Paul J. Rainey Papers

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Content Note

The Paul J. Rainey Papers contain manuscript and typewritten versions of a report, an expense record, and photographs relating to Rainey’s trip to Siberia from June 1918 to February 1919. The report by Rainey comments almost exclusively upon the military situation at the time shortly after the Bolshevik Revolution. Among the topics described are the presence and the activities of American, Czech, and Japanese forces in the region, the fitness of the forces opposing the Bolsheviks, the state of the railroads and supply lines, troop movements and devastation caused by the war.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 FF 1 Contains a 14 page typed manuscript of Rainey’s “General Observations on the Situation in Russia” from June 1918 to February 1919 in which he comments on the military situation in various locations in eastern Russia shortly after the Bolshevik Revolution. The main body of the report is framed in a daily journal form. He recounts meetings with military commanders, encounters with British and American intelligence officers, conditions of the railroads, troop movements, engagements and the presence and the activities of the American, Czech, and Japanese forces in the region.
Box 1 FF 2 Contains a 41 page handwritten account of Rainey’s “General Observations on the Situation in Russia” with corrections and deletions.

Box 1 FF 3 Contains a three page manuscript expense report of Rainey’s “Asiatic Expedition” from June 1918 to February 1919.

Box 1 FF 4 Contains envelope which contained Rainey’s notes and letters while he was in Siberia, 1918.

Box 1 FF 5 Contains a letter pertaining to the trip exchanged in 1931 between a companion (Edmund Heller) and another party.

Box 1 FF 6 Contains 38 original prints (most measuring 3 x 5 inches) of photographs taken on the trip. The photographs show native residents or scenery, railroads, troop movements, scenes of devastation after battles, etc.

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