

PENN OVERALL SUPPLY CO.

OVERALL DRY CLEANERS AND FURNISHERS

OFFICE AND PLANT
2234 LA PLACE STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA.

ATLANTIC 2866 - 2867

February 26, 1943

Local Board 7
City of Pittsburgh
Engine House #28
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

This petition for re-classification from 1A to ~~3B~~ or 2A, is submitted in a sincere attempt to remedy a hardship within the meaning of present Selective Service Regulations and Directives. This petition is intended to prove "war necessity" of the Company of the Appellant, which justifies re-classification into 3B, and then the Key position of appellant which justifies re-classification into 2A.

I This appeal is based on Necessity of Work We Perform

A. There is substantial precedent for declaring this company essential in Washington, Oregon, California; Detroit, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, laundries have been declared essential. These included Home laundries, and Linen Supply companies, either of which has a lesser place in the war effort, directly.

B. What this company contributes to the War Effort:

1. We re-wash all wiping materials used in the following plants, which in turn are engaged exclusively in production of materials for use by the fighting forces:

- Westinghouse
- Westinghouse Air Brake
- Hydril Corporation-Rochester
- Jones & Laughlin (3)
- Allis-Chalmers
- Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt
- National Tube Company
- Armstrong Cork Company (3)
- Carnegie Illinois Steel (4)
- Dravo Corporation
- Neville Company
- Standard Steel Spring (2)
- Lewis Foundry
- Duquesne Steel Foundry
- Homestead Valve
- Pittsburgh Steel Drum
- National Machine & Foundry (Scottdale)
- Uptegraff
- Firth Sterling
- Lee C. Moore Company
- Anchor-Hocking
- Allegheny Ludlum Steel
- Hazel Atlas
- Syntron
- Fairmont Aluminum

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- ③ Our Company
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Republic Steel
Union Electric Steel
National Supply Company
H.J.Heinz
Union Railroad
Duplate Company
Pittsburgh Plate Glass
Latrobe Electric Steel
Anchor Drawn Steel
Railway Industrial Engineering
Walworth
Stupekoff-Latrobe
Linde Air (4)
Pittsburgh Pipe & Coupling
Universal Lubrication
West Penn Power Company
Duquesne Light Company
Pittsburgh Railways
Pittsburgh Plate Glass
Continental Can Company
Fort Pitt Bedding
Royal Bedding
Coraopolis Water Department
Ford City Water Department

- C. There are many companys for whom we re-wash wiping materials, whose position is that of a secondary supply nature to many company. In these cases, we are contributing to the war effort insofar as we are preserving existing supplies of cotton wiping materials; also in some of these instances, only a portion of the firm's work is directly within the war effort:

Boiler Tube Company
Tracey Manufacturing
Tubelur Service
Sun Telegraph
River Raisen Paper
Kress Box Company
Waverly Oil Company
Liberty Mirror
Sipes Paint Company
Thompson Paint Company
Mississippi Glass Company
American Window Glass (3)
Victory Glass
American Glass-Greensburg
Oswald & Hess Company

- D. We Wash dirty Work Clothes for men working in the following plants in which 100% of Production is for use of the Armed services. This work is of vital importance to the maintenance of public health and safety. We are one of the few companies which repair and keep buttons on all garments as a safety measure:

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Union Railroad--Hall Station Roundhouse
Mesta Machine
B&O Shops-Glenwood
Oliver Iron & Steel
A.M. Byers
Republic Steel
Mackintosh-Hemphill
Iron City Tool
Duquesne Smelting
National Tube Company
Jones & Laughlin
Homestead Steel Works
Carrie Furnace
Vandegrift Works--Carnegie--Illinois
Duquesne Works--C.I.
Irvin Works--C.I.
Schoes Works-C.I.
Edgar Thompson Works--C.I.
Pitcairn Shops--P.R.R.
~~Somerfield~~ Somerfield Company-Braddock
Duquesne Light
American Steel & Wire--Rankin
Dravo
Standard Steel Spring--Coraopolis
Homestead Valve
Duquesne Foundry
Hydril
American Nut & Bolt
Armstrong Cork
Sterling Steel -Braddock
Firth-Sterling
Copperweld
P&L.E.-Glassport
Shire-Oaks--P.R.R.
Spang Chalfont
Columbia-Ward-Carnegie
National Supply
Pa. Industrial Chemical--Clairton
Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt
American Bridge--Ambridge & Leetsdale
T.W.A.
Union Switch & Signal
Flannery Bolt
Nuttall Works--Westinghouse
United Engineering & Foundry
BlawKnox
Union Steel Casting
Power Piping & Equipment
Canonsburg Steel
Scaife Company

