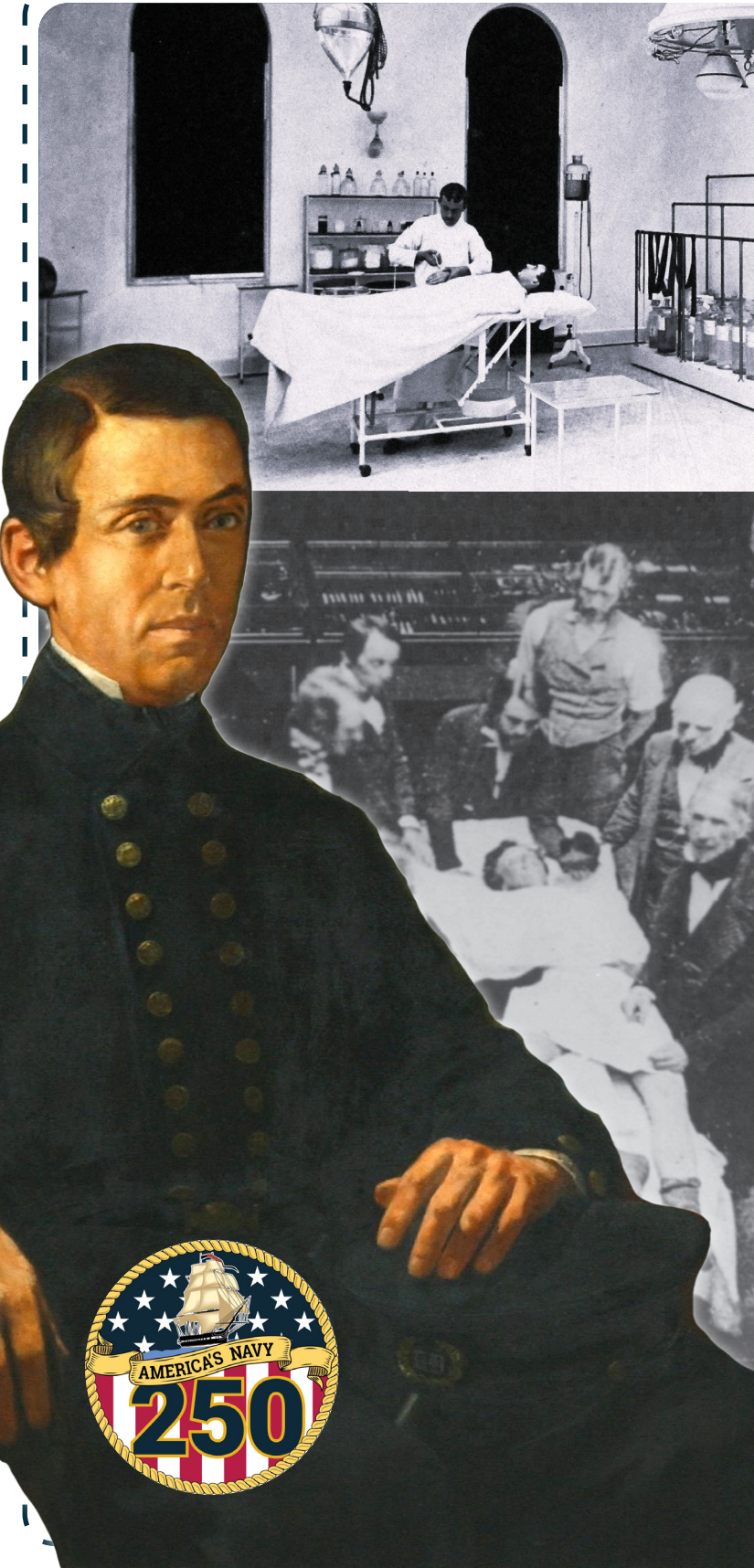




+ VANGUARD OF MEDICAL INNOVATION + **ETHER ANESTHESIA DISTILLATION**



Dr. Edward Squibb (1819-1900) of Wilmington, Delaware, was commissioned an assistant surgeon in the Navy in April 1847.



Squibb reported to the Naval Hospital Brooklyn in 1852. There he played key role in **establishing a Navy pharmaceutical laboratory** and supply depot.



In 1853, Squibb began researching new methods for manufacturing and supplying ether. Ether was a much in demand anesthetic that many avoided due to the inconsistency of quality, and the crude and difficult means of distilling it. **Squibb devised a groundbreaking method for distilling a very pure quality of ether by using steam.**



After leaving the Navy in 1857, Squibb founded the pharmaceutical company **E.R. Squibb and Sons.**

