



From baking apple pies to making bombs

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The cast of Bomb Girls pose for a promotional picture included in the invitation to the Ottawa screening of the show at the Canadian War Museum last night.

A mini-series screened in Ottawa last night will tell the stories of the bomb girls, who worked in munitions factories during the Second World War.

“It’s a fascinating time in our history, when we came into our own as a country and women came into their own as understanding the power that they wielded in society,” said producer and head writer Michael MacLennan.

“We have measures of freedom and equality that they didn’t have back then, so you can tell stories where the conflicts are writ large.”

War propaganda told the Canadian women “to go from baking apple pies to making bombs” said executive producer Adrienne Mitchell.

“They were told to take on a man’s work and still look like a woman, all of those paradoxes.”

The producers interviewed real Canadian bomb girls, now in their 70s, who said that despite the horrors of the war, it was an “exuberant, joyful time” and “the best time of their lives” because of the freedom and camaraderie that working gave them, said MacLennan.

“They were told they were just filler to when the men came home,” said Mitchell.

“But when the war ended, a lot of them didn’t go home and it was the beginning of a change for women.”

Bomb Girls will air on Global, beginning in January.

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