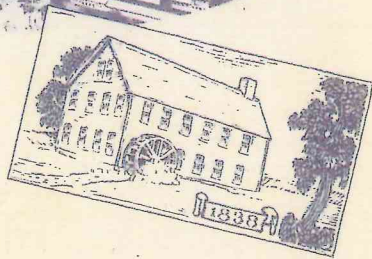
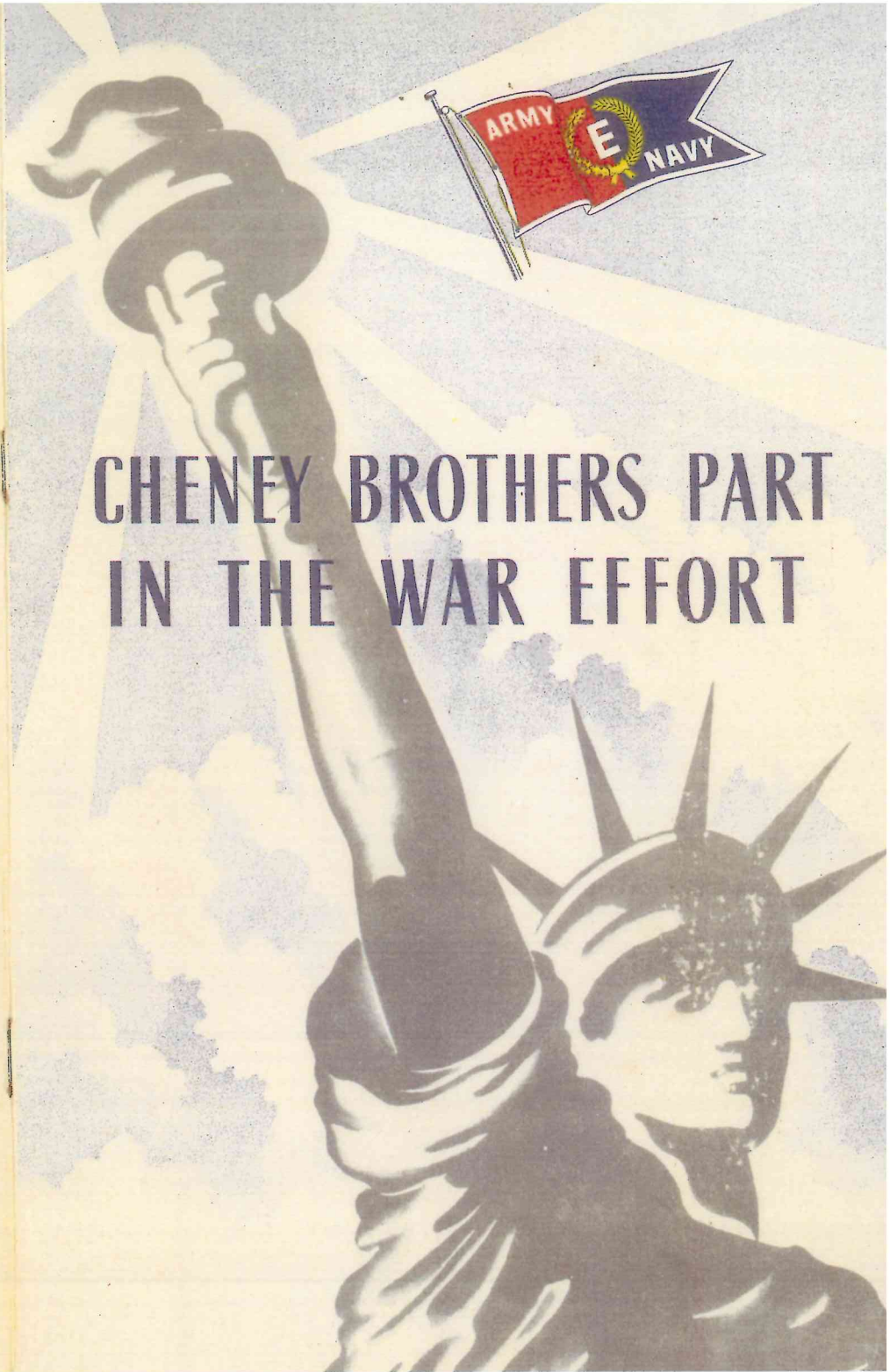




ABOVE: CHENEY BROS.  
MILLS as they appear today.  
RIGHT: The original CHENEY  
MILL, built in 1838.



# CHENEY BROTHERS PART IN THE WAR EFFORT





*Presentation*

OF THE

**ARMY - NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD**

TO

**CHENEY BROTHERS**

**MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT**

**DECEMBER FIFTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO**



## *For Distinguished Service*

The ARMY-NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD is a salute from our fighting forces to the soldiers of industry . . . a joint recognition from the Army and Navy of exceptional performance on the production front.

The flag which symbolizes this award has a rich tradition in the history of our armed forces. In 1906, the Navy instituted in the Fleet an award for excellence in gunnery which has become known as the Navy "E." Later its use was extended to include outstanding performance in engineering and communications. It is an honor not easily won nor lightly bestowed, a source of deep pride to the men of the Service who receive it.

As the rising tide of the war in Europe made greater demands upon American industry for the production of war equipment, the Navy "E" award was extended to embrace those plants and organizations which showed excellence in producing ships, weapons and equipment for the Navy.

Then came Pearl Harbor! And with it, a demand for war production such as the world has never known. The men and women of American industry became the partners of our fighting forces in the great struggle for human freedom.

From this common cause, the ARMY-NAVY PRODUCTION AWARD was born. It is an expression of the determined, persevering, unbeatable American spirit which can be satisfied only by achieving today what yesterday seemed impossible. It is the symbol of a grim and enduring resolve to work and fight together until Victory is final and complete.

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

November 14, 1942

To the Men and Women  
of Cheney Brothers  
Manchester, Connecticut

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

The award consists of a flag to be flown above your plant, and a lapel pin, symbolic of distinguished service to America, for every individual in your plant.

You men and women of Cheney Brothers are making an outstanding contribution to victory. You have every reason to be proud of the record you have set, and your practical patriotism stands as an example to all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Patterson  
Under Secretary of War

SALES OFFICES  
NEW YORK  
BOSTON  
CHICAGO  
PHILADELPHIA  
LOS ANGELES

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SILKS**  
**CHENEY BROTHERS**  
MANUFACTURERS

MILLS  
SOUTH MANCHESTER  
CONNECTICUT

1412 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

November 16, 1942

Mr. Henry R. Mallory, Executive Vice President  
Cheney Brothers  
Manchester, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Mallory:

It is naturally a matter of great satisfaction to me that Cheney Brothers has converted itself so largely into an important producer of war materials. Of course this didn't just happen by itself. It could never have been done except for the fine combination of intelligence and skill that every member of the outfit has shown. I am immensely proud of it and congratulate you all.

