



JOHN F. FLODIN

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Mr. Flodin was a Distinguished Military Graduate of his OCS class. He served with the 980th Field Artillery Battalion, 40th^h Infantry Division as a Forward Observer, Battalion Liaison Officer and Battalion S-3 during the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star.

After returning to civilian life he began designing and building high volume food processing equipment to meet the demands of that rapidly expanding industry. He saw the need for increased volume, improved packaging equipment and procedures and more automation. His constant pursuit of improved methods changed the food processing industry worldwide. His innovations have led to cheaper food prices, reduced spoilage, increased availability of a wider variety and improved flavor.

Mr. Flodin has been granted 16 patents for various systems that are in use around the world. They include massive potato flake systems for "instant potatoes," flake ice making machines used by commercial fishermen, frozen French fried potato processing systems, automated onion toppers, fresh potato washing and grading systems, and a Floating Debris and Rock Removal System for a variety of food products.

He served as the Chief Engineer for Flodin Inc. from 1954 to 1969 and then served as the President until the company was sold in 2006. Flodin Inc. products are now produced by a company in Oregon and Mr Flodin serves them as an Equipment Design Consultant.