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Following this Stadlman became semiretired to take life easier, but continued to work on some of his own ideas in a leisurely way. During World War II he came out of retirement to assist the military effort and was at North American Aircraft Company and the Alameda Naval Air Station, engaged as a specialist on the design and construction of jigs, fixtures and manufacturing processes.

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