

BERTHA

1ST INTERVIEWER

Whole town came out, eh?

HELEN

Oh, no – just my brothers and sisters. But there's twenty of 'em!

GIRLS

EACH WEEK WE'VE SEEN 'EM ELIMINATE
ANYONE WHO'S NOT UP TO SNUFF
WE'VE WATCHED THEM SCREEN AND DISCRIMINATE
WEEDING OUT THE WOMEN WHO ARE NOT QUITE TOUGH ENOUGH
THEY'VE SEARCHED FOR ANY IMPURITY
POSING A SECURITY THREAT
DIGGING DEEP TO DETERMINE
WHO'S JUST A BIT TOO GERMAN
AND WE AREN'T IN THE ARMY YET

2ND INTERVIEWER

Bertha Hunt!

BERTHA

Here!

2ND INTERVIEWER

Now Mrs. Hunt, you're aware that the Army is looking for unmarried women.

BERTHA

Yes, I understand that. But Rube and I don't have any children. And he's already on his way over. Just shipped last week.

2ND INTERVIEWER

If you're thinking that you'd be able to see your husband over there—

BERTHA

Oh, not at all. I just don't want to sit home worrying about him. As long as Rube's in harm's way, I wanna be doing everything I can to help us win this war.

2ND INTERVIEWER

Well you're a top candidate in many respects, and we have made exceptions for a few married women. But you are quite a bit older than our preferred age range.

BERTHA

I'm thirty-three. I'm not decrepit!

2ND INTERVIEWER

It's still the army, Mrs. Hunt. We'll need a physical exam, to make sure that you're up to it.

BERTHA

For telephone work?

GIRLS

WE'VE BEEN PROBED AND DISROBED BY A TEAM OF PHYSICIANS
BUT WE AREN'T IN THE ARMY (STILL NOT IN THE ARMY)
WE'VE BEEN CHECKED AND SUBJECTED TO
FRENCH INQUISITIONS
BUT WE AREN'T IN THE ARMY (STILL NOT IN THE ARMY)
WE'VE HAD PANELS OF ANALYSTS POKIN' AND PRODDIN' US
GLOWERING, AND SCOURING FOR ANYTHING ODD IN US-

SUZANNE

AND IF I LET 'EM JAR ME
THEN THEY'RE BOUND TO BAR ME

GIRLS

AND WE AREN'T IN THE ARMY YET

3RD INTERVIEWER

Louise LeBreton!

LOUISE

Oui!

3RD INTERVIEWER

Say the last name again for me.

LOUISE

LeBreton. Louise LeBreton.

3RD INTERVIEWER

Sounds very French.

LOUISE

I was born in France. My family moved here when I was fifteen.

3RD INTERVIEWER

So you've lived in America...