

General Lemnitzer returned to the Far East in March 1955, assuming command of the U.S. Army Forces, Far East and the Eighth U.S. Army. Shortly thereafter, on the departure of General Maxwell D. Taylor to become Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, General Lemnitzer was named Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations and Far East Commands and Governor of the Ryukyu Islands. In this position he maintained the defensive strength of UN forces against any resumption of hostilities in Korea, directed the build-up of the military effectiveness of the Republic of Korea armed forces and the Japanese Self-Defense Forces, and encouraged the improvement of economic and military stability throughout that area of the world.

In July 1957 he took up new duties as Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. Among his activities of special note during this period were his influential role in the final decision made regarding the relationship between the National Aeronautics and Space Agency and the space research facilities of the Army, and his participation as U.S. Military Representative at the meetings, in London and Karachi, of the Military Committee of the Baghdad Pact Organization.

In March 1959 General Lemnitzer was named to succeed General Maxwell D. Taylor as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, and assumed his new duties on July 1, 1959.

President Eisenhower on August 15, 1960, nominated General Lemnitzer as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was confirmed by the Senate August 27 and was sworn in as Chairman on September 30, 1960.

Personal data

Date and Place of Birth : August 29, 1899, Honesdale, Pennsylvania

Parents: William L. Lemnitzer (father), Hannah (Blockberger) Lemnitzer (mother), both parents deceased.

Marriage: Mrs. Katherine Mead Tryon, Honesdale, Pennsylvania (wife)

Children: Lois Katherine, wife of Captain Henry E. Simpson, USA, Captain William L., USA.

Date : November 6, 1923

Education

U.S. Military Academy, 1920.

The Coast Artillery School, Officers' Basic Course, 1921. Battery Officers' Course, 1931.

Command and General Staff School, 1936.

Army War College, 1940.

Promotion	Temporary (AUS)	Permanent (RA)
2d lieutenant.....		July 2, 1920
1st lieutenant.....		June 9, 1925
Captain.....		Aug. 1, 1935
Major.....		July 1, 1940
Lieutenant colonel.....	Dec. 11, 1941	July 2, 1943
Colonel.....	June 11, 1942	
Brigadier general.....	June 25, 1942	Jan. 24, 1948
Major general.....	May 27, 1944	Apr. 29, 1952
Lieutenant general.....	Aug. 1, 1952	
General.....	Mar. 25, 1955	

Citations and decorations

Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster).

Silver Star.

Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer).

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Medalha de Guerra (Brazil).

Grand Star of Military Merit (Chile).

Grand Officer of the Order of Boyaca (Colombia).

Medal for Military Merit 1st Class (Czechoslovakia).

Order of Melnik (Ethiopia).

Legion of Honor Degree of Officer (France).

Croix de Guerre with Palm (France).

Honorary Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath (Great Britain).

Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Great Britain).