

Chester Fritz Gets Promotion From Major to Lt. Colonel

SAN FRANCISCO—Now it's Lt. Col. Chester L. Fritz. Announcement of the promotion of the popular Oregonian from the rank of major has just been made by the war department. At the same time his new assignment as quartermaster of the Fourth air force was announced by headquarters here.

Col. Fritz, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Fritz, of The Dalles, Ore., attended The Dalles high school and the University of Oregon, where he received ROTC training. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the quartermaster section of the officers' reserve corps at Salem in 1935. While on inactive duty he served through two maneuvers and several encampments as a staff officer.

Prior to reporting for active duty, Col. Fritz was manager of the motor fuels tax division in the office of the secretary of state for the state of Oregon. A former member of the Marion chapter of the Reserve Officers' association of Oregon, he served one term as its chapter president and one term as Willamette valley district president of the ROA. He was a leading exponent of military training, and devoted much of his time to ROTC and CMTA activities.

The colonel reported for active duty at the Portland army air base in 1941, as one of the first staff officers at the new base. Since then, he has served in a number of different capacities, until his most recent assignment.

An expert with all of the basic small arms of the army, the colonel is a qualified small-arms instructor. He is married, and has one son, Michael Louis, who resides with Colonel and Mrs. Fritz at San Mateo, Calif.



Lt. Col. Chester L. Fritz, recently promoted from the rank of major, and at the same time announced as quartermaster of the Fourth air corps, San Francisco. Prior to entering active duty, Col. Fritz was manager of the motor fuels tax division in the office of secretary of state in Oregon.

House Group Against Costly Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—(P)—The house ways and means committee, taking a militant stand against planning for large government expenditures on the post-war reconversion, struck from the senate's demobilization legislation today a section providing federal unemployment compensation coverage for 3,500,000 government employees.

If the ways and means committee's position finally prevails in house and senate votes, the unemployment compensation program would continue on its old basis in the hands of the states. The committee's decision left only one major provision of the senate measure remaining for action, that to create an office of war mobilization and reconversion to have overall supervision of contract terminations and surplus property disposal.

Two Veterans World War II Legion Heads

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 23—The new officers of the Legion post at Mt. Angel presided for the first time at the meeting Tuesday night. Commander Clifford Norton presided. Among the officers are two men from world war II, Robert Farnsworth, adjutant, and Wallace Paulhaber, sergeant-at-arms.

All members were called upon to be present Friday morning at the funeral services for Sgt. Wilbert Predek, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Predek, of Mt. Angel, who was reported killed in action in France on July 15. The rites will be held at St. Mary's church and Legionnaires will march from the Memorial hall to the church where they will form a guard of honor for the flag-draped casket. The flag will be presented to Mrs. Predek, Sgt. Predek's mother, at the close of the service.

A detailed report on the state convention was given by Fred Lucht, who attended as delegate. A large number of Mt. Angel Legionnaires and the installing team attended the installation ceremonies at Silverton Monday night. The team will go to Aurora September 7 to install officers for that post.

A. G. Traeger, blood donor service committee chairman, reported that the mobile blood unit would be in Mt. Angel September 29. Members were requested to be ready to register. The auxiliary convention report was made by Mrs. Mae Heggie and Mrs. Fred Lucht.

The president, Mrs. S. C. Sibley, reported men of the 40 at 8 had requested the unit to cook and serve a dinner for them at the Legion hall September 16. Mrs. Fred Prosser, Mrs. Mae Heggie, Miss Elizabeth Unger, Mrs. A. G. Traeger and Mrs. Clifford Norton volunteered to prepare the dinner and the juniors will serve.

The auxiliary has been invited to install the officers of the Aurora unit September 7 and the same team who officiated at the installation at Silverton last Monday will be in charge.

The installing team includes Mrs. Fred Lucht, Flodine Lucht, June Ann Lucht, Mrs. Mae Heggie, Mrs. A. G. Traeger, Mrs. Cletus Butsch, Mrs. Fred Prosser, Mrs. A. P. Miller, Mrs. Frank Walker, Mrs. S. C. Sibley and Mrs. Clifford Norton.

