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Women's Roles in the Second World War

Not only did women provide support on the home front during the Second World War, but it was also the first time in history women were permitted to serve in uniform. Women helped with nursing wounded and sick soldiers back to health with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Women in the Royal Canadian Air Force often took on administrative roles but some helped with packing and repairing parachutes, meteorology, communications, and assisted with electrical and mechanical work on aircraft. Some women even performed intelligence operations. The Canadian Women's Army Corps had women take on many essential duties such as cooking, medical aid, and repairing clothing; they also took on the roles of driving and maintaining vehicles. In the Auxiliary Territorial Service, women were first given duties as cooks, clerks, and storekeepers. As the war years went on, their duties expanded and they drove vehicles, delivered mail, operated radar, inspected ammunition, and some even joined anti-aircraft gun crews. Women also served in similar roles in the naval service.