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LCdr. Maxine Mandt

WAVE Wins Army Commendation Medal

When WAVE LCdr. Maxine Mandt received the Army Commendation Medal in ceremonies at the PG School last month, she was one of the first Wave officers to be so honored, although as she modestly stated later in her BOQ room in Herrmann Hall, "Such inter-service awards will probably become more commonplace in the future as the services work more closely together."

The award was made for Maxine's work at the Defense Language Institute HQ in Washington, D.C., where she served for two years as the training requirements officer.

As one of the five WAVE officers now attending the PG School, she is a student in the management program.

No stranger to the beauties of the Peninsula, which she lists as one of her favorite duty stations, she was formerly stationed here while attending line school, and also made several business trips to the Presidio Defense Language Institute while stationed in Washington.

In addition to the WAVE officers who are attending the PG School, she added that one Navy Nurse is enrolled in the management course, and several more WAVE officers are members of the staff of the school.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a major in German, Maxine spent three years at the university after graduation while working on an engineering research project.

Why did she decide to join the WAVES? "It was time to move on from the

University," she said cheerfully, "and the service represents both change and security. They sound like opposites; but here they're combined."

As an instructor at the Womens Officer Indoctrination School at Newport, she added, she was vitally concerned with why women chose to make a career of the service.

"A lot of them couldn't really tell us," she stated. "Some are service juniors, of course—I'm not—but others just decide it's time for a change."

Her 13 years of service have included a tour in Seattle in personnel work, as well as the duty in Newport, Monterey, and with the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington.

She added that she would like a tour of duty overseas. She has already visited Hawaii, and taken two space-available two-week trips to Europe.

"The first time I tried to do everything at once," she smiled, "all the capitals — London, Copenhagen, Paris, the whirl. By the second time, I'd learned a lot. I went to Naples and Rome, and left some time just to sit in the courtyards in the sun."

The petite brunette hobbies include playing bridge with the section bridge group, swimming, and sewing. When interviewed, she was wearing one of three attractive wool suits which she had tailored for the changeable Monterey climate.

"You must get down to Carmel, now



LCdr. Maxine Mandt wearing one of the hand-somely tailored wool suits she has made.

that most of the tourists have gone," she remarked in saying good-bye.

"There is so much to do here, I think it's an unfortunate thing that sometimes people get so involved in just their class-work assignments and studying that they don't take full advantage of all that Monterey has to offer."

A point well taken; "diversified interests" might be one good descriptive term for the pleasant officer from Minnesota.

—Margaret DeBolt

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