

Vella, Thelma B.

WAC Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Thelma B. Vella, adjutant of the Harrisburg WAC Recruiting Office, was promoted to First Lieutenant last week, according to information received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Blumstrom, 2351 Linden Street.

In the service since November of 1942, she has been stationed in Harrisburg since last April as interviewing officer for the recruiting district's thirty-two counties.

After basic training at Daytona Beach, Fla., the WAC officer taught classes in the Administration School at that post, receiving her sergeant's stripes prior to training at the Officer Candidate School in Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She received her commission as a second lieutenant at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in July, 1943.

Lieutenant Vella is a graduate of Liberty High School, attended Bethlehem Business College and Mandel School, N. Y., where she studied medical stenography. Her husband, Major Paul D. Vella, is a regimental surgeon with a parachute regiment in France, and recently received the Legion of Merit for exceptional meritorious conduct.

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