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Edgewater Steel
Thomas Spacing
Braeburn Steel
Hunter-Dravo
Shenango Penn Mold
Neville Company
Pittsburgh-Des Moines
McKay Chain
Taylor Wilson
Pittsburgh Railways
Crucible Steel
Pressed Steel Car
Koppers United-Butadiene Company
American Shear & Knife
Homestead Electric
Linde Air
Pittsburgh Plate Glass
Aluminum Company--Canonsburg
Washington Mold
Hazel Atlas--Washington
B.F. Drakenfield--Washington
General Electric--New Kensington
P.H. Murphy--New Kensington
Harwick Mine
Harmarville Mine
Butler Consolidated Coal
Monessen Coke & Chemical
Pittsburgh Steel Company
Westinghouse--Homewood

Union Springs

In addition to this list, there are many companies doing less than 100% War work where we are preserving essential clothing supplies by virtue of our double process of dry-cleaning and washing, and by keeping garments in constant repair.

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In some plants we rent special shop towels that are substitutes for rags and waste. These towels are safer and more sterilized than normal wipers. In these plants, they use our towels exclusively, and if they did not, they would represent a greater strain on existing cotton wiper stocks, that would do a poor job, and create considerable confusion:

Union Switch & Signal Company
Flannery Bolt-Bridgeville
R.D. Nuttall--Westinghouse
McKenna Metals--Latrobe
Appollo Steel Company
Armstrong Cork Company
Oliver Iron & Steel Company

Dunkley

F. In Some plants, we rent work clothes, where for reasons of public health and sanitation, State law or personal preference require

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safe and sterilized work clothing weekly:

National Alloy Steel (Blawnox)

Tarentum Paper

Canonsburg Steel

Scaife Company

Drakenfield Company

Christian & Company

Cooked Foods

Meadow Gold Dairies

Pittsburgh Milk

Menzies

Pages Dairy

Hagan Company--Uniontown, Greensburg, Clarksburg

Codo Manufacturing

Equitable Meter Company

Firth Sterling Company

Duquesne Smelting

Oswald & Hess

C.A. Waite Company

Pittsburgh Plate Glass

Copperweld

Harwick Mine

Butler Consolidated Mine

Lewis Dairies

Harmony Dairies

Taylor Milk--Ambridge

Keck's Dairy--Clairton

Foster Dairy--Washington

Beverly Farms

Indiana Dairy

Keystone Dairy--New Kensington

Falk & Company

Jones & Laughlin

Dwight-Hamlin

Universal Steel

American Shear

Monessen Coke & Chemical

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- G. To speak of this work being done elsewhere is impossible for the following reasons:
1. In most homes, washing machines are not available
 2. In many homes, women are in war work, and would be forced to take time off to do this essential cleaning
 3. Home laundries and linen houses are not equipped for this particular industrial laundry
 4. Experience in other cities has shown much loss of time for women war workers stopping to do this type of cleaning of clothing
 5. Such cleaning destroys home washers, and puts a drain on available parts, creating additional pressure where the need is to reduce the consumers' demand.

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Summation:

Each day, regulations concerning existing ~~and~~ supplies of working clothes, as well as those being manufactured, are becoming more stringent. There are restrictions on pockets, double seats, cuffs, triple seams, etc. Our company uses special processes which make it possible for existing stocks to last considerably longer than is the case under any other method of washing.

Also, day by day, existing stocks of wiping materials are being diminished, due in the main to a cutting off of foreign imports, as well as the fact clothes are being worn longer and not being converted into wipers as readily as previously; plus the additional burden being placed by war industries. Again, by proper methods as well as salvage itself, we are contributing an essential service to insure an abundance of wipers for essential war industries.

II

registrant
In the second instance, this appeal for deferment is based on the fact that the appellant will become a father on or about May 1, 1943. This fact is established by affidavit of Doctor, attached. An examination of the records will show that appellant was married on July 26, 1940, several months before the Selective Service Law was enacted. Furthermore, by agreement, appellant and wife set a two year limit of marriage before having children, and in this case no attempt is made to evade selection, or to postpone selection when imminent by having children. Under these circumstances, appellant submits that at least a 3B classification is reasonable and justified by the facts in the present case.

III

In support of classification into Class 2A, appellant submits attached statements of President of company. Having established the necessity of war work being done by this Company, appellant endeavors to show his position as being of a key nature that would adequately justify your Board in placing appellant in Class 2A.