Yours with best wishes,

*Ward Cheney*

President

**CHENEY BROTHERS**  
MANCHESTER  
CONNECTICUT

November 17, 1942

TO THE EMPLOYEES OF CHENEY BROTHERS:-

In the absence of our President, Lieutenant-Commander Ward Cheney, who is now on active duty with the U. S. Navy, it is my privilege to express to you all the deep appreciation of the Management for the fine accomplishment of every man and woman in the employ of the Company.

We are very proud to receive the Army-Navy Excellence Award, and the fact that we have done so is a testimonial to the wonderful spirit of cooperation that exists throughout the entire organization.

At this time, we wish to express our appreciation of the manner in which the President of Local 63, T.W.U.A., Mr. Frank Reilly, and the other officers and representatives of the Union have cooperated with the Management of the Company in our joint endeavor to change over from a civilian status to a war status and at the same time increase production.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry R. Mallory*  
Henry R. Mallory,  
Executive Vice President.

EMIL NIEVE  
General President

GEORGE BALDANTI  
Executive Vice-President

WILLIAM FOLLOCK  
General Sec'y-Treas.

*Textile Workers Union of America*  
Affiliate of the C. I. O.

Local 63  
791 MAIN STREET  
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT  
Telephone 8316

November 16, 1942

Officers and Directors of Cheney Brothers  
Manchester, Connecticut

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the employees of Cheney Brothers I take this opportunity to express to Cheney Brothers our sincere appreciation for their all out effort in our country's fight for freedom. This means the placing of their plant at the disposal of our country in the production of essential war materials so necessary for final victory.

Victory assures labor and management the right to continue in a free country with a commendable relationship such as now exists between Local 63 and the management of Cheney Brothers.

Yours for Victory,

*Frank Reilly*  
Frank Reilly, President  
Local 63, T.W.U.A., C.I.O.



*The Part I Play  
in the War Effort*

I am a Cheney worker. I'm one of the voices of freedom, and my work is doing my talking for me.

Why am I so important? It's because of the job I do . . . my share in maintaining a steady flow of war materials for the men behind the guns. I know that the army of Democracy is just a lot of men and women like me . . . all the people with jobs that seem unimportant. I know that it's all of us, pulling together, who are helping to win this fight for our freedom. I know that every man and woman must keep his hands steady and his eyes wide open, so that's just what I'm doing.

I'm fighting in the grim battle for my life . . . my family . . . my country. Sure, I go through the same routine every day. But I know that every move I make today is as important as it was yesterday . . . vitally important to keep that production line marching along to victory. I can't afford to make a mistake. Too many people have their bets down on my side . . . my wife and the kids, and the family next door, and everybody else who prizes freedom.

We're not fighting for just this year or next. We're not fighting just for gasoline or sugar. We're fighting for flesh and blood, for spirit and hope, for the future years of our children and their children . . . the kind of fight that makes every little job a big job for every true American.

I'm doing my part to win. I may not tote a rifle, but I'm fighting just the same. I'm the man behind the man behind the gun. I'm a Cheney worker.

# PROGRAM OF CEREMONY

## PRESENTATION OF ARMY - NAVY "E" AWARD TO CHENEY BROTHERS

RAISING THE COLORS AND PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM  
Color Guard and Band of 79th Coast Artillery (AA)

THE COMPANY, ITS EMPLOYEES, AND SIGNIFICANCE  
OF THE "E" AWARD  
*Master of Ceremonies, Mr. George Waddell,  
Treasurer, Town of Manchester*

ADDRESS                      The Honorable Francis T. Maloney,  
United States Senate

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARD FLAG  
Major-General Frank R. McCoy

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARD FLAG BY THE COMPANY  
Mr. Clifford D. Cheney, *Chairman of the Board*

RAISING OF THE AWARD FLAG  
Color Guard 79th Coast Artillery (AA)

ROLL OF DRUMS              79th Coast Artillery (AA) Band

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION OF TOKEN PINS  
Commander R. M. Oliver

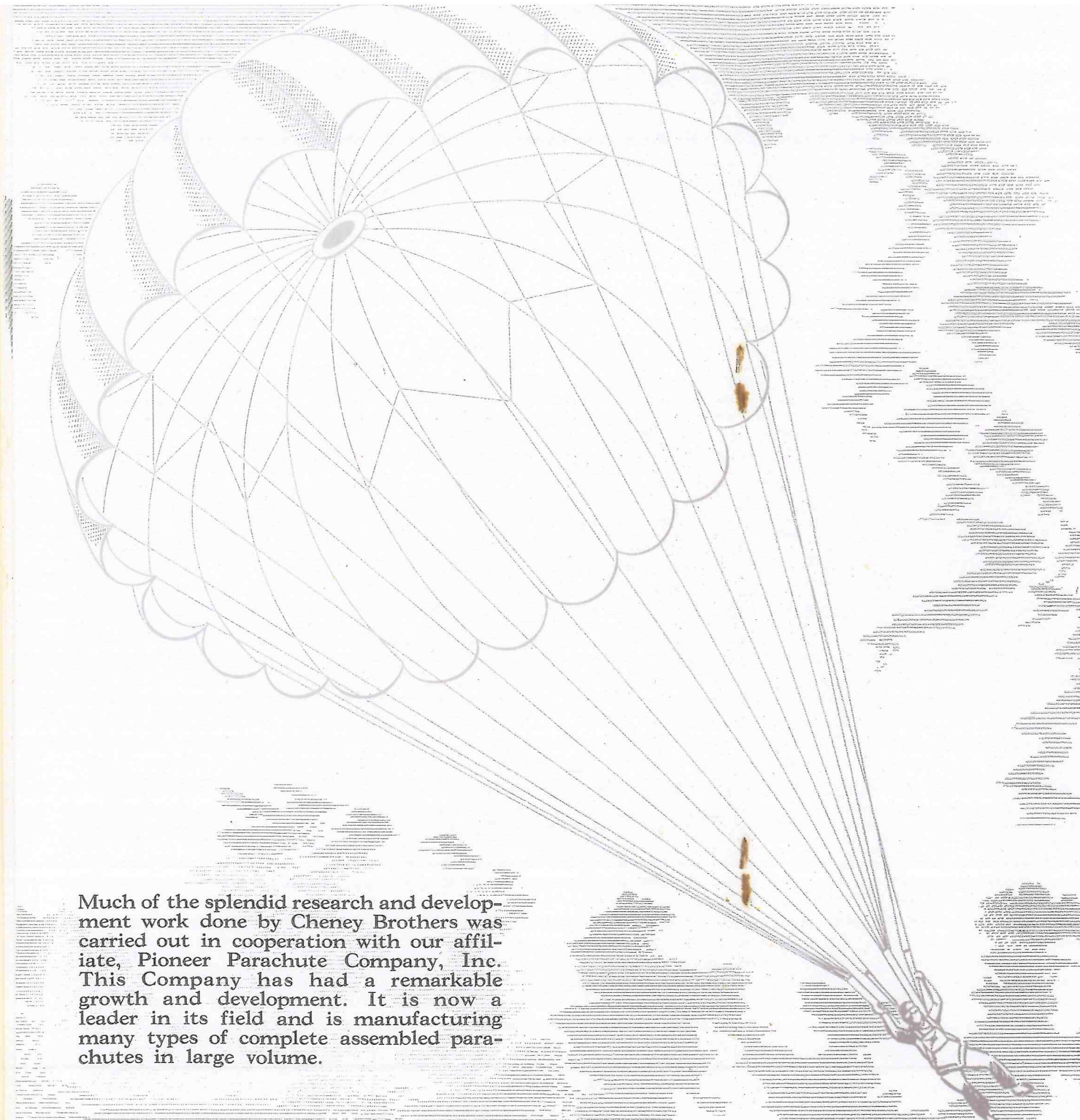
ACCEPTANCE OF TOKEN PINS BY THE COMPANY  
Mr. Henry R. Mallory, *Executive Vice-President*

