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Dr. Lee E. Yeager has been named head of the wildlife research unit program in the Division of Wildlife Research of the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, Director of the Service Albert M. Day announced today.

Dr. Yeager, who entered the service more than a year ago as a biologist in the Office of the Coordinator of River Basin Studies, in his new post will also serve as liaison officer on Pittman-Robertson research projects to correlate valuable scientific data acquired through expenditure of federal aid in wildlife restoration funds.

Work of the wildlife research units is conducted cooperatively between the Fish and Wildlife Service, ten land-grant colleges, State game or conservation departments and the American Wildlife Institute. Units have been established in the principal natural wildlife regions of the country to conduct investigations to furnish the scientific foundation upon which practical wildlife restoration and management practices can be based.

Units at land-grant colleges in Missouri, Oregon, Utah, Texas, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maine, Virginia and Alabama offer training to men returning from military service in handling technical phases of wildlife field work.

Dr. Yeager served from 1936 to 1938 as a forest entomologist with the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the Department of Agriculture and from 1938 to 1945 with the Illinois Natural History Survey where he conducted research into wildlife management, especially in agricultural and forestry relationships.

Born at Sky Lake, Mississippi, Oct. 28, 1907, he received degrees of B.S. and M.S. from Mississippi State College in 1933 and M.F. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1937.

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