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NAME OF COLLECTION: Nikolai Vasil'evich ZHELEZNOV Memoirs

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SUBJECT: World War I

DATES COVERED: 1936-1937 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 11

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DESCRIPTION:

Memoirs of Nikolai V. Zheleznov (ca. 1890 - 1957), an officer in the Imperial army. The memoirs, in ten handwritten notebooks and one typed copy, cover the years 1915-1918, and give a detailed account of the formation of the 13th army during World War I, as well as a description of the commanders in charge at that time. Other issues described include: the situation at the Northern Front in the fall of 1915 (Riga-Dvinsk), the Romanian front, the formation of Latvian units in the 13th army, and the army's disintegration in 1917. The memoirs end with the author's participation in the White Army movement in South Russia.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Upon finishing the Polytechnical Institute in St. Petersburg, Nikolai V. Zheleznov served in the Egerskii Regiment of the Imperial Guards, and later attended the academy of the general staff. During the first year of World War I, Zheleznov fought with the Egerskii regiment, and in the summer of 1915 was treated in St. Petersburg after being wounded. He was then summoned to help in the formation of the new 13th army staff. In 1916, he was assigned to the staff of the 13th East Siberian division, and then transferred to fight in Galicia and Romania. In the fall of 1916, Zheleznov was sent back to the academy of the general staff and graduated in June, 1917. He was summoned to Odessa, where the Siberian Committee for the care of demobilized "sibiriaki" was formed.