

SIGLOH, BOYDE INTERVIEW  
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WORLD WAR II: THE HOME FRONT SERIES

BIOGRAPHY --

Boyde Sigloh, of German and Welsh descent was born in North Dakota in 1911. At the age of one he moved with his family to Ortonville where he received his formal education. From 1939, when he bought out his fathers business to 1975, he owned and operated the Siglohs Sporting goods store in Ortonville.

During World War II he was a First Lieut. and later became a Captin in the Minnesota State Guard. Mr. Sigloh had a family and therefore was deferred from being drafted. In Feb. 1943 he went out west to work in the war factories. Valuable insights into the origin and fuction of the State Guard and also the life of a war time factory worker can be gathered from this tape.

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ABSTRACT

001	The beginning of the tape
001-015	The introduction which gives the background information on Mr. Siglow, including when and where he was born; his ethnicity; a sketch of his father and; where he attended school.
015-025	Mr. Siglows occupation in 1941 and what he was doing when Pearl Harbor happened.
025-045	After World War II broke out the National Guard went into active duty and the State Guard replaced it in its local duties. Siglow talks about this and what it was like when he was in the State Guard.
045-103	In this section he talkes about his work on the west coast and why he went out there. He talkes of his experiences in the Portland Shipyards and a munitions plant in California.
103-113	Mr. Siglow tells of what he and his wife did for a social life in California.
113-148	The interviewee talks of the local Californias' attitudes to newcomers in the area; about the Japaneece and the Germans.
148-161	He goes into more detail about his work repairing guns.
161-180	Mr. Siglow talked about his feelings about his own war effort.
180-201	In the closing section of the tape he talkes some of the people who didn't come back to Ortonville after the war, and his reason for coming back.
201	End of tape.