The "Northrop group" of Americans doesn't fool around

It is twenty-five minutes to midnight. Toward their jobs walk some of the thousands of our home front fighters, men and women whose work tonight will fly by tomorrow's dawn.

They are filtering in to take over the graveyard shift. Inside, the swingshift is working. Mechanical "routers" whine through metal — you can hear the din of rivet guns. A quarter to midnight an electric whistle will sound and the swingshift will lay down their tools, but at that moment the men and women you see here will be at their places, working.

There is no waste interval between shifts in this plant. The Northrop group of men and women doesn't fool around.

Men known wherever planes are flown lead this Northrop group. Around them they have gathered many kinds of engineers and production men — group leaders ... men and women who have become skilled at riveting, welding, sheet metal fabricating ... all the thousands of earnest, able people it takes to whip dead metal into living warbirds.

Folks come here from many places, out of many walks of life — and stick! They stick to this group that doesn't like slowdowns or lost time. Why is that?

Maybe the Northrop group works together because nobody around here has any use for red tape or pride of position. Maybe because a person working on Northrop's part of the production battlefront knows he's doing a real job of fighting the Axis.

For in the over-all plan of U.S. plane production, vitally important tasks have been given to the Northrop group. Tasks that have placed many fighting warplanes on the battlefronts of the world. Tasks that challenge the best in any man or woman.

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