CHENEY BROTHERS PART IN THE WAR EFFORT

ABOVE: CHENEY BRO. MILLS as they appear today.
RIGHT: The original CHENEY MILL built in 1933.
Presentation

of the

Army-Navy Production Award

to

Cheney Brothers

Manchester, Connecticut
December Fifteenth, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Two
For Distinguished Service

The Army-Navy Production Award is a salute from our fighting forces to the soldiers of industry ... a joint recognition from the Army and Navy of exceptional performance on the production front.

The flag which symbolizes this award has a rich tradition in the history of our armed forces. In 1906, the Navy instituted in the Fleet an award for excellence in gunnery which has become known as the Navy "E." Later its use was extended to include outstanding performance in engineering and communications. It is an honor not easily won nor lightly bestowed, a source of deep pride to the men of the Service who receive it.

As the rising tide of the war in Europe made greater demands upon American industry for the production of war equipment, the Navy "E" award was extended to embrace those plants and organizations which showed excellence in producing ships, weapons and equipment for the Navy.

Then came Pearl Harbor! And with it, a demand for war production such as the world has never known. The men and women of American industry became the partners of our fighting forces in the great struggle for human freedom.

From this common cause, the Army-Navy Production Award was born. It is an expression of the determined, persevering, unbeatable American spirit which can be satisfied only by achieving today what yesterday seemed impossible. It is the symbol of a grim and enduring resolve to work and fight together until Victory is final and complete.
November 16, 1942

Mr. Henry R. Mallory, Executive Vice President
Cheney Brothers
Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mallory:

It is naturally a matter of great satisfaction to me that Cheney Brothers has converted itself so largely into an important producer of war materials. Of course this didn’t just happen by itself. It could never have been done except for the fine combination of intelligence and skill that every member of the outfit has shown. I am immensely proud of it and congratulate you all.

Yours with best wishes,

[Signature]
President

November 17, 1942

TO THE EMPLOYEES OF CHENNEY BROTHERS:

In the absence of our President, Lieutenant U.S. Navy, it is my privilege to express to you all the deep appreciation of the Management for the fine accomplishment of every man and woman in the employ of the Company.

We are very proud to receive the Army-Navy Excellence Award, and the fact that we have done so is a testimonial to the wonderful spirit of cooperation that exists throughout the entire organization.

At this time, we wish to express our appreciation of the manner in which the President of Local 66, I. U. G. A., of the Union have cooperated with the Management of the Company in our joint endeavor to change over from a civilian status to a war status and at the same time increase production.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Henry R. Mallory
Executive Vice President.
I am a Cheney worker. I’m one of the voices of freedom, and my work is doing my talking for me.

Why am I so important? It’s because of the job I do. My share in maintaining a steady flow of war materials for the men behind the guns. I know that the army of Democracy is just a lot of men and women like me... all the people with jobs that seem unimportant. I know that it’s all of us, pulling together, who are helping to win this fight for our freedom. I know that every man and woman must keep his hands steady and his eyes wide open, so that’s just what I’m doing.

I’m fighting in the grim battle for my life... my family... my country. Sure, I go through the same routine every day. But I know that every move I make today is as important as it was yesterday... vitally important to keep that production line marching along to victory. I can’t afford to make a mistake. Too many people have their bets down on my side... my wife and the kids, and the family next door, and everybody else who prizes freedom.

We’re not fighting for just this year or next. We’re not fighting just for gasoline or sugar. We’re fighting for flesh and blood, for spirit and hope, for the future years of our children and their children... the kind of fight that makes every little job a big job for every true American.

