

MOONLIGHT - RAID

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This mural depicts Barnwell Rhett Legge, Citadel 1911, then a captain in France, leading his men in a daring night raid that exemplifies his many courageous exploits. The July 9, 1918 citation for this action against the Germans stated that he: "Displayed rare skill and judgement in successfully conducting a silent raid upon the enemy's position in the open and in bright moonlight, as a result of which several of the enemy were killed and a prisoner taken."

Legge is typical of many Citadel men who served valorously on the battlefields of World War I. For his heroic deeds he won the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, four Silver Star Medals, the Purple Heart, the Victory Medal with five battle clasps, the Croix de Guerre with two Palms, and was made a French Knight of the Legion of Honor.

Before his retirement from the U. S. Army in 1948 Legge rose to the rank of brigadier general. His career of service to his state and nation was long and fruitful, and one of which Citadel men can be proud.