

Wallace Whittaker, Inland Manager, Air Corps Major



WALLACE S. WHITTAKER

Wallace S. Whittaker, general manager of the Inland Manufacturing division of General Motors corporation, has obtained leave of absence for the duration in order that he may join the United States air forces.

Whittaker will be a major in the air service command of the Army air forces and will report for service June 25. He has not been given definite assignment as yet, but will report to Washington.

His successor at the Inland, which, like other General Motors divisions, is devoted to war work, has not been named.

The Whittakers reside at 235 Thruston boulevard. Mrs. Whittaker will remain in Dayton while her husband is in the service, it was said today.

Whittaker has been an employe of General Motors since 1922 and has been general manager of Inland since 1924. Prior to taking on war work, the plant was engaged in manufacturing rubber articles, mainly steering wheels and refrigerator trays and other small parts.

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Whittaker, 50, was born in Lakewood, N. Y., and attended school at Hotchkiss, Lakeville, Conn., and Yale, where he received the degree of bachelor of science in 1914.

He has been active in a quiet way in many local civic and cultural movements, his favorite project being the organization of the Inland chorus, composed of more than 150 sons and daughters of Inland employes, some years ago. One hundred picked members of this chorus have given concerts at Christmas time with the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra for several seasons under the direction of Richard Westbrook.

O'Brien Named To Whittaker's Post At Inland



JOHN D. O'BRIEN

C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corp., announced Thursday that John D. O'Brien, who since 1927 has been production manager of Inland Manufacturing division here, has been named general manager of that division, succeeding Wallace S. Whittaker, who has been granted a leave of absence to take a commission as a major in the Air Service Command of the United States army.

O'Brien, who is 45, was born in Cincinnati and was graduated from Xavier college with a B. S. degree. He was formerly associated with the Dayton Wright Co. as assistant traffic manager. In 1921 he joined the Inland Division as purchasing agent and in 1927 he was made production manager, the position he leaves to take over the general managership.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien and one son, Jack, live at 2515 Shafor Blvd.

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Whittaker*

Appointment of John D. O'Brien, former production manager of the Inland Manufacturing division of the General Motors corporation, as general manager of the division, succeeding Maj. Wallace S. Whittaker, was announced in Detroit yesterday by C. E. Wilson, General Motors president.

Major Whittaker, who has been granted a leave of absence for military service, will report at Washington today for assignment in the air service command of the army air forces.

A native of Cincinnati, O'Brien joined the Inland division personnel in 1921 as purchasing agent and had been production manager since 1927. He is a graduate of Xavier university, Cincinnati, and before his affiliation with Inland was traffic agent for the Dayton Wright company.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien and son, Jack, reside at 2515 Shafor boulevard.