

CUTLERY CO.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

24 July 1943

To the Men and Women
of the Camillus Cutlery Company
Camillus, New York

This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for great accomplishment in the production of war equipment.

This award symbolizes your country's appreciation of the achievement of every man and woman in the Camillus Cutlery Company. It consists of a flag to be flown above your plant and a lapel pin which each of you may wear as a sign of distinguished service to your country.

I am confident that your outstanding record will bring victory nearer by inspiring others to similar high achievement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. P. Patterson', followed by a horizontal line.

Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War



Address of . . .

LT. COLONEL ROSWELL P. ROSENGREN

Chief, Office of Technical Information

Office, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A.

In Presenting

THE ARMY - NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD

TO THE

CAMILLUS CUTLERY COMPANY

Camillus, New York

Tuesday, August 17, 1943



Men and Women of the Camillus Cutlery Co.

»»» In the happier days of peace, it was my privilege to spend four priceless years in the neighboring Chenango Valley while a student at Colgate University. In those days, and since, I have come to know the early, formidable reputations of both Camillus Hill and this Company. I then owned a pocket knife, since lost, which was the product of your skilled workers. In these darker days, I am proud of the greater privilege of re-visiting Camillus and the Camillus Cutlery Company on this momentous occasion.

»»» You men and women of Camillus Cutlery, along with millions of other soldiers on the homefront, have made possible this nation's stupendous war production. It is you and all of us who Hitler once so arrogantly said were too soft to equal his ten years' head start on production. Your answer — by your deeds — was announced last spring to the House Military Affairs Committee by Donald Nelson, Chief of the War Production Board, when he told them that this year we will out-produce the Axis powers TWO AND ONE-HALF TO ONE.

»»» No repetition can over-emphasize the part you are playing in the certain winning of this war. You are, in fact, a "second front," without which no FIGHTING front would be possible. It is the work of your hands that has given American soldiers from Alaska to Australia; from Britain to Buna; from the Solomons to Sicily, the knives they need for fighting: trench knives, hunting knives, mechanics' knives, sailors' knives, Navy knives, fish knives, scalpel knives, folding machetes, and the Engineers' knife. Those knives are as indispensable to every segment of our Services as your peacetime production was to the boys and men of America — all of whom I have the honor to represent. That has brought me here today. We all know the value of the winning front you soldiers of production have created here at home. The story that you have written here in work and sweat is a shining example of what every American manufacturer can do in the war effort. It is a story of the impossible conquered in less time than it once took to lick the difficult. It is a story of heart-breaking experiments and a complete change in the methods of manufacture, in the never-ending quest for greater speed, finer quality and ever-increased

quantity. It is a story that literally cuts its way toward Tokyo from the South Pacific and over the long wilderness fastnesses of the Alaskan Highway from which I have just returned. It is a story of the tortuous mountain-road-trails of Sicily and will become a part of the story of every advance, from whatever angle, converging on Berlin.

»»» A thousand uses of your knives are employed by the Engineers in the forefront of amphibious, air, over-land, and river-crossing operations. Those uses are multiplied by the Navy, the Air Forces, the Marines.

»»» Those are the things which have been made possible by you men and women here: technicians, labor, and management. But they are not enough. Today we celebrate the goals you have achieved, but you and all of us must BETTER these achievements. By the speed by which you continue to produce will be measured the speed of the final and complete victory. This means CONTINUED work, sweat, and SACRIFICE by every one of you. It means that you must realize your part as soldiers in this war; as direct a part as that of the soldiers at the front: those other soldiers who OBSERVE NO HOLIDAYS, NEED NO WARM BEDS OR HEATED HOMES, WHO ONLY ASK FOR THEIR "K" RATIONS AND THE INDISPENSABLE TOOLS OF WAR, which you produce.

»»» Out on the fighting front, our enemies have learned the strength of American arms. They have been made to feel the cold bite of steel — YOUR steel — arms and equipment from the finest mass production industry in the world, employed by the finest soldiers in the world. In the steaming foxholes of Bataan, in the mud and mountains of Alaska, Africa, and Sicily, American soldiers have demonstrated that the citizens of the United States are willing to fight to defend their heritage.

