

# Women In Combat

From *HERSTORY*, a musical for children,  
highlighting women who affected world events but not always the history books.

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The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) was a unique group of women who served the war effort during World War II. The women were recruited by the military to fly missions to deliver food and medical supplies to our male troops overseas. Men were too valuable to lose on such dangerous missions, so they decided they would give women a try.

The women paid for their training and were considered civilians since the military did not allow women to enlist as soldiers. Between 1942 and 1944, the WASP flew 75 million miles in 78 different types of aircraft. When a WASP died, her body was brought back in a pine box and unceremoniously delivered to her family, who had to pay for the funeral. The WASP were also denied burial in Arlington, the cemetery for American veterans.

Because these pilot women were not considered combat participants, they were not considered veterans. This meant they did not have access to VA facilities for medical needs, and they did not receive any benefits until 1977.

A few of these incredible female pilots are still alive. Without these brave women flying in supplies from the air, the men would not have been able to fight and survive on the ground.

1940s Boogie Woogie ♩ = 150

The musical score is arranged for the following instruments and voices:

- Trumpet in C
- Percussion
- Electric Guitar
- Electric Bass
- Piano
- Keyboard II
- Soprano 1
- Soprano 2
- Alto 1

The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* and *8vb*. The vocal parts for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, and Alto 1 include the lyrics: "Doo doo! Doo! Doo doo! - We're wo - men in -".

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E.B.   
Pno.   
S 1   
S 2   
A 1   
com bat fly ing mis sions and - all that. We fly - mis-sions 'cause the - gen er als - don't wan na

11

E.B.   
Pno.   
S 1   
S 2   
A 1   
lose an y men. We paid for the right, earned our wings-for flight, now-we're serv ing - our\_\_ countr y in\_\_

16

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

com — bat! - We fly — our planes in to the war zones. We fly — our planes all on our own. We

com — bat! - We fly — our planes in to the war zones. We fly — our planes all on our own. We

com — bat! - We fly — our planes in to the war zones. We fly — our planes all on our own. We

21

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

bring - in food and new sup plies to our-troops on-the-ground. Dodg ing en e my fire, we

bring - in food and new sup plies to our-troops on-the-ground. Dodg ing en e my fire, we

bring - in food and new sup plies to our-troops on-the-ground. Dodg ing en e my fire, we

26

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

fly back to base, then-we load\_ up\_ for an oth\_ er - round. We-are the \_\_\_\_\_ un sung her oes of

S 2

fly back to base, then-we load\_ up\_ for an oth\_ er - round. We - are the un sung her oes of

A 1

fly back to base, then-we load\_ up\_ for an oth\_ er - round. We - are the un sung her oes of

32

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

World War-Two. With - bombs and - bul lets fly-ing - a - round, -we're de pend\_ a ble. They don't

S 2

World War-Two. With - bombs and - bul lets fly-ing - a - round, -we're de pend\_ a ble. They don't

A 1

World War-Two. With - bombs and - bul lets fly-ing - a - round, -we're de pend\_ a ble.

*loco*

*8<sup>vb</sup>*

38

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1  
care if we're shot down. We're - just - wom-en, we're ex pend a - ble. A - WASP, a - WAF, a

S 2  
care if we're shot down. We're - just - wom-en, we're ex pend a - ble. A WASP, - a WAF, - a -

A 1  
Don't care! Shot down! We're - just - wom-en, we're ex pend a - ble. A - WASP, a - WAF, a

43

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1  
wisp - y - WAF a WASP. Thirt y - eight-of us - died. - Thirt - y eight shot down. The bod ies - came home - but -

S 2  
wisp - y - WAF - a WASP. Thirt y eight-of us - died. The bod ies - came home - but -

A 1  
wisp - y - WAF a WASP. Thirt y eight of us died. The bod ies - came home - but -

47

C Tpt. 

E.B. 

Pno. 

S 1  
weren't al lowed - bur-i - al in - Ar - ling ton. The gov ern-ment-said we're-not vet - e - rans. "On ly -

S 2  
weren't al lowed - bur-i - al in - Ar - ling ton. The gov ern-ment-said we're-not vet - e - rans. "On ly -

A 1  
weren't al lowed - bur-i - al in Ar - ling-ton. The gov ern-ment-said we're-not vet - e - rans. "On ly -



52

C Tpt. 

E.B. 

Pno. 

S 1  
vet e rans-are - bur ied in \_\_\_ Ar \_\_\_ ling - ton." We-are the \_\_\_ un sung her oes of World War -Two. -

S 2  
vet e rans-are - bur ied in \_\_\_ Ar \_\_\_ ling - ton." We-are the un sung her oes of World War Two.

A 1  
vet e rans-are - bur ied in \_\_\_ Ar \_\_\_ ling - ton." We-are the un sung her oes of World War Two. -

58

E.B.

Pno.

8<sup>vb</sup>

S 1

- - - The-WASP weren't mil - i ta rized - by Con-gress - till - Nine - teen sev en ty sev - en. All-those-

S 2

All-those-

A 1

All those-

63

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

years with no ben - e fits. - Now-we're be ing re cog nized for - what we did. - We're wom - en in -

S 2

years with no ben - e fits. - Now-we're be ing re cog nized for - what we did. - We're wom - en in -

A 1

years with no ben - e fits. - Now-we're be ing re cog nized for - what we did. - We're wom - en in -

68

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

com bat, fly ing mis sions and all that We - paved the - way for fut - ure wom en in  
 com bat, fly ing mis sions and all that. We - paved the - way for fut ure wom en - in  
 com bat, fly ing mis sions and all that We - paved the - way for fut - ure wom en in

73

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

com — bat. Don't give up! No mat - ter what. If you fol low your - heart - you can  
 com — bat. Don't give up! No mat - ter what. If you fol low your - heart - you can  
 com — bat. Don't give up! No mat - ter what. If you fol low your - heart - you can -



78

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

do-an y thing! The fut ure \_\_\_\_\_ is now \_\_\_\_\_ up\_ to you! A WASP, - a WAF, we're the

do-an y thing! The fut ure is now \_\_\_\_\_ up - to you! A WASP, - a WAF, we're the

do an y thing! The fut ure is now \_\_\_\_\_ up\_ to you! A WASP, - a WAF, we're the

*f*

*loco*

*8vb*

85

C Tpt.

E.B.

Pno.

S 1

S 2

A 1

wom en-of the past. The fut - ure is up to you! \_\_\_\_\_

wom en-of the past. The fut ure is - up to you! \_\_\_\_\_

wom en-of the past. The fut - ure is up to you! \_\_\_\_\_

91

C Tpt.

E.B.

91

*loco*

Pno.

91

S 1

S 2

A 1

