



# Fathers May Face Call To Service Within 3 Months

## General Hershey Says Induction Of Fathers Likely By July 1

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Legislation to draft men and women civilians for war production jobs was sent to a Congressional committee today, apparently to await green light from President Roosevelt, said official declarations of induction of fathers into military service will start in about five months.

While hearings continued on the universal Austin-Wadsworth National Service Bill, first submitted a public test more than a month ago, members of the Senate Military Committee said a decision on the measure likely would be delayed for at least another month. By that time, authoritative sources said, the White House is expected to have some definite information on the workings of the 48-hour week placed in effect in critical labor areas yesterday, and of a recent directive designed to shift non-essential workers into jobs or military service.

"Thousands of draft-deferred fathers saw in a statement of Secretary of War Stimson that there is a likelihood that many of them will be in military service before July 1," said a source.

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Hershey acknowledged at a press conference that drafting of fathers is being considered.

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Up to Tuesday, the condition of the plants was generally good despite an unusually cold weather of early March.

If conditions remain favorable, the markets at Chesham and Wallace should open between April 20 and April 25.

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# Tales Of Pig-Boats: That Sub Which Failed To Show Up For Maneuvers Gets 8 Japs

**By JOHN A. MOROSO JR.**  
NEW LONDON, Conn.—(AP)—Army people who were puzzled when an American submarine failed to show up for scheduled maneuvers back in 1941 should be happy to know that the submarine has sunk eight Jap ships, damaged another and probably scored hits on two more, Lieut. C. E. O'Neil Jr., of Long Beach, Calif., who served as engineer, diving and electrical officer aboard the submarine told the story of her fighting today.

"We were all rigged up for maneuvers with the Army when we got a hurry up order to proceed to Pearl Harbor," the lanky officer said.

"Everybody at Pearl" was excited when five of us left there with a tender for Manila. We came over.

"Our skipper was Lieut. Comdr. E. B. McKinney. He has been awarded the Navy Cross twice and he had orders to dive when we sighted ships. We were not at sea for more than an hour.

**JAP SIGHTED**  
The only ship sighted was a Jap supply ship two days out of Manila. The sub dived and escaped detection.

"If we'd only fired at that ship we might have started the war a month earlier," O'Neil said.

He said the submarine stayed at Manila until Dec. 21 despite intense Jap air raids that came at noon every day.

"Once we were loading dry stores when they came over. We were ordered to dive and we hit the bottom and sat there until the raid was over."

The sub then went to Lingayen Gulf where 100 Jap ships were landing. "Some" and she found it impossible to get into the gulf because enemy destroyers were all about.

"We fired two fish at a destroyer but couldn't tell the results. Then we saw two fish and she blew up and sank."

"The invasion fleet left Lingayen Bay and the submarine fired into the middle of it as she dived to get away. No results were learned."

**ORDERED TO BORNEO**  
She was supposed to return to Manila but that city had fallen so she patrolled off Davao and in Manila Straits until ordered to Balikpapan, Dutch Borneo.

"The Japs got to Balikpapan first so the beloved sub proceeded to Surabaya which was being bombed. Food was getting scarce there and Tillychay, southern Java, after almost 50 days at sea.

Officers and crew went to an island and set up camp. They reached the camp and the hands rushed back to the sub.

On her next trip two torpedo hits were scored on a heavy war craft but destroyers chased the sub before she could surface.

"She proceeded to Australia, attempting to get out shortly afterward for the South China Sea, 2,000 miles away.

"We spotted a warship heading north for Japan," O'Neil said. "We scored four hits on her—under each turret and she blew up and sank. We popped him at night and he certainly sounded nice when he went off."

"Two days later," he continued, "we got a Jap merchantman with two torpedoes. He sank slowly and we could see people running around the decks with flashlights. Survivors were known for producing immediate results. It prevented the Rupture from protruding 10 days on the average—regardless of size or location of Rupture and no matter how hard you work or strain. It has no tie straps, Surgery or injection Treatment used." Mr. Meinhardt has been coming here for 15 years. He has thousands of satisfied customers.

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Production Board ruled today that any aviation student "whose ability to fly will contribute directly to the war effort" can obtain an exception to an order which prohibits the sale or rental of light pleasure aircraft.

The formal statement issued by W. L. Jack Nelson, chief of the Aircraft Priorities Branch, apparently was prompted by reports current in the country that all student instruction outside of Government-sponsored training programs had been halted by the order which went into effect Jan. 26.

Nelson said applications for exceptions should be made by aviation schools. Already, he added, 6,500 of these applications have been approved.

**Robert B. Smith Dead at Marion**  
MARION—Robert B. Smith, 30 member of the Board of directors of this city, died of pneumonia at his home here at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Smith was taken with influenza, physicians said, and it developed into a new type of pneumonia. Mr. Smith was engaged in the oil and mercantile business and was well known throughout Western North Carolina.



**BLOSSOM TIME ON THE POTOMAC**—A member of the Capitol guard lends a martial note symbolic of the times to the annual picture of cherry blossoms in Washington.

**State Revenue Gains**  
RALEIGH—(AP)—State revenue collections for the nine months ended March 31 were \$75,794,151.37, an increase of \$3,706,741.14 over the same period the year before. March collections were \$25,924,109.71.

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