

**Title:** Best, Frederick C. Papers

**Call Number:** Mss-0101

**Inclusive Dates:** 1875 - 1946

**Bulk:** 0.7 cu. ft.

**Abstract:** Born June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1874, Frederick C Best served with the Wisconsin Brigade during the Mexican Border Incidents of 1916. In July 1917, he entered Federal service with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division where he served as a Captain, commanding Company D, 119<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion. He became assistant operations officer with the 32<sup>nd</sup> during its action in the Meuse Argonne Campaign. As a Major, he later served in the Army of Occupation at the Coblenz Bridge Head.

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**Location:** BV, Sh. 269  
OS SM "B" (4 items)  
OS LG "B" (2 items)

<b>Contents</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Autographs: (3) 1875; 1875-1880; 1875-1884	1	Loose in box
Clippings, 1942-1946	1	1
Fuel oil and gasoline rationing regulations, 1942	1	2
Military Service Record, F.C. Best	1	3
Miscellaneous 1912-1945 – Membership cards-veteran’s organization, clubs, historical organization 1890 – Address on Battle of the Crater by Geo. Bernard, publications, bound 1927 – Reprint of proceedings of Virginia Convention 1775 (Patrick Henry’s speech) bound	1	4
Publications Wisconsin National Guard Review, 1937 Red Arrow News Record, 1945	1	5
Souvenir Booklets, 1899-1944 Histories of Army Forts	1	6

World War I: General Material Roster – Infantry School of Arms, 1917. Unit histories. Speech & Record about Gen Haan. Pamphlet Fragment of music sheet Pencil sketch of Captain Fred Best - Topographical maps (2) of Wiesbaden area (in German) - Trench map, Ploegstreert - Topographical map of France, Sheet 36A	1	7
	1	Loose in Box
General Orders and Memorandum, 1917	2	8
General Orders and Memorandum, 1918	2	9
General Orders and Memorandum, 1919	2	10
Army Staff College	2	11
Grenade Schematics	2	12
<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Certificate of Life Membership in National Rifle Assoc. April 1912	OS SM “B”	
Certificate of Completion of courses at Amery General Staff College, 1918	OS SM “B”	
Citation for service on staff of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Division, 1919	OS SM “B”	
Diploma from Infantry School of Arms in Auto Arms, 1917	OS SM “B”	
Croix de Guerra Citation, June 26, 1925	OS LG “B”	
Resolution from Board of 1 <sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Trust Co. upon resignation of Best, Sept. 28, 1922	OS LG “B”	