

Springfield Armory
National Historic Site



Motherhood and Ordnance Work

Philomene Recor

Fearing that this mother of eighteen children might be an attendance risk, other war plants turned away Philomene Recor. At Springfield Armory, she never missed a day, was never late, and during WWII, quickly rose to inspect M1 Garand Rifles. Like other Women Ordnance Workers (WOWs), she served the American war effort with dedication.

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