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RECRUITING OFFICE

C.W.A.C.

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

HARRIS - 1942

**COME ON, PEG—  
IT'LL BE THRILLING!**

● "Of course it'll be a thrill. There'll be new friends to meet, new places to see and a life so different from what you have known that you'll get a thrill every minute."

"But, more important, you'll be doing your DUTY." YOU have certain capabilities, certain talents. The work to

which you will be assigned in the C.W.A.C. will allow you to make the most of these. You will be happy in your work, find it pleasant and easy, and you will also find the path to promotions.

It's a great life for a girl, great in every way you look at it. You can't leave the task of winning the war all to the men . . . join up today.

**This is Our Battle, Too!**

**CANADIAN WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS**

**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**

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...the Canadian Women's Army Corps marches shoulder to shoulder with Canada's Active Army down the road that leads to victory. Releasing their brothers-in-arms from many vital military activities, members of this new formation have proudly and efficiently taken up their duties as an integral part of the Canadian Army.

ADMINISTRATIVE    DRIVING    TECHNICAL    STOREWOMEN

**AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CANADIAN ARMY**

"I'd rather be with them... than waiting"

**THE WAC**  
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

Who... **ME?**

**YES... YOU!**

YOU'RE NEEDED NOW TO  
FREE A MAN TO FIGHT

*Why sit home in perfect ease?  
Bring the Nazis to their knees!*

**Join the C.W.A.C.**

*Apply to C.W.A.C. Recruiting Officer H.Q. M.D. 116, Halifax*

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The Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC) was officially established on August 13, 1941 and by war's end it had some 21 000 members. Initially the CWAC members' duties were quite traditional and they worked as cooks, cleaners, tailors, and medical assistants.

However, those duties would expand to include more traditional male jobs such as driving trucks and ambulances, and working as mechanics and radar operators.

While most CWACs served in Canada, three companies of female soldiers were posted overseas in 1943.

*How did women contribute through the CWAC?*