»»» At first it seemed an unequal struggle. The Philippines fell, not because our men or their arms were inferior, but from the brutal fact that they could neither be reinforced nor adequately supplied. The tentacles of the Japanese octopus then reached out over the immense area which threatened Australia itself. Then our indomitable troops commenced fighting back; they are still fighting back. Under MacArthur, they converge on Rabaul. Attu is once more ours. They rolled Rommel's "invincibles" back to the sea.



Hundreds of thousands were captured. Tens of thousands MORE have been captured as the process is repeated toward Messina and the toe of the boot in which Italy, sans Mussolini, quakes and cowers. Our fighting men will NEVER stop until the terms of "Unconditional Surrender" have been dictated in the Emperor's palace in Tokyo and Hitler's hide-out in Berchtesgaden.

»»» We have undergone our first baptism of fire in large-scale operations against a nation whose history is one long succession of wars of aggression. In the European theater, as in the Pacific theater, there is no such thing as a quitting time. And there are no complaints! All that our boys out there ask for is a dry foxhole and more Germans, Japs, and Italians to kill. By comparison, our "sacrifices" — the rationing of rubber and gasoline and shoes and canned goods and meat — seem ridiculously little. Out there THEY are laying on the altar of Democracy the thing that all of us hold most dear — their very lives!

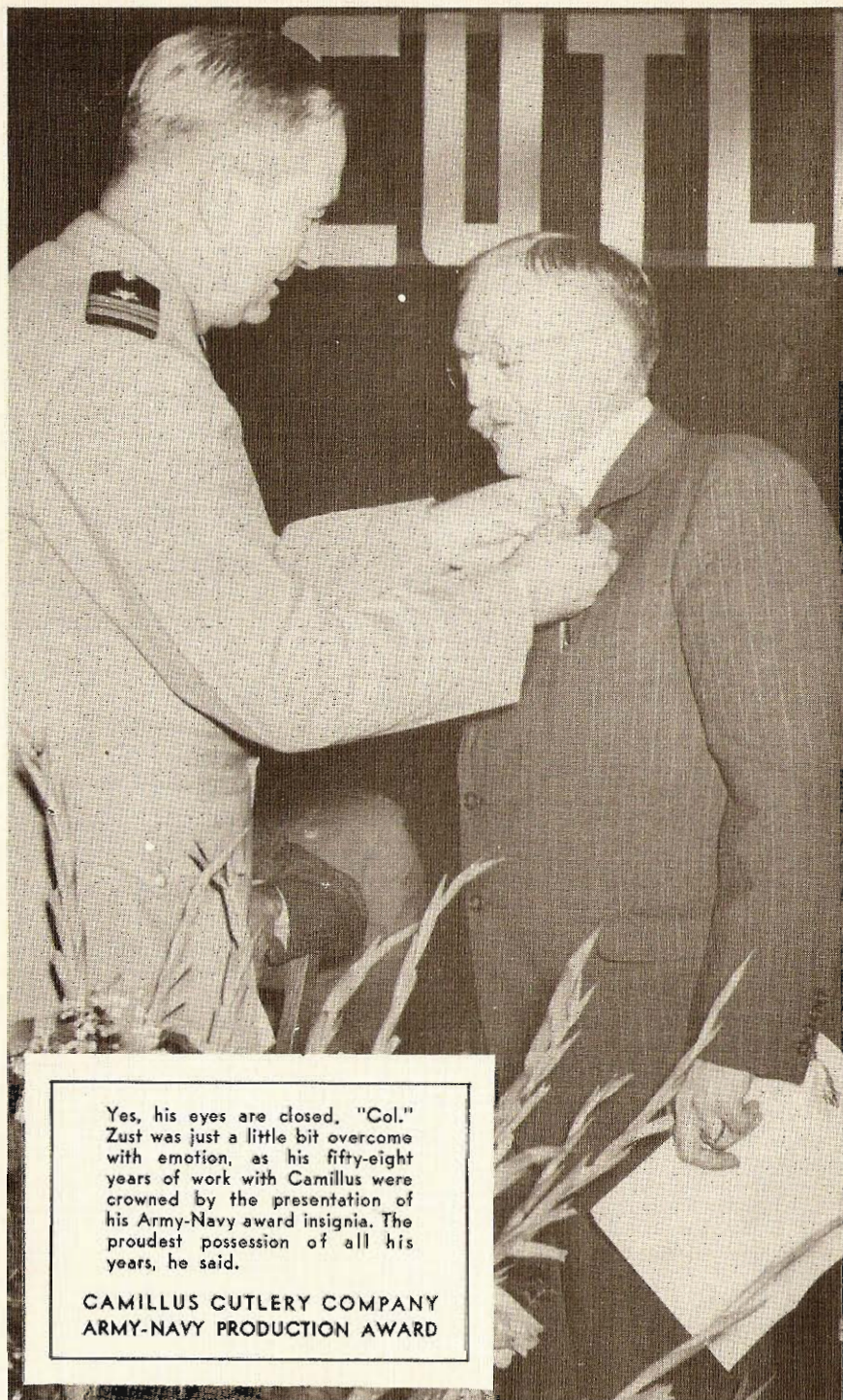
»»» Among our soldiers, sailors, and marines, there have been thousands of deeds of heroism beyond the line of duty which have been silently and obscurely performed. So it has been on the production front at home. The Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to fighting men who, in the presence of the enemy, render service "above and beyond the call of duty." Such an award is also made to the heroes of the production line. It is known as the Army-Navy "E" Award. It has been given thus far to less than two and a half per cent of the eligible plants at home. Intrinsically, it consists of pieces of bunting: — red, white, blue, and gold, fashioned together into a symbol, and small pins of silver which will be awarded to you today by the representative of the United States Navy. But it is more than that — it is the recognition of your Government — the people of the United States — that you of Camillus Cutlery in particular have been elected to receive this CIVILIAN Distinguished Service Cross for YOUR service "above and beyond the call of duty."

