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N. Nav. 353
(Revised May 1941)

APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

February 23, 1942

(Date)

From: Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.

(Name in full)

1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Official residence)

To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Via: (1) The Commandant, Ninth Naval District.

Subject: Application for appointment as Lt. (J.G.), U. S. N. R.

- Enclosures: (A) Evidence of citizenship.
 (B) Three letters of recommendation.
 (C) Official transcript of prior military service, other than U. S. Navy.
 (D) Certificates of education.

1. I request that I be appointed in the U. S. Naval

Reserve as Lt (J.G.) D.V. (S)

(Grade, corps, class)

2. The following information concerning the undersigned is furnished for consideration:

(a) Date and place of birth Omaha, Nebraska

July 14, 1913

(b) Citizenship American born

(U. S.)

(N. U. S.)

(Date of naturalization)

(c) Education South High, Grand Rapids, Mich. '31; University of Michigan

(Schools and colleges attended or graduated from with dates

AB degree, '35; Yale Law School, LLB degree, '41.

and degrees awarded. Attach properly authenticated certificates)

(d) Military or naval or Coast Guard service None

(Give dates, organizations, ranks, and/or ratings,

etc., of former and present service. Attach properly authenticated certificate if other than U. S.

(e) None
(naval service)

(f) State whether at present a member of any Federal or State military organization in an active, reserve, or retired status None

(g) If ever granted a pension, compensation for disability, or retired pay, or if claim for such is pending, state dates and circumstances None

(If none, so state)

(over)



(g) State whether you have ever been arrested or in the custody of police No

If so, for what? _____ Have you ever been in a reform school, jail, or penitentiary, or have you ever been convicted of any crime? If so,

state the circumstances _____
YMAA; Jr. Assn of Commerce; Kent Country Club; Peninsula

(h) Associations Club; Univ. of Michigan Alumni Club; Grand Rapids and Michigan State Bar Associations; American Football Coaches Assn.

(i) Seagoing experience other than naval service Seascouting and pleasure sailing

(j) Complete statement of all business and professional experience (give dates, names of employers, etc.) Yale University Athletic Assn. (1935-1941) Assistant football and boxing coach. University of Grand Rapids (1941 to present time) Instructor in Business Administration School and assistant football coach.

(k) Present occupation; by whom employed. (Statement from responsible authority as to availability for immediate mobilization, whenever required by Bureau

of Navigation's instructions.) At present I am an attorney and one of two partners in the law firm of Ford and Buchen, 621 Michigan Trust Bldg, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also teaching part time at the University of Grand Rapids.

(l) Other information concerning qualifications not shown above, including languages in which proficient Have taken an active part in the community life such as Community Chest, USO, Red Cross, Boy Scouts; and YMCA drives. Have a reading knowledge of French. With some practice can have a fair speaking knowledge. Have had considerable experience speaking before Yale University Alumni groups, luncheon clubs etc.

(m) Names and addresses of three or more references of individuals who are prominent in the community, who may be contacted as to applicant's moral, mental, and professional qualifications:
Paul Goebel, Goebel & Brown, Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan
Arthur Krause, Supt. of Schools, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Ogden Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale Athletic Assn., New Haven, Conn.

(n) Next of kin: Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Ford, Sr. Mother and Father Michigan
(Name) (Relationship)
1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(Address)

Make all statements complete including dates, attaching additional pages if necessary.

Original: To Bureau of Navigation.

Copies: Commandant concerned.

Bureau concerned.

Applicant's file.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
(Signature in full)

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATION AND PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(Print or Type)

Dec. 13, 1941

1. Name FORD, JR GERALD RUDOLPH (Date)
2. Address: (a) Home 1011 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids Michigan
(b) Business 621 Michigan Trust Bldg Grand Rapids Michigan
(c) Residence telephone number 58632
3. Birth data July 14 1913 Omaha Nebraska
4. Legal residence 1011 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids Michigan
5. Father's name Ford Sr. Gerald Rudolph
6. Father's occupation President of Ford Paint + Varnish Co. (Businessman)
7. Father's address 1011 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids, Michigan
8. Mother's maiden name Dorothy Gardner
9. (a) Father's birthplace Grand Rapids Michigan
(b) Mother's birthplace Harvard, Illinois
(c) Father's nationality (If naturalized, state when and where.) U.S. citizen
(d) Mother's nationality (If naturalized, state when and where.)
10. (a) Paternal:
Grandfather's name Ford Where born _____ Nationality American
Grandmother's name Pivley Where born Jackson, Mich Nationality American
(b) Maternal:
Grandfather's name L.A. Gardner Where born _____ Nationality American
Grandmother's name Ayer Where born _____ Nationality "
11. Marital status unmarried 12. Name of wife (or husband) _____
13. If divorced, state when and where granted _____
14. (a) Maiden name of wife _____
(b) Wife's birthplace and date of birth _____
(c) Nationality of wife (If naturalized, state when and where.) _____
(d) Name and address of wife's employer _____
15. (a) Husband's birthplace and date of birth _____
(b) Husband's occupation _____
(c) Nationality of husband (If naturalized, state when and where.) _____
(d) Name and address of husband's employer _____
16. (a) Citizenship an American citizen
(b) If naturalized, give date and place of naturalization _____
(c) Naturalization certificate number _____
(d) Date and port of entry _____
(e) Name of ship _____



17. (a) Have you ever been in the armed or civil service of any foreign government? No.

(b) Give particulars _____

18. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? No.

19. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? \$300.00

Central Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan

20. Describe any physical defects Have had cartilage removed from left knee joint. Operation performed in 1933 & was considered successful.

21. Health record during past 3 years (Give number of days lost from work and nature of serious illness.)

No time lost.

22. Give full names, nationality, nativity, and residence of any immediate relatives, either natural or by marriage, who are not citizens of the U. S. or who reside within the jurisdiction of any foreign government

23. Have you ever been arrested, or been involved as a witness, defendant, or plaintiff, in any court action, civil or criminal? Yes Give particulars Was arrested twice for violating the speed laws in Connecticut.

24. Education:

	(Name and location)	(From)	(To)	(Courses pursued, diplomas or degrees received)
High school	<u>South High</u>	<u>1927</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>High school degree</u>
College (s)	<u>University of Michigan</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>A. B.</u>
Others	<u>Yale University Law School</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>J. L. B.</u>

25. Chronological history of past employment:

Name Yale Athletic Association

Address New Haven, Conn.

City and State: _____

Kind of establishment or shop: athletic department Yale University

Dates _____

From: _____ To: _____ Salary \$ \$3,500.00

Sept. 1935 June 1941 per year.