ACCEPTANCE OF TOKEN PINS FOR THE EMPLOYEES  
Mr. Frank Reilly

ONE STANZA OF "AMERICA"      79th Coast Artillery (AA) Band  
Singing by Audience



State Theatre  
Manchester, Conn.  
December 15, 1942 — 11:30 A. M.



From the billowing snow-white canopy to the snug and sturdy harness which safeguards the flier's life, almost every part of a parachute represents some division of the Cheney Brothers plant.

The fabrics of the main canopy and the pilot chute are made of silk or nylon in our Throwing, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills.

Our Spinning Mills contribute the spun silk for reinforcement tapes which go around the periphery of the canopy.

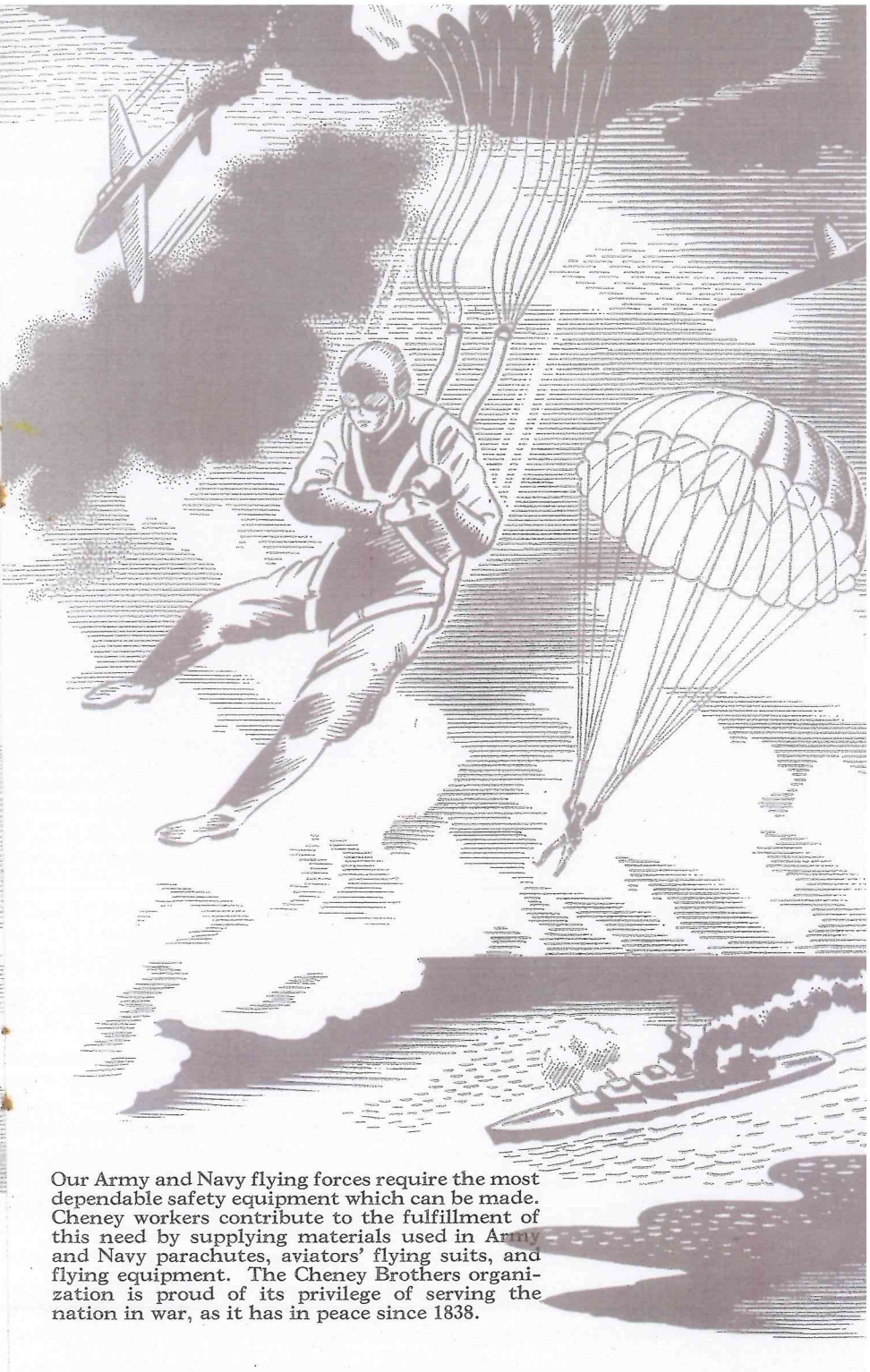
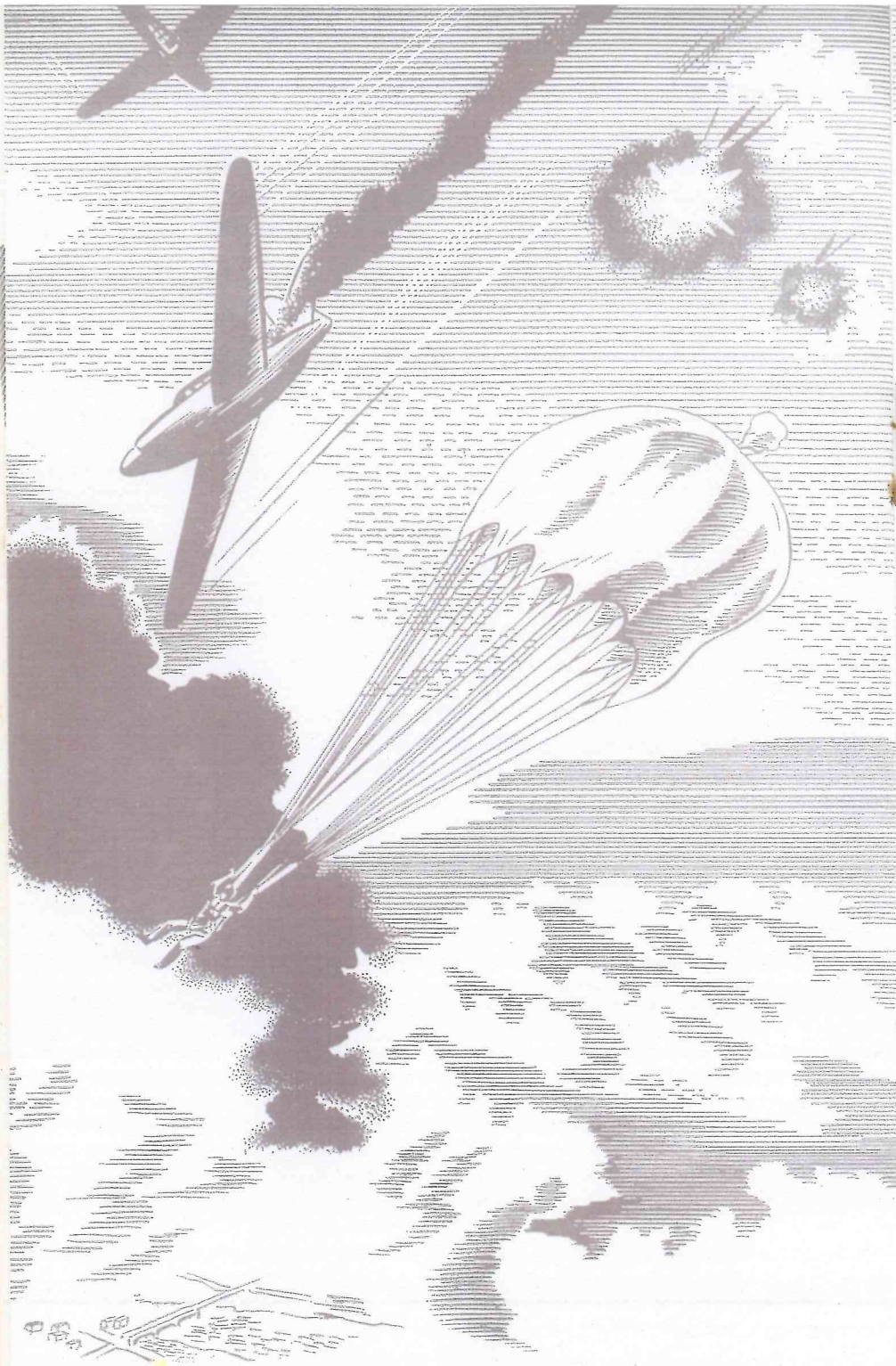
The delicate but steel-like shroud lines are made in our Throwing Mills. Each of the twenty-four shroud lines is made of more than 200 threads, and each finished shroud line is tested for breaking strength of over 450 pounds. The Throwing Mills also make the thread for sewing the parachute canopies.

