

# LOUISE

**BERTHA**

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

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Louise LeBreton!

**LOUISE**

Oui!

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Say the last name again for me.

**LOUISE**

LeBreton. Louise LeBreton.

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Sounds very French.

**LOUISE**

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

So you've lived in America...

**LOUISE**

Three years.

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Three years? On your application you said-

**LOUISE**

Six years. I've lived here six years.

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Miss LeBreton, our age requirements are very strict-you must be twenty-one to serve.

**LOUISE**

I thought you meant how long have I lived with this feeling.

**3<sup>RD</sup> INTERVIEWER**

Feeling...?

**LOUISE**

For three years, ever since this war began, I have longed to go back to France-to fight!  
After what the Germans have done to my homeland, I would go a thousand times-even if I knew the day I landed in France would be my last!

**BERTHA**

I GOT A HUBBY IN THE SERVICE

**LOUISE**

I HAVE FAMILY IN FRANCE

**SUZANNE**

I GOT A SWEETHEART I WANNA EMBARRASS

**HELEN**

I WANNA GIVE THE HUNS HECK  
MAYBE WRING ONE'S NECK!  
ALSO, I'D LOVE TO SEE PARIS

**ALL GIRLS**

I'VE GOT GOOD REASON FOR JOINING THIS FIGHT.  
WHO KNEW THAT I'D HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THAT RIGHT!

**HEL/BER/LOUISE**

WE'VE BEEN GRILLED,  
WE'VE BEEN DRILLED.

**SUZANNE/GRACE**

DAY AFTER DAY,  
WE'VE HAD TO