

PASSES TEST TO JOIN WASPS

Marion Carlstrom Is State's First Member of Woman's Air Service.

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The flying traditions of the Colorado Carlstroms have been carried into a second generation of service with the army air forces with the graduation of Marion Carlstrom, 23, as Colorado's first woman service pilot at Avenger field, Texas.

Miss Carlstrom, Colorado's first Wasp (women's air force service pilot) finished a rigid six months of training in flying fast army single-engined and multi-engined planes last Saturday at the Sweetwater, Tex., field, and stopped in Denver Monday on her way back to her father's North Park ranch for a brief visit before being assigned to active duty.

FATHER WAS PILOT TEACHER.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlstrom of Cowdrey, and inherited her interest in aviation from her father, who was a civilian flying instructor of army pilots during the first World war, and his brother, Lieut. Victor Carlstrom, an army pilot who was killed in action over France in the previous war and the man for whom Carlstrom field, Fla., was named.

Few members of the Wasps (formerly called the Wafs) have had more varied careers than Miss Carlstrom. After attending high schools in Walden, Colo., Hampton, Va., and Maplewood, N. J., she was a student for one year at Denver university. Transferring to Bennington college, Bennington, Vt., she won a place as exchange student at the University of San Marcos at Lima, Peru.

FLIES PLANES OVER JUNGLE.

She was studying archeology and literature and working as secretary to the counselor for economic affairs at the American embassy in Peru when she took up flying and under tutelage of Peruvian army instructors became the second licensed woman pilot in that country.

Flying every type of old "crate" available, she later served as copilot on a commercial air line in Peru and had some hair-raising adventures in jungle flying.

She came back to this country when she heard of the opportunity to serve as a woman ferry pilot for the army, and still is hoping the army will change its regulations so she can "fly that stuff right up to the front."

Wasps, trained under civil service, retain their civilian status and are to be assigned all types of non-combat ferry flying.



MISS MARION V. CARLSTROM, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlstrom of Cowdrey, Colo., who has completed her training as Colorado's first women's air force service pilot and will report soon for active duty, flying for the army.