

Heilman, Grace E.

TWO VALLEY GIRLS GET COMMISSION IN WAVES

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**Betty N. Stolp, Grace E. Heilman
Assigned to Duties at Stations.**

Two women from the Lehigh Valley have been commissioned officers in Women's Reserve of the United States Navy, and assigned to active duty at training schools and shore establishments.

Ensign Grace E. Heilman, 121 South 11th st., Easton, is stationed at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's school, Northampton, Mass., and Ensign Betty N. Stolp, 105 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, has been assigned to a naval aluminum depot in the middle west.

Early in November, the WAVES from this area completed a four weeks' indoctrination course at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's school (W-R) in Northampton. Captain Herbert W. Underwood, USN (ret.), commanding officer of the school, administered the oath of allegiance.

Twenty-six lieutenants (j. g) and 142 ensigns received their commissions in the first group of officers to be graduated from the school. At the same time, 709 WAVES, who received their indoctrination as apprentice seamen were advanced to the rank of midshipmen.

As officers on active duty, the WAVES will take over the land-based jobs of men, in order to release them for sea duty.

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