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300 Seek to Enroll In Women Marines

Lt. Bernice Wilson, first woman marine to have an office in Denver, arrived yesterday to assist in enlistment of women for the U. S. Marine Corps.

When she arrived from the Kansas City district office, 300 applications were waiting on her desk, so she took off her coat and went to work.

Her duties will include interviewing applicants, giving mental and physical examinations, and swearing in enlisted personnel.

From WAAC to Marine

"While the Marine Women's Reserve was the last to be organized, we have a real need for women to serve in a variety of positions, to free men to fight," she said.

Applications are received in Room 219, Cooper bldg., 17th and Curtis sts.

Lieutenant Wilson was a WAAC before she became a Marine. She took officer's training to become a second lieutenant in the WAACS in Smith College, but volunteered to be transferred.

Two other Marines came here from Kansas City with Lieutenant Wilson. They are Capt. John H. McCray and Sgt. Jerry Sullivan, who will assist with the recruiting.

20 to 38 the Limit

Applicants for enlistment in the Marine Corps must be between 20 and 38.

No applicants will be accepted who have husbands in the Marine Corps, and no woman Marine while in the service, can marry a marine.



—Rocky Mountain News Photo.

SITUATION UNDER CONTROL—Lt. Bernice Wilson, assigned to Denver to enlist recruits for the Marine Women's Reserve Corps, found her desk piled with a stack of applications nearly as imposing as the Halls of Montezuma when she arrived yesterday to take over her new duties. Lieutenant Wilson is shown here tackling her new job.