

Index, Share & Collaborate: Photographs of Servicewomen at LAC

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Overview

- Introducing Library and Archives Canada (LAC)
- Background: Canadian Servicewomen and the Photographs
- Index
- Share & Collaborate
- Online Content Products
- Conclusion



Army Numerical 24094 "C.W.A.C. Baseball Champion,"
September 19, 1943, Savage.

Introducing Library and Archives Canada (LAC)

- Mandate: *Acquire, preserve, and make accessible* Canada's documentary heritage
- Collections
- Public access



Army Numerical photo 13837 "Personnel of the Canadian Women's Army Corps (C.W.A.C.) taking part in a firefighting exercise, London, England," 28 February 1943 (Royal).

Background: Servicewomen during the Second World War

- Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC)
- Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS), aka the "Wrens"
- Royal Canadian Air Force, Women's Division (RCAF-WD)
- Military nurses



Unidentified members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS), the Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC) and the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division (WD) on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, July 1943, a208583-v6

Background: the Photographs



DND fonds
(RG24/R112)

Canadian Forces Joint Imagery
Centre (CFJIC) (series)
Includes accession 1967-052

Canadian
Army
(sub-series)

Royal
Canadian
Navy
(sub-series)

Royal
Canadian Air
Force
(sub-series)

Z prefix (sub-
sub-series)

Z-2688-32 "Personnel of the Canadian Women's
Army Corps at No. 3 CWAC (Basic) Training
Centre," Kitchener, Ontario, April 6, 1944. (item)

Indexing

- Project inspiration
- Preliminary results by sub-series:
 - Canadian Army (approx. 171,000 photos) = 2%
 - Royal Canadian Navy (approx. 223,000 photos) = 1%
 - Royal Canadian Air Force (approx. 151,000 photos) *Work ongoing*
- Methodology
 - Who: Servicewomen and Military Nurses
 - How: (a) caption lists (b) photos



L-0130-1 "An unidentified private of the Canadian Women's Army Corps (C.W.A.C.) conducting tests during the Respiratory Disease Control Program, Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada," ca. February-March 1944.

Method 1: Indexing from Caption Lists

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Method 2: Indexing from photos

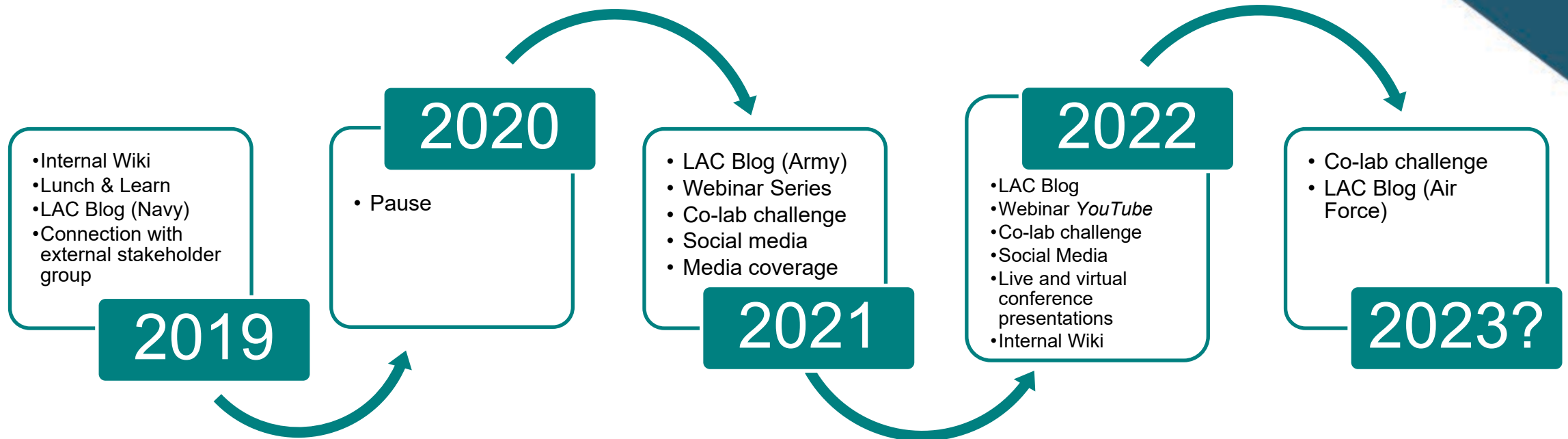
R112 volume 42827 Album 62, page 14, showing Canadian nursing sisters and other medical staff in Sicily in August 1943.



