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# MacquarieNet Learning Trails: Women at War

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## Learning Trails

Learning Trails are a collection of selected pages taken from MacquarieNet resources that are used to illustrate a particular topic. In your 'Women and war' search you will find some ready-to-use Learning Trails focused on the 'Women and War' topic. Here is one example.

### The Impact of War on Australian Women in the 20th Century

This Learning Trail explores the impact of war on Australian women, and includes many images and stories that vividly describe women's war experiences. The First World War I (1914–18) proved devastating, as did the Second World War only 20 years later (1939–45). Australia again went to war in the 1950s during the Korean War, with the Vietnam War of the 1960s not far behind it.

Left: Matron Vivian Bullwinkel. Centre: A RAANC nurse - part of an operating theatre team. Right: Matron Grace Wilson, Lemnos, Greece (Australian War Memorial images).



## Quests

A MacQuest is a collection of MacquarieNet records with notes. The introduction, questions and instructions are designed to allow students to complete their work online. Two Quests that you will find in your 'Women and war' search are:

- *The Changing Images of Australian Women in WWII*
- *Australian Women — War Work*.

### Australian Women — War Work

In this MacQuest, students explore a range of records about the work performed by Australian women during the First and Second World Wars, and answer the following questions:

1. What types of work did Australian women perform during the world wars?
2. Was this work different to what women had done before the wars? If so, why did this change take place?
3. Did this change continue on after the end of the Second World War? Explain your answer.
4. How did their gender — that they were women rather than men — affect the way their contribution was viewed at the time?

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