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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Title:	Harry R. Swain journals
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Biographical Note

Harry R. Swain (1893-1975) was born in Indiana to John R. and Emma Swain. He lived in Harrisville, Alcona, Michigan from where he entered military service as a private during World War I. He was a member of the 339th Infantry which was part of the American Expeditionary Forces North Russia from August 1918 until April 1920. Many American soldiers from Michigan served in AEF North Russia which was nicknamed the Polar Bear Expedition. Swain died in 1975 in Flushing, Michigan.

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Scope and Content

The Harry Swain journals contains addresses, lists, inventories, and accounts of day-to-day life as a soldier as part of the American Expeditionary Forces North Russia, nicknamed the Polar Bear Expedition. The dates and entries for the two journals overlap.

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- Soldiers
- World War, 1914-1918

- Soviet Union -- History -- Revolution, 1917-1921
- Soviet Union -- History -- Allied intervention, 1918-1920
- Diaries
- Polar Bear Expedition (1918-1919)
- United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces
- Serdel, Dennis

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Journal, July 19, 1918 - May 31, 1919	folder 1
Journal, August 24, 1918 - May 18, 1919	folder 2