Parachute packs to hold the folded canopy are made in the Cravat Department, which also makes neckwear for Army, Navy and civilian use.

The Laboratory and Testing Departments play an important part by ascertaining that all materials produced by Cheney Brothers measure up to rigid quality specifications.

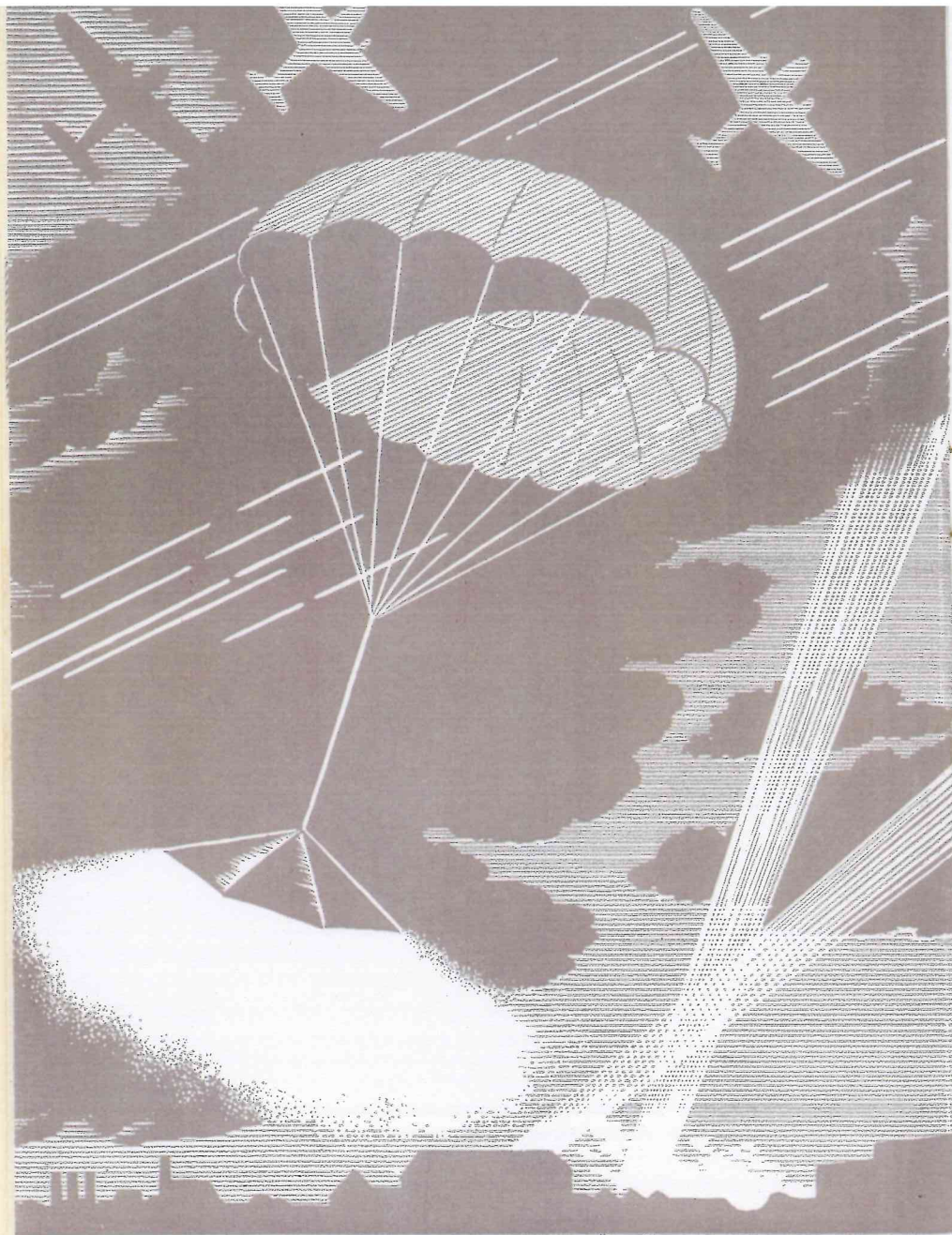
Thus does the Cheney worker serve as industrial reinforcement for our fighting forces in the air.

