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**H91-1122.** Strowenjans, Delbert “Dutch” (1891-1959).  
Papers, 1918-1999. 0.50 linear ft.

**Abstract**

Dierck Adelbert “Dutch” Strowenjans served during World War One as a mechanic with Company D of the 339th Infantry Regiment, 85th Division, American Expeditionary Forces in Russia (“Polar Bears”). The collection includes twenty-three letters from Strowenjans to his family and Lillian Bax while he was on a tour of duty in Russia.

**Accession No.:** H91-1122  
**Provenance:** Delbert “Dutch” Strowenjans  
**Donor:** Donald Strowenjans  
**Photographs:** 2 images  
**Processed by:** Craig G. Wright, September 1991

**Biography**

Dierck Adelbert “Dutch” Strowenjans was born March 4, 1891, in Holland, Michigan, to Dierck (Derk) and Trientje (Smit) Strowenjans.  
During World War One he served as a mechanic with Company D of the 339th Infantry Regiment, 85th Division, American Expeditionary Forces in Russia (“Polar Bears”).  
After returning home, he married the former Lillian S. Bax and was employed as a contractor and home builder.  
Strowenjans passed away in Holland on December 30, 1959, after a short illness.

**Scope and Content**

The collection includes twenty-three letters from Strowenjans to his family and Lillian Bax while he was on a tour of duty as a mechanic with Company D of the 339th Infantry Regiment, 85th Division, American Expeditionary Forces in Russia (“Polar Bears”). The letters are organized chronologically.

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