

WW II in Europe Map Tour Image Descriptions

Cover: In my spare time

Cartoon showing woman welding on a military ship while holding a baby.

Aluminum worker (slide 1)

Looks like a great big wedding ring surrounding this attractive aluminum workers. Actually, it's a sand casting that is to be used for the armed forces. The young lady is giving it a once-over for defects.

Women wipers (slide 2)

Two women wearing coveralls climbing up steps of locomotive. Delano, J. (1943). Women wipers of the Chicago and North Western Railroad cleaning one of the giant "H" class locomotives, Clinton, Iowa . . .Mrs. Marcella Hart and Mrs. Viola Sievers.

Motor Wiring (slide 3)

Woman wearing checked blouse, hair bound up in scarf standing between section of motor, working with wires. Woman working on airplane motor at North American Aviation Inc. plant in Calif. [.

Women welders African American (slide 4)

Two African American women welders with visors open and heavy aprons in a plant in New Britain, Connecticut. Women welders at the Landers, Frary, and Clark plant.

Sewing parachutes (slide 5)

Four women bending over table sewing, a Fair Employment Practices Commission sign hanging above them. Negro, Mexican and white girls are employed at this plant—Pacific Parachute Company, San Diego, Calif. [

Fuselage work (slide 6)

Three women (one crouched on right, one crouched on left, and one standing reaching up in middle) working inside circular structure of fuselage. Women workers install fixtures and assemblies to a tail fuselage section of a B-17 bomber at the Douglas Aircraft Company plant. Long Beach, Calif. Better known as the "Flying Fortress," the B-17F is a later model of the B-17, which distinguished itself in action in the south Pacific, Germany and elsewhere. It is a long range, high altitude heavy bomber, with a crew of seven to nine men, and with armament sufficient to defend itself on daylight missions.

Many women welders (slide 7)

Group of about a dozen women wearing overalls and visors or hard hats walking together beside a building. Women welders on the way to their job at the Todd Erie Bain drydock.

Older Woman Worker (slide 8)

White-haired woman, half-length, wearing apron, working at machine. Another skilled worker “enlists” for the duration. When the Kentucky watch case factory, for whom she has worked 20 years converted to war production, this lady was ready to join the procession of war workers.

Filing bullets (slide 9)

Woman, half length, wearing cap, sweater, and overalls, bending over filing a metal part, similar parts lined up on table beside her. War production workers at the Vilter Company making M5 and M7 guns for the U.S. Army. Ex-housewife, age 24, filing small parts. Her husband and brother are in the armed service, Milwaukee, Wis..

Testing smelted tin for purity (slide 10)

Woman wearing apron standing at a table bearing laboratory equipment, pouring liquid from a flask which smoke drifts up towards her face. A laboratory assistant at a southern tin smelter performs delicate analytical operations that determine the amounts of pure metal remaining in slags from the furnaces. Accurate laboratory control is one of the important reasons by the percentage of metal recovered from the South American ore used at the plant is remarkably high.

Salvaging lumber (slide 11)

Two women wearing shorts and shirts, standing on supports in the pond, wielding poles to move logs that surround them in the water. Women workers employed by a U.S. Department of Agriculture timber salvage sawmill. Florence Droin and Mrs. Elizabeth Esty, pond women, use regular logging pikes to bring the logs into place on the slip, Turkey Pond, near Concord, N.H.

Painting parts (slide 12)

Woman seated, painting small metal objects, while another woman stands working behind her at the table. Auburn haired, 21-year-old Belva Fletcher (left), handicapped by progressive paralysis, is still able to do a good job for Uncle Sam. With 25-year-old Henriette Furley, she's painting Y's for airplane engines at the Maryland League for Crippled Children, where this work is done under subcontract to a Baltimore engineering company. Henriette is badly crippled by arthritis and must stand because of the arthritic condition from which she suffers.

Engine assembly (slide 13)

Woman framed by circular opening of cowling, hands through opening, working on lower section. Part of the cowling for one of the motors for a B-25 bomber is assembled in the engine department of North American [Aviation Inc.]’s Ingelwood, Calif. Plant.

Flag Sewer (slide 14)

Black woman working with flag spread out in front of her, piles of folded fabric behind her. The tradition of Betsy Ross is being kept alive in the quartermaster corps depot where this young woman worker assists in the creation of American flags for military activities.

Toni Frissell (slide 15)

United States War Department, official identification card for Toni Frissell, news correspondent.

Red cross coffee station (slide 16)

Red Cross Coffee Wagon in England (1942) with men lined up for coffee being served.

The more women at work, the sooner we will win (slide 17)

Reproduction of photo of woman working with her head and shoulders through the bombardier nose section of a B-17 navy bomber. Poster by the Office of War Information. [1943]. Text on the poster states "The more women at work the sooner we win! Women are needed also as: farm workers, typists, salespeople, waitresses, bus drivers . . . See your local U.S. Employment Service.