Name _____

Address _____

City and State: _____

Kind of establishment or shop: _____

Dates _____

From: _____ To: _____ Salary \$ _____

per _____

Name _____

Address _____

City and State: _____

Kind of establishment or shop: _____

Dates _____

From: _____ To: _____ Salary \$ _____

per _____

Name _____

Address _____

City and State: _____

Kind of establishment or shop: _____

Dates _____

From: _____ To: _____ Salary \$ _____

per _____

Name _____

Address _____

City and State: _____

26. (a) Do you hold a Civil Service status? No (b) If so, give rating _____

27. (a) Give name and address of present employer at present I am one of the partners in the law firm of Ford & Bucher

(b) Precise nature of business Attorneys

28. Do you have any foreign language proficiency? Give details No proficiency in this line.

Title of job: _____

assistant football coach

Your duties and specialty: _____

Assistant line coach, in charge of scouting head coach of Junior Varsity team.

Name of supervisor: _____

Ogden Miller

Reasons for leaving: _____

To enter the practice of law.

Title of job: _____

Your duties and specialty: _____

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29. Religious affiliations Episcopal Church

30. Give names of all organizations, clubs, societies, etc., to which you belong:
Y. M. C. A.; Delta Kappa Epsilon; Kent Country Club; Peninsular Club;
Michigan Alumni Club;

31. Dependents. Give name, relationship, and age of each none

32. Service in Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast or National Guard, etc. One summer I served
in the National Park Service as a temporary ranger at Yellowstone Park

33. References. At least five, not relatives or former employers:

Name	Address	Occupation	Time known
<u>Paul Koebel</u>	<u>Jefferson Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.</u>	<u>businessman</u>	<u>12 yrs</u>
<u>Thorne Brown</u>	<u>Monroe Ave " " "</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>10 "</u>
<u>Arthur Krause</u>	<u>Bd of Education " " "</u>	<u>Supt. of Schools</u>	<u>16 "</u>
<u>Wm Beckwith</u>	<u>Morris, Illinois</u>	<u>businessman</u>	<u>10 yrs</u>
<u>Ralph Conger</u>	<u>Campbell Plaza, Grand Rapids, Mich.</u>	<u>teacher</u>	<u>26 "</u>

34. Do you have any relatives in State or Federal service? Yes If so, furnish name, address, relationship, and position held:

Thomas R. Ford, Los Angeles, Cal., brother, Ensign in the Navy.

Where this form is used to complete personal history and not as an application, questions 35, 36, and 37 need not be answered.

- 35. What is lowest entrance salary you will accept? _____
- 36. For what position are you applying? _____
- 37. Will you accept assignment anywhere? _____

NOTE.—All questions must be answered completely. Incomplete forms will not receive consideration. If insufficient space, attach a separate paper and identify with the proper number.

Passport-size photograph

Staple—do not paste

Write name on reverse side. Photo must have been taken not more than 30 days prior to filing application.

I solemnly swear or affirm that the foregoing answers are true.

(Usual signature)

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____

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35mm negative of Gerald Ford from about
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taken in conjunction with his
application for a Naval Reserve
commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

Classification: I-V(S)

December 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Ford:

In accordance with your recent request, application forms are enclosed for appointment in the United States Naval Reserve.

On Form N. Nav. 353, information concerning business, social and political organizations should be included under "Associations", and a Chronological record of employment should be given under "Professional experience." The full name of father, full maiden name of mother, length of residence in community, church affiliation, and property ownership should be included under "Other information."

In addition to the enclosed forms, it will be necessary for you to submit the following credentials:

1. Evidence of citizenship - duly certified copy of public or church record of birth, or an affidavit, under oath, of the physician, midwife, or other persons present at the birth.
2. Authenticated transcript of educational qualifications.
3. Three letters of recommendation from past and present employers or persons having a knowledge of candidate's qualifications.
4. Signed passport photographs - 5 full face and 5 profile.
5. Physical examination, fingerprint record, and Navy health record which can be procured by reporting to any Navy or Naval Reserve Medical Officer, or to Naval Reserve Armory, 7600 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

① Patry
② K...
③ Brown

(All credentials will become the property of the Navy Dept.)

When you are classified under Selective Service, notify this office of your induction date, and the number and address of your Local Board.

Sincerely yours,

S. B. Moxley

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Lieutenant (jg) USNR



Mr. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan
cc.BuNav.

Mr. Layman
Federal Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

REFER TO NO.

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NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 24, 1942

Dear Mr. Ford:

After thoroughly reviewing your application for a commission in the Intelligence Branch of the Naval Reserve, we would like to suggest that, with your particular qualifications, you consider making application for a commission in the Physical Education Branch of the Service.

It is suggested that you arrange to come to Chicago as soon as possible, and at your own expense, for an interview. Upon your arrival here, please see Ensign Graham, Room 2280, Board of Trade Building, who will be glad to advise you further regarding your application.

Your interest in the Naval Intelligence Reserve is greatly appreciated, and it is hoped that your particular qualifications can be fully utilized in some branch of the Service.

Yours very truly,


HORACE DAWSON
Lieutenant Commander, USNR

Mr. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan



GOEBEL & BROWN

SPORTING GOODS

12-14 MONROE AVENUE TELEPHONE 8-9402

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

February 23, 1942

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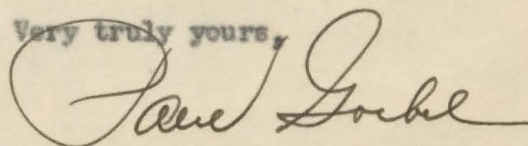
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He was an outstanding athlete at South High School here in Grand Rapids and continued his athletic career at the University of Michigan where he played an outstanding game of football. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he went to Yale as assistant football coach where he also found time to take a degree in Law in addition to the AB degree he received at the University of Michigan. At the present time, he is engaged in the practice of law in the City of Grand Rapids under the firm name of Ford & Buchen.

He is very well known in the City of Grand Rapids and is rated as one of the outstanding young men of the community, and there is no question that he will make a very fine contribution to this community during his life-time. I know of no one myself who has a finer rating in this community than this young man and he will make a fine contribution in any line of endeavor to which he applies himself.

I should be very happy to furnish more in detail any information regarding Mr. Ford if you so desire.

Very truly yours,



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Law Gabriel

FOG:PH



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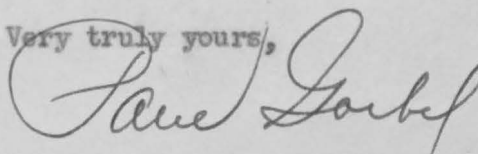
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Gerald Ford has distinct leadership ability, and with his experience in athletics as a background I feel that he is exceptionally capable of doing an excellent job in whatever branch of service he may be called upon to enter.

I should be very glad to advance more detailed information as regards Ford if more information seems advisable.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Pond

RWP/A

Head Coach of Football and Baseball
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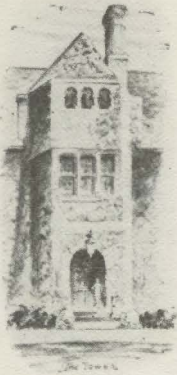
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Chicago, Illinois

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Respectfully submitted,

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YALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

RAY TOMPKINS HOUSE
NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

February 24, 1942

Thomas J. Hamilton
Lt. Comdr. USN
Navy Department
Bureau of Aeronautics
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Hamilton:

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Michigan has asked me to write to you in his behalf.