FRINGLE—Robert Norton, electrician's mate, third class, is home on a 16 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norton. He was home last March and now has three stars for battles in the Pacific area.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



A NINTH AIR FORCE TROOP CARRIER COMMAND BASE, European Theatre of Operations—First Lt. John A. Ritchie, 26, a C-47 plane pilot, now serving with a troop carrier unit at a troop carrier base of the Ninth air force troop carrier command, has been awarded the Air Medal, in recognition of outstanding meritorious accomplishments, while participating in recent airborne combat missions over France.

He is the husband of Mrs. Hilda R. Ritchie, of 184 South 18th street, Salem, Ore., and the son of Mrs. H. V. Ritchie, who resides at the same address.

The Ninth troop carrier command, to which his unit has been assigned since arriving in England, is part of the Ninth air force, veterans of the North African desert campaign, now US component of the allied expeditionary air force.

Newest of troop carrier organizations, Ninth troop carrier command is commanded by Brig. Gen. Paul L. Williams, planner and leader of the troop carrier flights which spearheaded the invasions of Sicily and France.

Lt. Ritchie attended Willamette university, and prior to entering the service in September 1939, he was employed in construction work, by E. E. Bortman, of 1699 State street, Salem.

He was transferred to foreign duty early in 1944.



Lt. Donald L. Edwards, son of W. D. Edwards, 1265 North Summer street, Salem, and of Mrs. Gladys Schmidt, Portland, was graduated as a pilot from air corps advanced flying school, Foster field, Tex., early this month. Many Salem residents will remember that he was a favored soloist for Mickey Mouse club performances in Salem six or seven years ago. In Portland he sang on the "Stars of Tomorrow" radio show, graduated from high school and when he entered the army June 5, 1943, left his position as manager of the Oriental theatre.

DALLAS, Aug. 23—Frank J. Nist, jr., US marine corps, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nist, route 3, that he is now on Guam and gives news of several other Salem boys now in the South Pacific. The letter is dated August 7, 1944, but is postmarked August 14. Young Nist was a senior in Salem high school when he enlisted in the marine corps, the family lived in Salem until a year ago.

Bob Kroplin of Salem is now a guard in the hospital according to information in the letter. Ian Thompson was another Salem marine mentioned.

Regarding another Salem friend Harold Barrett, now in France, the Guam based marine wrote "It's tough, Harold having to eat K rations, he's lucky to be eating."

The natives on Guam speak perfect English and many of them have had college educations, Nist writes.

Nelson Tells Solons About Coming Trip

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—(P)—Donald M. Nelson had a 60-minute heart-to-heart talk with members of the senate's war investigating committee today about his prospective trip to China and its possible effect on his fight for a limited resumption of civilian goods production.

Neither the war production board chief nor members of the committee would tell what was said.

hospitals somewhere in England. The word was received through Pfc. Stevenson's chaplain.

said but some senators who had expressed opposition to Nelson's departure at this time indicated they were reassured.

Nelson consented to the publication of secret testimony he gave the committee a week ago concerning his row with army officers who opposed any additional production for civilians at this time.

Chairman Mean (D-NY) said this testimony, following up publication yesterday of that by Major General Lucius D. Clay, director of the army's materiel division, on the same occasion, would be given to the press tomorrow.

Clay's statement emphasized shortages in war production last month, including a 53 per cent deficit in 8-inch howitzer shells

Artificial Eyes Given California Potatoes

DAVIS, Calif. (P)—They're making artificial eyes for potatoes on the Davis campus of the University of California with a machine developed in the engineering division of the college of agriculture. The machine adds eyes to potatoes to facilitate the breeding of the potato tuber moth.

and a 45 per cent deficit in 158-millimeter shells.

Members who asked that their names not be used said they got the "impression" from Nelson that he had not opposed President Roosevelt's decision to send him to China on a confidential mission. The president said Monday it would occasion no change in WPA policy.



Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-MBS-THURSDAY-1300 Ec.
6:00—Musical Timekeeper.
6:45—News.
7:00—News.
7:15—Maxine Keith.
7:20—Romance.
7:45—Today's Top Trades.
8:00—Haven of Rest.
8:30—News.
8:45—Orchestra.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Pastor's Call.
9:30—Midland U.S.
9:45—Amazing Jennifer Logan.
10:00—News.
10:15—Jack Berch.
10:30—Luncheon with Lopez.
10:45—American Woman's Jury.
11:00—Cecile Foster.
11:15—US Navy.
11:30—Jane Cowl.
11:45—Musical Library.
12:00—Organizations.
12:15—News.
12:30—Hilbilly Serenade.
12:45—Smoothies.
1:00—News.
1:15—Interlude.
1:30—Lum n' Abner.
1:45—Full Speed Ahead.
2:00—News.
2:15—Broadway Bandwagon.
2:30—US Navy Band.
2:45—Radio Tour.
3:00—News.
3:15—Concert Hour.
3:30—Johnson Family.
3:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:00—Real Life Stories.
4:15—World's Front Page.
4:30—Roundup Revelers.
4:45—News.
5:00—Superman.
5:15—Tom Mix.
5:30—Night News Wire.
5:45—Gabriel and Sunday.
6:00—Screen Test.
6:15—Orchestra.
6:30—War Commentary.
6:45—Lowell Thomas.
7:00—Red Ryder.
7:15—Cleo Kid.
7:30—Orchestra.
7:45—Ruth Morgan Orchestra.
8:00—News.
8:15—Rex Miller.
8:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
8:45—Merle Pitt Orchestra.
9:00—True Detective Mysteries.
9:15—News.
9:30—Orchestra.
9:45—Ruth Morgan Orchestra.
10:00—News.
10:15—Orchestra.
10:30—News Roundup.
10:45—Sign Off.

8:30—Death Valley Days.
8:45—News.
9:00—Mystery Time.
9:15—Jerry Sears Presents.
9:30—Five Star Final.
9:45—Warlike Women.
10:00—Gardening with Bouquet.
10:15—Orchestra.
10:30—Texas Rangers.
10:45—News.
11:00—News.
11:15—Voice of the Army.
11:30—Airfile of the Air.
11:45—Orchestra.
12:00—Orchestra.
12:15—News.
12:30—Serenade.
12:45—Music and News.
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8:30—Mirth and Madness.
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6:15—Western Stars.
6:30—KOIN Clock.
7:15—News.
7:30—News.
7:45—Nelson Fringle.
8:00—Consumer News.
8:15—Valiant Lady.
8:30—Light of the World.
8:45—Aunt Jenny.
9:00—Kate Smith Speaks.
9:15—Big Sister.
9:30—Romance of Helen Trent.
9:45—Our Gay Sunday.
10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful.
10:15—Ma Perkins.
10:30—Bernadette Flynn.
10:45—The Goldbergs.
11:00—Portia Faces Life.
11:15—Joyce Jordan.
11:30—Young Dr. Malone.
11:45—Perry Mason.
12:00—News.
12:15—Neighbors.
12:30—Bright Horizons.
12:45—Bachelor's Children.
1:00—This Changing World.
1:15—Bob Anderson, News.
1:30—Mary Martin.
1:45—Problem Clinic.
2:00—Newspaper of the Air.
2:15—Meet the Missus.
2:30—Hollywood.
2:45—World Today.
3:00—News.
3:15—Lady of the Prom.
3:30—Diana Gayle, Songs.
3:45—Tracy / Lee Parsons.
4:00—Fletcher Wiley.
4:15—Red's Gang.
4:30—Harry Flannery, News.
4:45—News.
5:00—Bill Henry.
5:15—Major Brown.
5:30—Curtis Jordan.
5:45—First Lane.
6:00—Here's to Romance.
6:15—Love & Mystery.
6:30—Passing Parade.

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