

## Animal Trap Company Awarded Army-Navy "E" Production Award

At a ceremony held on April 15 of 1943 at the Company plant in Lititz Pennsylvania, the Army-Navy "E" Production Award was presented to the Animal Trap Company of America (ATC). The "E" stood for Excellence.

During peacetime, ATC manufactured Victor, Oneida Jump and Newhouse steel traps; Victor and Holdfast mouse and rat traps; Trump garden tools and Victor Duck Decoys. In 1943, ninety percent of ATC's production was war materials. For the Company's outstanding record in the production of war goods, Colonel David N. Hauseman, Philadelphia Ordnance District Chief said "ATC has won, against great competition, the highest award that the military forces in this great nation may confer on American Industry."

Chester M. Woolworth, President of ATC, in accepting the Army-Navy pennant said "we will endeavor to discharge the grave responsibility the award carries by increasing the flow of armor piercing bullet cores and other articles we manufacture for the war effort. We appreciate the fact that our armies win the battles, but we must pass the ammunition."

ATC was cited as one of the early industries to convert to war production. A year and a half before Pearl

Harbor, it began manufacturing war material and has been expanding and increasing its production constantly since that date.

The award ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 persons including many distinguished guests. The Navy was represented by Lt. Commander David S. Craven, U.S.N.R., who presented the "E" lapel pins to the employees, Governor Edward Martin of Pennsylvania congratulated ATC for its "tremendous contributions to the country's war effort." Ted Husing, well-known sportscaster, was master of ceremonies.

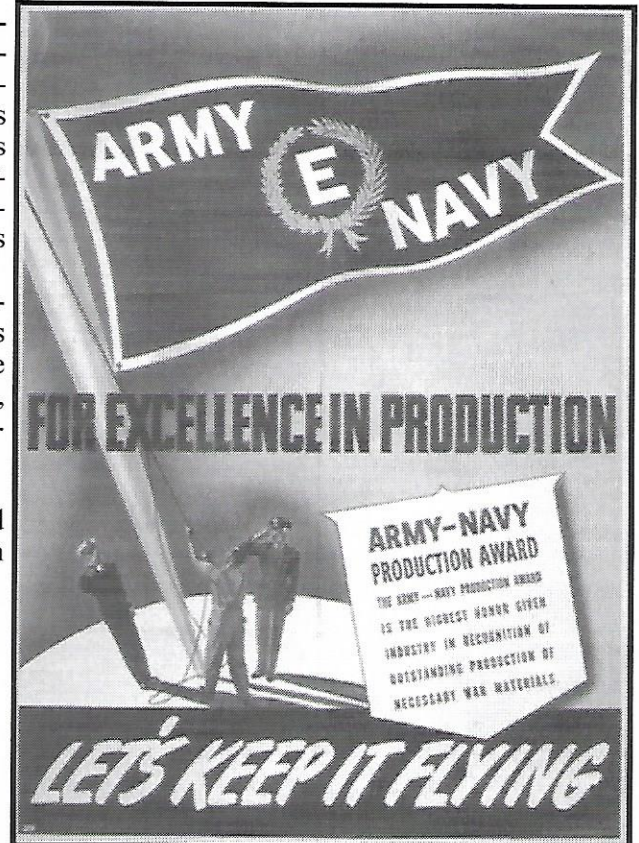
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Displaying the Army-Navy "E" flag: Col. D. N. Hauseman; Lt. Command David S. Craven, U.S.N.R.; Ellis Spickler, representing employees, and Chester M. Woolworth, President, Animal Trap Co. of America.