

Edith Monture

1890–1996

Canada

Edith Monture was a Mohawk WWI veteran, the first Indigenous-Canadian woman to become a registered nurse, and the first Indigenous-Canadian woman to gain the right to vote in a Canadian federal election. Moreover, she was the first Indigenous woman from Canada to serve in the United States military. Born in Canada, Monture had to be trained as a nurse in the United States because all of the Canadian nursing schools refused her due to her race. She was one of only fourteen Native-Canadian women who served as members of the Army Nurse Corps during World War I and was one of only two who served overseas (she served in France at a military hospital.)

