

GERVAIS, Margaret

Interview with Margaret Gervais by Andrea England.

What did you do before the war?

"I worked at a Children's Hospital in Toronto. I was a nurse."

How long was your training?

"My training was three years."

What was your position?

"I was a Lieutenant Nursing Sister."

Were you ever injured?

"I wasn't injured in the army."

What did you do during the war?

"Casualty clearing in South of England. We received wounded from France and Holland and treated and sent them to specialty hospitals if they needed it."

When did you begin helping out?

"I began helping out in 1943."



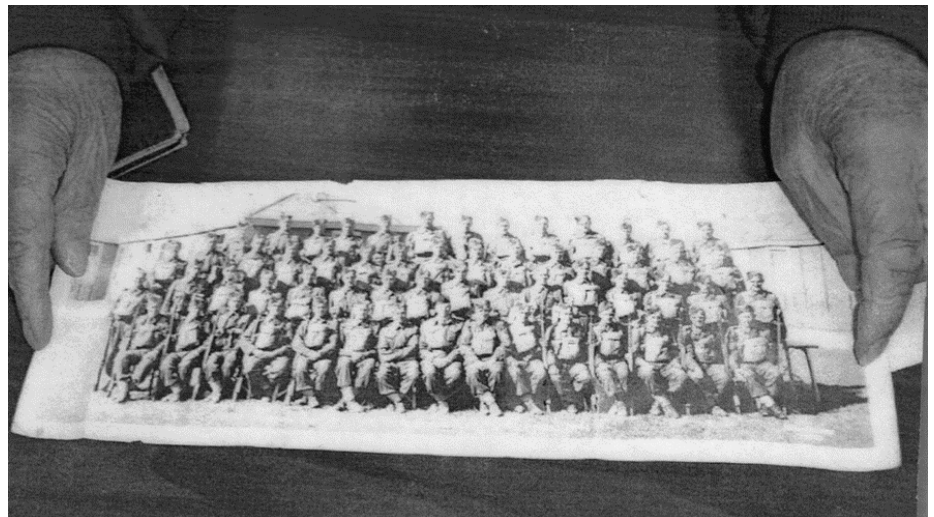
Andrea interviewing Margaret.



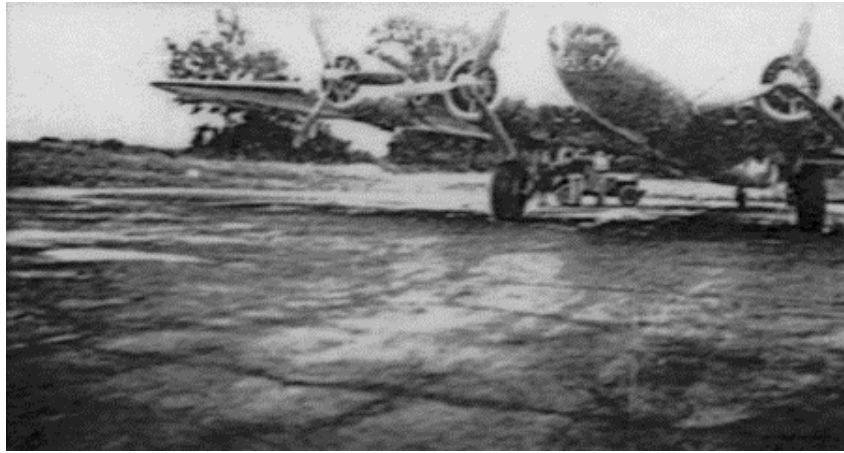
Friends and co-workers together.

Where did you go?

"I started at Charlie Park Hospital in Toronto. Then I went to easy coast and took a boat over. That took 4 days and we relaxed and the meals were wonderful. Went to a Divert camp in Scotland. I ended up on Southern England."



Training in Nova Scotia.



A V17 Bomber plane.

How long were you there for?

"I was there for 4 days and the planes were 22 miles ahead of the boats."

What is your most vivid memory?

"I remember a young native boy from Nova Scotia. He was nice and very funny. He had a leg and chest wound. He was glad he got wounded or he said he would have died of freight."



An 18-year-old boy from Nova Scotia.

What did you do when the war was over?

"I came back and went to university for 2 years. I like general nursing."

What were your living conditions like?

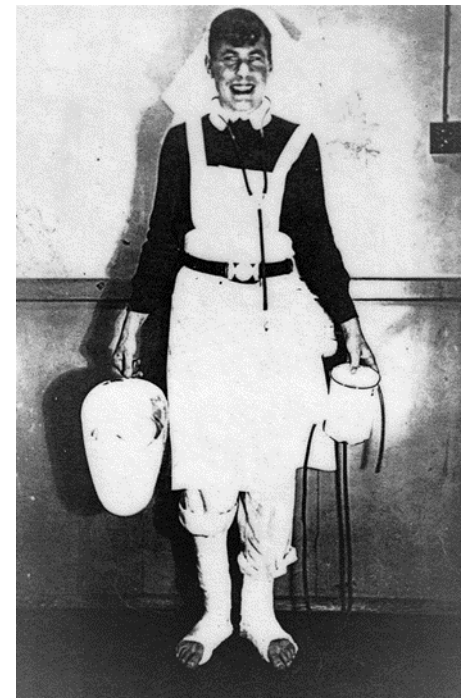
"The bombing had mostly stopped and the different rooms we stayed in were comfortable like normal hospitals and the food wasn't that great."

Do you think students should know about Remembrance Day?

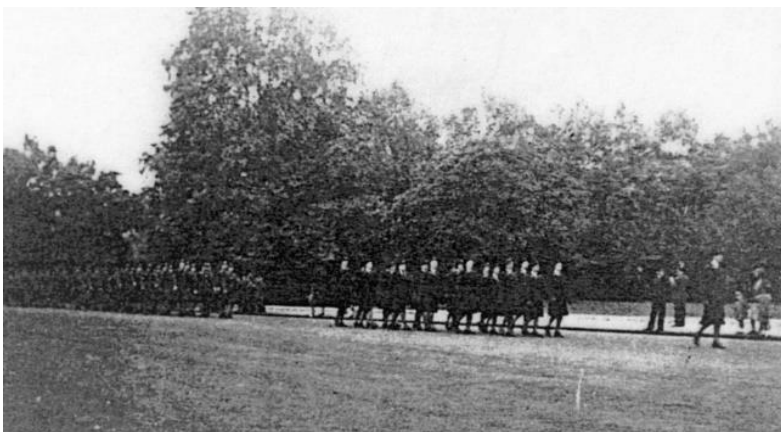
"I think everyone should know about Remembrance Day. It is part of our history."

Do you have anything you would like to share?

"When I looked back, and it seemed as it was longer looking back and shorter looking ahead."



This man burned his legs, so he has casts on them.



Nursing Corp on parade.