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## John N. Schufreider Collection

**Creator:** John R. Schufreider  
**Dates:** 1916-1919  
**Quantity:** 0.1 linear feet, 1 box  
**Acquisition:** Donated by John R. Schufreider, May 30, 2008  
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## Biographical Note

John N. Schufreider was born on December 6, 1892 to German immigrant parents. He grew up speaking fluid German with six brothers and a sister in Illinois. He began his career as a draftsman and civil engineer and upon the United States' entrance in World War I, he enlisted in the Army.

Schufreider joined the 108<sup>th</sup> Engineers and served in Company A. Although he was never shipped abroad, Schufreider was viewed as an exceptional soldier. He was promoted five times throughout his service. His final promotion came in October of 1918, where he was appointed Captain of Engineers in the United States Army by Presidential order. Schufreider's company was stationed in San Antonio, Texas throughout the war, where they were used as Mexican border patrol officers.

Schufreider was honorably discharged on June 24, 1919. Following the war, Schufreider married Sadie McElroy and together they had one son, John (Jack) R. Schufreider. Schufreider died on February 1, 1976 in River Forest, Illinois.

## **Awards**

Verdun Battle Medal  
Mexican Border Service Medal  
Medal, World War I Victory Medal

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## **Scope and Content of the Collection**

The collection contains personal papers of Captain John N. Schufreider as well as photographs, medals and ribbons. The bulk of the collection concerns Captain Schufreider's military service during World War I for the years 1916-1919.

The collection includes Captain Schufreider's Officer's Identification Card, which includes a picture of him as a First Lieutenant. The collection also includes Captain Schufreider's Officer's Record Book. This book includes promotions Schufreider received, as well as his tour duties and comments from his commanding officers.

The collection also contains a photograph of Captain Schufreider in his WWI Army uniform. There are also five photographs of Captain Schufreider and his company and regiment.

The remainder of the collection is comprised of medals and ribbons awarded to Captain Schufreider during his service in World War I. There are three medals and two ribbons included with the collection. These items have been cataloged and housed separately.

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## **Arrangement**

The collection arrived with no discernable arrangement and was rearranged in a more efficient working order by PMML staff. The collection is contained within one archival folder.

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## Related Collections

Reminiscences of Sgt. Robert J. Flint: "One Doughboy's Experience in the World War of 1917-1918"

Marshall E. Keister Collection

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## Separations

Accompanying the Schufreider collection are four photographs of Captain Schufreider and his fellow soldiers. The photographs are located in the Pritzker Historic Photo Collection. Also accompanying the Schufreider collection are a medals and ribbons awarded to Captain Schufreider.

These include:

Title: Mexican Border Service Medal (1918)

Call Number: Realia 00397

PML Item #: 300424

Title: Mexican Border Service Ribbons (1918)(2)

Call Number: Realia 00398

PML Item #: 300425

Title: Verdun Battle Medal (U.S., World War I)

Call Number: Realia 00399

PML Item #: 300426

Title: World War I Victory Medal (U.S.)

Call Number: Realia 00400

PML Item #: 300427

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## Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## Names

Schufreider, John N., 1882-1976

## **Subjects**

United States – Army --108<sup>th</sup> Engineers.

United States -- Army—World War, 1914-1918.

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## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

### **Folder One**

#### **Schufreider Collection**

U.S. Army Enlistment Certificate, 1916

U.S. Army Promotion (First Sergeant) Certificate, 1917

U.S. Army Promotion (Sergeant First Class) Certificate, 1917

U.S. Army Promotion (Sergeant First Class) Certificate, 1917

U.S. Army Discharge Certificate, 1917

Presidential Promotion (Captain) Certificate, 1918

U.S. Army Discharge Certificate, 1919

Officer's Identification Card, n.d.

Officer's Record Book, n.d.

Photograph, n.d.