Ford was a member of our coaching staff here at Yale for several years during which time he also pursued and obtained his law degree. As a teacher and coach he is superior and his personal qualifications including appearance, poise, character and loyalty are beyond criticism. Ford is one of the highest type young men I know and I am convinced that his qualities enumerated above together with his intelligence serve to make him an outstanding candidate for a commission in the Naval Reserve.

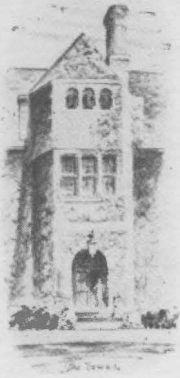
I am asked to write many letters of recommendation but few can be written more easily and with more enthusiasm than this one about Ford.

I shall be glad to answer specific questions about him if this letter of reference is not sufficient.

Yours sincerely,

Ogden Miller





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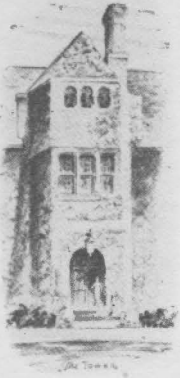
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Mr. Ford is the son of Gerald Ford, head of the Ford Paint Company, who is one of the most prominent citizens of Grand Rapids, both in business and socially. The candidate has followed in the footsteps of his father in becoming active in civic and social activities of the city. He is possessed of a fine personality, high ideals and strong character. From what I understand of the duties that would be required of Mr. Ford, I am confident that he is well qualified and I do not hesitate to recommend him.

Respectfully submitted,

George "Dotsy" Clark

George "Dotsy" Clark
Personnel and Athletic Director



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APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

February 23, 1942
(Date)

From: Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.

(Name in full)

1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Official residence)

To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Via: (1) The Commandant, Ninth Naval District.

Subject: Application for appointment as Lt. (J.G.), U. S. N. R.


Enclose: Evidence of citizenship.
Three letters of recommendation.
Official transcript of prior military service, other than U. S. Navy.
Dates of education.

1. I request to be appointed in the U. S. Naval Reserve as Lt. (J.G.) (S) (Class)

2. The following undersigned is furnished information:

- (a) Date and place of birth: 14, 1913
Omaha, Nebraska
- (b) Citizenship: American born (U. S.) (Date of naturalization)
- (c) Education: South High, Grand Rapids, Michigan, '31; University of Michigan AB degree, '35; Yale LLB degree, '41.
and degrees awarded. Attach properly authenticated copies.

ATTACH RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS
(head and shoulders)
2½ by 2½ inches
1 FULL FACE and
1 PROFILE



(d) Military or naval or Coast Guard service: _____
_____ (Rank, ratings, etc., of former and present service. Attach properly authenticated copies.)
_____ (Date if other than U. S.)

(e) State whether at present a member of any Federal or State organization in an active, reserve, or retired status _____

(f) If ever granted a pension, compensation for disability, or if claim for such is pending, state dates and circumstances _____
None

(If none, so state)
(over)

NOTICE: When Form #353 has served its purpose, please return to Dir. of Naval Offr. Procurement, Board of Trade Bldg., 141 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

(g) State whether you have ever been arrested or in the custody of police No

If so, for what? _____ Have you ever been in a reform school, jail, or penitentiary, or have you ever been convicted of any crime? If so,

state the circumstances _____

(h) Associations YMCA; Jr. Assn of Commerce; Kent Country Club; Peninsular Club; Univ. of Michigan Alumni Club; Grand Rapids & Michigan State Bar Associations; American Football Coaches Assn.

(i) Seagoing experience other than naval service Seascouting and pleasure sailing.

(j) Complete statement of all business and professional experience (give dates, names of employers, etc.) Yale University Athletic Assn. (1935-1941) Assistant football and boxing coach. University of Grand Rapids (1941 to present time) Instructor in Business Administration School and assistant football coach.

(k) Present occupation; by whom employed. (Statement from responsible authority as to availability for immediate mobilization, whenever required by Bureau

of Navigation's instructions.) At present I am an attorney and one of two partners in the law firm of Ford and Buchen, 621 Michigan Trust Bldg., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also teaching part time at the University of Grand Rapids,

(l) Other information concerning qualifications not shown above, including lan-

guages in which proficient Have taken an active part in the community life such as Community Chest, USO, Red Cross, Boy Scout and YMCA drives. Have a reading knowledge of French. With some practice can have a fair speaking knowledge. Have had considerable experience speaking before Yale University Alumni groups, luncheon clubs, etc.

(m) Names and addresses of three or more references of individuals who are prominent in the community, who may be contacted as to applicant's moral, mental, and professional qualifications:
Paul Goebel, Goebel & Brown, Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan
Arthur Krause, Supt. of Schools, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Orden Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale Athletic Assn., New Haven, Conn.

Dr. Paul Voelker, Pres. University of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(n) Next of kin Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, Sr. Mother & Father, Michigan

(Name) _____ (Relationship) _____
1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(Address)

Make all statements complete including dates, attaching additional pages if necessary.

Original: To Bureau of Navigation.

Copies: Commandant concerned.

Bureau concerned.

Applicant's file.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
(Signature in full)



YALE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

RAY TOMPKINS HOUSE
NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

February 24, 1942

Thomas J. Hamilton
Lt. Comdr. USN
Navy Department
Bureau of Aeronautics
Washington, D. C.

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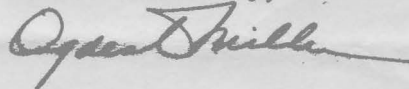
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(To accompany Form N.Nav. 353 or Nav. 392 in Triplicate)

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(Date and Place)

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(Name in full)

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(Official residence)

To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Via: The Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

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Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr
(Signature - full name)

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March 25, 1942

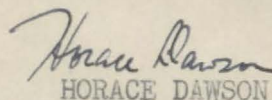
Dear Mr. Ford:

Your application for a commission in the Intelligence Branch of the Naval Reserve is being reconsidered.

In view of this we are enclosing herewith confidential ONI 1(f) form, in duplicate, serial number 8354.

Please complete these forms at your earliest convenience and forward them to this office by registered mail in order that further action may be taken on your application.

Yours very truly,


HORACE DAWSON

Lieutenant Commander, USNR

Mr. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan



Refer to No.

NPC (6246-42) ECJ
G. R. Ford, Jr.

OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
141 JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 27, 1942

Dear Sir:

You are hereby informed that your application for appointment as a commissioned officer in the U. S. Naval Reserve has, on this date been forwarded to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C. for final consideration.

At such time as the Director is in receipt of information as to the action taken on your application, you will be so advised.

Yours truly,

J. L. CLARKSON,
By direction.

Mr. Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan



OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
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141 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.

HPC (6245-42) BCJ
G. R. Ford, Jr.

March 27, 1942

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on application of Mr. **Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.**,
dated **2/23/42**, requesting appointment in
the U. S. Naval Reserve.

