fighting skills and ability to work as a unit. However, even more important than the presence of entertainers, especially in the Hellenistic period, was the fact that many soldiers took their wives and children with them on campaigns. Arguably, many campaigns would not have been fought unless the soldiers were given the right to bring their families along. To sum up, the various roles women had in warfare indicate that although war was still the business of men, it was a business that needed women too – no woman, no war.

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