

CANADA AND WWI

THE HOME  
FRONT

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Lt. Col.



NOW RECRUITING AT  
197 PEEL ST: MONTREAL

PEN

# Canada's Pork Opportunity





**YOU ARE NEEDED  
TO TAKE MY PLACE**

**GO WITH  
“KITCHENER’S OWN”  
THE 244<sup>TH</sup> BATT.**

**Lt. COL. F. M. MC ROBIE  
OFFICER COMMANDING**

**ENLIST  
AT 197 PEEL ST. MONTREAL**



"FAITH, THERE'S NO WAN COULD BE BOLDER"



Come on Boys!

JOIN THE

# IRISH CANADIAN OVERSEAS BATTALION RANGERS

Headquarters -  
91 STANLEY ST.  
MONTREAL.

Under  
Lt. Col. H. J. TRIHEY.

# Canadiens-Français Enrolez-vous!



NOTRE PREMIÈRE LIGNE DE  
DÉFENSE EST EN FRANCE.

N'ATTENDEZ PAS POUR DÉFENDRE  
NOTRE PAYS QU'IL SOIT  
ENVAHIS DÉVASTÉ.

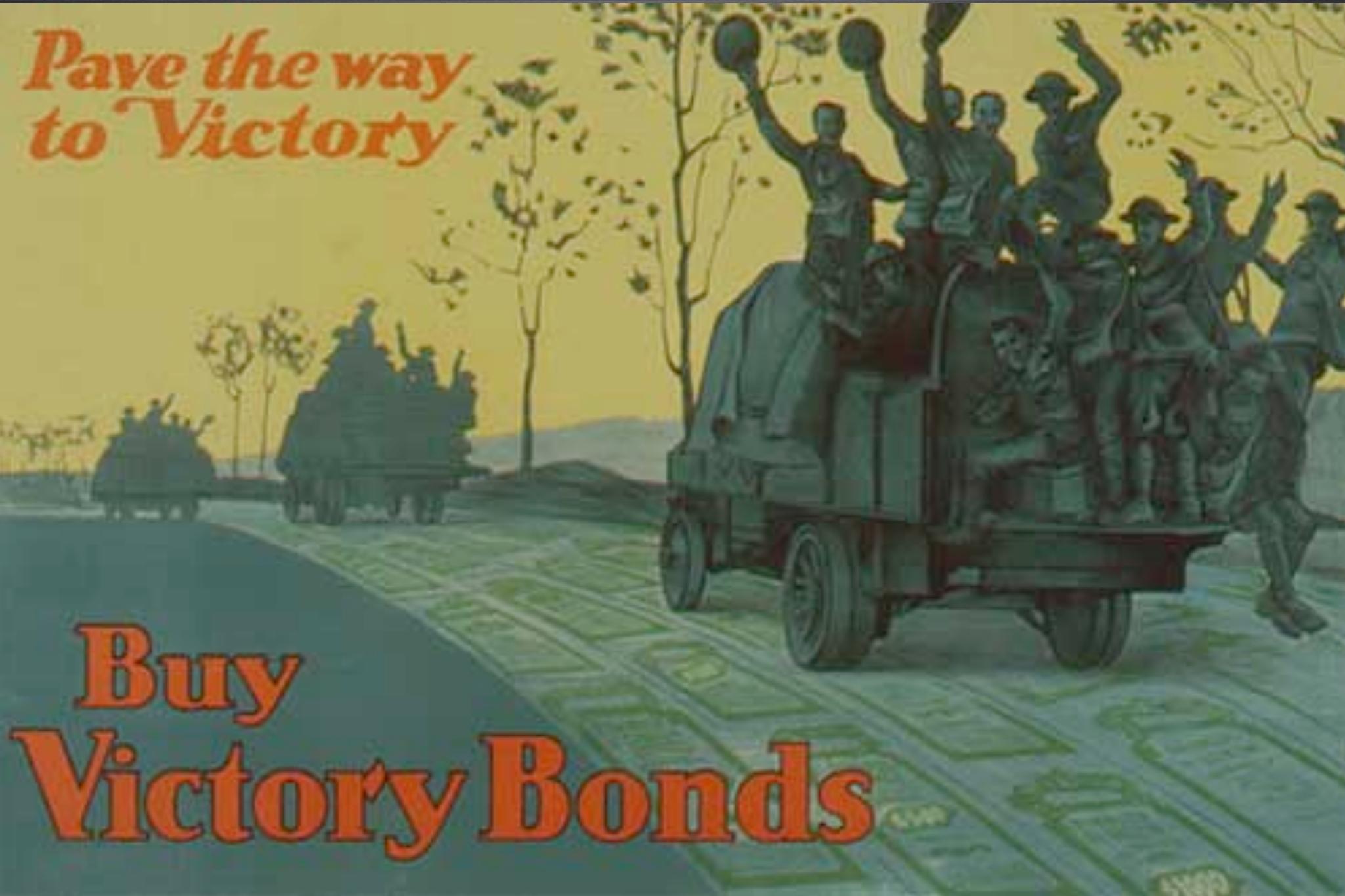
ÉPARGNEZ CES HORREURS À  
CEUX QUI VOUS SONT CHERS.