From: The Director of Naval Officer Procurement,
Chicago, Ill.
To: The Chief of the Bureau of NAVIGATION.

Subject: Mr. **Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.**, 1011 Santa Cruz
Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan; applicant
for appointment in the USNR as Ensign
D-V(P).

References: (a) N. R. M. A. L. No. 124-41 of 12/24/41.
(b) BuNav Mailgram 301359, dated 12/30/41.

1. Forwarded under authority of reference (a)
in accordance with procedure outlined in reference (b), recom-
mending appointment in the USNR as **Ensign D-V(P)**.

2. Report of interview and investigation has
been requested, and will be forwarded to the Bureau by the
Director immediately upon receipt in this Office.

J. L. CLARKSON,
By direction.

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[April 1942]

IMPORTANT

To be completed and returned to the Commandant with Oath and Acceptance of Office in order that the proper Selective Service Officials may be officially notified as to your military status.

Ford, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.

(Name of Officer, surname first)



Ensign D-V(P)I USNR

(Rank and Corps)

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Address)

Selective Service

Local Board No. 4 for Kent County

Address Houseman Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Selective Service Order No. 1385 Classification 1-A

April 3, 1942

NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

From: The Director of Naval Officer Procurement

To: Lt-Cdr. M. L. Coon, D-V(G) USNR
USNR Armory, 7600 Jefferson Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.



Subject: Application of Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., applicant
for commission in D-V(P). Investigation of.

Enclosures: (A) Form N. Nav. 544 Rest. (quadruplicate)
(B) Check-Off Sheets.
(C) Copy N. Nav. 353

1. The Director has received the attached application for appointment to commissioned rank in the United States Naval Reserve.
2. A thorough investigation is required and you are to submit a report on the enclosed forms in quadruplicate.
3. The information required in paragraph 5(g) should be obtained from an interview with the applicant.
4. A thorough investigation of the applicant should include:
 - (a) Verification of letters requires determination of authenticity, degree of positiveness, and character of the signer.
 - (b) Check of candidate's moral standing, standing in the community, background, integrity, and racial extraction.
 - (c) Check of candidate's statements of employment, previous service or work.
 - (d) Check of nature of associates, and type of memberships in organizations.
5. The attached N. Nav. 353 Must be returned together with the report of interview and investigation.
6. The Director of Naval Reserve is designated Senior Investigator.

M. L. Horner, Jr.
By direction.

THE
President of the United States of America.



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and Abilities of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR. I do appoint him

ENSIGN

in the Naval Reserve of The United States Navy to rank from the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL 1942. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of such office by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers, Seamen and Marines under his Command to be obedient to his orders. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of The United States of America, or his Superior Officer set over him, according to the Rules and Discipline of the Navy.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States, for the time being.

Done at the City of Washington, this FOURTH day of APRIL in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and FORTY-TWO and of the Independence of The United States of America, the One Hundred and SIXTY-SIXTH.

By the President:

James Forrestal
Acting Secretary of the Navy

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APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE

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From: THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT.

To: Ensign Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR,
1011 Santa Cruz Drive,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Via: Director of Naval Officer Procurement, Chicago, Illinois.

Subject: Appointment in United States Naval Reserve. (PROBATIONARY)
Inclosure: (A) Commission.

1. Having been appointed an Ensign

United States Naval Reserve to rank from April 16, 1942 in the
pleasure in transmitting herewith your commission, dated April 4, 1942 , the Bureau takes
You are hereby assigned to the Volunteer Reserve for
Special Service (Deck duties)
effective on the date you execute acceptance and oath of office under your commission.

2. ~~Your mobilization assignment will be as determined by the~~

RANDALL JACOBS,

Chief of Bureau.

Copy to:

Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

R. McAfee,

(By direction)

ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE



I, ~~Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr.,~~ do hereby accept the above
appointment, and having been appointed an ~~Ensign~~

in the United States
Naval Reserve, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the
United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the
same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that
I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.
I understand that failure to complete any prescribed training course,
or a review of my completed application regarded as unsatisfactory,
~~will be considered sufficient cause for my discharge.~~

City of Detroit
State of Michigan

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr. (Signature)
Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of April, 1942

D. G. Shea Lt. Ensign (Ret) (Signature and official title)

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April 7, 1942

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To: Ensign Gerald R. FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR,
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Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Via: Director of Naval Officer Procurement,
Chicago, Illinois.

Subject: Active duty with pay and allowances - chargeable
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Comdt., NINTH N.D.

RANDALL JACOBS

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April 9, 1942

Chicago, Illinois.

Commandant
Ninth Naval District
Ensign Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR
1011 Santa Cruz Drive., Grand Rapids, Mich.

BY DIRECTION

any Navy or Naval Reserve Medical Officer,
Naval Reserve Armory, 7600 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.

You will notify the Commandant, Ninth Naval District,
of the exact date you comply with these orders.
By direction.

For compliance with these orders.
The time required for compliance and for travel necessary
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- (B) Form N. 15A. 1A.
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- (D) Naval Administration Act for current fiscal year.
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Department of Naval Personnel
Active duty with pay and allowances - complete

Director of Naval Officer Personnel
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Ensign Gerald R. Ford, Jr., D-V(P), USNR
The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation

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OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
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April 8, 1942.

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Via:

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Reference: (a) Acceptance and Oath Of Office-Nav-3651-JG
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Enclosures: (A) Commission as Ensign D-V(P),
in the U. S. Naval Reserve.
(B) Form N. Nav. 360, Acceptance and Oath of
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(C) Pamphlet, "The Naval Reserve of the United
States Navy".
(C) Active Duty Orders Nav-3614-DER
141329-2 Dated April 7, 1942.



1. The enclosures are forwarded herewith with the request that prompt attention be given to the instructions contained on the reverse side of the "letter of Transmittal, Acceptance and Oath of Office". In this connection it is directed that enclosure (B) be executed in accordance with these instructions and proper disposition of copies be made at the earliest practicable date.

2. It is further requested that both yellow copies be signed prior to forwarding to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, and that certification be completed under the caption "Certified to be a true copy" in the lower left corner of this form.

W. P. Goodrich
for Wm. P. GOODRICH.
By direction.

cc: District Officer Personnel

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Wm. P. GOODRICH.
By direction.



cc:District Officer Personnel

OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

NPC (15110-42)PC
141329-1

April 8, 1942.

From: Director, Naval Officer Procurement.

To: Ensign Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR,
1011 Santa Cruz Drive,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Via:

Subject: Appointment in the United States Naval Reserve.

Reference: (a) **Acceptance and Oath of Office-Nav-3651-JG
141329-1 Dated April 6, 1942.**

Enclosures: (A) Commission as **Ensign D-V(P),**
in the U. S. Naval Reserve.
(B) Form N. Nav. 360, Acceptance and Oath of
Office (original and five copies).
(C) Pamphlet, "The Naval Reserve of the United
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Upon reporting, forward a copy of orders with all endorsements to Commandant of Naval District in which you maintain your official residence.

