

Unrecognized is a good word to describe most of the female resistance fighters during WWII. One of these young heroes went by the name of Geneviève. Geneviève de Gaulle was born on October 25, 1920, in France. Her uncle was a French general during WWII, and she carried on his legacy. Geneviève was a French resistance leader during the Nazi occupation. She risked her life multiple times in defiance to the Nazi regime. She undoubtedly showed the qualities of citizenship and caring throughout her life.

Citizenship is defined as showing goodness and justice. From an early age Geneviève knew what was just and unjust. During the occupation of France, most citizens stood by and watched their neighbors, friends, and the entire Jewish community suffer. Some of them, however, took initiative and stood up to those in the wrong. Geneviève was among the few and brave that did so. She started off with little but impactful things. She would tear down Nazi propaganda signs and posters. She then began smuggling weapons and forging papers for resistance members. She eventually was the editor of *Defense de la France*, an illegal paper against the Nazi ideology. She was later captured and survived a camp, but her work did not stop there.

A caring person can be described as someone who is kind and has concern for the people around them. After the war, Geneviève dedicated her work to helping women refugees. She felt the pain and suffering that those women were dealing with and felt that she should help. She was the co-founder of the ADIR (Association of Deportees and Internees of the Resistance) and helped establish shelters, soup kitchens, basic training for jobs, medical care, and countless other things for women and their families.



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Geneviève de Gaulle is an inspiring role model for all people. She, like many others, proved that small actions can make a big impact on our community. I strive to be as brave and daring as she was. I work towards being as kind and compassionate as she was. She is a hero who deserves more recognition.