

DEFENSE SPACE INTERESTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1961

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., Overton Brooks (chairman), presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The meeting will come to order. We are going to be a little crowded here. Members will be dropping in. I am sure most all of them will be here this morning. They will be here in a few moments. I think we will go ahead in the interim.

At this time I want to say that we have one last witness on the hearing which we began sometime ago on the question of developing the scope and the effect of the order recently issued by the Secretary of Defense covering the assignment of research and development in space.

This morning we have General Lemnitzer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a very able soldier, certainly a fine Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a friend of this committee, a man who presented us with this battle flag here with 142 streamers, and the committee, General, still appreciates that fine sentiment that actuated you in bringing us that flag, so that we could have it here in our committee room during the sessions.

I understand you have just returned to Washington, that you have not had time to draw up a prepared statement; as a result of it, I am going to ask you this:

The committee has asked you to come here. You voluntarily came but it is at the request of the committee. I would like to ask you if you want to make a short statement before we ask a few questions. (The biography of General Lemnitzer is as follows:)

GENERAL LYMAN LOUIS LEMNITZER

Lyman L. Lemnitzer was born in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, on August 29, 1899. He graduated from Honesdale High School in June 1917, and the following year entered the U.S. Military Academy, graduating in 1920. His assignments from that time until the outbreak of World War II alternated between duty with troops and service as student and instructor at Army schools. As a member of the Coast Artillery Rifle Team, he became known as one of the Army's outstanding rifle marksmen, winning the National Team Gold Medal, the First Place Gold Medal in the Philippine Department, and the Distinguished Marksman's Badge. He completed two tours at Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands; he was twice assigned to the U.S. Military Academy as an instructor in the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy; and, following his graduation from the Command and General Staff School in 1936, he served three years as an instructor of tactics at the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia.