

BRIG.-GEN. OTT COMES TO HEAD 91ST ARTILLERY

Officer Wounded in Argonne
—Decorated For Gallantry, Merit in World War I.

Brigadier General Edward Stanley Ott, transferred from the war department general staff in Washington, D. C., arrived at Camp White Monday to assume command of the 91st Infantry Division artillery units. Immediately upon outbreak of World War I General Ott, then a senior at Louisiana State university, entered officers' training school and received the commission of second lieutenant. He went overseas with the 10th Field Artillery, Third Division, as communications officer, and served under the division's commander, "Fighting Joe" Dickinson.

Wounded In Argonne
General Ott was wounded at Champagne-Marne and in the Argonne, and in recognition of his exploits was awarded the silver star for gallantry in action and the Order of the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, for military merit.

In 1921-23 General Ott served as an artillery brigade communications officer in Hawaii. In 1925 he was graduated from the field artillery school at Ft. Sill, Okla., and remained there as an instructor until 1929. From then until 1933, at the time a captain, he was R.O.T.C. instructor at Alabama Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Ala., where he combined various civic activities with his college duties, being commander of the Auburn American Legion post in 1931-33, chairman of the district Boy Scout committee and president of the Auburn Rotary club in 1932-33.

General Ott attended the command and general staff school at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. from 1933 to 1935, and after graduation remained as an instructor until 1937, when he was selected to attend the army war college in Washington, D. C. He was promoted to the rank of major in 1935 and to lieutenant colonel in 1940.

In War Department
For the past three years General Ott has served on the war department general staff in Washington as chief of the operations branch. In March of this year he was given charge of the operations division, army ground forces, on the staff of Lieutenant General Leslie McNair.

Born December 30, 1893 at Mt. Herman, La., General Ott comes of a long line of fighting men. Two of his most treasured possessions are the commissions of his grandfather, John Gaff Leggett, as a captain in the Confederate army, and of his great-grandfather, Benjamin W. Leggett, as a captain in the Seminole wars.

Prior to enrolling in the school of journalism at Louisiana State university, Gen. Ott attended the University of Illinois for one year. At L.S.U. his scholastic career was outstanding. He edited the university newspaper and acted as an associate editor of the university annual. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi, Scabbard and Blade, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi and Mu Sigma Rho, the latter an honorary scholastic and historical society.

General and Mrs. Ott have two sons, both of whom are cadets in the U. S. Military academy at West Point. One of them is fifth in his class, which rates him as "distinguished cadet."

DISTURBS HATCHING
Alexandria, Ind. (U.P.)—It's been a little spring for hens near the National Gypsum plant here. Blasting in progress at the plant apparently kills the egg germ upon which the hens are hopelessly sitting, and baby chick production is almost down to zero.

CONVENTION AT-TOKYO
Oakland, Cal. (U.P.)—The Fraternal Orders of Condors, composed of glider pilots who are in training for the armed services, have chosen the meeting place for their first annual convention. It is Tokyo. Only the date has been left open.

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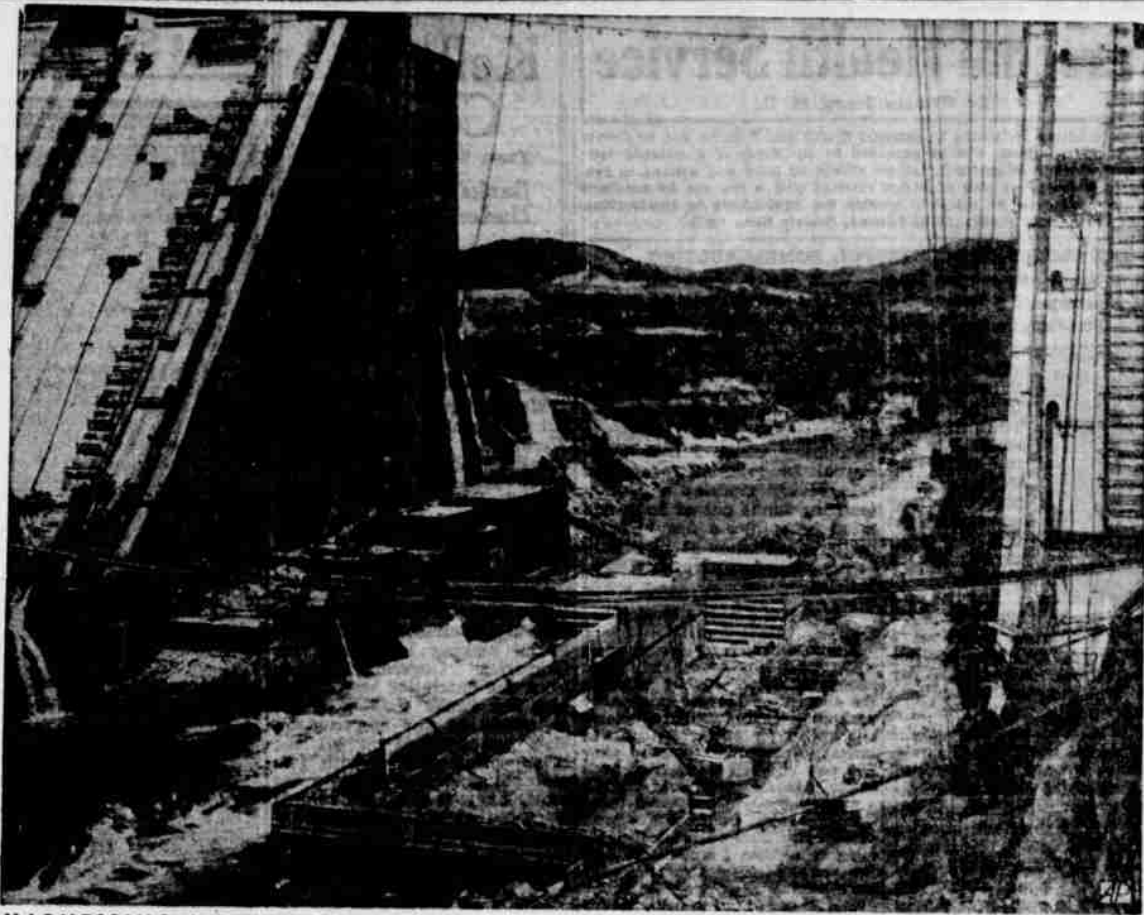
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HARNESSING A RIVER—Looking upstream through a center spillway section in Shasta Dam near Sacramento, Calif., diversion of the Sacramento river into the concrete-walled channel at left can be seen. At right excavation continues.