I’m doing my part to win. I may not tote a rifle, but I’m fighting just the same. I’m the man behind the man behind the gun. I’m a Cheney worker.
PROGRAM OF CEREMONY

PRESENTATION OF ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD TO

CHENEY BROTHERS

RAISING THE COLORS AND PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM
Color Guard and Band of 79th Coast Artillery (AA)

THE COMPANY, ITS EMPLOYEES, AND SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE "E" AWARD
Master of Ceremonies, Mr. George Waddell,
Treasurer, Town of Manchester

ADDRESS
The Honorable Francis T. Maloney,
United States Senate

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARD FLAG
Major-General Frank R. McCoy

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD FLAG BY THE COMPANY
Mr. Clifford D. Cheney, Chairman of the Board

RAISING OF THE AWARD FLAG
Color Guard 79th Coast Artillery (AA)
Roll of Drums 79th Coast Artillery (AA) Band

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF TOKEN PINS
Commander R. M. Oliver

ACCEPTANCE OF TOKEN PINS BY THE COMPANY
Mr. Henry R. Mallory, Executive Vice-President

ACCEPTANCE OF TOKEN PINS FOR THE EMPLOYEES
Mr. Frank Reilly

ONE STANZA OF "AMERICA" 79th Coast Artillery (AA) Band
Singing by Audience

State Theatre
Manchester, Conn.
December 15, 1942 — 11:30 A. M.
Much of the splendid research and development work done by Cheney Brothers was carried out in cooperation with our affiliate, Pioneer Parachute Company, Inc. This Company has had a remarkable growth and development. It is now a leader in its field and is manufacturing many types of complete assembled parachutes in large volume.

From the billowing snow-white canopy to the snug and sturdy harness which safeguards the flier’s life, almost every part of a parachute represents some division of the Cheney Brothers plant.

The fabrics of the main canopy and the pilot chute are made of silk or nylon in our Throwing, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills.

Our Spinning Mills contribute the spun silk for reinforcement tapes which go around the periphery of the canopy.

The delicate but steel-like shroud lines are made in our Throwing Mills. Each of the twenty-four shroud lines is made of more than 200 threads, and each finished shroud line is tested for breaking strength of over 450 pounds. The Throwing Mills also make the thread for sewing the parachute canopies.

Parachute packs to hold the folded canopy are made in the Cravat Department, which also makes neckwear for Army, Navy and civilian use.

The Laboratory and Testing Departments play an important part by ascertaining that all materials produced by Cheney Brothers measure up to rigid quality specifications.

Thus does the Cheney worker serve as industrial reinforcement for our fighting forces in the air.
Our Army and Navy flying forces require the most dependable safety equipment which can be made. Cheney workers contribute to the fulfillment of this need by supplying materials used in Army and Navy parachutes, aviators' flying suits, and flying equipment. The Cheney Brothers organization is proud of its privilege of serving the nation in war, as it has in peace since 1838.
The ingenious Flare 'Chute lights up Axis territory for Allied bombers at night. Synthetic yarn fabric for the canopy, and spun glass fabric for the flare shield are made in the Throwing, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills. Canoptes are manufactured in the Flare Parachute department.

The powder charge which sends powerful shells screaming from our Navy's big guns, is packed in cartridge bags of spun silk, made in our Spinning, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills. In the vast electrical systems of our fighting fleet, colorfully dyed rayon, silk and nylon threads are used for identification and insulation of wires.
Lifeline of the Paratrooper is the all-important Supply Chute, carrying arms, ammunition, food and supplies. The dependable performance of the Supply Chute can decide a battle, for with it the Paratrooper obtains his fighting tools, and blockaded troops can be supplied with food and equipment. Supply Chutes are made in the Throwing, Weaving, Spinning, Dyeing and Finishing Mills, and in the Flare Parachute Department.

With the advent of the Paratrooper, parachutes have become an important offensive weapon as well as a safety device. In long and rigorous training, these "air commandos" risk their lives time and time again before they ever meet the enemy. Our job is to minimize their danger by producing materials to be made into the most dependable safety apparatus which can be devised.
Tanks in battle often depend upon their radios for tactical directions, and the terrific beatings they undergo necessitates the finest and strongest of radio equipment. The part that Cheney Brothers play here seems comparatively insignificant, yet is vitally important. Rayon, silk and nylon threads made by our Throwing, Weaving and Dyeing Mills constitute part of the wrapping of electrical apparatus, serving as insulation. Yarns for this purpose are also used in the electrical systems of submarines and ships, and in communication systems.

