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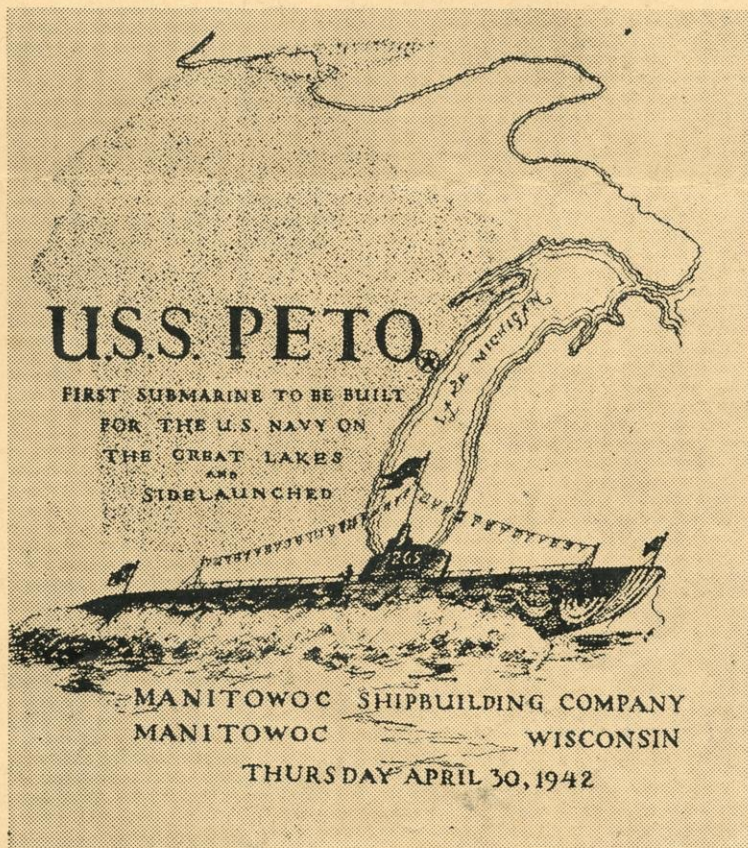
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Souvenir Program

KEEL BLOCK



U.S.S. PETO
FIRST SUBMARINE TO BE BUILT
FOR THE U.S. NAVY ON
THE GREAT LAKES
AND
SIDELAUNCHED

MANITOWOC SHIPBUILDING COMPANY
MANITOWOC WISCONSIN

THURSDAY APRIL 30, 1942



MRS. EMANUEL A. LOFQUIST

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Emanuel A. Lofquist—wife of Captain E. A. Lofquist, U. S. Navy, Chief of Staff and Aide to Commandant, U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., as sponsor for the launching of the Submarine U. S. S. Peto.



Program

APRIL 30 - 1942

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SUBMARINERS BAND
MILTON DETJEN, CONDUCTING |
| U.S.S. PETO CHRISTENING | MRS. E. A. LOFQUIST |
| ANCHORS AWEIGH | SUBMARINERS BAND |
| LAUNCHING ADDRESS | CAPTAIN E. A. LOFQUIST
CHIEF OF STAFF, NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS |
| M. S. B. PLEDGE | MR. JOHN E. THIELL,
VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
MANITOWOC SHIPBUILDING COMPANY |

BRIEF HISTORY OF SUBMARINES AND SUBMARINE HISTORY IN THE MAKING AT MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

The first submarine built and accepted by the United States Navy was the U.S.S. "Holland." John P. Holland was the inventor, Frank T. Cable was the first captain, and E. H. Ewertz was the builder. The "Holland" was bought by the Government in April, 1900, and became the first submarine in the United States Navy.

The first submarine to be built on the Great Lakes was invented, designed and built by Lodner D. Phillips. This boat was launched in the waters of Lake Michigan from Michigan City, Indiana, in 1845. Phillips' third boat and most successful, and quite similar to the "Holland" type boat, was launched in 1851.

In Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on June 26, 1894, Richard Raddatz, a student at Normal School, ran a successful trial of his submarine, the first to be built in Wisconsin, before the astonished eyes of the men and women of the surrounding countryside.

On November 1, 1940, Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, signed the contract for ten submarines to be built at Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

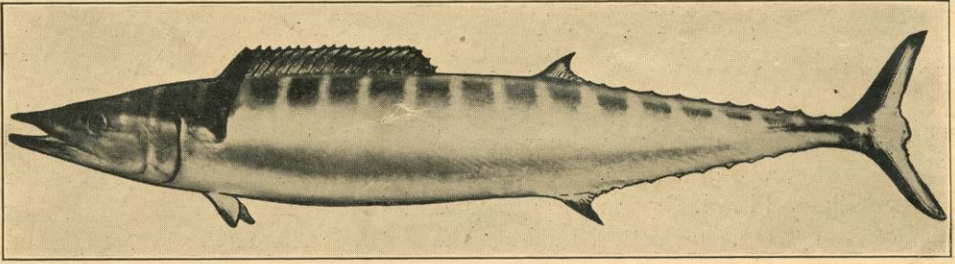
On Wednesday, June 18, 1941, at twelve-thirty P. M., the first 14' section, weighing approximately thirty-five tons, was laid on the keel blocks—the beginning of the U.S.S. "Peto." Officers and members of the local Naval Advisory Staffs, local representatives of the Electric Boat Company, officials and employees of the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company were addressed briefly by Lieutenant Commander G. C. Weaver, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, and President Charles C. West.

Now, on April 30, 1942, at eleven-fifty A. M., several weeks ahead of schedule, the "Peto" is to be launched. Mrs. Emanuel A. Lofquist, wife of Captain Emanuel A. Lofquist, Ninth Naval District, Great Lakes, Illinois is the sponsor.

The "Peto" will be the first submarine to be "side launched" in the United States.

The launching ceremony will be broadcast all over the United States through national networks, as well as local stations.

The Keel Block, on behalf of the Company, extends greetings to all our guests and congratulations to the men whose efforts have made this launching a possibility. Also, we'd like to remind all that there is much to be done before this boat, the "Peto", can go into active service against our enemies. So far the record is excellent. Let's keep up the good work and "Keep 'em Sliding."



The Peto, after which the first submarine built at Manitowoc is named.

By now probably everyone knows that all submarines are named after fish. The "Peto" is generally referred to as a member of the mackerel family, not unlike the Spanish Mackerels, but with jaws forming a sort of pointed beak. The teeth in the jaws are set close together, each being strong and knife-like, with fine saw-edges. The coloration of the back is dark steel-blue, and is sharply differentiated from the pale bluish-grey of the sides and belly. Sometimes the whole fish is nearly black. The Peto grows to a length of 6 feet or more, and a weight of at least 100 lbs.; is a large, fast-swimming, predaceous fish, found in the open sea, but rarely encountered in numbers.

U.S. Submarine
"PETO"
*The First Submarine to be Built
on the Great Lakes*

Keel Laid 12:30 P.M. Wed. June 18, 1941
at the
MANITOWOC SHIPBUILDING COMPANY
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

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