»»» Therefore, through your Mr. Wallace, representing the management, and your Miss Krug representing labor, I take extreme pleasure in presenting this flag to the men and women of the Camillus Cutlery Company. As it flutters in the free breeze of our native state of New York, in the heart of the free America we love, may it remind you daily that a grateful people has placed upon you its benediction in a deserved "well done," and may it be your challenge for the future.









Yes, his eyes are closed, "Col." Züst was just a little bit overcome with emotion, as his fifty-eight years of work with Camillus were crowned by the presentation of his Army-Navy award insignia. The proudest possession of all his years, he said.

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Mr. Kastor was proud of Elizabeth, too. The president of the Camillus Cutlery Company looks on approvingly as Lt. Commander Elliott presents the pin to Elizabeth Krug.

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The challenge is accepted. Vice-President William D. Wallace assures government representatives of the company's continued high production record in the fight for victory.

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An honor that comes to few men. Lt. Commander Douglas A. Elliott, USNR, pins the Army-Navy award insignia on William Kelsey, an employee who has served the Camillus Cutlery Co. for many years.

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An appropriate pulpit for an exceptional occasion. Rev. Vernon A. Martin presides as master of ceremonies at the presentation of the Army-Navy award to his fellow employees and the management of the Camillus Cutlery Co.

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The Navy is represented. Lt. Commander Douglas A. Elliott, USNR, reads the Certificate of Award, as spokesman for Under Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