Much of the splendid research and development work done by Cheney Brothers was carried out in cooperation with our affiliate, Pioneer Parachute Company, Inc. This Company has had a remarkable growth and development. It is now a leader in its field and is manufacturing many types of complete assembled parachutes in large volume.

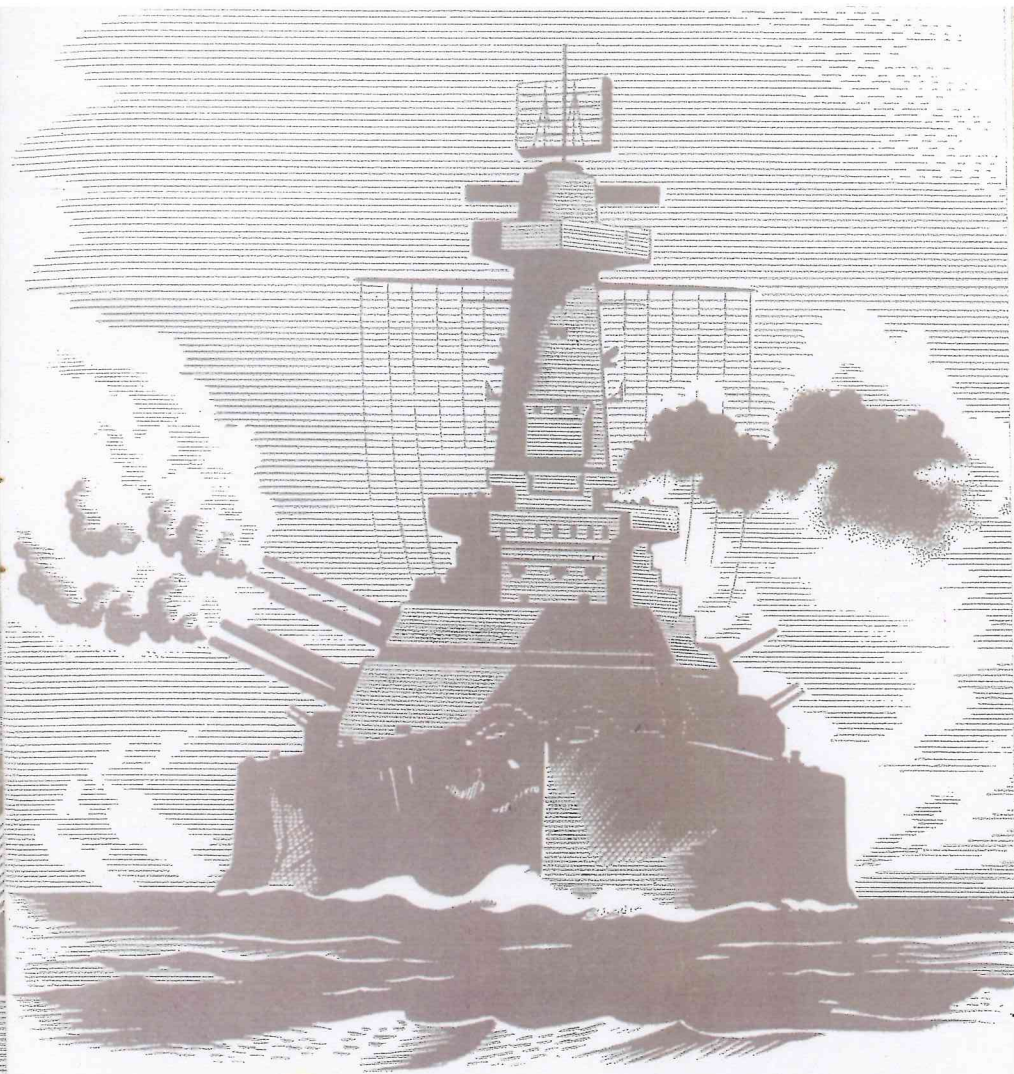


Our Army and Navy flying forces require the most dependable safety equipment which can be made. Cheney workers contribute to the fulfillment of this need by supplying materials used in Army and Navy parachutes, aviators' flying suits, and flying equipment. The Cheney Brothers organization is proud of its privilege of serving the nation in war, as it has in peace since 1838.

