

...and 22,000 more were willing to do full-time general work. It is estimated that they would be available to undertake part-time work. Women have been under no

compulsion to accept employment.

The restriction under which a greater utilization of the aptitudes of the Government has been provided incentive to many women, even to those outside the regular register, and thousands took up war work or joined the women's armed services. Employment and Selective Service offices throughout Canada have made wide use of the information

obtained in the registration.

Since the Government registration, more than 100,000 women have taken jobs in war industry, and more than 15,000 have enlisted in the women's armed services, bringing the total of women in war uniforms to more than 27,700. They all have volunteered for service anywhere for the duration. Women are under no compulsion to serve in the armed forces. Only

recruiting campaigns and encouragement from Employment and Selective

Service offices are used to obtain volunteers.

Increased emphasis is being placed on recruiting women for the armed services so that more men may not be released for more active tasks in the fighting forces. National Selective Service is handling its report to

regarding the release of women and on February 22, 1945, commenced interviewing

those interested in spending the war period in the women's armed services at Employment and Selective Service offices throughout Canada.

The Women's Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Women's Army Corps and the Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division) have set

50,000 as their combined enlistment objective for 1945.

By a reorganization early in May of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, C.W.A.C. officers are assuming duties on an equal footing with Canadian army staff officers.

This marks the first time in the history of any army that women have achieved a parity equal with men. The purpose, part of a plan to

integrate the C.W.A.C. with the regular army is to reorganize the C.W.A.C. Directorate in the command structure of the army and integrating the posts