

Edward R. Murrow

Fact Sheet



Who was Edward R. Murrow?

Edward R. Murrow was a broadcaster who became a household name following his many television and radio endeavors.

Edward R. Murrow was born:

April 25th, 1908

as Egbert Roscoe Murrow.

He was born in

Polecat Creek, NC



World War II

Murrow truly built his prowess in the media world with his reporting out of Europe during the second World War. His reporting out of London was noted as it truly brought the war to Americans and to their ears.

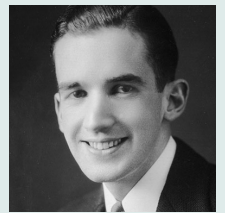


Murrow vs. McCarthy

In 1954, Murrow, without the aid of CBS, produced an episode of *See it Now* which focused on Senator Joseph McCarthy, and his widespread accusations of members of the State Department being communist sympathizers. Murrow used McCarthy's contradictions and errors against him, crushed his popularity, and the broadcast is seen as one of the most pivotal ones in history.

Early Life

Murrow was born into a poor Quaker family and lived in a log cabin with no plumbing or electricity along with his two other brothers. When Murrow was six years old, his family moved to Blanchard, Washington. In high school, Murrow grew an interest in politics and joined his high school's debate team and well as became president of the student body. In college, at Washington State College, he was a Speech major and would eventually graduate in 1930, where he then moved to New York.



Post-war Achievements

Following his endeavors in Europe as a CBS reporter, he was promoted to the Head of CBS news in 1945. In 1951, his famous radio show, *Hear it Now*, was moved to television and rebranded as *See It Now*. He would host the television production from 1952-1957. He also created many other films and specials for CBS in his time as a contributor.



Death and Legacy

In 1965, at the age of 57 years old, Murrow died from lung cancer. Murrow had been known to smoke over 60 cigarettes per day. Unfortunately, the connection between the two was not wide spread until it was too late. Murrow has gone down as one of the most legendary voices in radio, and his influence on broadcast media will live on forever.