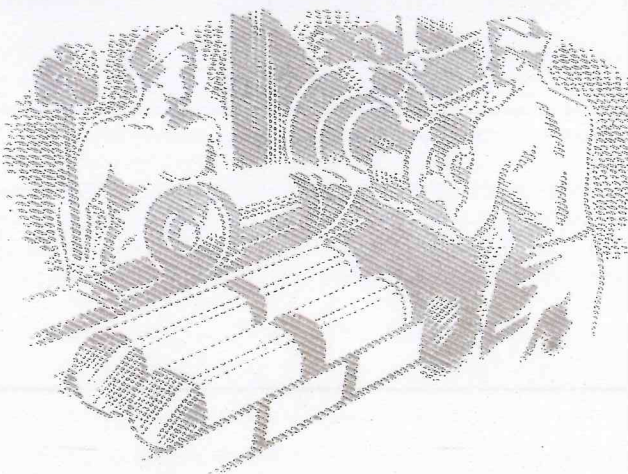


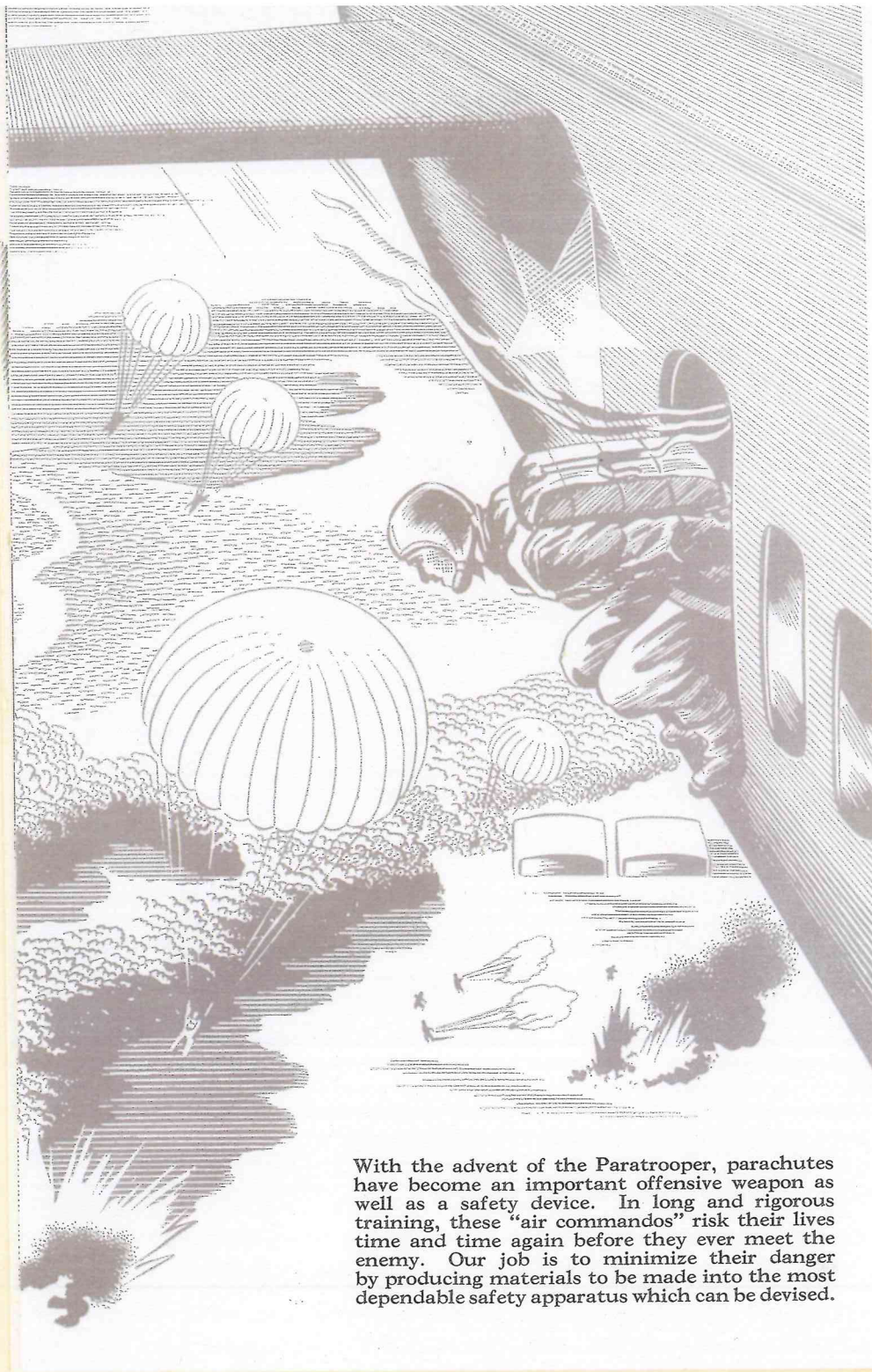


The ingenious Flare 'Chute lights up Axis territory for Allied bombers at night. Synthetic yarn fabric for the canopy, and spun glass fabric for the flare shield are made in the Throwing, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills. Canopies are manufactured in the Flare Parachute department.



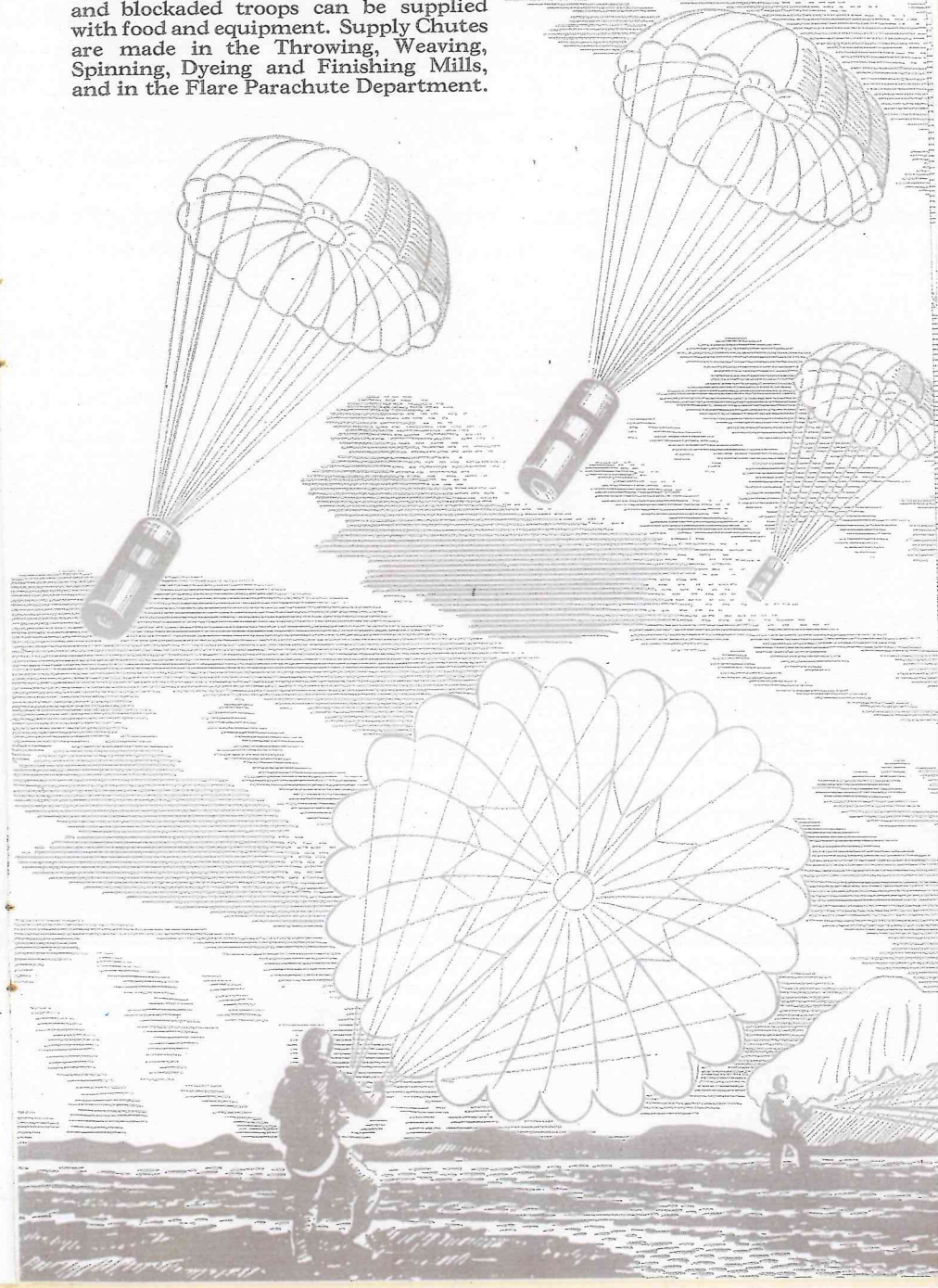
The powder charge which sends powerful shells screaming from our Navy's big guns, is packed in cartridge bags of spun silk, made in our Spinning, Weaving, Dyeing and Finishing Mills. In the vast electrical systems of our fighting fleet, colorfully dyed rayon, silk and nylon threads are used for identification and insulation of wires.

