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Guide to the

**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)

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Autobiographies

### 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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