Guide to the Joan Alzina Papers

MS 2082

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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives
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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2082

**CREATOR:** Alzina, Joan

**TITLE:** Joan Alzina papers

**DATES:** 1937–1941

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in Spanish and Catalan.

**SUMMARY:** Papers of Joan Alzina, Catalan soldier in the Spanish Civil War’s Republican Army, 24th Army Group, Group Logistics, 3rd Section. Includes seven notebooks documenting Alzina’s service in the army, his time as a prisoner at Navalpino, and his tenure as a prison guard for a mental hospital at Alcalá de Henares, Madrid for other Republican prisoners. Alzina’s notebooks written during the war include uncensored drafts of letters to family members. Also included is a drawing by Alzina of Mickey Mouse as a soldier and notes by Alzina on how to dig and fortify trenches.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- **b.** box
- **f.** folder

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**Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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Biographical / Historical
Joan Alzina, Catalan Republican and member of the Republican Army, served in the 24th Army Group, Group Logistics, 3rd Section. Alzina was held prisoner at Navalpino and later became a camp guard at Alcalá de Henares, a Madrid prison for Republican fighters.

Scope and Contents
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Arrangement
The material is arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names
Spain -- History -- Civil War, 1936-1939

Names
Alzina, Joan