This photo can be seen in my "History" section of the website.

Fulcher, Michelle. "Meet The Longmont Man Who Helped Train The First Dog Platoon In The Marine Corps During World War II." Colorado Public Radio, Colorado Public Radio, 11 Nov. 2019.

Accessed 30 Dec. 2020. https://www.cpr.org/2019/11/11/meet-the-longmont-man-who-helped-train-the-first-dog-platoon-in-the-marine-corps-during-world-war-ii/.

Although this is an interview, a photograph of Pfc. Homer Finley and Jack during the Bougainville Campaign is shown at the top. Although Pfc. Gordon Wortman is Jack's original handler, he was injured, and therefore Jack was transferred to Finley. This photo is seen in the "Jack" section of the website.

Fulcher, Michelle. "Meet The Longmont Man Who Helped Train The First Dog Platoon In The Marine Corps During World War II." Colorado Public Radio, Colorado Public Radio, 11 Nov. 2019.

Accessed 30 Dec. 2020. https://www.cpr.org/2019/11/11/meet-the-longmont-man-who-helped-train-the-first-dog-platoon-in-the-marine-corps-during-world-war-ii/.

This website also included another photo with Pfc. Homer Finley and Jack. In the third picture down, Finley, Jack, and another Marine are shown. I used this photo in the "Thor" section of the website.

Golden, Kathleen. "Dogs for Defense: How Skip, Spot, and Rover Went off to Fight World War II." National Museum of American History, 17 Aug. 2017. Accessed 25 Jan. 2021. https://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/dogs-defense.

This source featured a collection of photos about the war dogs from World War II and more specifically, the "Dogs For Defense" newspapers. The sixth photo shown in the website is the one I chose for my website. It can be found in the "History" section.

Kiser, Toni. "For Loyalty Day: A Look at Man's Best Friend." The National WWII Museum, 1 May 2020. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/loyalty-day-mans-best-friend.

This source had a collection of a pictures, all of them featuring war dogs from World War II. The second photo listed is a photograph of Pfc. John Kleeman and Caesar during the Bougainville Campaign. I used this image in the "Caesar" section of my website.

"Marine Corps Searches for New Satellite Communications System." Marine Corps Systems Command, 17 Jan. 2018. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021.

https://www.marcorsyscom.marines.mil/Photos/igphoto/2001866661/.

The official Quantico website included a gallery in which I found a photo of one of their satellites. I decided to use this photo and use a black-and-white filter to have it match the aesthetic of my website. This photo can be seen in the "Impact" section of my website.

Palsa, Hannah. "A Short History of Dogs For Defense." Dogs for Defense Inc. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021.

https://www.dogsfordefense.com/wwii-dogs-for-defense.

This source shows a newspaper article that encouraged people to enlist their dogs into the military. As seen in the text, the newspaper includes requirements for the dog as well as a form at the bottom. In my website, this photo can be seen in the "History" section.

Palsa, Hannah. "A Short History of Dogs For Defense." Dogs for Defense Inc. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021.

https://www.dogsfordefense.com/wwii-dogs-for-defense.

This source also included a "Dogs For Defense," or "DFD" logo. This logo can be found in the "History" section of my website.

Smith, Steven Trent. "A Few Good Marines: Dogs in Wartime." History.net, 16 Feb. 2017. Accessed 4 Jan. 2021. https://www.historynet.com/a-few-good-marines-dogs-in-wartime.htm.

This website shows a photograph at the top of the page. This photograph features Caesar and Pfc. Rufus G. Mayo and other Marines. I used this photo as a backdrop in my website.

Smith, Steven Trent. "A Few Good Marines: Dogs in Wartime." History.net, 16 Feb. 2017. Accessed 4 Jan. 2021. https://www.historynet.com/a-few-good-marines-dogs-in-wartime.htm.

The last photo seen on the website is one of the photos I selected and used in my website. The photograph fit the contents of the paragraph below it, hence why I decided to use it. This image can be seen in the "War Communication" section.

"War Dogs in the Marine Corps." Marine Corps University.

Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-In-WWII/War-Dogs-in-the-Marine-Corps/.

This source had many a few pictures that I inserted into my website. The second and fifth picture on the site is seen in the "Home" section.

War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of War. Regnery History, 2019, p. 67.

This book provided many pictures and quotes for me to use, and the photograph on page 67 with Thor, Caesar, and Jack caught my eye. The photograph can be seen in the "Thor" section of the website.

War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of War. Regnery History, 2019, p. 75.

From this page of the book, I also took a photo of Jack. This photograph can be found in the "Jack" section of the website.

War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of War. Regnery History, 2019, p. 77.

On this page of the book, a photograph of Pfc. Gordon Wortman and Jack can be found. This same picture is found in the "Jack" section of the website.

