

Army-Navy 'E' for Carpenter & Paterson

Carpenter and Paterson, Inc., long-time friends of New England master plumbers, were honored on Patriots' Day by the official presentation of the Army-Navy "E" award for exceptional performance on the production front.

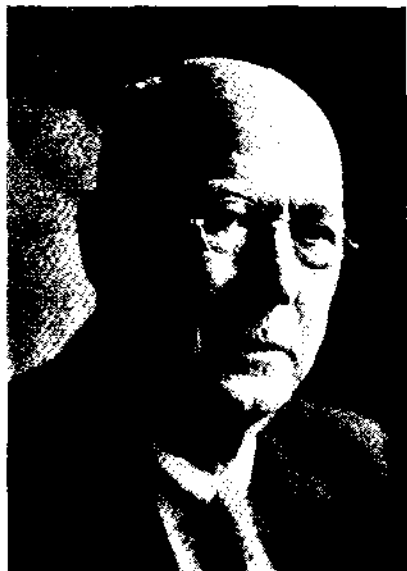
Three generations of Patersons took part in the impressive ceremonies at the plant in Medford. They were Charles E. Paterson, grandfather and founder of the firm; Thomas C. Paterson, and his son, Stanley Paterson. It was a proud day for all of them.

William H. Barker, Clerk of the East Boston Court, was master of ceremonies at the presentation ceremonies, which opened with the raising of the National ensign by a Color Guard from the 241st Coast Artillery stationed at Fort Dawes, Winthrop, and the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the 241st Coast Artillery Band.

Mayor John C. Carr of Medford gave an address of welcome in the course of which he praised the patriotic spirit of Carpenter & Paterson, its officers and its employes for their splendid contribution to the Nation's war effort.

Major A. E. Voysey, U.S.A., Assistant Shop Officer, Carriage Division, Watertown Arsenal, made the presentation of the award.

"It is a great pleasure and a high honor for me to welcome the firm of Carpenter & Paterson and its employes into the distinguished Army-Navy 'E' Family," said Major Voysey. "It is distinctly a military decoration presented by the armed forces to the fighters on the production front. America is proud of the achievements of Carpenter & Paterson, proud and grateful."



CHARLES E. PATERSON
Founder of Carpenter & Paterson, Inc.

George Paterson accepted the award in the following words:

"Mr. Chairman and honored and guests, I courteously address myself to you. Primarily, though, I speak to the men and women of the Medford Plant of Carpenter & Paterson, Inc., as it is for them this ceremony is held.

"This is indeed a happy day for all of us.

"You have earned recognition from your country for the outstanding contribution you have been making for victory. The marvelous job you have done has resulted in the conferring upon you of the Army and Navy Production Award for your fine record. It is a record which will inspire workers throughout the nation to greater efforts.

"Representatives of the Army, of the Navy, of the government, state and community and of the management are here to honor you. The men in the services are looking to you to produce what they must have, and produce it I know you will.

"To you, the men and women of this plant who have joined hands in making possible this outstanding success, I say, 'Well done and thank you.'

"As you know, every ship must have a captain, every Army a commanding officer, and every civilian enterprise an executive officer. By virtue of prior connections I happen to be the President of this organization and only as such, I, for you men and women of this Medford Plant of Carpenter & Paterson, Inc. accept this award. Needless to say, I am proud and happy to be your designated authority for this purpose and to extend to you my personal congratulations."

Lieut. John H. Burke, USN., First Naval District, made the presentation of Army-Navy "E" pins to the workers at the Carpenter & Paterson Medford Plant, to whom he paid further high tribute for their patriotic achievement.

Albert E. Rohrbacker accepted the pins for the employees, in whose behalf he pledged a continuance of faithful effort.

In the course of the ceremonies, several members of the State Legislature, members of of the Board of Aldermen and other honored guests offered their congratulations.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of "America" accompanied by the 241st Coast Artillery Band.

To the many congratulations showered on the executives and employees of Carpenter & Paterson, Inc., PROGRESS and the Association members whom it represents would have their congratulations added.