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Thirty-four years of hell : [typescript]

20th century

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Summary

Creator: De Boin, Henri, b. 1887

Title: Thirty-four years of hell : [typescript]

Date: 20th century

Size: .04 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: "34 Years of Hell," an account of the life of Henri de Boin, including his enlistment in the French Foreign Legion in April 1905, his court martial and subsequent banishment to the penal colony at Devil's Island, French Guiana, his twenty-one unsuccessful attempts at escape, his ultimate escape to the Bahamas, and his involvement with the murder of Sir Harry Oakes at Nassau, the Bahamas, in 1943. Typescript (carbon)

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Autobiographies (literary works)

Geographic Names

Devil's Island (French Guiana)

Nassau (Bahamas)

Subjects

Escapes -- French Guiana -- Devil's Island -- 20th century

Murder -- Bahamas

Penal colonies -- French Guiana -- Devil's Island -- History -- 20th century

Soldiers -- Biography

Names

De Boin, Henri, b. 1887

Oakes, Harry, Sir, 1874-1943

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