*Le Coeur de la France saigne.  
La voix du sang parle.*

N'oubliez pas, Canadiens-Français, que vous êtes descen-  
dants des compagnons de Dollard, des soldats de Montcalm  
& de Lévis; les fils des vainqueurs de Chateauguay et les frères  
des héros de St. Julien & de Festubert.

**REFORMEZ LES RÉGIMENTS DE VOLTIGEURS DE SALABERRY**

*Pave the way  
to Victory*



**Buy  
Victory Bonds**

# Are YOU breaking the Law?



**PATRIOTIC CANADIANS  
WILL NOT HOARD FOOD**



**"WHY DON'T  
THEY COME?"**

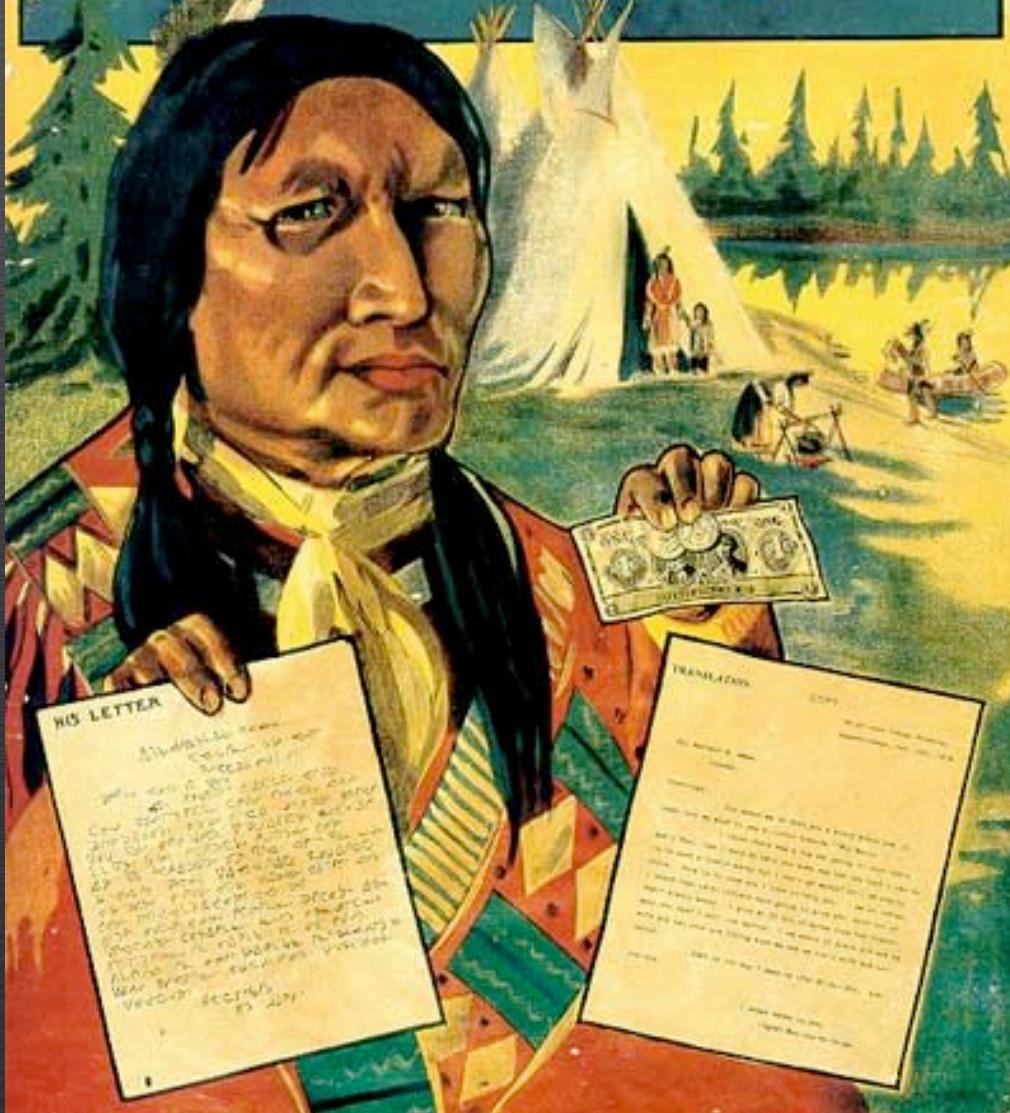
WHY BE  
A MERE SPECTATOR HERE  
WHEN YOU SHOULD PLAY A MANS PART  
IN THE REAL GAME OVERSEAS?