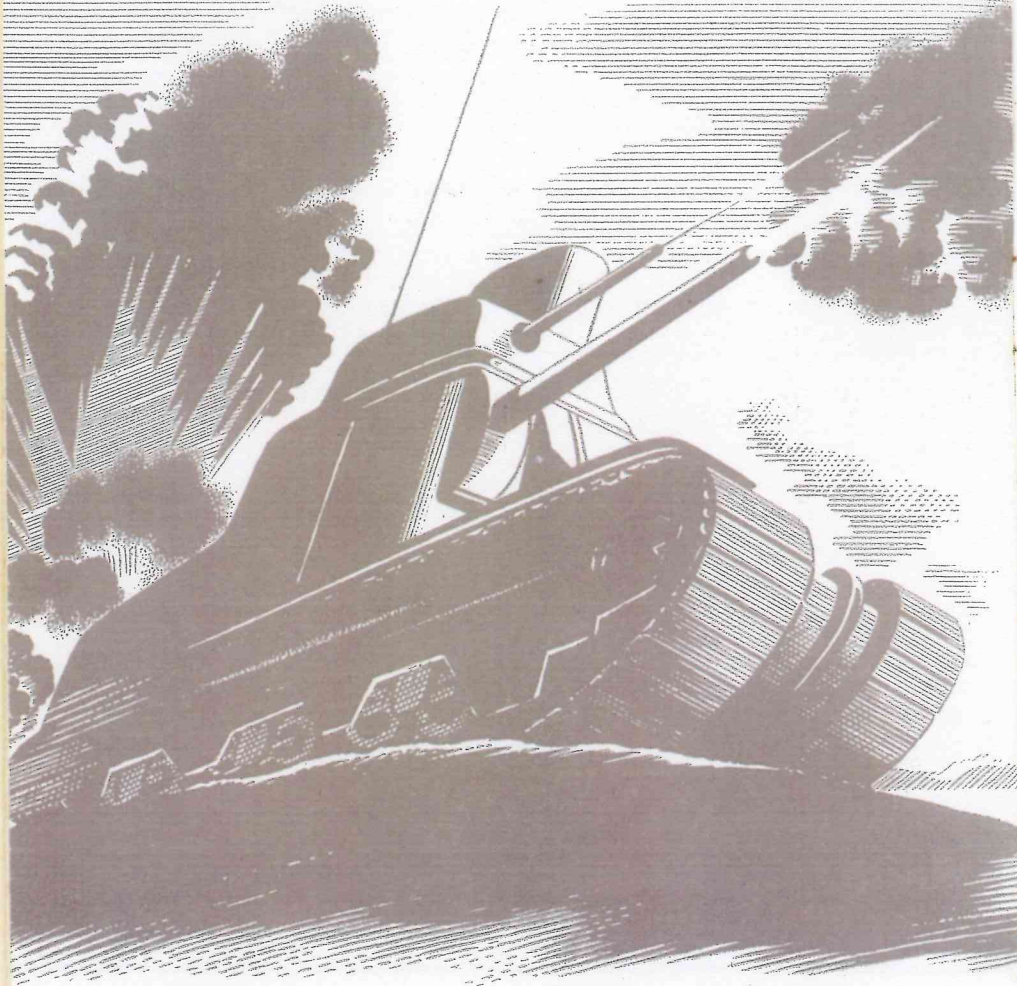




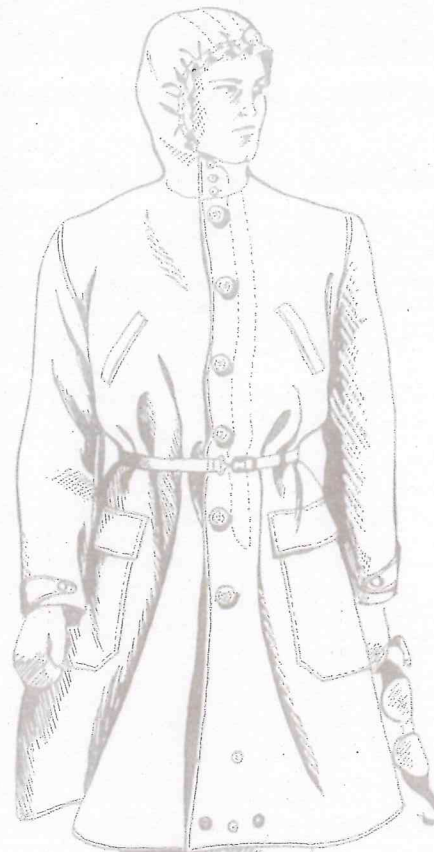
With the advent of the Paratrooper, parachutes have become an important offensive weapon as well as a safety device. In long and rigorous training, these "air commandos" risk their lives time and time again before they ever meet the enemy. Our job is to minimize their danger by producing materials to be made into the most dependable safety apparatus which can be devised.

Lifeline of the Paratrooper is the all-important Supply Chute, carrying arms, ammunition, food and supplies. The dependable performance of the Supply Chute can decide a battle, for with it the Paratrooper obtains his fighting tools, and blockaded troops can be supplied with food and equipment. Supply Chutes are made in the Throwing, Weaving, Spinning, Dyeing and Finishing Mills, and in the Flare Parachute Department.





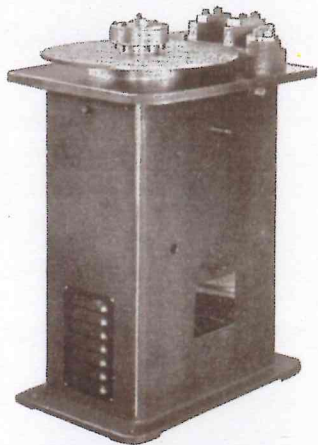
Tanks in battle often depend upon their radios for tactical directions, and the terrific beatings they undergo necessitates the finest and strongest of radio equipment. The part that Cheney Brothers play here seems comparatively insignificant, yet is vitally important. Rayon, silk and nylon threads made by our Throwing, Weaving and Dyeing Mills constitute part of the wrapping of electrical apparatus, serving as insulation. Yarns for this purpose are also used in the electrical systems of submarines and ships, and in communication systems.



