Register of the Avenir Gennadievich Efimov papers

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Creator: Filimonov, B. B. (Boris Borisovich)
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Biographical Note
Avenir Gennadievich Efimov was a colonel in the Russian army, the last commander of the remnants of the Izhevsk and Votkinsk divisions of the White army in Siberia. These units were composed of workers of the factories of Izhevsk and Votkinsk in the Ural mountains, who rose against the Soviets in 1918 and joined the White army.
Born on 19 October 1888, Efimov was educated in the Simbirsk Cadet School and graduated from the Nikolaevskoe inzhenernoe uchilishche in 1910, receiving his commission as an officer in the 16th Sapper Battalion quartered in Kazan'.
During the First World War, he completed a course of studies at the General Staff Academy, following which he served at the front in various staff posts until his demobilization on 25 February 1918. Back in Kazan' at the time of the anti-Soviet uprising in the summer of 1918, he joined the People's Army (Narodnaia armiia), in which he served through its unification with the Siberian Army. In February 1919 he was appointed chief of staff of the Izhevsk Rifle Brigade, and when the latter was upgraded to a division, he received command of its cavalry regiment. He was appointed commander of the Izhevsk division in 1920, and presided over its fusion with the fellow votkintsy to form the Izhevsk-Votkinsk brigade, which he commanded until its demobilization.
First in China, and then in San Francisco, California, where he settled, Efimov spent many years collecting documents for a history of the izhevtsy and votkintsy, finally published posthumously as Izhevtsy i votkintsy (Concord, CA, 1975) and now a bibliographic rarity. Efimov died on 25 April 1972 in San Francisco.
Scope and Content
This collection contains the correspondence of Colonel A. G. Efimov with Boris Borisovich Filimonov, a participant and author of several books on the Russian Civil War in Siberia and the Far East, 1918-1922. The only writings in the collection are notes and drafts and the printed copy of Efimov's Izhevtsy i votkintsy, a history of these two White army units.
Of particular importance are the documents of the period, which include governmental and army orders (Priamur government and Zemskaiia rat') service records, notes and related matter, found in the subject file. Photographs (Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2:6, consisting of an album entitled "Khabarovsky ekspeditsiia, 1921-1922," with depictions of the Civil War in the Far East), were not filmed and are not available at the Hoover Institution Archives.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Russia (Territory under White armies, 1918-1920). Armiiia.
Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

Reel 1
**Correspondence 1932-1934**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 1-3. Correspondence (and attachments) with Boris Borisovich Filimonov.

**Writings 1975**
Scope and Contents note
Notes and drafts of chapters of *Izhevtsy i voktintsy* (Concord, CA, 1975), as well as printed copy.

Reel 1
**Notes and handwritten drafts (incomplete)**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 4

Reel 2
**Printed copy**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 5

**Subject File 1920-1934**
Scope and Contents note
Orders, service records, and other materials relating to the Civil War in Russia, Maritime District, arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Primorskaia oblast', Russia. Vremennoe Priamurskoe pravitel'stvo. Orders**
Reel 2
1921-1922
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 1 : 6-10, 2 : 1

Reel 3
1921-1922
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 2-3

Reel 3
**Russia (Territory under White Armies) 1918-1920**
Scope and Contents note
Museum of Russian Culture Box/Folder 2 : 4-5. Armiiia--Officers. Documents relating to the Civil War in the Maritime District, consisting mainly of service records and questionnaires of individual participants, with some correspondence, recommendations, orders, and related matter.