

Resource Sheet#4

Document C-*Electronic Interview with Meda Montana Hallyburton Brendall*

Film from Library of Congress, Veterans History Project featuring and interview with Maryland worker, Meda Montana Hallyburton Brendall.

Source: Experiencing war: Stories from the veterans history project [Video file]. (2007, May 29). Retrieved from <http://lweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp-stories/loc.natlib.afc2001001.04951/>

Background Information

Meda Montana Hallyburton Brendall migrated to Baltimore, MD from Nez Perce, Idaho to work at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards seven days a week as a welder during World War II. In her filmed interview, she reflects on the nature of her work and her experiences with other women working in wartime industries. She always discusses how much the workers were concerned with aiding the men fighting overseas. She often comments on how often the men and women at the shipyard would stop and pray for the boys fighting in the war and hoped that the ships they were building were constructed well enough to keep the soldiers safe.

Video Segment: “Getting recognized for her dedication.”

Guiding Questions:

- 1) How did the Maritime Commission react to Meda's welding skills?
- 2) To what extent were Meda Brendall's contributions at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard valued?