Negative Number	Album Caption	Date	Photographer
22681	Canadians in Sicily	August 3, 1943	Dolan
22682	Canadians in Sicily	August 3, 1943	Dolan
22807	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22808	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22809	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22810	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22811	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22812	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22813	Canadians in Sicily	August 7, 1943	Royal
22852	Canadians in Sicily	August 11, 1943	Smith
23122	Canadians in Sicily	August 21, 1943	Rowe
23572	Canadians in Sicily	August 26, 1943	Smith
23573	Canadians in Sicily	August 26, 1943	Smith

22807	A group photo of some of the nurses. They are: N/S J. De Pan, Toronto; N/S N. Buchanan, Victoria; N/S J. F. Blair, Perth; N/S I. Gervin, Winnipeg; N/S O.M.C. Stewart, Broadview; N/S M. Michoud, Grand Falls; N/S E.M. Ritchie, Ottawa; N/S E.D. Gregory, Winnipeg; N/S E. Mutry, Neepawa and N/S M. Stanley, Brandon.
22809	An informal group of N/Ss: N/S T.M. Hunter, Winnipeg; N/S C.M. Compston, Winnipeg; Matron A.J. McLeod, Edmonton; N/S E. Honey Binscarth, Man; N/S D. Quehl, Fort William; N/S A. Clake, Roland, Man; N/S B.M. Hampton, Gananoque, Ont; N/S H.E. Campbell, Francis, Sask; N/S I. Forrest, Toronto; N/S F.M. MacDonald, Alepudre, Ont.
22810	
22811	N/S K. McDole, Winnipeg; N/S J. Coleridge, London, Ont;
22812	N/S D. Lowe, Winnipeg; N/S H. Dyck, Winnipeg, having lunch in their mess.
22813	N/S e Constance Browne, Fort William, in a jeep.

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That sinking sensation: Leda clay in and near Ottawa

Posted on August 18, 2022

By Ellen Bond

In the 1970s, there were two shows I look forward to watching: *World of Disney* on Sunday (feel-good stories and cartoons) on Saturday. It wasn't the *ACM* on Saturday—it was the quicksand! B... horrendous to me. So imagine my feeling over a massive amount of Leda clay, which is a type of quicksand. Quicksand? Here in Ottawa? Coyote? Yikes!

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Women in the war: a Co-Lab challenge

By Rebecca Murray

Canadian women are part of the photographic record of the Second World War. The [Department of National Defence fonds \(RG24/R112\)](#) includes over two million photographs, from Comox in British Columbia to Naples in Italy. These women are our great-grandmothers, grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, cousins and friends.

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Library and Archives Canada holds an extensive collection of records of the Canadian men and women who have served their country in the military and in the early years of the North West Mounted Police.

The records include muster rolls, military service files, unit war diaries, medal registers, photographic collections, documentary art and posters, as well as published sources.

See also:

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Bibliothèque et Archives Canada conserve une importante collection de documents d'hommes et de femmes ayant servi leur pays dans l'armée et durant les premières années de la Police à cheval du Nord-Ouest.

Ils comprennent des rôles d'équipage, des dossiers de service militaire, des journaux de guerre, des registres de médailles, des collections de photographies, des œuvres d'art documentaire et des affiches, ainsi que des sources publiées.

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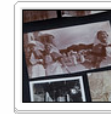
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Episode 70 / 2022-05-19

[Bill Mason: Wilderness Artist](#) (length: 50:27)

Passionate about nature and art, Bill Mason spent his whole life combining his two passions and creating beautiful, nature-inspired artworks. On today's episode, we will discuss Bill Mason's life and legacy with the help of three members of the Mason family: his wife, Joyce, and his two children, Becky and Paul. LAC archivist Jill Delaney will also join us to highlight Bill Mason's amazing body of work and discuss the vast collection of items that the family donated to Library and Archives Canada in 2016.

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


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