Legal Documents

H.R. 5314 — 106th Congress: To require the immediate termination of the Department of Defense practice of euthanizing military working ..." www.GovTrack.us. 2000. Accessed 1 Feb. 2021. https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-106hr5314enr.pdf.

H.R. 5314, also known as "Robby's Law," states that military working dogs will have to be adopted after their service is over. From this document, I learned more about the law and the impact of it. I used this information to write out some of the parts in the "Impact" section, along with another law, H.R. 4310.

H.R. 4310 - 112th Congress: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013." www.GovTrack.us. 2012. Accessed 1 Feb. 2021. https://www.congress.gov/112/plaws/publ239/PLAW-112publ239.pdf.

H.R. 4310, also known as the "National Defense Authorization Act" discusses how if there is no suitable place for the dog to go, they will be transferred to either a training squadron or another place for adoption. This law plays off of H.R. 5314 in terms of what happens if the dog cannot be adopted. I used this information and briefly mentioned its use in the "Impact" section, along with H.R. 5314.

Video

National Archives. "The Use of War Dogs, 1943." YouTube, 3 Sept. 2013. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9RB QfyoWw.

This film/documentary shows how dogs were trained and used during battles. The section about the messenger dogs was the most helpful to me, as I could clearly see a visual representation of how they were used during war.

Secondary Sources:

Websites

"9 Famous Animals From The First And Second World Wars."

Imperial War Museums, Imperial War Museums. Accessed 10 Dec.
2020. https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/9-famous-animals-from-the-first-and-second-world-wars.

Before I started my website, I was initially going to make my website about war animals in general, but I switched before I did anything major with the project. This website was viewed before I had switched topics, but some war dogs are mentioned here. From this I was also able to learn about messenger pigeons, whose jobs sometimes overlapped with messenger dogs'.

"15 Animals That Went To War." Imperial War Museums, Imperial War Museums. Accessed 10 Dec. 2020.

https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/15-animals-that-went-to-war.

This website was also viewed before I switched my topic, but it still gave me simple information that was useful in the long run. Some messenger dogs from the past were mentioned as well as other animals.

Auel, Lisa. "Buddies: Soldiers and Animals in World War II." National Archives, 15 Aug. 2016. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/fall/buddies.html.

This source gave me a brief understanding of how animals were used in war in general. Although dogs aren't mainly discussed, it still gave me the information I needed at the time. Just understanding the different roles of animals in the military was sufficient enough.

"The Battle of Bougainville." MCU. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021. https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-History-Division/Brief-Histories/Marines-in-World-War-II/The-Battle-of-Bougainville/.

This website had a summary and detailed information about the Battle of Bougainville/The Bougainville Campaign. It gave me more background about the battle Devil Dog canines were first used.

"Canine Members of the Armed Forces Act." Animal Welfare Institute. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021.

https://awionline.org/content/canine-members-armed-forces-act.

This website talks about the law H.R. 4310 and what it was for. These were used in the "Impact" section of my website as to give the results of war dogs' brave efforts.

Cohick, Brad. "German Shepherd Dogs in the Military: A Brief Historical Overview." MWDTSA, 15 Feb. 2017. Accessed 16 Dec. 2020. https://www.mwdtsa.org/german-shepherd-dogs-military-brief-historical-overview/.

This website talked about the development of German Shepard dogs throughout wars. Not only that, it gave information about some laws surrounding military working dogs as well as training information.

Daley, Jason. "Dogs of War." *Medium*, 9 Mar. 2020. Accessed 17 Dec. 2020. https://medium.com/truly-adventurous/dogs-of-war-40fbd36a9714.

This website explains how war dogs were fully adopted into the U.S. military, especially during World War II. This helped me confirm my sources and inform me on details of different war dogs' stories.

Frankel, Rebecca. "Dogs at War: Caesar, One of the First Marine Dogs in the Pacific." National Geographic News, National Geographic, 18 May 2014. Accessed 14 Jan. 2021.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/5/140517-dogs-war-canines-soldiers-troops-marine-military-pacific-japan/.

This website talks about Caesar, a messenger dog in the Marine Corps, and his many accomplishments. It helped me confirm my sources and give me more information regarding Caesar and his service.

Fulcher, Michelle. "Meet The Longmont Man Who Helped Train The First Dog Platoon In The Marine Corps During World War II." Colorado Public Radio, Colorado Public Radio, 11 Nov. 2019. Accessed 30 Dec. 2020. https://www.cpr.org/2019/11/11/meet-the-longmont-man-who-helped-train-the-first-dog-platoon-in-the-marine-corps-during-world-war-ii/.

This website includes an interview with Private Homer Finley, a handler for some of the Devil Dog messengers, Thor and Jack. I found the perspective of a handler himself interesting and was able to gain some information from it. I was going to add more to my project about the dogs' handlers but couldn't due to the word limit. He is briefly mentioned in the captions, however.