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CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING  
CORPS.

**JOIN**  
**148<sup>TH</sup> THE**  
**Battalion.**  
A.A.MAGEE.  
Headquarters      LT COL.  
**197, PEEL ST.  
MONTREAL.**

MOO-CHE-WE-IN-ES.  
PALE FACE, MY SKIN IS DARK  
BUT MY HEART IS WHITE.  
FOR I ALSO GIVE TO  
**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC  
FUND**



# **"THRUST"**

**ALL OBSTACLES ASIDE!**

and  
join X  
The



**221<sup>st</sup>** *Overseas*  
**Battalion**



VICTORY  
BONDS

SHORTEN THE WAR

Donated to VICTORY LOAN 1918  
by the makers of MAGIC BAKING POWDER

Help to catch Huns

ATTENDRONS-NOUS QUE  
LES NÔTRES BRÛLENT?

ENRÔLONS-NOUS et tout de suite

Dans Le

178<sup>ième</sup>

Bataillon  
**CANADIEN  
FRANÇAIS**

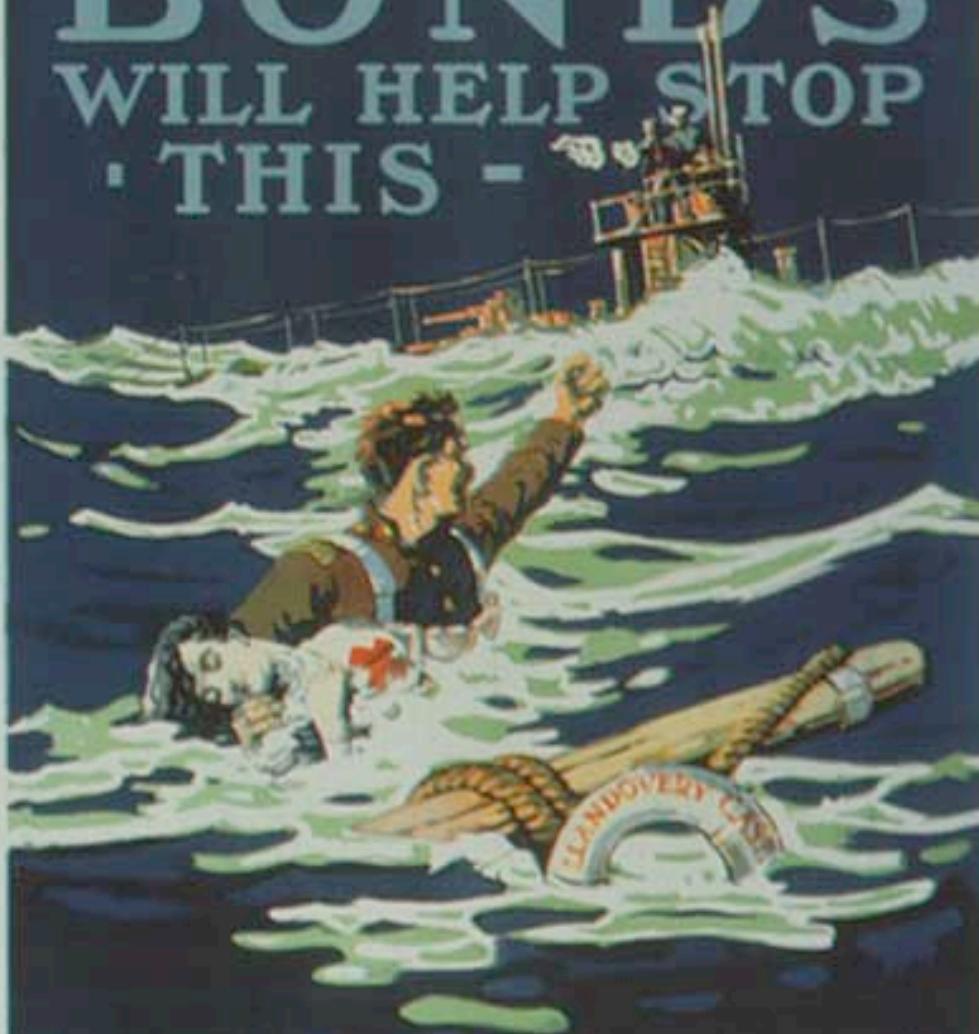
Commandé par le  
**Lt. Col. Girouard**

et six autres officiers du  
22<sup>e</sup> tous de retour du  
Front.

