



NAME: Lucy Helen Gray –Peck

BRANCH OF SERVICE: Canadian Womens Army Corps

SERVED FROM 1939 TO: January, 1946

THEATRE OF WAR C.M.H.Q. London, England

I was born on a farm on beautiful Prince Edward Island, one of nine children. world War II, 1939, my widowed Mother watched as one of her twin sons, Everett joined the Canadian Army as soon as Canada declared war.

Then his his twin Stewart joined because he was over six feet tall and he said "I've got to look after my little twin." Everett and Stewart trained at Petawawa Ontario, then shipped Overseas.

Soon, another brother David joined the Army Engineers. He was trained in Alberta, then he too, was shipped Overseas. David ended up helping build the Bailey bridge in Holland after the Germans had blown up the bridges, so our troops could liberate Holland.

Prime Minister MacKenzie King needed more troops to send over to help Canada's War effort.

He declared conscription, and my brother Wilbur was called into the Army. On the day he was to report to Charlottetown, Mother said, "Helen, go upstairs and get Wilbur up!" I found Wilbur lying in his bed with tears running down his face. He said, "Helen, I don't want to go!" Everett and Stewart have got guts, I don't." But he had to go. After quick training he also, was shipped Overseas.

Then with four older brothers gone Overseas I told my Mother I was going to volunteer for service in the Canadian Women's Army