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Refer to No. Nav-3614-DER

141329-2

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 7, 1942

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Copy to:
Supt., USNA, Annapolis, Md.
BuAero.
Comdt., NINTH N.D.

Handwritten signature: Randall Jacobs

U.S. Navy Pay Off. Annapolis, Md. 4/28/42 Paid mileage from Grand Rapids, Mich. to Detroit, Mich. and return and from Grand Rapids, Mich. to Annapolis, Md. 1120 mi. at .09 per mile Less 87¢ and grant mi. at .03 per mile \$89.60
J. J. Stewart, Lieut. (SC) USN

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 9, 1942

(DATE)

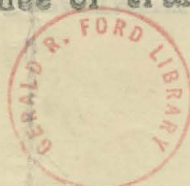
FROM: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT, Chicago, Illinois.
(CITY)
To: Ensign Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR
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2. You will notify the Commandant, Ninth Naval District, of the exact date you comply with these orders.

J. L. Clarkson
J. L. CLARKSON,
By direction.

	PLACE	DATE AND HOUR	SIGNATURES
RECEIVED	1011 Santa Cruz Grand Rapids, Michigan	April 10, 1942 10:30 A.M.	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
LEFT HOME	1011 Santa Cruz Grand Rapids, Michigan	April 13, 1942 5:30 A.M.	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
ARRIVED AT	Naval Reserve Armory Detroit, Michigan	April 13, 1942 9:05 A.M.	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
REPORTED AND EXAMINED PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED	USNTPS (Elec) Detroit, Mich	4-13-1942-1030	<i>M. C. Wilson</i> M. C. Wilson (MEDICAL OFFICER)
NOT PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED			
PROCEEDED	Naval Reserve Armory Detroit Michigan	4-13-1942-10:35	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
RETURNED HOME	1011 Santa Cruz Grand Rapids, Michigan	April 13, 1942 4:00 P.M.	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
PROCEEDED	1011 Santa Cruz Grand Rapids, Michigan	April 16, 1942 2:25 P.M.	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i> (RESERVE OFFICER)
REPORTED	U.S.N.A. Annapolis, Md.	4-20-42 0800	<i>P. L. High</i> By direction (COMMANDING OFFICER)
Arrived	Annapolis, Md.	4-20-42 0800	<i>Gerald R. Ford Jr.</i>

I certify that no portion of the travel for which mileage is claimed was performed on Government conveyance or transportation request.



Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT

April 9, 1942

(Date)

NPC(15533-42)LDG
141329-1

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Left Home			(Reserve Officer)
Arrived at			(Reserve Officer)
Reported and Examined Physically Qualified			(Medical Officer)
Proceeded			(Reserve Officer)
Returned Home			(Reserve Officer)
Proceeded			(Reserve Officer)
Reported			(Commanding Officer)

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
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Preference for duty--

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REPORT OF NEXT OF KIN

--- Ford, Gerald Rudolph, Jr. ---

(Name of officer, surname first)

--- April 11, 1942 ---

(Date)

=====
Name of next of kin: Gerald R. Ford, Sr.

Dorothy G. Ford

Father and Mother

(Relationship)

Permanent residence of next of kin:

Street and No. 1011 Santa Cruz

City or town Grand Rapids

State Michigan

Emergency address of next of kin:

Street and No. 1011 Santa Cruz

City or town Grand Rapids

State Michigan

Gerald R. Ford Jr.

(Signature)

(Rank and corps)

(SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE)



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS

(FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND RETURN TO COMMANDANT. BLOCKED SPACES RESERVED FOR NAVY DEPT.,

1. Name FORD, GERALD RUDOLPH, JR. File No. 141 329
(PRINT - SURNAME, FIRST)
2. Rank and Classification Ensign D-VA Date of Rank April 16, 1942
3. Naval District Ninth Division or Squadron _____
4. Permanent Official Address: City GRAND RAPIDS
5. State MICHIGAN County KENT
6. Street No., or R.F.D. 1011 SANTA CRUZ
7. Birth: Date JULY 14, 1913 State or Country OMAHA, NEBRASKA
8. Graduate of Naval Academy? No Naval R.O.T.C.? No
(UNIVERSITY)
9. State Nautical School? No Flight Training School? No
10. Other School or College ^(STATE) UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Graduated? YES Years 1935-1941
YALE LAW SCHOOL
11. Former Service U. S. Navy (Commissioned or Enlisted)? NONE
12. Rank or Rating When Separated NONE Year Separated _____
13. Principal Civilian Occupation ATTORNEY
14. Present Occupation ATTORNEY Name of Employer FORD + BUCHEN.
15. Other Training or Experience Which You Consider Significant from a Naval Standpoint.
16. INSTRUCTOR IN BUS. AD. SCHOOL, UNIV. OF GRAND RAPIDS, (1YR.)
17. FOREST RANGER YELLOWSTONE NATL PARK (4 mos.)
18. ATHLETIC COACH YALE UNIVERSITY (6 yrs.)
19. _____
20. Married or Single SINGLE No. of Dependents NONE
21. Date of Last Physical Examination _____
22. Language Qualifications and Proficiency FRENCH - 2 YRS COLLEGE; POOR.
23. Dept. of Commerce Licenses Now in Force _____
24. Remarks: MEMBER OF SEASCOOTS & BOY SCOUTS (EAGLE SCOUT)
25. HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE SMALL BOAT INLAND SAILING.
26. _____
27. _____
28. Date: April 11, 1942 Gerald R. Ford Jr.
(SIGNATURE)



FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: The Commandant, NINTH Naval District.
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

1. Forwarded. Officer's mobilization billet This officer on active duty at Naval Academy.

The below affidavit is required to be executed prior to any member of the Naval Reserve being taken up for pay, allowances or travel expense. It may be sworn to before any notary public, any naval officer authorized to administer oaths for purposes of naval administration, or any commanding officer of a squadron, battalion or division of the Naval Reserve.

A F F I D A V I T

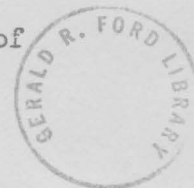
City of) Detroit
State of) State of Michigan

I, Ensign Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
(Rank or Rating)

U. S. Naval Reserve, being first duly sworn, upon oath depose and say that I am not drawing, nor have I a claim pending for, a pension, disability allowance, disability compensation or retired pay from the government of the United States.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of
April, 1942.



D. G. Shea
D. G. Shea, Lt. E-0, USNR (Ret)
(Signature and official title)

The original of this affidavit must accompany the original orders.

(Additional copies to be prepared as required)

ENCLOSURE (A)

ENCLOSURE (B)

A F F I D A V I T

I hereby certify that my family obligations are such as to properly permit my accepting active duty in the Naval Service for a period of one year or for the duration of the present limited emergency should this be less than one year.

