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## Town's Part in Nation's War Production

# SECRET 'BACK-STREET' PLANTS

## WOMEN PLAYED BIG PART

**W**ORTHING FIRMS AND WORTHING MEN AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION'S HUGE WAR PRODUCTION EFFORT.

**PART OF THE STORY, HITHERTO A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, CAN NOW BE TOLD.**

For years, in small workshops in back streets, in garages and in converted premises,—even in bathing huts—local engineers, and men and women workers have been turning out thousands of pounds' worth of vital war supplies.

Hundreds of the famous six-pounder guns that played such a great part in the Allied victory in North Africa were assembled in

Worthing—largely by Worthing women and girls.

As much of the town's creditable contribution to the nation's mountains of war weapons and munitions that it is possible to disclose is recorded in words and pictures on pages 10 and 11.

Below, a "Herald" reporter who has been making a tour of the town's plants, large and small, summarises some of the main points.