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MAGNESIUM REDUCTION COMPANY ENDS WAR JOB

After three years of operation during which it made an outstanding record in the production of a vital war metal, the Magnesium Reduction Company has finished its wartime job. The property at Luckey, Ohio, operated without profit as a Company contribution to the war effort, now reverts to the Government.

In June 1942, National Lead Company was asked by the Defense Plant Corporation to design, erect and operate a metallic magnesium plant, to employ the ferro-silicon process, ~~and to be located near the raw material source -- the extensive dolomite deposits in northern Ohio.~~ Construction started in July 1942. A pilot plant ~~on the site~~ was brought into operation on October 9, 1942, less than four months after ground was broken for the main plant, which began production in December 1942. *Luckey, Ohio*

~~During its term of service to the country,~~ the Magnesium Reduction Company earned the Army-Navy "E" award three times, in January 1944, October 1944 and April 1945. ~~In addition,~~ The company set several efficiency records for plants producing magnesium by the ferro-silicon process -- lowest cost per pound, lowest operating cost, and highest production over rated capacity. *The plant was closed in September 1945.*

MERRITT RETURNS TO PHILADELPHIA BRANCH

Lieut. Col. Morris H. Merritt, secretary of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co., has returned to his desk after serving three years with the United States Army Air Forces. Colonel Merritt, who joined Lewis in 1916 and served for two years in the U. S. Army during World War I, entered the AAF in September, 1942 as a Major and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1943. He served as commanding officer of the 304th Training Wing at Greensboro, N. C. and later as unit commander at this AAF post.

ZANG CELEBRATES 40th SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

J. A. Zang, white lead sales manager of Atlantic branch, observed his 40th anniversary with the Company on September 25. A luncheon party with his associates marked the occasion. Mr. Zang started with Atlantic in 1905 as an office boy, moving progressively through practically all departments of the branch. In January 1939, he was put in charge of white lead sales.

ROWLEY MADE PRODUCTION MANAGER AT CHICAGO

E. R. Rowley, plant manager of Magnesium Reduction Company during its operation by National Lead Co. for the Government, has been appointed production manager of Chicago branch. Mr. Rowley started with the Company in 1933 in the mechanical engineering department at Chicago. In 1939 he moved to the production department in New York where he worked until his transfer to the magnesium project at Luckey, Ohio, in July, 1942.

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MUCCILLI JOINS NEW YORK ENGINEERING STAFF

Philip C. Muccilli, plant engineer for the Magnesium Reduction Company from November 1942 until the recent shut-down, has joined the engineering department in the Company's general offices in New York City. Prior to his tour of duty at Luckey, Ohio, Mr. Muccilli was plant engineer at the Perth Amboy works of Atlantic branch. He started work as a draughtsman with Atlantic in November 1920.

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