Gerald R. Ford Jr.
Signature

Barbara L. Schler
Witness



Ford, Gerald Rudolph, Jr
(Name of Officer, surname first)

Ensign U.S.N.R. DV-(P)
(Rank and Corps)

REPORT OF DEPENDENTS UNDER ACT OF JUNE 10, 1922.

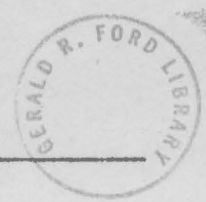
NOTE: The Act of June 10, 1922 defines the term "dependent" as a lawful wife, unmarried children under 21 years of age, or the mother of an officer provided she in fact is dependent on him for her chief support.

Number None

MOTHER _____ (Yes or No.)

WIFE _____ (Yes or No.)

Age and sex of each child under 21 years of age:



BENEFICIARY SLIP

Name **FORDZ, Gerald Rudolph Jr.**
(Print name, surname to the left)
1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan **April 13, 1942**
(Place) (Date)

Any change since last report:

~~XXXXXXXX~~
First Report

(Strike out one; if no change, do not fill out remainder of this report)

Under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved May 22, 1928 as extended by Acts approved August 27, 1940 and March 17, 1941 directing the payment of six months' pay to the widow, children, or dependent relative of the personnel on the active list of the regular Navy or regular Marine Corps, or on the retired list thereof when on active duty, or of any of the personnel of the U. S. Naval Reserve called or ordered into active naval service by the Federal Government for extended naval service in excess of 30 days, who die of wounds or diseases not the result of their own misconduct, I give below the names and addresses of my wife and that of each of my children.

N. t. Married

(Full name of wife; if not married, so state)

(Address of wife)

None

(Full name of child; if none, so state)

(Address of child)

None

(Full name of child; if none, so state)

(Address of child)

None

(Full name of child; if none, so state)

(Address of child)

In the event of my leaving no widow or child or of their decease before payment is made, I then designate as my beneficiary under the said act the following dependent relative, my

Mother

(Relationship)

Dorothy Gardner Ford

(Name in full)

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Address)



*(
(

* State briefly wherein dependence exists, such as "allotments registered," "monthly contributions by Government check," etc.

(OVER)

In the event that payment cannot be made to the above-named dependent relative, I then designate as my beneficiary under the said act the following dependent relative, my

Father

(Relationship)

Gerald Rudolph Ford Sr.

(Name in full)

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Address)

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*State briefly wherein dependency exists

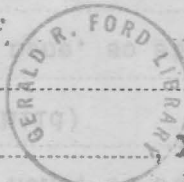
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the facts stated and disclosed in the foregoing are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.

(Name)

Ensign D-V(P)X

(Rank)



~~XXXXXXXX~~

U. S. Naval Reserve.

Suscribed and sworn to before me, this 13 day of April, 1942 I having the authority to administer oaths.

D. G. Shea
D. G. Shea, Lt. E-O, USNR(Ret)

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is to be prepared in duplicate by Naval Reserve personnel upon first reporting for active duty; the original to be forwarded to the Bureau of Navigation, and the copy to be retained with their records.

This form must be sworn to before an officer of the United States Naval Service authorized to administer oaths, or before a notary public.

The full names and addresses of the beneficiaries must be stated carefully. If a married woman, her own given name should be stated; thus: "Mrs. Anna May Smith," not "Mrs. John Smith."

New beneficiary slips shall be executed and forwarded as above in all cases of change of status of the grantor or in that of his or her beneficiaries.

In any event, payment will be made to the widow or children, if any, whether designated or not.

HEADQUARTERS NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
Great Lakes, Illinois

No.

Date

ND9/FORD, G.R., Jr./RG
(71037-42)

ROUTING SLIP

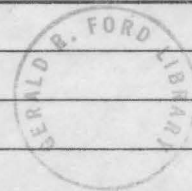
April 23, 1942.

To be used on Correspondence sent to officers at Great Lakes not in Commandant's Office.

Received from		<p align="center">SUBJECT:</p> <p>Ens. Gerald R. FORD, JR., D-V(P), USNR; fitness for active duty.</p>
Number	Date	
Reference		
ROUTING		ACTION REQUIRED OR TAKEN
District Commandant's Office		Acknowledge receipt
Commanding Officer, Naval Training Station		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comment and return
District Supply Officer		Compliance and return
District Accounting Officer		Information and return
District Aide for Supply		File
District Disbursing Officer		Necessary action
District Medical Officer		Furnished copy of reply for Commandant's file Commandant's
District Public Works Officer		Prepare letter for Chief of Staff's signature Commandant's
District Communication Officer		Prepare endorsement for Chief of Staff's signature
District Intelligence Officer		Recommendation
Station Disbursing Officer		Reply "by direction"
District War Plans Officer		Read and initial
Aviation Aide to Commandant		Return
Labor Board		Commandant See Chief of Staff in regard to this
Duplicate slip attached hereto will be signed by Officer receiving the correspondence who will return the duplicate to the Commandant's Office.		Charge to appropriation Subhead
		REMARKS
		Initialed by <p align="right">W.L.D.</p>

Check and initial in the following spaces, and prefix this slip to correspondence returned or copies of letters
furnished to Commandant.

Commandant	Date
Chief of Staff	Returned
Chief Clerk of Commandant	Complied with
	Initialed by



REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Purpose of this examination ACTIVE DUTY Date of examination 4-13-1942-s
Place of duty inactive duty Place of examination NavArmDetroit, Michigan
Name FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr. Rank Ens. D-V(P) Corps USNR
Place of birth Omaha, Nebraska Date of birth 7-14-1913
Family history Parents, 4 brothers, 2 sisters alive and well. No familial diseases.

History of illness or injury Usual childhood diseases. Appendectomy (1921)* Cartilage removed from left knee (1933)

Head and face normal
Eyes: Pupils (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) Round, regular, equal, react to I&A

Distant vision Rt. 18 /20, corrected to 20 /20 by glasses
Lt. 15 /20, corrected to 20 /20 by glasses

Binocular vision 18-20 Color perception Normal
(Without lenses—Recorded only when visual defects exist) (State edition of Stilling's plates used)

Disease or anatomical defects none
(Without lenses—Recorded only when visual defects exist) (State edition of Stilling's plates used)

Ears: Hearing Rt. Watch 40 /40" Coin click 20 /20" Whispered voice 15 /15' Spoken voice 15 /15'
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Binaural 15 /15'. Disease or defects None
(Spoken voice)

Nose normal-clear (Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

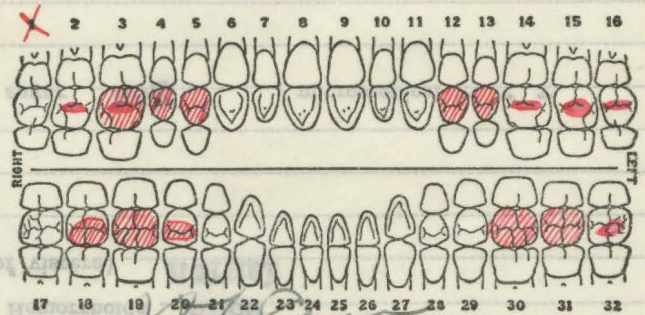
Sinuses normal

Tongue, palate, pharynx, larynx, tonsils normal

Teeth and gums (disease or anatomical defect): normal

Missing teeth 1 (List numbers)
Nonvital teeth no (List numbers)
Periapical disease no (Degree)
Marked malocclusion no (Yes or no)
Lack of serviceable occlusion no (Yes or no)
Pyorrhea alveolaris no (Degree)
Teeth replaced by bridges no (List numbers)
Meets dental requirements Yes (Yes or no)
Dentures - - - - (Description)

Mark missing teeth by X whether replaced or not. Show size and position of caries in black, use red to indicate fillings and restorations.



