

Women during WWII

At Home

Canada's contributions during the war years would have been very different if it were not for the vital roles that women placed on the home front. The war effort encompassed all Canadians, and women did their fair share and more, achieving and sacrificing a great deal in the cause of peace and freedom. The impressive achievements of these trailblazing women still echo today.

	What women did/How they contributed	
Location/ Topic	Information gathered from Secondary Source	Information gathered from Primary Source
Rationing		
Farming		
Women's Institutes		
Industry		

At War

The Second World War would see Canadian women returning to serve again as Nursing Sisters. This time, approximately 4,500 nurses were attached to all three branches of Canadian military, with more than 2/3 of them serving overseas. Canadian military nurses were the first in any Allied country to have officer status. Canadian women would also serve in other military roles during the war, some 50 000 eventually enlisted in the air force, army, and navy.

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Royal Canadian Air Force – Women’s Division (RCAF-WD)		
Canadian Women’s Army Corps (CWAC)		
Women’s Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS)		
Nursing Sisters of Canada		

- On set of centers: Provide information for what they did/how they contributed
- Different centres: Provide a primary document
- 3rd topic: provide an example/story

*Work at own pace centres