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The Brewster "Buccaneer"

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The "Buccaneer" Outclasses Stukas by Wide Margin

America's newest high-speed, long-range, heavy dive-bomber-the Brewster Buccaneer-which carries a 1000 pound bomb entirely enclosed within its fuselage instead of an external rack beneath its belly, is now in production.

Capable of flying non-stop from New York to Los Angeles, the Brewster Buccaneer is more than 100 miles per hour faster than the Stuka or American-built dive-bombers now in use and has twice the range and load carrying ability of the German type. The enclosure of the 1000 pound bomb within the fuselage gives the new warplane as trim an appearance as a fighter and increases speed by eliminating the drag created in previous dive-bombers by loads carried externally in racks suspended beneath the belly of the ships.

Like the Brewster Buffalo fighter the Buccaneer was developed for the Navy for operation from the decks of aircraft car-

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Brewster "Buffalo" Fighter

ALFRED EDGEWORTH WINS FIRST SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Edgeworth's development of the electrolytic method for cleaning sheet metal was judged the best suggestion investigated up until March 31st, 1942. He has been awarded a twenty-five dollar war saving bond for his contribution to the defense effort.

Mr. James Connelly and Mr. Al Rouch have each been awarded a five dollar war saving stamp for suggestions which they submitted during the month of March.

These awards are in accord with the new policy which has been formulated by Mr. R. G. Kellett. Employees whose suggestions are adopted will be given a war savings stamp. In addition, the originators of the best suggestion investigated will receive a defense bond. Awards will be announced monthly.

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ALFRED EDGEWORTH

Supervisory employees are not eligible for prizes. Suggestions which are applicable to other companies will be passed on to the War Production Board so that they may further the defense effort in other organizations.

The Committee on Suggestions is a subcommittee of the War Production Council. The present members are John Hensel, Henry Stachura, Herbert Guy, Alfred Montague and Albert Hendrickson. The originator of the best suggestion during a given month becomes a member of this committee for the succeeding month. This group will investigate all suggestions, and every employee will receive an explanation concerning the practicality of his idea. New suggestion blanks will be placed near the suggestion boxes in the near future. The number stub attached to the blank acts as a receipt. Names of the suggestors should not be written on the printed form.

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The War Production Council

#### A MOVEMENT FOR HIGHER EFFICIENCY

Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, has requested all manufacturers of war materials to form Production Drive Committees in their respective plants. These committees are to be made up from the employees working in the various manufacturing plants throughout the country. Each plant will have its own committee.

In the words of Mr. Nelson, these committees are being set up for the purpose of "getting the most war production we can possibly get and getting it in the shortest space of time." The War Production Drive is a voluntary effort and its success depends upon the cooperation of every man and woman who is engaged in the production of war materials.

The Kellett group is called "The War Production Council". The members of this Council are:

Henry Stachura, Joseph Bourne, John Hensel, Edward Montague, Charles Dorricott, Robert Martin, Herbert Guy, Alfred Edgeworth and Albert Hendrickson.

The employee who submits the best suggestion during any one month automatically becomes a member of the Council for the succeeding month.

The War Production Board has suggested that each plant committee:

1. Appoint necessary subcommittees to facilitate the work.
2. Arrange for the erection of production scoreboards.
3. Put up suggestion boxes and arrange for handling suggestions.
4. Set up bulletin boards to display posters and special war communiques.
5. Arrange for the collection of posters.
6. Develop slogans for use in the plant.

All of these points have been discussed by the Council and steps have been taken to incorporate them into our Production Drive Program.

The Council has had two meetings. The first problem given to the

Council was the smoking question. After careful consideration, the Council recommended the smoking plan which is now in effect.

Any condition which impairs our operating efficiency may be turned over to the Council for Council for consideration and every attempt will be made to find a satisfactory solution.

At the request of one of the Council, the Industrial Relations Department has obtained a list of books dealing with aeronautical subjects. Anyone desiring to consult this list may do so by calling at the Industrial Relations Department.

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