

plane, a civilian pilot, NW airlines. He says, what have we got here? This partner of mine says, it's a military secret. They took it down to Denver. We landed there at midnight. Our first sergeant, his name was Howard, now he'd been a marine in W.W.I so you know that he's no young chicken. He was one of the guards. We didn't unload the gold. They just told us to get out of there and they'd unload it. No change of guard or anything. I was about to shoot that SOB. Old Howard says, let 'em have it. We don't know what happened to the gold after that. It's not because I'm a Russian, it's the truth. Call it lend-lease if you want to but it was a lot of gold.

....Oh, Dr. Fitz. He was also a medical doctor. My wife said, look at the pregnant woman. He said, that's not a woman, that's a man. He's got a tumor. Then he showed us another picture where he took this tumor out. He started the Nazarene Church. He was up in years. He had a daughter, Ishman. Old Gaffney, he wouldn't let anyone be married here and he³ was Gaffney's driver. He was the commander of Ladd. My aunt says, I wish I'd known that. I know his sister. I says, I'm damned glad you didn't.

Bert Stimple and Fitz didn't get along too good. Fitz ended up going back to Montana or someplace....

(Added by telephone) Did you know that Paul Elbert used to be Jack Dempsey's sparring partner? Paul used to underbid everyone on the price of potatoes and Jack Dempsey backed him.

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I agree to share this information with other interviewees and others interested in local history.

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