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A SPECIAL ISSUE OF

Copper Commando

dedicated to the winners of the Army-Navy "E" Award at the Anaconda Reduction Works
ON January 28, 1943, at the Anaconda Junior High School, an award of great importance was bestowed upon the employees of the Anaconda Reduction Works. At impressive ceremonies, the coveted Army-Navy “E” Award was given by representatives of the Army and Navy, in recognition of the outstanding contributions the workers at the Smelter have made in the production of vital war materials.

Starting with an informal supper given for representatives of Labor, Management and Government officials, and ending with a reception, the ceremonies left all those who attended with a definite feeling of accomplishment.

To you employees at the Anaconda Reduction Works, this special issue of COPPER COMMANDO is dedicated. Your official Labor-Management Committee newspaper wishes, in this way, not only to pay tribute to you folks who deserve tribute, but to provide you with a pictorial report of the activities. We hope that all of you will keep this issue as a souvenir of an important occasion. It is true that the actual fighting is done on the fronts of the world. But, without the loyal and sincere and constant support of the man behind the gun, the United Nations cannot win this war. To the folks at the Smelter, who now have this tangible evidence of the part they are playing to win it, the hats of all other fellow workers are off.
AT the left, we see a portion of the audience in the Junior High School at Anaconda. The Auditorium was jammed to the doors, and people were standing in the entrances to witness the Ceremonies.

BELOW that picture we have a view from the side of the stage, showing Governor Sam C. Ford of Montana addressing the audience. Representatives of labor, management and the armed forces can be seen in the front two rows, while service veterans are in the following rows.

JUST above is another view of Governor Ford addressing the audience. The Governor warmly applauded the folks at the Smelter for their fine job in earning an Army-Navy "E" Award.

AT the left, the Governor, who served as Master of Ceremonies, tells the audience about Col. Lloyd T. Jones, representative of the War Department who made the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" flag. Col. Jones, in the picture below, comes to the speakers stand to make the formal presentation and to extoll the accomplishments of the folks at the Smelter.
HERE are views of the award being made. There's Col. Jones at the left making his preliminary remarks; in the picture below we see the Colonel passing the flag to W. E. (Bill) Mitchell, General Manager of the Reduction Works. In the picture below, Mr. Mitchell is seen expressing his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon the employees at the Smelter. In the picture at the bottom, we see the Army-Navy "E" flag being displayed with Bill Mitchell at the left, Sid McCallum, representative of the Craft Unions, and Walter Dooley, of the Mill and Smeltermen's Union.
AT the left is Comdr. Bert H. Creighton, A. V. G., U. S. N. R., who addressed the gathering prior to making the awards of the lapel insignias to veteran workers at the Smelter. In the two pictures immediately below, we see Comdr. Creighton and Col. Jones greeting the old-timers as they come forward for their lapel pins. The name of each veteran was announced from the stage and each old-timer present filed down to receive his pin.

ON the lower half of this page, we see other views of veterans being awarded their Army-Navy "E" pins. This part of the ceremony was most impressive, with the representatives of both Army and Navy passing out the emblems and shaking hands heartily with each man. Some of the old-timers, whose years of service exceed forty, are shown in the picture at the left.
STILL more views (some of these are close-ups) of the veterans at the Reduction Works receiving their lapel insignia. At the top of the page, we see the Dean of Anaconda workmen — George Bertsch, who has devoted fifty-eight of his seventy-three years to the production of metals at the Smelter. The small picture at the top right is a recent portrait of George. Another section of the veterans is shown in the picture at the immediate right.
JUST above, we see Walter Dooley responding in behalf of the members of the Mill and Smeltermen's Union, and at the right above is Sid McCallum, who spoke in behalf of the members of the A. F. L. In the picture in the center, we got a good close-up view of our two representatives from the Army and Navy. Posed here with Mr. D. M. Kelly are Col. Jones, Comdr. Creighton and Major Gilbert.

IN the pair of pictures below we find George C. Heikes, Director of the Zinc Division of the War Production Board, Washington, who termed the Anaconda Reduction Department's achievements, "A splendid job," and Mr. Kelly, who lauded Smelter workers for their fine efforts in aiding war production. At the bottom, we got a shot of the school band; at the right, bottom, is a view of the throng at the Hotel Montana following the ceremonies.

RANDOM SHOTS HERE AND THERE
AT the upper left, we see the ceremonies being talked over with Jack Donovan, Charlie Lemmon, Bob Newcomb, and Bill Mitchell. At the upper right, we snapped Comdr. Creighton with E. O. Leipheimer and J. H. Dickey, Jr., who co-operated in ceremony arrangements.

YOU can’t blame an attractive WAAC for wanting to get a close-up of an Army-Navy “E” insignia and above we find Lieut. Barbara Hadsell posed with veteran Joe Dee. In the picture at the right, center, we got a good close-up of Col. Jones, Major Gilbert, Hugh Maguire and others of the boys in the Casting Division.

CLOSE-UPS

ABOVE, Hugh Maguire points out a shipment of anodes to Col. Jones and explains that these are the slabs ready to go to Great Falls. Col. Jones and Major Gilbert made a quick but thorough trip through the Smelter and expressed great interest in the experience.

YOUR cameraman likes to surprise people, so at the left he surprised Mr. Kelly as he glanced through his speech a short time before the ceremonies were held. At the right he got a picture of Bill Mitchell hauling down the flag at the end of the ceremonies.
We Got the “E” ... Let’s Keep It!

M ost of us know that, once you win the Army-Navy “E”, it isn’t yours forever. As winners, we must continue to maintain a high rate of production in order to keep the flag flying at the top of the flagpole.

This means that we must not relax our efforts in any way. It means that we must keep hammering away with everything we’ve got. Only in this way can we expect to hold the flag and to keep the distinction which has been bestowed upon us.

We got the “E” because we earned it. Now let’s hold on to it!