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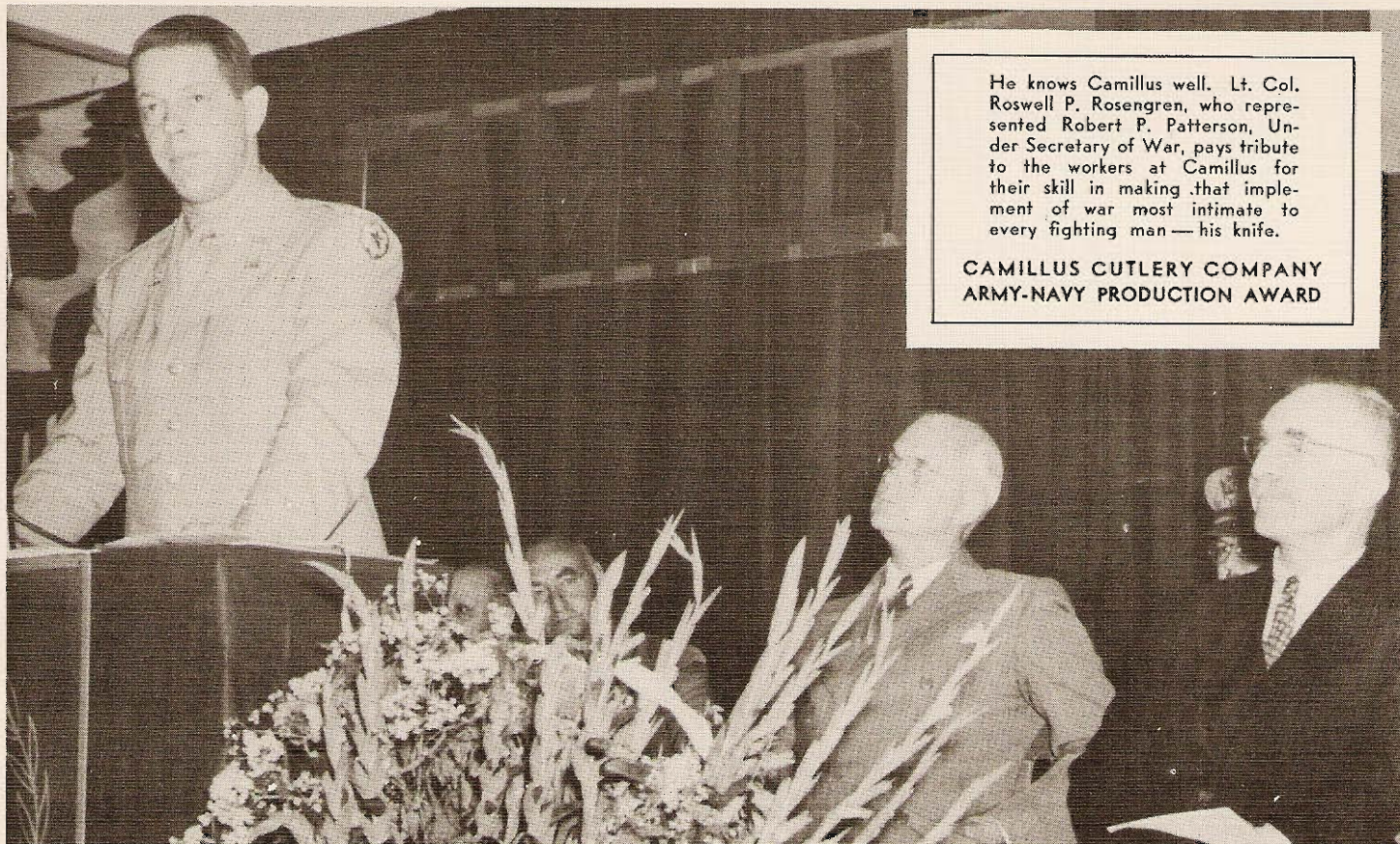
The sound of martial music filled the Recreation Hall, as the U. S. Army Air Corps Band, Syracuse Army Air Base, went into action under the leadership of Warrant Officer Albert J. Kohn.