The Spinning Mill and Velvet Mills produce fabrics of wool and alpaca pile. They are used in coats for officers, nurses, and enlisted men, and others in cold climate areas. Here too is manufactured wool and cotton yarn which is made into flannel fabric for military shirts.

The Dyeing, Throwing, Weaving, Spinning and Finishing Mills also turn out fabrics which are made into cravats and neckerchiefs by the Cravat Department, for the Army and Navy.
MACHINERY

The Mechanical Division of Cheney Brothers also builds various machines and equipment for the use of other manufacturers engaged in war work. Some of them are illustrated here.

POLISHING LATHES, TIP NOTCHING MACHINES, and AUTOMATIC BROACHING MACHINES are used in connection with the manufacture of propellers.

ASSEMBLY PRESSES combine blades, hubs and bearings into complete propeller assemblies.

BLADE PROFILERS cut and shape propeller blade edges.

STAMPING MACHINES are used in munitions factories to fabricate shell casings.

GRINDER FRAMES and BASES are used to manufacture precision machine tools.

MEN IN SERVICE

We salute the courage and patriotism of the following Cheney employees who are now serving with honor in the armed forces of the nation.

MANCHESTER

Adams, Anthony
Allan, John
Anderson, John
Andrews, Allen
Bailey, Charles
Bald, Harold
Barrera, Charles
Blanchard, Cyrus
Brogan, Francis G.
Brown, Everett
Brown, Ray
Camara, James
Casanrango, Rene
Cavagnaro, Edward
Chambers, William
Cloud, Robert, Jr.
Colombino, Max
Crockett, Howard
Custer, Ernest
Daigle, Florence
Deere, Francis
Dexter, Allan
Dellaferra, Francis
DiMauro, Carmel
Ditola, Joseph
Doucette, Lawrence
Downing, Albert
Downing, James E.
Dumond, Roger
Edwards, John
Felice, Sally
Fischer, Rudolph
George, John L.
Giancola, Armando
Grunt, Wendell
Grebau, Francis J.
Green, Vernon
Hamill, Joseph
Hansen, Edward
Haponik, Edmund
Haraburda, Edward
Hart, Elmer

HAUGH, William
Hiers, Iloene
Holmes, Robert
Howarth, John R.
Johnson, Victor
Kiehn, Thaddeus
Kirka, Alphonse
Kosinski, Edward
Krawotzka, Andrew
Lashinske, Roland
Liebman, John
Liss, Stanley B.
Litvinchyk, Anthony
Loomis, Andrew
Magnuson, Bengt
Mallon, Lawrence
Maloney, Lawrence
Martino, Joseph
McVeigh, Thomas
Morgan, Thomas J.
Muir, James
Murawski, Joseph
Nelson, Stuart
Olbrich, Chester
Olbrich, Stanley, Jr.
Opitz, Edgar
Parson, Russell
Patterson, John
Polson, Sigfrid
Ponillo, John
Rice, William
Rivenberg, Edward W.
Roy, Wilfred
Ruff, William G.
Russell, Earl F.
Savastano, Peter
Severino, Michael
Schultz, Herbert
Schultz, Lawrence
Scoble, Gordon
Sexton, Robert
Smola, John
Stamler, George
Stevenson, Richard

Stolz, Erwin I.
Stone, Earl A.
Strickland, Marvin
Struff, Anthony
Sturgeon, Robert
Sullivan, William
Tedford, Kenneth
Tolson, Wells
Tunko, George
Uscher, Richard
Vennett, Donald E.
Vesco, Andrew
Vesey, John
Wales, Carroll F.
Weiss, John
Warnock, Frederick A.
Wlasiak, Edward W.
Wilson, Roland
Wolfram, Herbert
Yest, Earl
Zerfer, Albert

NEW YORK

Baker, John P.
Benson, Olaf
Cheney, Ward
Clarey, John
Crooks, Walter
Eisinger, Chris
Fisher, Paul E.
Gage, Frank
Hoey, Gerald
Kane, Harold J.
Laing, Bruce
Lord, Charles
Mandeville, Carne W.
McCreary, Florence
Montague, Edward
Reutter, John
Rochamel, George
Rotolo, Charles
Scott, Walter

*Reported missing in action.