

GRACE

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What about Chateau-Thierry? They were short-handed there.

RISER

That's why General Pershing wants you to train more men.

GRACE

My girls should be at the front, running the fighting lines.

RISER

What can I tell you? General Pershing wants you here at Chaumont.

GRACE

Any of the newer women's units could handle the traffic here. I'm talking about the heavy engagements – three hundred calls an hour and each one could be life or death!

RISER

It is life and death there. And mud, and rats, and no sleep, and never knowing if the next German bomb has your name on it.

GRACE

We could make a difference!

RISER

It's out of my hands.

SUZANNE

WE GOTTA BE AT THE FRONT!

HELEN/BERTHA/LOUISE

THE FRONT!

SUZANNE

WHERE THE HEARTS ARE BOLD
AND THE HEROES HOLD THE LINE.

BERTHA

WE GOTTA BE WHERE THE STAKES ARE HIGH,
AND IT'S DO OR DIE EACH DAY.

LOUISE

WE GOTTA BE WHERE IT'S LIFE AND LIMB,

HELEN

WHERE IT'S SINK OR SWIM

GIRLS

WHERE WE'RE LAYIN' IT ALL ON THE LINE LIKE HIM

GRACE

WE WANNA SHARE IN THE HONOR OF BEARIN' THAT BRUNT

GIRLS

WE GOTTA BE AT THE FRONT

SUZANNE

What did he say?

GRACE

The same as always.

SUZANNE

And you took no for an answer. Again.

GRACE

What else can I do? It's frustrating when you have a commanding officer who won't go to bat for you.

SUZANNE

Yeah—I know the feeling.

GRACE

They want more male operators. I need you to train a fellow.

SUZANNE

Just watch—they'll send him to the front before any of us!

BOYS (MAN 1, MAN 2, PERSHING, RISER)

LADIES, FIRST...

SUZANNE

MEN ARE ALWAYS SAYING

SUZANNE (& BOYS)

"LADIES FIRST"