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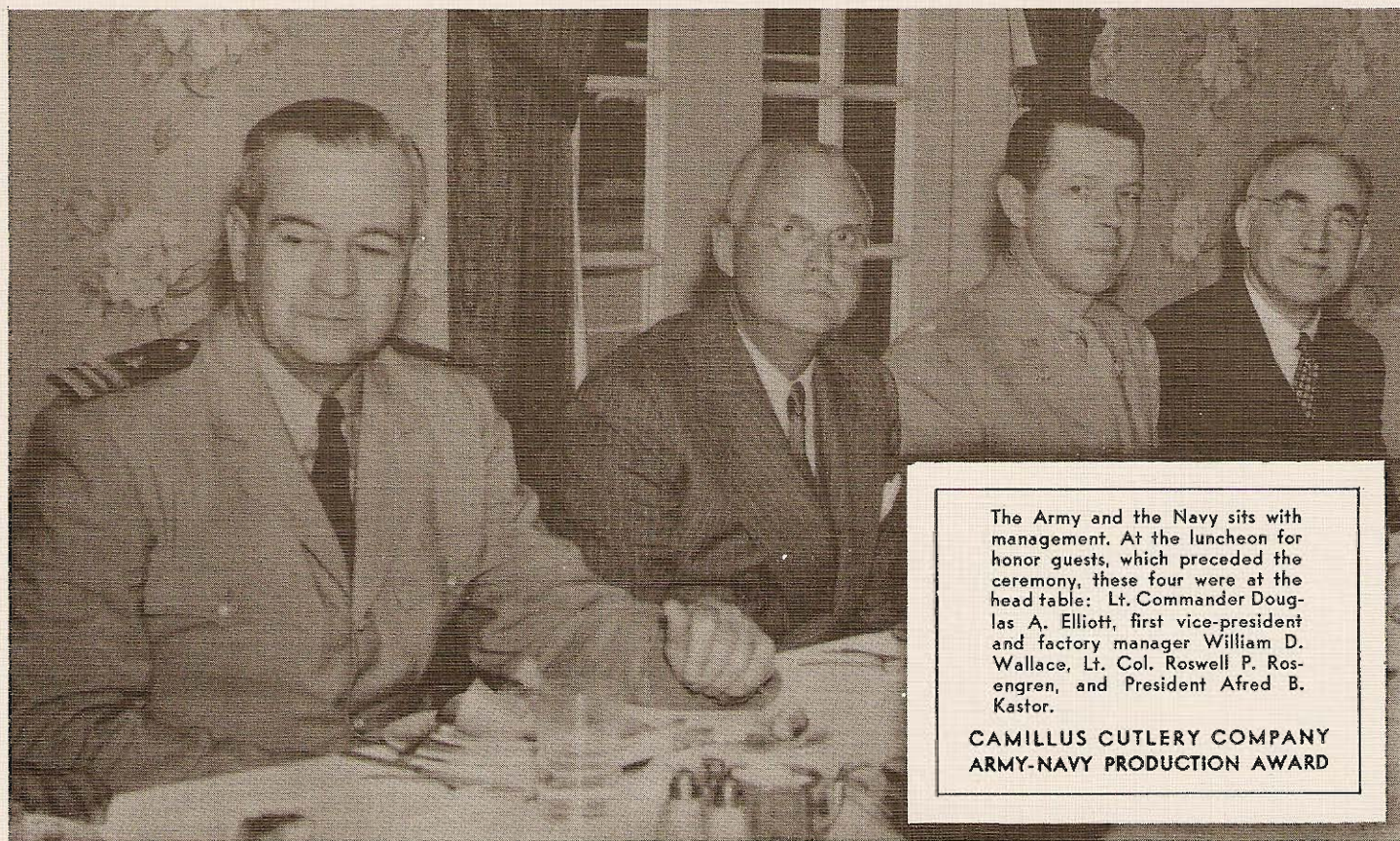
An interested trio at luncheon. Major Jacob H. Bloss, Public Relations Officer, Syracuse Office, U. S. Army Engineers; Robert F. Luce, assistant to President Alfred B. Kastor; Major Albert P. Pollman, Syracuse Office, U. S. Army Engineers.