INFORMATIONS:  
AUX QUARTIERS GÉNÉRAUX, SHERBROOKE, P.Q.  
OU COIN ST' ANDRÉ ET ST' CATHERINE  
MONTREAL -



VICTORY  
BONDS  
WILL HELP STOP  
· THIS -



KULTUR VS. HUMANITY.

# **SS11 UNIT 3 GROWING PAINS 3E**

## **WORLD WAR ONE + ISSUES AT HOME**

The number of casualties in Europe was staggering. PM Borden promised to send 500,000 troops to Europe and Canadian men were expected to answered the call.

The number of volunteers dropped as word of the number of casualties made its way back to Canada.

Congscription (the draft) made military service mandatory. Great Britain, New Zealand and the United States all had conscription policies.

Canada followed suit and Borden on May 18, 1917 announced in the House of Commons that Canada would begin the conscription process.



An anti-conscription parade in Montreal on May 17, 1917

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# CONSCRIPTION CRISIS

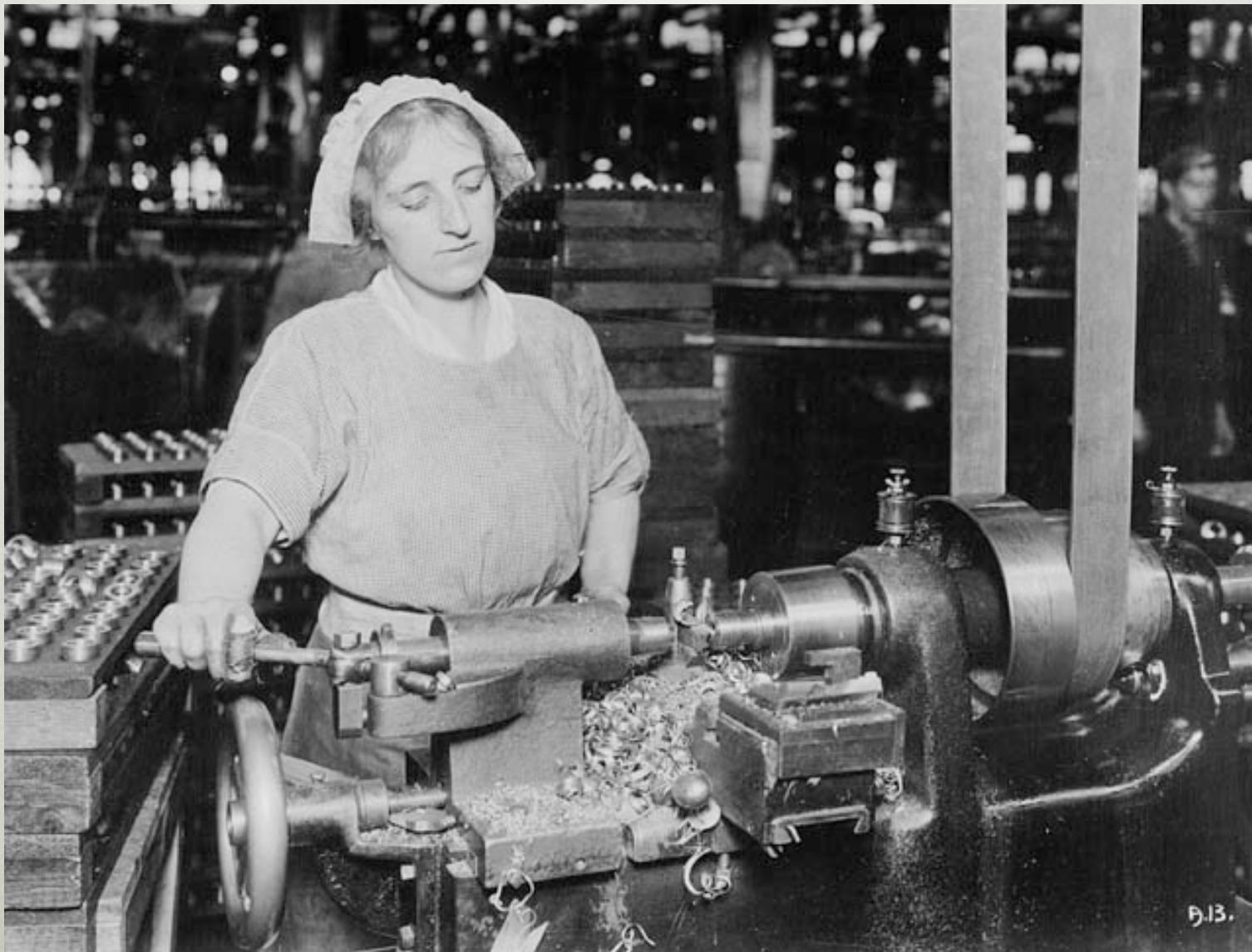
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- Military Services Act ( Conscription)
- French Canadian MP's voted against conscription. ( All of them)
- English Canadian MP's voted for conscription.
- Canada was divided. Quebec viewed the war as an English war.
- English Canada viewed the French Canadians as cowards.
- Ontario 94% sought exemptions
- Quebec 98% sought exemptions
- 404 000 called up 380 500 sought exemptions



# WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

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- Changing roles for women
- Change from domestic work to industry
- Running farms and operating fishing boats
- Strengthened campaign for women's suffrage
- Manitoba 1916, Alberta & Saskatchewan 1916, BC and Ontario 1917
- Federal vote 1918





1910



1925

# HALIFAX EXPLOSION

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- December 6 1917 -  
*Mont Blanc* / Loaded  
with dynamite was  
struck by Norwegian  
*Imo* and exploded
- est. 3000 people killed
- Halifax was leveled
- Until Hiroshima the  
Halifax explosion was  
the largest human-  
made explosion





# ELECTION 1917

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- Borden called election over issue of Conscription
- Formed union government with some Liberals who had been offered cabinet positions
- **Wartime Elections Act:** In order to control the vote Borden took the vote away from:
  - Canadians who had emigrated from enemy nations in the last 15 years
  - Mennonites and Quakers - Conscientious objectors
  - Same act gave the vote to women who were related to men overseas
- **Military Voters Act** - Vote to those fighting overseas
- Union Government headed by Borden won election
- Riots broke out in Quebec to protest Conscription

# CANADA IN THE AIR

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- In the beginning of the war planes were mostly used for **aerial reconnaissance**
- Pilots then began to arm themselves with **pistols and rifles** in order to shoot at troops on the ground
- Smaller aircraft were built with mounted machine guns - war in the air had begun - the “dog fight”
- An ace was a pilot who had shot down **five** planes
- Aces were often **withdrawn** from the lines to promote the war at home
- In 1917 the average life expectancy was **3 weeks** for a RFC pilot - **Royal Flying Corps**
- **50,000** pilots and air crew were killed from 1914 -1918
- Canadians had to join the **RFC** because there was no Canadian air corps

# SOPWITH CAMEL - BRITISH PLANE



The 1917 *Sopwith Camel* biplane accounted for more aerial victories than any other allied aeroplane during WWI, destroying over 1,200 enemy in combat. The *Camel* acquired its name from its twin Vickers .303 calibre machine guns, which were housed in a "hump" forward of the pilot.

- Made of wood and wire with a fabric cover stretched over the frame. Safety first!!!

# Fokker Eindecker



The Vickers Machine guns were rigged not to fire as the propellor spun by.....

# THE WAR AT SEA

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- Germany could not match the size and strength of the **British Navy** - Solution: the **U-boat**
- Could travel underwater **unseen** and **undetected**
- Disrupted British shipping
- Later equipped with **torpedos** - destroyed merchant and warships
- In 1915 a U-boat sunk the **Lusitania**, a British passenger liner
- 1917 Germany declared **unrestricted attacks** on naval vessels - Lusitania and attacks brought the US into the war *or perhaps Germany knew US would enter war and tried to stifle supply lines before they entered combat*

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- Eventually British developed **convoy system** and **sonar** to combat the hidden menace
- Canada had a small navy at the beginning of the war
- 2 ships: the **Niobe** and the **Rainbow**
- By the end of the war **Halifax** was a hub of activity - ships were repaired and refueled there
- Canada's **Merchant Marine** transported food and munitions to Britain- A dangerous task when you consider the U-boats
- Many Merchant Marines lost their lives during the war

# GERMAN U-BOATS 1914



# CONVOY SYSTEM

SHIPS ON OUTER EDGES WOULD DROP CHARGES TO DISRUPT U-BOATS

