

D. Milton Ladd Dies, FBI Agent 25 Years

D. Milton Ladd, 56, an FBI agent for more than 25 years, died in an automobile accident near Sanford, Fla., yesterday.

Mr Ladd was en route to Daytona Beach with his wife from their home in Geneva when the accident occurred. Mrs Ladd was injured in the crash and is in the Seminole Memorial Hospital, Sanford.

At the time of his retirement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1954, Mr Ladd, or Mickey, as he was known to his associates, was considered the No. 3 man in the organization. He had the title of assistant to the director of the FBI.

Early FBI Member

One of the earliest members of the Bureau, Mr. Ladd became a special agent on November 5, 1925. In later years he told a reporter that he joined the FBI not out of any romantic notions but because he thought the FBI would "mature" him.

He had come to Washington in 1921 when his father, Edwin Fremont, North Dakota. He worked for a while in his father's office and then took a patronage job running the subway car between the Senate and the Senate Office Building.

At nights he attended George Washington University Law School, graduating in 1928. Mr Ladd said that he looked too young to get any clients—even with a moustache he had grown. He postponed returning to North Dakota for two years to achieve his "maturity" but he never made it into law.

"I liked it too much to quit," he said of the FBI.

His first assignment took him to Butte, Mont., and then in rapid succession, he served in New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Washington and Chicago.

Mr Ladd never liked to talk about cases in which he participated. Although it was known that he had taken significant roles in capturing many of the leading gangsters in the '30's, he said on his retirement, "I don't approve of people who go out and write books."



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Led Security Unit

In 1939 Mr Ladd became the assistant director in charge of the FBI's Identification Division and Laboratory. In 1941, when the United States entered World War II, Mr Ladd was named the head of the important Security Division. His main job during the war was in tracking down Nazi agents in the Western Hemisphere.

When asked about his role during the war, he answered, "If you like it well enough to talk about it, you should stay in it."

He was named J. Edgar

Hoover's assistant in ~~1941~~ job which gave him over-all supervision of all the FBI's investigative activities in both criminal and subversive fields. He took personal roles in rounding up several Soviet spies, and in such celebrated cases as the Greenleaf kidnaping.

Upon his retirement, Mr Hoover said, "I have relied upon you over the years and I could not let this opportunity pass without again expressing my deep appreciation for your loyal efforts on behalf of the bureau."

Mr Ladd was born in Fargo, N. Dak., and attended public schools in that State. In Washington, he married the former Katherine Pfeiffer. At the time of his retirement he lived at 5235 Nebraska avenue N.W., but he soon moved to Florida.

His wife is the only survivor.

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- Mohr
- Parsons
- Belmont
- DeLoach
- Malone
- McGowan
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Ingram
- Gandy

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- The Washington Daily News _____
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- New York Herald Tribune _____
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