The Spinning Mill and Velvet Mills produce fabrics of wool and alpaca pile. They are used in coats for officers, nurses, and enlisted men, and others in cold climate areas. Here too is manufactured wool and cotton yarn which is made into flannel fabric for military shirts.

The Dyeing, Throwing, Weaving, Spinning and Finishing Mills also turn out fabrics which are made into cravats and neckerchiefs by the Cravat Department, for the Army and Navy.



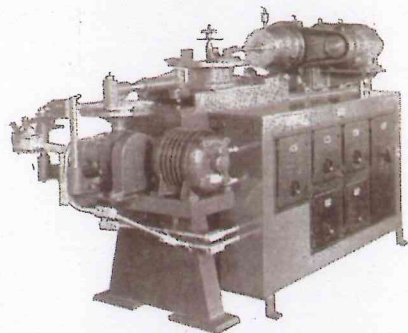


## MACHINERY

The Mechanical Division of Cheney Brothers also builds various machines and equipment for the use of other manufacturers engaged in war work. Some of them are illustrated here.

POLISHING LATHES, TIP NOTCHING MACHINES, and AUTOMATIC BROACHING MACHINES are used in connection with the manufacture of propellers.

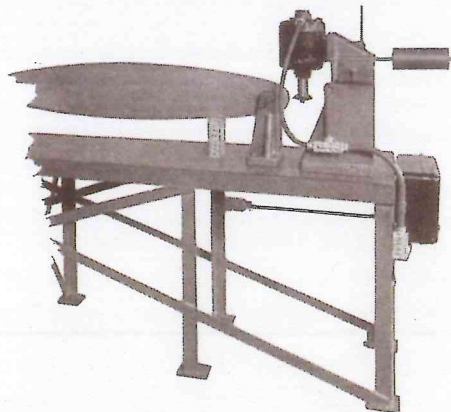
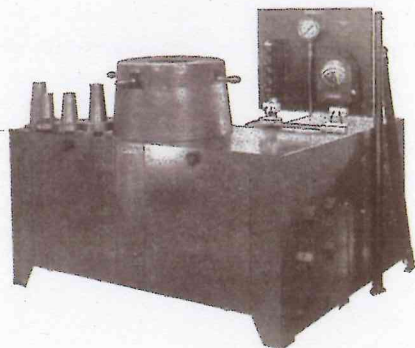
ASSEMBLY PRESSES combine blades, hubs and bearings into complete propeller assemblies.



BLADE PROFILERS cut and shape propeller blade edges.

STAMPING MACHINES are used in munitions factories to fabricate shell casings.

GRINDER FRAMES and BASES are used to manufacture precision machine tools.



## MEN IN SERVICE



*We salute the courage and patriotism of the following Cheney employees, who are now serving with honor in the armed forces of the nation*

### MANCHESTER

Adamites, Anthony  
 Aliansky, John  
 Anderson, John  
 Andrews, Allen  
 Bailey, Charles  
 Balch, Harold  
 Barrera, Charles  
 Blanchard, Cyrus  
 Brogan, Francis G.  
 Brown, Everett  
 Brown, Ray  
 Camarata, James  
 Casagrande, Rene  
 Cavagnaro, Edward  
 Chambers, William  
 Cloud, Robert, Jr.  
 Colombaro, Max  
 Crockett, Howard  
 Custer, Ernest  
 Daigle, Horace  
 Deere, Francis  
 Dexter, Allan  
 Dellaferra, Francis  
 DiMauro, Carmel  
 Ditrola, Joseph  
 Doucette, Lawrence  
 Downing, Albert  
 Downing, James E.  
 Dumond, Roger  
 Edwards, John  
 Felice, Sully  
 Fischer, Rudolph  
 George, John L.  
 Giancola, Armando  
 Grant, Wendell  
 Grebush, Francis J.  
 Green, Vernon  
 Hamill, Joseph  
 Hansen, Edward  
 Haponik, Edmund  
 Haraburda, Edward  
 Hart, Elmer

Haugh, William  
 Hiers, Iolene  
 Holmes, Robert  
 Howarth, John R.  
 Johnson, Victor  
 Kiejna, Thaddeus  
 Kirka, Alphonse  
 Kosinski, Edward  
 Kravontka, Andrew  
 Lashinske, Roland  
 Lieberman, John  
 Liss, Stanley B.  
 Litvinchuk, Anthony  
 Loomis, Andrew  
 Magnuson, Bengt  
 Mallon, Lawrence  
 Maloney, Lawrence  
 Martino, Joseph  
 McVeigh, Thomas  
 Moran, Thomas J.  
 Muir, James  
 Murawski, Joseph  
 Nelson, Stuart  
 Olbrias, Chester  
 Olbrias, Stanley, Jr.  
 Opizzi, Edgar  
 Parson, Russell  
 Patterson, John  
 Polson, Sigfrid  
 Pontillo, John  
 Rice, William  
 Rivenberg, Edward W.  
 Roy, Wilfred  
 Ruff, William G.  
 Russell, Earl F.  
 Savastano, Peter  
 Savino, Michael  
 Schultz, Herbert  
 Schultz, Lawrence  
 Scoble, Gordon  
 Sexton, Robert  
 Smola, John  
 Stamler, George  
 Stevenson, Richard

Stoltz, Erwin I.  
 Stone, Earl A.  
 Strickland, Marvin  
 Struff, Anthony  
 Surgeon, Robert  
 Sullivan, William  
 Tedford, Kenneth  
 Tolson, Wells  
 Tomko, George  
 Usher, Richard  
 Vennart, Donald E.  
 Vesco, Andrew  
 Vesey, John  
 Wales, Carroll F.  
 Weiss, John  
 Warnock, Frederick A.  
 Wilsinski, Edward W.  
 Wilson, Roland  
 Wolfram, Herbert  
 Yost, Earl  
 Zerver, Albert

### NEW YORK

Baker, John P.  
 Benson, Olaf  
 Cheney, Ward  
 Clancy, John  
 Crooks, Walter  
 Eisinger, Chris  
 Fisher, Paul E.  
 Gange, Frank  
 Hoey, Gerald  
 Kane, Harold J.  
 Laing, Bruce  
 Lord, Charles  
 Mandeville, Carne W.  
 McCarthy, Florence  
 Montague, Edward  
 Reutter, John  
 Rothamel, George  
 Rotolo, Charles  
 Scott, Walter  
 \*Wythes, Keith

*\*Reported missing in action.*