

Commander of 96th Division Follows Long Army Career

Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, who commands the 96th infantry division organized at Camp Adair, has been in the army since 1914 when he was graduated from West Point.

Gen. Bradley was born in Doniphan, Mo., May 18, 1891, and following graduation from the United States Military academy was appointed a second lieutenant of infantry on June 2, 1914. Gen. Bradley was promoted to first lieutenant on July 1, 1916; to captain on May 15, 1917; to major (temporary) on June 17, 1918; to major (permanent) on July 1, 1920; to lieutenant colonel on August 1, 1935; to colonel (temporary) on June 26, 1941; and to brigadier general (temporary) on September 30, 1941, and to major general in mid-summer, 1942.

Gen. Bradley first served with the 19th Infantry at Vera Cruz, Mexico, until November 25, 1914, when he returned to Galveston, Tex., until December 3, 1914. He then served at Naco, and Douglas, Ariz., until February 3, 1915. He then moved with the 22nd Infantry to Galveston, Tex., until the following September, when he became camp and district adjutant at Del Rio, Tex., in June, 1916. A year later he was transferred with the 57th infantry to Camp Travis, Tex., where he remained until July 10, 1917, then proceeded to Camp Stanley, Tex., until October 7, 1917. He then transferred briefly to McAllen, Tex., and afterwards enrolled in the Infantry School of Arms,

Fort Sill, Okla., from which he was graduated on November 25, 1917. He became an instructor at that school and on October 5, 1918, went to Camp Benning, Ga., as secretary of the Infantry School of Arms. He remained on this assignment until July, 1920. Then after a summer as statistical officer of the national matches at Camp Perry, O., he was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, serving with the 44th and 21st infantry, successively, through November, 1923, when he returned to the United States for duty with the 4th infantry at Fort Missoula, Mont.

In September, 1924, Gen. Bradley enrolled in the advanced course of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., and following graduation in June, 1925, took the course at the Command and General Staff school Fort Leavenworth, Kans., which he completed as an honor graduate in June 1926. He then became an instructor at the Infantry school, Fort Benning, Ga.

Gen. Bradley enrolled in the Army War college, Washington, DC in August, 1931, and following graduation in June, 1932, was assigned as an instructor at



Col. F. R. Goode, 96th division—Jesten-Miller photo.

the Command and General Staff school, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. He became executive officer of the 16th infantry, Fort Jay, N.Y., on September 7, 1936, and on February 7, 1938, with his regiment moved to Puerto Rico where he served with the 2nd Provisional brigade. He returned to Fort Jay as commanding officer of the 16th infantry in 1938. He was transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., for duty at headquarters of the Ninth Corps area on September 19, 1938. He became assistant chief of staff in charge of plans and operations for the Fourth army with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, on November 9, 1940. He

was assigned as chief of staff of the Fourth army, Presidio of San Francisco on November 22, 1941.

In May, 1942, Gen. Bradley was designated commanding general of the 96th infantry division upon its activation at Camp Adair, Ore.

Gen. and Mrs. Bradley have one daughter, a graduate of University of California. The general is making his home in Corvallis.

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