

S0837 Phalen William J., World War I Diary, 1917-1919 1 Volume

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William J. Phalen, a St. Louis native, served as Regimental Sergeant Major, 314th Engineer Regiment, 89th Division, U.S. Army, American Expeditionary Force, World War I.

The diary covers Phalen's diary covers his military service from September 22, 1917 to May 25, 1919, when his regiment returned to the United States for demobilization. The diary follows Phalen through basic training, shipment to France, combat on the Western Front, and occupation duty in Germany after the war ended. It includes some photographs and printed material related to the 89th Division's combat service.