History.com Editors. "U.S. Army Launches K-9 Corps." HISTORY, A&E Television Networks, 24 Nov. 2009. Accessed 25 Jan. 2021. https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/u-s-army-launches-k-9-corps.

This website mentions how the K-9 war dog unit came to life. It helped me understand a bit of some backstory regarding war dogs in the past and how the war dog programs have slowly evolved over time.

"H.R.4310 - National Defense Authorization Act." Congress.Gov | Library of Congress, 2013. Accessed 1 Feb. 2021. https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/4310. This website showed a PDF of H.R. 4310, (pg. 76 - 77) which included animal rights for military working dogs and how they are to be treated after service. This helped me understand the difference between this law and Robby's Law, as well as what this law even is.

Kelly, Kate. "U.S. War Dogs in the Pacific Theater - America Comes Alive." America Comes Alive, 21 July 2020. Accessed 24 Jan. 2021. https://americacomesalive.com/u-s-war-dogs-in-the-pacific-theater/.

This website explains how the term "Devil Dogs" came to light and the backstory of war dogs. It also included Jack's story as well as two other Devil Dogs (although they weren't messenger dogs, so I didn't need them) and training.

Kiser, Toni. "For Loyalty Day: A Look at Man's Best Friend." The National WWII Museum, 1 May 2020. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/loyalty-day-mans-best-friend.

This website includes stories of different messenger dogs and their heroic deeds. Using this helped me gain more information about the devil dogs I would use in my website.

Lang, M. C. "Let the Records Bark!" National Archives, 15 Aug. 2016. Accessed 14 Dec. 2020.

https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2011/winter/marin e-dogs.html.

This website talks about the records for dogs who had enlisted into the Marine Corps. (Including how they were chosen, what they had to do to be chosen, etc.) From this, I was able to write about the dogs' training.

Smith, Steven Trent. "A Few Good Marines: Dogs in Wartime." History.net, 16 Feb. 2017. Accessed 4 Jan. 2021. https://www.historynet.com/a-few-good-marines-dogs-in-wartime.htm.

This website mentioned facts about Camp Lejeune and the Bougainville Campaign, as well as the messenger dogs and their actions during the battle. I discovered more information about the Bougainville Campaign through this as well as confirmed my sources.

Steere, Leigh. "Remembering WWII Marine Handler Homer Finley." MWDTSA, 8 Sept. 2020. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021. https://www.mwdtsa.org/remembering-wwii-marine-handler-homer-finley/.

This source/interview with Homer Finley gave me a wider perspective of how dogs were trained and used during World War II. I gained more information about how dogs were enlisted, why they were enlisted, and more about how they were trained and where they went.

"Text of H.R. 5314." GovTrack.Us, Accessed 15 Jan. 2021. https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/106/hr5314/text.

This website showed a PDF of H.R. 5314, also known as "Robby's Law," which gave me some direction on how the law worked and the effects of it on military working dogs. The requirements before euthanizing the dog are also listed as well as rules military staff must follow before taking any action on the dog. This helped me with the "Impact" section of the website as this law did heavily affect military working dogs.

"The Dogs of War: The U.S. Army's Use of Canines in WWII." Army Historical Foundation. Accessed 10 Dec. 2021. https://armyhistory.org/the-dogs-of-war-the-u-s-armys-use-of-canines-in-wwii/.

This website held quite a lot of information about the history of military working dogs, marking back to World War I. Most of the information from the beginning isn't as important, but the section regard the "M" Company and the Bougainville Campaign definitely made use to me, especially in the "Devil Dog Canines" section.

Walker, Anna M. "War Dogs in World War II." US War Dog Association. Accessed 6 Feb. 2021. https://www.uswardogs.org/war-dog-history/world-war-2/.

This website talked about the history of war dog use, especially during World War II. This gave me more information regarding the training, role, and impact of the dogs.

"War Dogs in the Marine Corps." Marine Corps University.

Accessed 14 Dec. 2020. https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/Marine-Corps-Units/Shoulder-Patches-In-WWII/War-Dogs-in-the-Marine-Corps/.

This website includes information about how the Marine Corps began using devil dogs, how they chose and trained dogs, how the dogs' handlers were chosen, and a list of some of the more known messenger dogs.

"War Dogs in the Marine Corps in World War II." United States War Dog Association. Accessed 3 Feb. 2021. http://www.uswardogs.org/war-dogs-in-the-marine-corps-in-world-war-ii/.

This website explains the war dog training program used to train messenger and scout dogs. From this, I learned more about the war dog training program and some information about scout dogs, although I didn't exactly need it since my main topic was on messenger dogs.

Book

Hutton, Robin. War Animals. Regnery History, 2019.

This book had tons of information about war animals and what they did to contribute to World War II. This ranged from war dogs to cats. This book helped me gain information about the dogs I had written about in my website as well as the dog program with the Marines.