

# HONOR MEMORY OF SCHAFFNER, FIRST TO DIE

Colonel H. B. Jordan Pays Tribute to Rock Island Youth at Memorial Services.

The memory of Fred C. Schaffner, the first Rock Island boy to lay down his life as a martyr to the great cause of democracy, was again honored last night when Colonel H. B. Jordan paid a tribute at the unveiling of the Fred C. Schaffner memorial portrait and its presentation to the Fred C. Schaffner unit, No. 11 of the United Veterans of the Republic, by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Schaffner. The meeting of the unit, to which the public was invited, was held at Memorial hall in the court house. Representatives of other patriotic organizations were present and spoke briefly in tribute.

"There is no greater thing that a man can have than love of country," said Colonel Jordan, "and love of country is best exemplified by unselfish patriotism. I do not think that our country has any more magnificent example of pure patriotism than the sacrifice of Fred C. Schaffner."

Colonel Jordan then briefly told of the circumstances of the death of the young soldier. He spoke of his enlistment on the second day that war was declared, in disregard of the fact that he was too young to be drafted; of his desire to help in the cause and fulfill the duties of a soldier; of his heroic and incessant effort on the field of battle when he worked over his comrades during the deadly mustard gas attack; his disregard as to his own safety—and his final

## IN MEMORIAM



Fred C. Schaffner.

posed a duty upon his members, that of following the example of the soldier-hero in his devotion to duty and love of country. "I can give you no better wish," he concluded, "than that it may be said of you, as of him, when you answer the last great call, that you have given your life as a symbol of the purest patriotism."

At the conclusion of the address the American flag which draped the memorial was drawn aside, revealing a full length portrait of the young sailor in uniform. Commander E. E. Wilson, in accepting the gift assured Colonel Jordan that the members of the unit would endeavor to live up to the trust, assume the responsibility and live in accord with the high standard set for them in the example of Fred C. Schaffner.

"We know that the country is in need of red-blooded patriotism," he said, "and now when it is torn asunder and threatened with bolshevism, it is time that organizations of this kind get into the harness and put a stop to these things—and that is what we are going to do."

**Made Honorary Member.**  
Charles M. Schaffner, father of the young hero, was then made an honorary member of the United Veterans of the Republic, receiving the oath of membership from Commander Wilson. There were tears in the eyes of all present when Mr. Schaffner concluded his brief address to the unit. He spoke simply and from the heart.

Standing with Mrs. Schaffner, beside the portrait of his son, Mr. Schaffner later said, with tears in his eyes, motioning toward the portrait, "He was my pal."

**Mother Wears Cross.**  
During the evening Mrs. Schaffner, who sat with Mr. Schaffner on the platform, wore the distinguished service cross which had been awarded to her son.

Mr. Schaffner expressed the gratitude of himself and Mrs. Schaffner to the press for having made public the services of his son, and to Colonel Jordan for his

counsel and sympathy during their bereavement. He spoke of the honor he felt in being made a member of the unit, though he had never himself carried arms.

Following the singing of "America," members of other patriotic organizations spoke briefly. J. A. Blodson, vice commander of the unit, sketched the history of the formation of the United War Veterans' association.

Rev. A. M. Stocking told of the meaning of patriotism and pointed out that the value of life is not in length of years, but in concentrated effort consistent with high principles.

Thomas Murphy, representing the G. A. R., impressed a duty upon the youth of this country in upholding the patriotic example of their ancestors. Mrs. Olivia Reid spoke in behalf of Helen Gould auxiliary, and J. W. Deik represented Davenport veterans.

**Give Copy of Citation.**  
With the portrait were presented a framed account of the manner of

the death of Fred Schaffner, and a perfect copy of the distinguished service cross citation.

The account related of the action of the young man and his mate, both pharmacists, who during the gas shell bombardment of April 13, 1918, which was the first time that mustard gas had been used, worked persistently with the doctor and gas officer removing the wounded to the rear. Schaffner was ordered to give up his post by his superiors, who saw that he was near collapse from the effects of the gas. He refused, and continued at his duty during and after the four-hour attack.

According to a letter by his commanding officer to the secretary of the navy, "He insisted that he was all right, when the contrary was evident. He had to be relieved against his will, and, as a result of the gassing, died." He was only 18 years and 5 months old at the time of his death.

Mr. Schaffner has recently received word from a French officer

of Hugo Haase, leader of the independent socialists, whose ashes were deposited in the Lichterfelde cemetery. William Dittmann, speaking for the independents, characterized him as "the brains of the revolution," saying that Herr Haase was responsible for the final adoption of the socialistic program as the government policy.

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