

ACTIVITY: Women in Wartime



**Back our
girls over there**
United War Work Campaign



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WWII poster, 1942, MilColl 2.16, State Archives of N.C.

What job does the woman in the poster have?

Why is it important in war?

What is the man in the image doing and who might he be?

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Telephone operator

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They are soldiers, marching to battle.

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WWI poster, 1917-1918, MilColl 4.21, State Archives of N.C.

Women played an assistant or supporting role. Men did the essential work of fighting. Still, women had official government roles in communications and clerical work and nursing. Their wartime contributions helped grow support for women's suffrage.

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Nurse

Why is it important in war?

Lots of injured or sick men on the battlefield needed care

What is the man in the image doing and who might he be?

He is ceremoniously making her an official nurse by placing her hat on her head. He could be a military official or Uncle Sam

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With more war deaths and widows with children, support increased for political rights for those who were heads of households. Women were recruited to factory jobs during the war and they also took on more official roles in the armed services in WWII, with the Women's Army Corps and the Women's Air Force. They proved their contributions to society could be productive and not just reproductive.