

D) Accomplishments by Women

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Women Join Parade of Idea Prize Winners

Women in the shop have begun submitting suggestions here, and judging by the success of Kathryn Brazzell of Final Assembly, they are on the right track.

Mrs. Brazzell won a \$25 war bond for her idea, a wire identification tape dispenser, designed to facilitate the use of tape in assembling of electrical units. Her suggestion also resulted in a time-saving system of storing tape. Under it, tapes can be stored and handled in complete series as called for on work orders.

Though they are not eligible for awards, foremen, too, are presenting worthwhile suggestions to speed production of Thunderbolts. Serafin Cirigliano of Shop 10 devised a wooden vise and special cutters to square aluminum tubing ends. The job is done in half the time previously required and a perfectly squared cut results. Patsy Failia of Material Production came forward with a method of forming windshield bows. His die forms this difficult piece in 10 minutes instead of the one hour needed before.

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Name Outstanding Women War Workers

Thirteen Long Island women were named outstanding representatives of Women in Wartime America and were awarded War Bonds at a luncheon in their honor yesterday afternoon in Hempstead Golf Club.

In a contest sponsored by Arnold Constable, the women were chosen for their "unlimited service to the cause of freedom," from photographs and letters submitted to a committee of judges.

Outstanding war workers are: Mrs. Grace S. Gleckneh, Hollis, of the National Security Women's Corps; Miss marion D. Schultze, Hempstead, N.C. War Council communications committee, who raises pigeons for military plans; Mrs. Mildred E. Brittingham, Freeport, a sheetmetal worker, and the Decker twins, Hope and Gloria, Hempstead schoolgirls who have done outstanding work in selling bonds and stamps.

Other winners are: Mrs. Mary Eldridge, Franklin Square, a policewoman in a defense plant; Mrs. Beatrice Joyce, Lawrence, Auxiliary Aircraft Warning Service; Mrs. Anna E. Beckvar, Valley Stream, who does radio construction for submarines and airplanes; Fay Gershon, Glen Cove, of the AWVS, who does guide duty, and Mrs. Jeannette Swanson, Ozone Park, nurses' aide.

Other outstanding women are: Ruth Milard Young, Franklin Square, a flyer in Civil Air patrol; Mrs. Theresa Tobin, New Hyde Park, Red Cross volunteer; Mrs. Mary Podeyn, Glen Cove, civilian protection volunteer, and Lt. Helen Summers, Mitchel Field, a U.S. Army nurse who was on the last submarine to leave Bataan.

Questions:

- 1- What contributions by women to the war effort are mentioned in these articles?
- 2- How did achievements by these women help challenge stereotypes about women?