



Significance of

THE ARMY-NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD

In 1906, the Navy instituted in the Fleet an award for excellence which has been known ever since as the Navy "E." First awarded for excellence in gunnery, it was later extended to include outstanding performance in engineering and communications. It was an honor not easily won nor lightly bestowed, and has remained a matter of deep pride to the men in the service who receive it.

With the rising tide of war in Europe a premium was placed on the production of war equipment and the Navy "E" was extended to embrace those plants and organizations which showed excellence in producing ships, weapons, and materials for the Navy.

Then came Pearl Harbor and, as the fighting forces and American industry became partners in our struggle for freedom, the Navy "E" grew to the Army-Navy Production Award in joint recognition of a grim resolve to work and fight together for Victory. The Award stands for exceptional performance on the production front . . . it typifies a determined, unbeatable American spirit which can be satisfied only by achieving today what yesterday seemed impossible.