

The Murrow Boys

This groundbreaking group of reporters helped bring World War II to life in living rooms across America.



Who were the Murrow Boys?

The Murrow Boys were a group of radio broadcast journalists at CBS who worked with Edward R Murrow during World War II. Stationed across Europe, they brought the scenes of World War II from the battlefield to homes in America.



Boys' Club

The name "Murrow Boys" was very applicable to Murrow's team. CBS administrators did not want women correspondents. Mary Marvin Breckinridge was the only female member of the group, and she eventually left to get married.



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There were eleven individuals selected to be a part of Murrow's team. It included Mary Marvin Breckinridge, Cecil Brown, Winston Burdett, Charles Collingwood, William Downs, Thomas Grandin, Richard C. Hottelet, Larry LeSueur, Eric Sevareid, William L. Shirer, and Howard K. Smith.

Impact on Journalism

Edward R Murrow and his team of journalists pioneered the era of broadcast journalism. Their stories from the front lines were instrumental in informing Americans of the happenings in Europe, and broadcast journalism became the norm after the war ended.



Covering the Continent

Murrow and his boys covered the European front of WWII by spreading out across the continent. The map below shows the locations that team members were stationed during the war.

