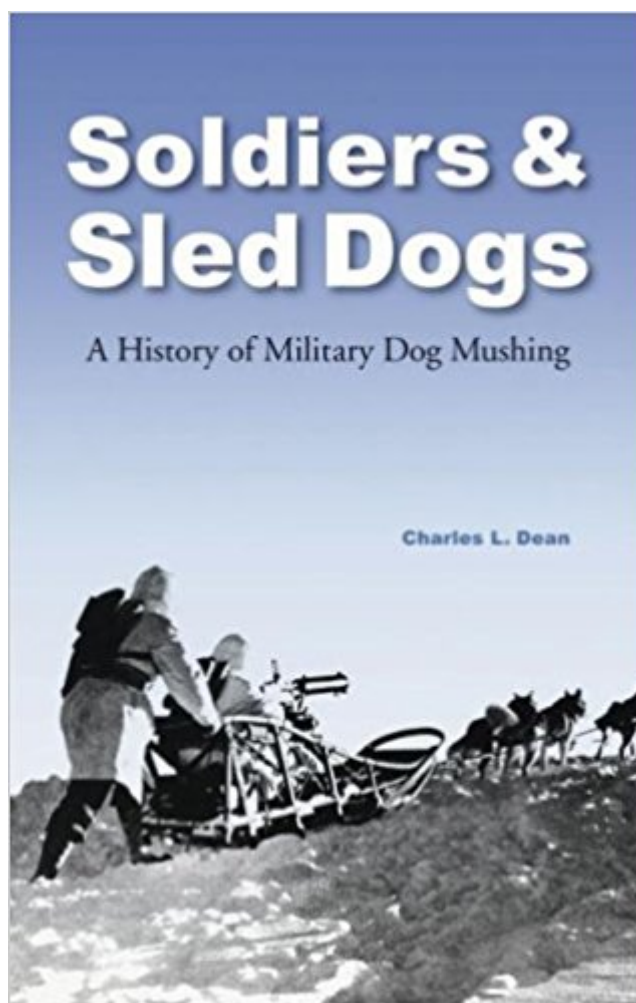


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# Soldiers And Sled Dogs: A History Of Military Dog Mushing



## Synopsis

Sled dogs have been serving humans since they were first tamed and broken to the trace thousands of years ago. Their history of supporting soldiers is much more recent and, for all its drama and heroism, remains little known. This hundred-year history of canine military service from the frozen reaches of Alaska to the snowy battlefields of World Wars I and II is told fully for the first time in this book by former army officer and longtime sled dog aficionado Charles L. Dean. By way of original army documents, interviews with the last living dog drivers, and never before published photographs, Dean's book tells a story that begins in Alaska, traverses two world wars and the Cold War era, and ends in the present-day Danish sledge patrol in Greenland. Here are the sled dogs drafted from Alaska and trained by French troops for use in the Vosges Mountains; improvised alpine sled dogs used by the Italians in the Great War; those deployed by the German SS in World War II; and others training in Montana's Camp Rimini, Colorado's Camp Hale, and Nebraska's Fort Robinson. From the nitty-gritty of the making of a canine division to the high drama of dogs conducting daring rescues and parachuting to their destinations, this book richly supplies a missing chapter in military history and in the story of man's best friend at war.

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## Customer Reviews

I must admit to being a bit biased as I am a friend of Chuck Dean, but this is only because I am also a researcher in the same subject. That being said, there is also a bit of rivalry as I was also hoping to publish the first book on this subject. Unfortunately for me, Chuck beat me to it.... fortunately for every one else he did. There can be no man more qualified to write this book, he has spent years

conducting his research and this book contains about as much information as there is to be had on this subject. Believe me, the information is not readily available and this book is as good as it gets. It is superb, not only for its technical details, but also for the personal stories of some of those involved. There is also a chapter on the use of sled dogs by the SS during WWII. This is a very difficult subject to broach and it is a credit to Chuck that he managed to track down and get a former SS dog driver to tell his story... not everyone was proud to serve in the SS. This is a must have book and will be one that people will read time and time again. When you get bored of that, there are many excellent photos and diagrams to look at. I can't recommend this book highly enough

This book is a study of the use of sled dogs, mostly in the United States Army. The use of sled dogs was first appreciated by the soldiers sent to Alaska, where normal means of transportation could come to a halt in the winter months. By observing the natives they learned that sleds could provide the means to keep communications open, resupply posts, even allow for the laying of telegraph lines in hostile weather conditions. Dean's study looks at the WWII efforts to improve this mode of transportation, codify the use of dogs and the initial plans to use the teams in Norway as part of the 10th Mountain Division's logistical setup. Dog teams would prove extremely valuable in search and rescue efforts under arctic conditions. I found this a very interesting book. It includes photos and line drawings throughout and is very well-written. The only downside is that it is redundant in places, almost as if the chapters were originally written as separate articles and then put together in one book.

Extremely informative book about my favorite topics ~ the military & northern breeds. The book gives very specific and detailed information documenting all the author's sources.

needs more detail. I bought this book hoping to find out what I wanted... it does give a decent description of the history..... more details for further research is always better. I would not pay more than 5 bucks for this book.....and i wouldn't want to pay more than 3 bucks shipping. so this book should be worth about 5 bucks.....maybe 7 with shipping. I am going to get the army's fm next...hopefully that will have more info.

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