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Commissioned



LIEUT. MARY D. BOWES
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Mary D. Bowes Commissioned In Marines

Graduation exercises at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., at which Second Lieutenant Mary D. Bowes received her commission in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve were made especially memorable by the presence of two distinguished guests, Lieutenant General Alexander Archer Vandergrift, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, and Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter, Director Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

It was the occasion also of the Commandant's first formal address to women Marines since his return to the States from directing Marine offensives in the South Pacific war theatre.

Second Lieutenant Bowes, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowes, 221 East Garrison Street, this city, entered the Women's Reserve as a private. Before recommendation for officer training, she was on duty at the Aviation Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

At the time of her enlistment, Lieut. Bowes was the first Bethlehem girl to join the Marines and it is believed she is the first in this city to be commissioned in the Corps.

In civil life Lieutenant Bowes was a member of the Traffic Department of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. She attended Moravian College for Women.

Before assignment to duty, the newly-commissioned officer will be retained at Camp Lejeune for offi-

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