

More than half the awards made in the last three years have been to women. In the 67th Joint Anniversary Brigade, the service corps, are 124 training brigades and 100 ambulance brigades, with about 10,000 persons serving in them.

The national war services department of the Young Women's Christian Association in Canada has made the greatest contribution to the nation in providing hostess houses for the use of relatives and friends of servicemen and women and in establishing recreation centres in several parts of the north and women of the armed forces.

Eight new hostess houses were established during 1943 and early 1944, and by May there were 55. These former hostess houses had been established as recreation centres and hostess rooms. More than 60 weddings, 45 anniversaries, 27 confirmations and 12 baptisms had been held in hostess houses by the end of 1943. There are three hostess rooms at St. Thomas, Ontario, Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and the Yukon, Ontario, Wisconsin school.

During 1943 the Y.W.C.A. expanded the technique of hostess houses to provide recreation centres for the Canadian Women's Army Corps at 10 points.

A new project providing "overseas" entertainments in Canada and Newfoundland was commenced in 1942 with the opening of three leave hostels at St. John's, Newfoundland, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. Arrangements for a leave hostel at Halifax has been started, the hostel to open when suitable quarters are obtained. The three centres provided 12,389 services to women in Halifax during the first quarter of 1943.

Filling an interesting task, room registry services of the Y.W.C.A. for 1942 almost quadrupled those of 1941. Through Y.W. associations 40,929 persons were directed to inspected lodgings in 1942, compared with 12,418 in 1941. Hostess houses provided a room registry service also to 24,905 persons during the first 30 months of 1942, as compared with 2,305 for the whole of 1941.

Although the women's voluntary service committees and the committee of the Y.W.C.A. are endeavoring to meet the general housing needs by coordinating community services, the Y.W.C.A.