

## First Air-WAC Receives Oath At Allentown

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Joyce Fay Peltz, a former inspector of bomb chutes for Charles Corp. became Allentown's first Air-WAC yesterday in the community's salute to the WACS who are serving with the Army Air Forces in the United States and overseas.

Miss Peltz, 22, of 237 Lehigh Street, Allentown, was sworn into the Air-WAC service at the Allentown-Bethlehem airport by Lieutenant F. Hope Johnson, commanding officer of the local WAC recruiting office.

Lieut. Johnson reported that Ruth M. Abercrombie, 736 Eighth Avenue, Bethlehem, will become the second Air-WAC of the area. She will take the oath of the corps sometime this week.

Yesterday's swearing-in ceremony was part of the salute to the Women's Army Corps by the Allentown squadron of the Civil Air Patrol which had planned to give the WACS, WAC recruits and prospective WACS plane rides over the Lehigh Valley. This latter phase was cancelled when the local office was unable to secure clearance for the flights from district WAC headquarters.

Among those witnessing the ceremony whereby Miss Peltz became Allentown's first Air-WAC were her brother, Edward, just returned on leave from Sampson Naval Training station where he had completed his boot training, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peltz, 1029 South Seventh Street, Allentown. Miss Peltz has another brother in service, William, a private in an AEF detachment in North Africa.

CAP pilots, unable to take the girls for plane rides, took Edward and Fred Peltz on a flight and also gave rides to the Aviation Cadets who were on the field.

Among WAC recruits, already sworn into the corps but awaiting their call, who were at the airport were Dorothy H. Kleckner, 224 East South Street; Ida P. Brelsford, 819 Chew Street, both of Allentown; Pauline Sharkazy, 5 Pine Street, Catasauqua; Pearl Purcell, 332 Second Avenue, Bethlehem, and Agnes C. Lesko, 310 West Bertsch Street, Lansford.