

The Canadian Women's Army Corps was established in August, 1941. C.W.A.C. personnel are serving in the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, and the United States.

Youngest of the three women's services, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, was inaugurated in June, 1942. Canadian Wrens are serving at more than 30 naval bases, including Washington, Newfoundland, and the United Kingdom.

Canadian women in the nursing service have been sent not only to the United Kingdom but also to North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

Before the Battle of France it was felt that Canada's industrial role in the war would be largely confined to the production of materials and equipment for its own troops and of limited quantities of aircraft and guns for the United Kingdom. However, the sharp increase not only in Canadian but in British orders which followed the fall of France turned Canada into one of the principal suppliers of war equipment for the United Nations. A vast expansion of industry was planned and carried out.

The Department of Munitions and Supply has awarded approximately \$9,450,000,000 of contracts. With a government expenditure of over \$850,000,000 in new plants and equipment, with war orders on hand totalling several hundred million dollars, with a large share of production commitments under Canada's Mutual Aid Plan, Canada remains one of the important cogs in the machinery of allied production. In proportion to its population, resources and productive facilities, Canada's industrial war effort is unexcelled by that of any other country.

An outline of Canada's war production is given in the following table:

	1942	1943	Total to March 1, 1944
Aircraft	3,811	4,133	11,390
Armored fighting vehicles	12,500	15,500	34,000
Mechanical transport	192,000 units	175,000 units	593,000 units
Artillery gun barrels, carriages and mountings	31,000 units	45,000 units	84,000 units
Machine guns, rifles and small arms	325,000 units	580,000 units	1,000,000 units
Rounds of gun ammunition	28,000,000	30,000,000	62,000,000
Rounds of small arms ammunition	1,200,000,000	1,500,000,000	3,300,000,000
Pounds of Chemicals and explosives	860,000,000	1,000,000,000	2,300,000,000
Cargo vessels	81	150	249
Naval vessels	117	100	336
Instruments and communi- cations equipment	\$84,000,000	\$180,000,000	\$320,000,000
Defence and construc- tion projects	\$219,000,000	\$194,000,000	\$675,000,000