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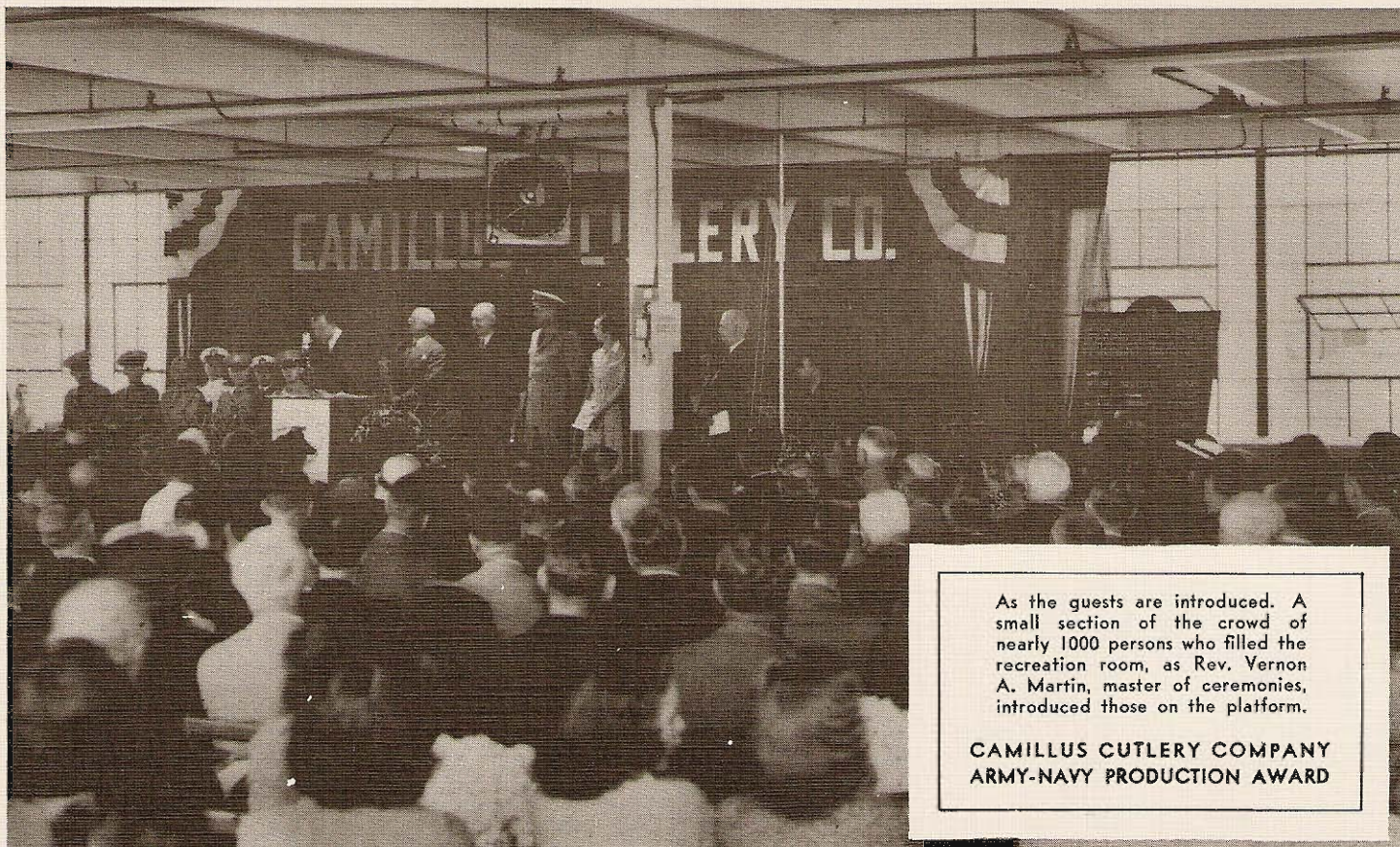
He knows Camillus well. Lt. Col. Roswell P. Rosengren, who represented Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, pays tribute to the workers at Camillus for their skill in making that implement of war most intimate to every fighting man—his knife.

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The Army and the Navy sits with management. At the luncheon for honor guests, which preceded the ceremony, these four were at the head table: Lt. Commander Douglas A. Elliott, first vice-president and factory manager William D. Wallace, Lt. Col. Roswell P. Rosengren, and President Alfred B. Kastor.

