

COL Lester L. Lampert Sr.

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Capt. Lester L. Lampert

Councilman Florian Lampert has received a telegram from his son, Lieut. Lester Lampert, stating that the Twenty-third infantry regiment is likely to participate in the pursuit of General Villa or to be used in military operations on the border. It was ordered yesterday afternoon to leave Fort Crockett, near Galveston, for El Paso, Tex. Lieutenant Lampert is an officer of one of the companies constituting this regiment.

FORMER OSHKOSH MAN GIVEN PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Promotion of a former Oshkosh man to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States army has been made, according to an announcement received in this city.

Maj. Lester L. Lampert has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, his commission dating from Aug. 1, this year.

He is a brother of Benjamin, Florian, and Philip D. Lampert of this city and a son of the late Congressman Florian Lampert.

He is stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyoming, where he will continue to serve.

The Oshkosh man became a cadet at the United States military academy at West Point in 1910. He was graduated as a second lieutenant of infantry, June 12, 1914, and became a first lieutenant, July 1, 1916.

His promotion to the rank of captain was made on May 15, 1917. During the World war he was temporarily advanced to the rank of major on June 17, 1918, and on July 1, 1920, received his permanent commission as major.

COL. LAMPERT NOW RETIRED

Colonel Lester L. Lampert, former professor of military science and tactics at Gettysburg college, has been retired from Army service as of October 31—and with Mrs. Lampert is now at his recently purchased home near Asheville, N. C.

Colonel Lampert has served 36 years in the army and is a veteran of two world wars serving as a major



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in France in 1917 and 1918, after graduating as a second lieutenant from West Point in 1914. In the recent war he was a colonel with an American outfit in China where he was decorated by the United States and by the Chinese government.

COL. LAMPERT DIES SUDDENLY SUNDAY NOON

Col. Lester L. Lampert, Fletcher, N.C., former Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Gettysburg College, 1936-1940, died suddenly Sunday noon in the Fletcher Hospital, nine hours after he suffered a heart attack.

The retired Army officer, who last visited friends in Gettysburg early last fall, had been in good



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health, with the exception of torn ligaments in one knee, until a few weeks ago when he complained of a pain in his chest. He underwent a complete physical check and learned that he had a mild heart flurry. He was given medication and appeared to regain normal health.

Sunday morning at 3 o'clock he suffered the attack. He was rushed to the hospital but died without regaining consciousness.

Colonel Lampert was born in Oshkosh, Wis., a son of Congressman and Mrs. Florian Lampert. His father served six terms in Congress.

The deceased graduated from Oshkosh High School where he was a football star. He then attended a preparatory school in New Jersey for six weeks which he passed the examination into the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He had declined an appointment from his father.

WAS AT PEARL HARBOR

Early in his Plebe year he tore ligaments in a knee while playing football from which he never fully recovered. The injury worsened in later years until it caused constant pain and made walking for him difficult. However, throughout his 36 years Army service he managed to pass his annual physical examinations.

Col. Lampert served in the First World War.

After completing his four-year tour of duty at Gettysburg College he was assigned to Pearl Harbor. While there he was in charge of placing all gas and oil under secret underground storage tanks. However, he left the surface tanks standing and they were bombed when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Lampert was shaving on that fateful Sunday morning and when the first bombs dropped he raced to his headquarters and did not return home for five days. Mrs. Lampert assisted with caring for school children.

SERVED IN CHINA

Lampert asked for assignment to combat. He was transferred to Fort Riley, (artillery) Kan., but did not remain there very long. He pursued his request for combat action but was assigned to a training camp in Alabama. There he met his friend, General "Pinky" Bull, and through him was assigned to foreign service. He was flown to Africa and then to India. Seven days after traveling by slow freight, animal pack and sampan he reached what were his future headquarters in the interior of China attached to a Chinese army being attacked by the Japs. Lampert headed a U.S. Contingent of 800 officers and men.

He persuaded the Chinese general to change his tactics and finally routed the Japs. For his services Lampert was decorated by the Chinese and received a number of scrolls from several cities and service organizations. He also suffered through and survived a number of banquets where toasts of all sorts were the order of the meal.

At the conclusion of the war Lampert returned to the states, with the fingers and thumbs of both hands stiffening into a clutch. He was sent to El Paso where Army surgeons performed surgery. They cut tendons on the palm of his left hand, and six months later repeated the operation on his right hand. The condition improved but only after months of effort. At the time of his death he still had difficulty clutching a glass of water.

Retired Colonel, Lester Lampert, Is Dead at 73

Mrs. Lester Morgan and Florian Lampert, both of Oshkosh, have received notice of the death of their brother, retired Col. Lester L. Lampert, 73, of Fletcher, N. C. He was the son of the late Congressman Florian Lampert.

Col. Lampert had lived in Fletcher since his retirement after World War II. He was born in Oshkosh Aug. 7, 1890, and this year would have celebrated the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Survivors in addition to those mentioned are one son, Col. Lester Lampert Jr., and one sister, Mrs. Jessie Oaks, Elmonte, Calif.

Councilman and Mrs. Florian Lampert are among those who read with particular interest all the news pertaining to the Mexican situation and the probability of war with Mexico. They have two sons who are officers in the United States army. Lieut. James B. Lampert is an instructor in the military engineering college at Washington, D. C., and Lieut. Lester Lampert is with the Twenty-third infantry regiment, which has been stationed at El Paso, Tex., for some time. According to a letter received this morning by his parents, Lieut. Lester Lampert was still at El Paso and in good health at the time of writing, last Tuesday. His regiment had not yet been assigned to service in Mexico. Lieut. James Lampert is believed to be still at Washington.