VICTIM OF BUNCO TURNS SLEUTH TO CATCH SWINDLERS

Phoenix, Ariz. (U.P.)—An old sea-dog, who refused to take his losses quietly and let the law take its course, can sit back in the sunshine again, smoke his pipe and smile with the satisfaction of keeping a promise to himself.

Louis Van Rillaer, a retired sea captain from San Francisco, was swindled out of \$7,700 in a horse race bunco game on Nov. 26, 1939, while he was vacationing in Phoenix. He vowed he would never rest until he had put the swindlers behind bars.

He became an amateur Sherlock Holmes and began a long and sometimes discouraging search, but he always remembered his vow that he would locate and prosecute the confidence men if it took him to the ends of the earth and the remaining days of his life.

Searched 2 1/2 Years
His perseverance won out. As the result of his determination, all three members of the bunco gang who fleeced him out of his hard-earned cash are now serving sentences in the Arizona state prison.

The amazing story of sleuthing and tracking down members of the gang covers a 2 1/2-year period of travelling throughout the United States.

Van Rillaer located one of the trio, Max Kaplan, in Florida after a year of searching and caused his arrest. Kaplan was

returned to Phoenix for trial. A jury found him guilty after five minutes deliberation and Kaplan was sentenced to from five to 10 years imprisonment. The retired sea captain-detective then took up the trail of Edward Price and finally caused his arrest in Portland, Ore. Price, who also used the name Phelan as an alias, pleaded guilty after being returned to Phoenix and was sentenced to from two to five years in prison.

"Good Faith" Scheme
The third man, whom authorities said was the "payoff" or head man of the trio, still continued to elude Van Rillaer. Finally, through the efforts of Sheriff Lon Jordan of Phoenix, Florida officers apprehended Harry Lewis, 56, a man with 11 aliases, and he was brought here for trial. Just as Lewis was to go on trial, he entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve from

four to eight years in prison. Van Rillaer said the bunco scheme involved a horse racing betting system which would bring fabulous profits. He said he was convinced so thoroughly that he made a special trip to San Francisco to obtain the \$7,700 and returned to deliver it to the trio to show his "good faith" so he could share in the horse race winnings.

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4-H CLUBS SELL \$10,089 WORTH OF WAR SAVINGS

Through efforts of the 4-H clubs in Jackson county a total of \$10,089.70 in war bonds and stamps were sold during June. Of this amount \$9,850 was in war bonds and the remaining \$239.70 in war stamps. L. E. Francis, 4-H club leader for Jackson county, said today the sales were the result of a contest sponsored for 4-H club members with the winner to receive a \$25 bond, second winner \$10 in war stamps and third winner \$5 in war stamps.

Joan Doran, of the Table Rock club won first prize; Beverly Force, of Eagle Point second prize and Loree Brennessholtz of Table Rock third prize. The Table Rock 4-H club also won a U. S. treasury department minute man flag for selling the largest amount of war stamps and bonds, their club total being \$7,775 in bonds and \$108.10 in stamps.

Members of the Table Rock club working on the war bond and stamp project were Loree Brennessholtz, Wayne Smith, Ernest Smith, Albert Allen, Jr., Jean Hamilton, Ernest Hamilton, Lucille Smith, Glenn Torrey, Joyce Russell, Neil Glenn, Lyle Glenn, Margaret Reed, Joan

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Mr. Francis said that although the contest occurred at a time when many of the club members were participating in harvesting the showing made by the clubs

was very good. The Minute Man flag will be presented to Table Rock 4-H club at an appropriate ceremony by W. A. Gates, Jackson county war bond and stamp sales chairman.

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