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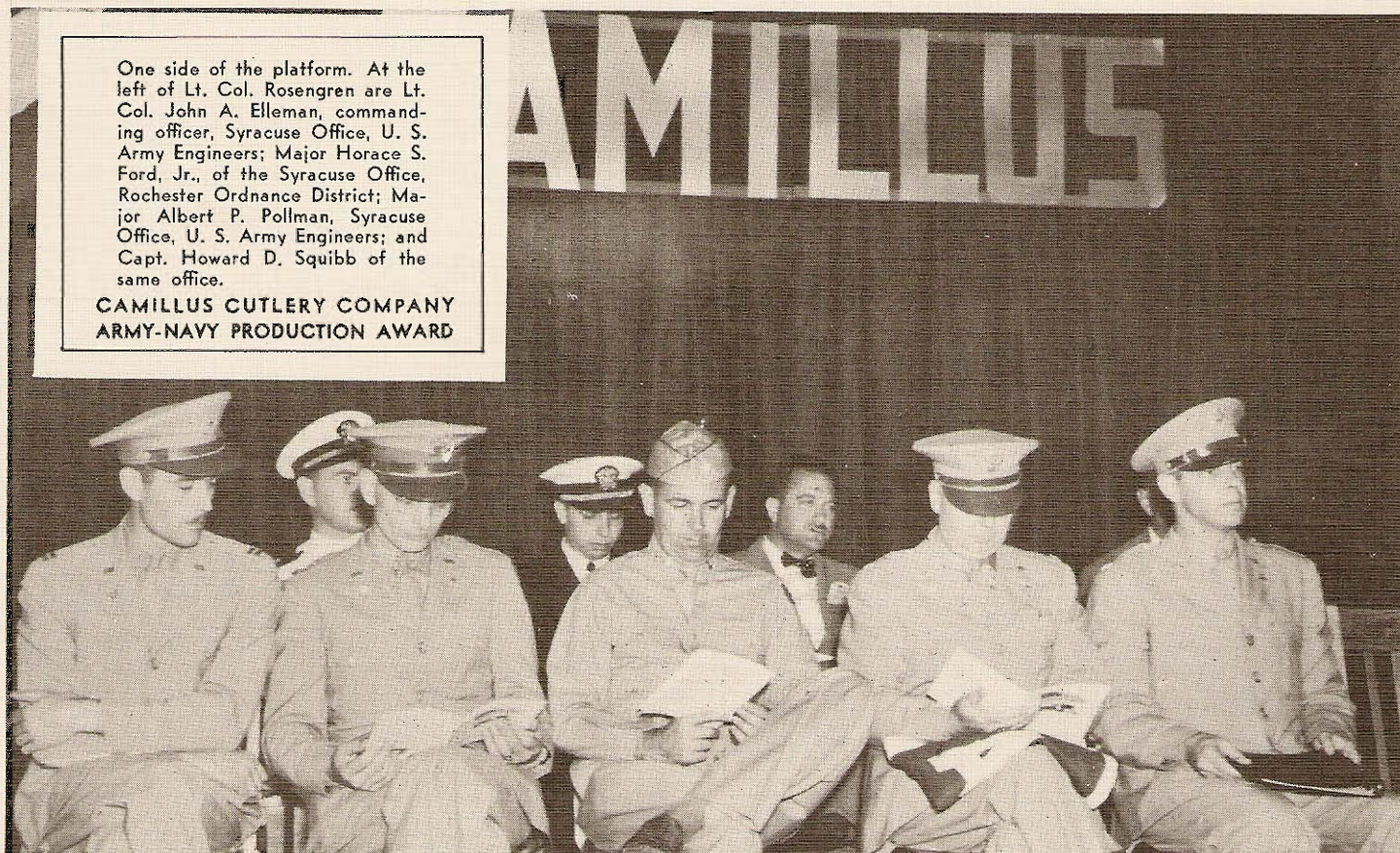


As the guests are introduced. A small section of the crowd of nearly 1000 persons who filled the recreation room, as Rev. Vernon A. Martin, master of ceremonies, introduced those on the platform.

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One side of the platform. At the left of Lt. Col. Rosengren are Lt. Col. John A. Elleman, commanding officer, Syracuse Office, U. S. Army Engineers; Major Horace S. Ford, Jr., of the Syracuse Office, Rochester Ordnance District; Major Albert P. Pollman, Syracuse Office, U. S. Army Engineers; and Capt. Howard D. Squibb of the same office.

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The employe committee had work to do. A preliminary meeting in the office of Vice-President Wallace, at which Major Jacob H. Bloss explains to the employe committee their share of the job to be done. The committee included: Mrs. Russell Widger, William Kuepper, Mrs. Irene Smith, Nilo M. Miori and Eric Maus.

CAMILLUS CUTLERY CO. ARMY-NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD



An Honor Has Come To Camillus

The presentation of the Army-Navy Production Award is a tribute to the splendid men and women in our employ. It is a tribute, also, to the entire community of Camillus for the patriotic spirit which has brought into our factory — teachers, preachers, housewives, store-keepers and entire families on part time work and full time jobs — in order that Camillus knives might help speed the victory of our armed forces.

No weapon of war is more intimate to the fighter than is his knife—no implement more useful in an emergency, no tool more universal in its adaptability. Camillus Cutlery Company products are with millions of our soldiers now fighting throughout the world, and will help to bring them safely home.

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Arranging "E" Award



ARMY-NAVY AWARD presentation plans are made by these employees of the Camillus Cutlery Company and Maj. Jacob H. Bloss, seated, center. Left to right, standing: William Knepper, Mrs. Irene Smith, Nilo Mirori and Eric Maus. Seated are William D. Wallace, vice-president, Major Bloss and Mrs. Russell Widger.