H.L. Carr, Lt. (jg) D-C-V(s) USNR
(Signature of dental examiner)

General build and appearance athletic heavy-erect (State whether slender, medium, or heavy, and postural abnormalities)

Temperature 98.6 Chest at expiration 37

Height 72 Chest at inspiration 40

Weight 192 Circumference of abdomen at umbilicus 31

Recent gain or loss, amount and cause constant normal

Skin, hair, and glands normal

Neck (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) normal

Spine and extremities (bones, joints, muscles, feet) normal

Thorax (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) normal

Respiratory system, bronchi, lungs, pleura, etc. normal

Cardio-vascular system normal

Heart (note all signs of cardiac involvement) normal

Pulse: Before exercise 72 Blood pressure: Before, S 114, D 76
 After exercise 100 Three minutes after, S 116, D 78
(Manual of the Medical Department par. 1520(6))

Three minutes after 74

Condition of arteries normal Character of pulse full-steady

Condition of veins normal Hemorrhoids none

Abdomen and pelvis (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) normal

Genito-urinary system normal

Urinalysis: Sp. gr. 1.024, alb. Neg, sugar neg, microscopical - - -

Venereal disease NONE

Nervous system Normal (Organic or functional disorders)

Romberg neg Incoordination (gait, speech) none

Reflexes, superficial normal, deep (knee, ankle, elbow) normal Tremors none

Serological tests (when required) - - -

Abnormal psyche (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) Normal

Smallpox vaccination { Date last vaccination 1922 Typhoid prophylaxis { Number of courses none
 Reaction primary Date of last course - - -

Remarks on abnormalities not otherwise noted or sufficiently described above - - -

Summary of defects Defective vision

Is the individual fit to perform active duty at sea or on foreign service? (If not, state limit of duty) Yes

Findings and recommendations (as per Courts and Boards, when necessary) - - -

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE BEEN EXAMINED PHYSICALLY THIS DATE & ACKNOWLEDGE DEFECTS AS NOTED ON THIS REPORT.

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
 Remarks or endorsement

M.C. Wilson
 M.C. Wilson, Lt. Comdr. MC-V(G) USNR

INSTRUCTIONS: Be definite in statement and specific in recommendation. All abnormal conditions shall be given diagnostic titles as listed in Navy Nomenclature. The original only shall be forwarded direct to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery except in cases of personnel of the Naval Reserve when the original and one copy shall be forwarded via the Commandant. Regarding preliminary examinations for the Naval Academy, see paragraph 1403, and for color perception, paragraph 1428, Manual of the Medical Department, U. S. Navy. The spoken voice (ordinary conversation) shall be recorded in all cases of defective hearing. In recording vision, the numerator of the fraction shall be the distance at which Snellen's 20-foot test letters can be determined and the denominator, 20.

HEADQUARTERS NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
Great Lakes, Illinois

No.

Date

ND9/FORD, G.R., Jr./RG **ROUTING SLIP**
(71037-42)

April 23, 1942.

To be used on Correspondence sent to officers at Great Lakes not in Commandant's Office.

Received from		SUBJECT:
Number	Date	
Reference		
		Ens. Gerald R. FORD, JR., D-V(P), USNR; fitness for active duty.
ROUTING		ACTION REQUIRED OR TAKEN
	District Commandant's Office	Acknowledge receipt
	Commanding Officer, Naval Training Station	XX Comment and return
	District Supply Officer	Compliance and return
	District Accounting Officer	Information and return
	District Aide for Supply	File
	District Disbursing Officer	Necessary action
XX	District Medical Officer	Furnished copy of reply for Commandant's file Commandant's
	District Public Works Officer	Prepare letter for Chief of Staff's signature Commandant's
	District Communication Officer	Prepare endorsement for Chief of Staff's signature
	District Intelligence Officer	Recommendation
	Station Disbursing Officer	Reply "by direction"
	District War Plans Officer	Read and initial
	Aviation Aide to Commandant	Return
	Labor Board	Commandant See Chief of Staff in regard to this
Duplicate slip attached hereto will be signed by Officer receiving the correspondence who will return the duplicate to the Commandant's Office.		Charge to appropriation Subhead
<p align="center">IS CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED FOR ACTIVE DUTY</p>		REMARKS
		<p align="center">GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY</p>
		Initialed by W.L.D.

Check and initial in the following spaces, and prefix this slip to correspondence returned or copies of letters furnished to Commandant.

Commandant	Date	23 APR 1942
Chief of Staff	Returned	<i>ABD</i>
Chief Clerk of Commandant	Complied with	A.B. DAVIDSON
	Initialed by	Captain (MC), U.S. Navy

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

April 25, 1942

Dear Sir:

You are informed that the below named individual has been appointed in the rank indicated, in the United States Naval Reserve and is therefore no longer subject to the Selective Service Act.

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
Ensign, D-V(P), USNR
1011 Santa Cruz
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Order No. 1385

Officer's date of birth is July 14, 1913

W. L. Drybread
By direction.

Selective Service
Local Board No. 4
Houseman Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

cc-Liaison Officer.

Michigan State Hdqrs. Sel. Service
112 E. Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan



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NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Ford:

Your application for a commission in the Naval Intelligence Reserve has been given our thorough consideration.

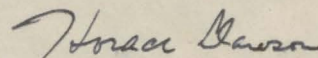
Although it is apparent that you have many of the qualifications which are required for officers in this branch of the Naval Reserve, our situation at the present time is such that we do not believe we can avail ourselves of your services for at least several months.

In view of this uncertainty and in fairness to you, it is possible that you might want to make application for a commission in another branch of the Navy through the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Room 1330 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois or through the nearest Navy Recruiting Station. Upon request from the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, your application papers on file in this office will be forwarded for their consideration.

Should you accept an appointment in another branch of the Service, or be called into the Army, we will appreciate your notifying us to this effect.

Thank you for your interest in the Navy.

Yours very truly,



HORACE DAWSON
Lieutenant Commander, USNR



Mr. Gerald Rudolph Ford
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan

cc ONOP BuNav

THE
President of the United States of America.



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and Abilities of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, Jr. I do appoint him

Lieutenant (junior grade)

in the Naval Reserve of The United States Navy to rank from the Sixteenth day of April 1942. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of such office by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers, Seamen and Marines under his Command to be obedient to his orders. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of The United States of America, or his Superior Officer set over him, according to the Rules and Discipline of the Navy.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States, for the time being.

