

HELEN

GIRLS (CONT'D)

AND WE'VE PASSED EV'RY TEST
BUT WE AREN'T IN THE ARMY YET

1ST INTERVIEWER

Helen Hill, from Emmett, Idaho?

HELEN

That's me, sir!

1ST INTERVIEWER

Your French is surprisingly good for someone whose occupation is listed as... farmgirl.

HELEN

I know! *Vous ne pouviez pas vous y attendre, mais maman nous parlait toujours en français quand on était petit.*

1ST INTERVIEWER

I'm sorry, I don't speak the language.

HELEN

Oh! You wouldn't expect it, but Maman would always speak it to us growing up.

1ST INTERVIEWER

And where exactly is Emmett, Idaho? We couldn't find it on a map.

HELEN

Oh it's just a few miles down the Payette River from Black Canyon, just past the potato farm!

1ST INTERVIEWER

I don't really know the area.

HELEN

I'm sorry. I'm a little nervous. This is the farthest I've ever been from home.

1ST INTERVIEWER

We were impressed that you'd come all this way.

HELEN

Oh, I had to! And everyone's so excited about me joining the army. You shoulda seen the crowd at the train station.

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.