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Meg Tilly in 'Bomb Girls'

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'BOMB GIRLS', Global

Debuts: Midseason

Who's in it: Meg Tilly (*Caprica*, *Agnes of God*) as Lorna; Jodi Balfour (*The Sinking of the Laconia*) as Gladys; Charlotte Hegele (*Murdoch Mysteries*) as Kate; Ali Liebert (*Hellcats*) as Betty; Anastasia Philips (*Skins*) as Vera; Lisa Norton (*72 Hours: True Crime*) as Edith; Antonio Cupo (*L'Ombra del destino*) as Marco.

What's it about: This Global original period drama explores the lives of a group of women working at a munitions factory in Canada during the Second World War.

Reminds us of: *Band of Brothers*, but with women.

Industry buzz: Co-creators Michael MacLennan and Adrienne Mitchell have worked on such acclaimed Canadian series as *Flashpoint*, *Durham County* and *Being Erica*.

From the Critics' Mouths:



Amber: I'm over period pieces this season, and Canadians already have *Murdoch Mysteries* to indulge in. However, this pilot sounds intriguing and seems to have the ability to tell stories in a new and compelling way. I'll reserve judgment until more details (and a screener) are available.



Greg: Period pieces remain hot thanks to *Mad Men* and *The Kennedys*, and war-based stuff never gets old (see *Band of Brothers* and *The Pacific*). I expect the same reception to *Bomb Girls*, which takes the unique angle of spotlighting the ladies back home. I'm a historical war buff, so I'm giving this one a high mark sight unseen.



Melissa: Do we really need another new period drama this season? We've got *The Playboy Club*, *Pan Am*, and now *Bomb Girls*. Not to mention Shonda Rhimes' *Gilded Lillies*, which ABC is considering for a pilot. That said, I'm totally going to tune in since I adore period dramas – especially one centred on women. Bonus points for it being set in Canada.

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