

Signal Corps Pigeon Expert Now On Duty As 1st Lieut.

Clifford A. Poutre Goes Through Ranks From Pvt. To Lieut.

Clifford A. Poutre, who holds a commission as First Lieutenant in the Reserve Corps, was called to active duty with the Pigeon Breeding and Training Section at Fort Monmouth by a War Department radiogram on August 7th. He was sworn in by the Post Adjutant on Friday, August 8th, at 10 A. M.

After receiving his B. S. degree from Lafayette College in 1927, Lt. Poutre enlisted in the United States Army on January 10, 1929, and soon thereafter went to Hawaii where he spent seven and one half years. In 1936 he came to Fort Monmouth and was assigned to the Pigeon Section.

Previous to joining the Army, Lt. Poutre had made a hobby of pigeons and chickens, and after becoming a soldier confined his interest entirely to pigeons so that today he is one of the most outstanding experts on pigeons in the world. Lt. Poutre has won hundreds of awards at pigeon races and championships and his work has been greatly publicized in almost all national magazines and newspapers and only several weeks ago he was interviewed on the "We, the People" radio broadcast.

Lt. Poutre went through all the ranks from private first class to sergeant and in 1936 was appointed Staff Sergeant, in 1940 he became

Technical Sergeant and in January 1941 he was appointed Master Sergeant.

While in college, Lt. Poutre was a prominent track man and ran in the Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, secretary of the Sandy Hook Pigeon Racing Club and a member of the International Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers of America, the Central Jersey Racing Pigeon Combine, and the N. J. Homing Pigeon Concourse Association.

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Army Plans Signal T

Construction On \$7 To Start Shortly Neosho, Mo.,

A new Signal Corps replacement center will be established by Army soon at Neosho, Mo., with capacity for 5,000 men at any time, according to word received from Fort Monmouth Monday from War Department in Washington which disclosed that four new cantonments will be built shortly total cost of \$77,390,000. The one at Neosho will include also an infantry replacement center to accommodate 10,000 men. The area of this cantonment will be approximately 66,650 acres and is expected to cost \$16,500,000 to construct.

A camp to be built at Fort S. Ark., will be basically for an armored division and augmented with anti-tank battalion. A Santa M. Lompoc, Calif., camp also will accommodate an armored division.