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More and more men were needed to fight, so women were encouraged to volunteer to take on new roles in the services and fill the ranks of jobs crucial during wartime. When even greater numbers were needed, the Registration for Employment Order and National Service Act were introduced.

Though women contributed essential support to victory, barriers to economic and employment equality remained after the war.

JULY 25, 1941

## URGENT DEMAND FOR WORKERS

The Minister of Labour has decided to register men born in 1897, 1896 and 1895 for industrial employment as well as the further age groups for women mentioned in Parliament on

"The state in man-power requirements has been reached where the country can no longer afford that men should be doing jobs that can be done by women..."

MARCH 30, 1942

## HALF POPULATION ON NATIONAL SERVICE 20,000,000 MOBILISED

Half the population of Britain—men, women and children—are now directly on national service. Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, stated on Saturday night that he has mobilised into the Navy, Army, R.A.F., Civil De-

"[Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service] added that no women in any country had equalled the response of the women of Britain."

MARCH 16, 1944

## WOMEN AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE

At the opening of a Y.W.C.A. hut for Service women, towards which £4,094 had been subscribed by the London Stock Exchange, Sir Robert Pearson, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said that the Queen's comment on learning that Mrs. Churchill had visited the House and spoken to the members

"Mrs. Churchill, in opening the hut, said: Women have broken into the Army, Navy, and Air Force, but not yet into the Stock Exchange."

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