

Brooklyn Navy Yard Hires Its First Women Mechanics

The Navy Yard in Brooklyn got along with men mechanics for 141 years, up to now—but this is a tough war. Women are now being hired to help build and repair warships and their accessories. Applicants are first certified by the Civil Service Commission. Then, if they are among lucky top rankers, they go to the Yard for training. So far the Yard has called for 200 eligibles. Forbidden: skirts, loose sleeves, high heels, dangling necklaces. Permitted: cover-alls or slacks. Hair must be covered to prevent accidents.



1 At entrance to the Navy Yard are four of the first applicants for mechanics' jobs: Mrs. Sidonia Levine, 23; Miss Evelyn Richter, 20; Miss Sylvia Honigman, 21; and Mrs. Audrey Tyrell, 24. They need temporary passes to get inside.



2 Identification photographs are snapped of each applicant. Picture will indicate girl's height, show identifying serial numbers. British women have done yeoman service repairing warships.



3 First lesson: Thomas Broadbent teaches trade terminology, with words written on blackboard (not in picture) such as cam, ring-gear, chord. Training days start at 8 a.m., continue to 5:45 p.m. Length of training period depends on the girl.

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