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DULUTH--Major Thomas R. Owens, assistant professor of Air Science at UMD, has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel, effective March 15.

Major Owens joined the University's Reserve Officer Training Corps teaching staff in the fall of 1961. Major Owens is serving the first year of a four-year tour at UMD. He is in line to succeed Lt. Col. Hopkins when the latter completes his tour in the next 15 months.

A specialist in the field of meteorology, Major Owens presently is working toward a Master's degree in education at UMD. His heavy scholastic schedule does not prevent him from being active in civic affairs.

From 1958 until he was assigned to UMD, Major Owens was on military duty in Europe. His prior teaching experience was gained from 1947-1952 as an instructor in the Dept. of Weather Training at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

A native of Commerce, Texas, Major Owens graduated from Tulia High School (Texas) in 1939 and completed requirements for a B.S. degree at West Texas State in 1950 after an interruption from World War II.

Major Owens is married and has a daughter, Billit Jo, and two sons, Thomas R., Jr. and John.