

Abstract (english)

The thesis deals with the influence of the Second World War on the fate of women in Great Britain. Before the Second World War, the woman was expected to either be a domestic woman or to work in jobs exclusively for the female population. The war, however, changed the rules according to which the society was still managed. When men were called into combat, it caused a nationwide shortage of labor. Women were invited to take their places, and they included many positions that were previously considered inappropriate for them. The aim of this diploma thesis was to find out how far women and society were affected by this situation, which was brought by the war. In my thesis I analyzed the role of British women in the civilian sector on the so-called Home Front. In the first chapter I analyzed the process that led to the forced conscription of women and the problems that accompanied the process. The following chapter deals with the employment of women in industry, which proved to be the most problematic in relation to men and domestic duties of women. The third chapter deals with civilian defense and, above all, services that function within this institution. The penultimate chapter deals with the Women's Voluntary Service, which was created to support civilian defense and to provide services to the public. The last chapter focuses on women employed in agriculture and forestry. This work is based on the sources from The National Archives, Kew in London, and on the findings learned from Anglo-Saxon literature.