Cutlery Firm Will Receive Army-Navy E

Presentation Scheduled at Camillus Plant Aug. 17

The Army-Navy "E" award will be presented to employees of the Camillus Cutlery Company at 4 P. M. Tuesday, Aug. 17, in the company's recreation rooms, Vice President William D. Wallace announced yesterday.

The working force at the Camillus plant was augmented considerably to meet the demands of several branches of the service, for knives and other implements made by the Camillus factory. Although its principal products had been pocket knives, various other sharp-edged implements are now being made. Among the most interesting products is "the special knife which is made a part of the equipment of every life raft in Flying Fortresses and other ships which might be forced down at sea."

It is understood the award is being given to the Camillus plant because of the many contributions which have been made to the development of products and methods of producing them, as well as for the exceptional record made in safety work and other phases of plant operation.

The award will be made under the direction of the Syracuse District office, U. S. Engineers, of which Lt. Col. John H. Elleman is district engineer. Maj. Jacob H. Bloss is the public relations officer in charge.

Alfred B. Kastor, president, and other officers of the company, are

Cutlery Firm At Camillus Will Get 'E'

Two Lawyers Serving in Army and Navy to Make Presentation

Two lawyers who gave up their practices to join the armed forces will share honors Tuesday in presentation of the Army-Navy Production Award to the Camillus Cutlery Company at its plant in Camillus.

Lt. Com. Paul F. Griffin, naval adviser to the Syracuse office of the War Production Board, and Lt. Col. Roswell P. Rosengren, a native of Buffalo, will make the presentation speeches.

Com. Griffin started out in his business career to be a furniture salesman, and then became a designer for a furniture company in Lock Haven, Pa., before deciding to become an attorney.

He completed his legal training at Fordham Law School in New York City and had just started his career when he was called into service by the Naval Reserve, which he had joined some years before. As an attache of the Syracuse WPB office, he has been the liaison man between the Navy and many industries. The Camillus Company is one of several in Central New York whose production goes largely to the Navy.

Lt. Col. Rosengren, who is chief of technical information in the Office of the Chief Engineer in Washington, has been a teacher and attorney in Buffalo.

The two guest speakers and representatives of several other branches of the armed services will make an inspection of the factory Tuesday afternoon preceding the award ceremony. Alfred B. Kastor, of New York City, president of the company, and several of the directors and officers are coming here for the occasion.

Camillus Cutlery Ceremony Today

Officers and directors of Camillus Cutlery Co. arrived last night to attend ceremonies today when the army-navy "E" is awarded.

Representatives of the New York city headquarters are Alfred B. Kastor, president; Robert F. Luce, assistant to the president, and their wives; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Netter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Kastor, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Gotshal, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Levell, Misses Enid and Joan Kastor, and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Zust.

Mr. Zust is the oldest employee of the company, having been a salesman nearly 50 years. He will acknowledge receipt of the insignia on behalf of employees. The pennant will be presented by Lt.-Comm. Douglas A. Elliott, naval adviser on the war production board in Rochester, instead of Lt.-Comm. Griffin of the Syracuse area, who has unexpectedly been called to New York city. Lt.-Col. Roswell Rosengren of Washington, D. C., will represent the army in the presentation.

Camillus Cutlery To Get 'E' Award

Presentation of the army-navy production award to the Camillus Cutlery Co. will take place at the company's plant in Camillus on Tuesday, Aug. 17, with the part that knives play in wartime featured in the ceremony. It is expected that the affair will be held in the recreation rooms of the factory during the shift hour beginning at 4 p. m.

In announcing plans for the presentation, William D. Wallace, vice-president of the company, yesterday said that the working force at the plant had been augmented considerably to meet the demands of the armed services for knives and various other sharp-edged implements manufactured there.

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Plan Army-Navy "E" Award Program



Plans are being made for the presentation of the army-navy E award to the Camillus Cutlery Co. Seated, left to right, William D. Wallace, vice-president of the company and plant manager; Maj. J. H. Bloss, public relations officer of the US engineers; and Mrs. Russell Widger; standing, William Kuepper, Mrs. Irene Smith,