

New Wartime Novel *Bird's Eye View* Takes Flight

A new wartime novel by journalist Elinor Florence explores the little-known topic of aerial photographic interpretation, and tells the story through Canadian eyes.

Bird's Eye View is about a young woman from the prairies whose home town becomes an air training base. Fired with patriotism, she joins the air force herself – one of 50,000 Canadian women who enlisted to support the fighting men.

Rose Jolliffe sails overseas to England and becomes an interpreter of aerial photographs, spying on the enemy from the sky, searching out camouflaged munitions factories and bomb targets on the continent. She keeps in touch with the home front through frequent letters from her mother.

And throughout the war, she has a bird's eye view of the Canadian experience -- at Dieppe, in the skies over Germany, on the beaches of Normandy -- and finally, when our country shared in the Allied victory.

The author Elinor Florence grew up on a former wartime airfield near North Battleford, Saskatchewan, worked for newspapers in all four western provinces, and was a regular contributor to *Reader's Digest*. She now lives in the resort community of Invermere, B.C. where she writes a weekly blog called Wartime Wednesdays, telling true stories of Canadians during wartime.

Bird's Eye View is her first novel, published by Dundurn Press of Toronto. It is available through any bookstore, and as an ebook.

For more information, visit Elinor's website at www.elinorflorence.com.