Done at the City of Washington, this Twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two and of the Independence of The United States of America the One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth.

By the President:

Frank Knox
Secretary of the Navy



May 22, 1942.

Lieutenant Commander Horace Dawson,
Naval Intelligence Service,
Board of Trade Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of May 11 finally caught up with me upon my return home on leave. The following I trust will indicate my present status.

Following your letter of January 24, where you suggested that I make application in another branch of the Naval Service, I got in touch with Lieutenant Commander T. J. Hamilton, who is in charge of the V-5 Instructors Training. On March 25, I received word from you that my application for the Naval Intelligence was being considered so the O.N.P. 1 (F.) form was filled out and forwarded to your office. April 10 my commission as an Ensign D.--V. (P.) in the U.S.N.R. came through and I spent one month at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in the V-5 Instructors School. At the conclusion of the indoctrination, I was notified that my commission as Ensign D.--V. (P.) had been changed to Lieutenant (J. G.) D. V. (S.) and that I was to report on May 27 to the V-5 Pre-Flight School at Chappel Hill, North Carolina.

At this time I wish to thank you for your attention in regard to my application and if in the future there is an opening in the Intelligence branch and if it would be possible for me to transfer, I would deeply appreciate whatever further consideration can be given my application.

Yours very truly,

GRF:BMU



HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

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(89127-42)

May 29, 1942

From: The Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subject: **Ensign Gerald R. FORD, Jr. D-V(P). HSNR.**
Report of Investigation of Applicant
for Appointment in U. S. Naval Reserve.

Enclosure: (A) Subject report (in triplicate).
(B) Investigation sheets (three).

1. Enclosure (s) are forwarded herewith for inclusion in Bureau's records of subject-named officer.

W. L. DeYbREAD,
By direction.



To be attached to each Copy of applications for appointment in the Naval Reserve. If additional space is required, attach additional blank sheets and refer to item desired.

Any Active, Retired, or Reserve Officers of the Navy or Marine Corps available and suitable may be designated or requested to conduct this investigation. Local liaison with other Government agencies may also serve to aid. The investigation must be thorough, intensive, and extensive. Record both favorable and unfavorable facts.

Investigation should be carried on until investigator is satisfied as to applicant's military character.

FIFTH
(Office of Naval Officer Procurement)

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT
FOR APPOINTMENT IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE**

May 27, 1942
(Date)

- Name of applicant FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.
- Address of applicant 1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- The above-named applicant has (not) been interviewed by the Director (results are as indicated in forwarding endorsement).
- Other interviews with applicant were held as follows: (Written reports of these interviews are attached as enclosures.)

Rank	Name	Branch Corps	IMPRESSIONS OF SUITABILITY			
			Outstanding	Above average	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
by Lt-Cdr.	<u>M. L. Coon</u> (Officer designated by Director)	<u>D-V(G), USNR</u>	<u>X</u>			
by	(Officer designated by Director)					
by	(Other officer in case it is decided to record his views)					

5. (a) Sponsors. Personal interview, telephone contact, or other means of verifying letters of recommendation as to authenticity, positiveness, and character of signer and, as citizens of the United States, their appreciation of moral responsibility for their recommendations. Contacts and check of other sponsors.

Paul Boebel, Coebel & Brown, Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Arthur Amuse, Supt. of Schools, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Odgen Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale Athletic Assn., New Haven, Conn.



(b) Record of service, check of employment record, service or work: Interviews or other contact with employers, or other executives with view of verifying statements of applicant if so indicated, and particularly with the view of determining positively his loyalty and discretion and to gage his general merit and potential efficiency.

A.B. University of Michigan 1935.

L.L.B. Yale 1941.

Teaching at Yale since.

(c) Check of other activities as practicable or as may be indicated, particularly previous military service, active, reserve (applied for or enrolled) or youth organization in United States or foreign. Check for strong social or political activities or leanings of a radical nature, especially if indicated.

Boy Scouts.

(d) Standing in community. (Check with Police Department, Credit Association, Better Business Bureau, if practicable).

1. Time in community 28 years 5. Marital reputation Single
 2. Church affiliations Episcopal 6. Occupational reputation Good
 3. Social activities Good 7. General reputation Good
 4. Property owner Yes

(e) Check of racial extraction to the degree indicated by name or changes therein, photo and family background for an absolute record of birth and extraction. Trace any questionable relationships of the applicant and of his blood relatives. If satisfactory, so indicate positively.

Father and Mother both born in United States.

(f) Nature of associates. Investigate particularly all questionable trends. With what types does the applicant associate? Summarize in a positive manner.

Business, Students and Professional.

(g) Personal characteristics as obtained from all sources. Be explicit as regards LOYALTY, DISCRETION, judgment, leadership, honesty.

Satisfactory.

(h) Review memberships in organizations and clubs with view of investigating any significant trends or powerful influences and of establishing his contacts.

Ark State and County Bar association.

(i) Evaluation of the reasons the applicant has for desiring appointment in the U. S. N. R.

To be of service.

Name of investigator	Address	Rank, corps, branch	Which items were covered by this investigator?
D. G. Shea	7600 E. Jefferson Detroit, Michigan	Lt., E-O, USNR (Ret)	1-5

Remarks by Senior Investigator. This report is on Four (4) sheets. The foregoing investigation was begun on 10/10/44. The applicant is (not) considered suitable for the U. S. N. R. because XXXX

Senior Investigator, in conference or contact with other investigators, is to submit these remarks on a basis of the estimated character, discretion, and loyalty of the applicant as an informative factor for higher authority.

W. L. CRYBHEAD, Lt. Cdr., USN (Ret.)
 (Signature of Senior Investigator)
 (Sign original only)

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APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE

MAY 15 1942, 19

(NOW BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL)

From: THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, NAVY DEPARTMENT.

To: Lieutenant (jg) Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR,
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

SUPERSEDES APPOINTMENT
AS ENSIGN D-V(P)

Via: Commanding Officer.

Subject: Appointment in United States Naval Reserve.
Inclosure: (A) Commission.

(PROBATIONARY)

1. Having been appointed a Lieutenant (jg)

United States Naval Reserve to rank from April 16, 1942, in the
pleasure in transmitting herewith your commission, dated May 12, 1942, the Bureau takes
You are hereby assigned to the Volunteer Reserve for
Deck duties
effective on the date you execute acceptance and oath of office under your commission.

~~XX Your mobilization assignment will be as determined by the~~

Permanent Address:
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan

RANDALL JACOBSON,
~~Chief of Bureau~~

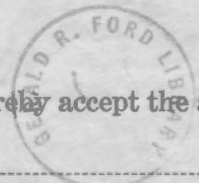
Copy to:
Commandant, NINTH Naval District

The Chief of Naval Personnel

H. I. Carstensen, Jr.,
(By direction)

ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE

I, Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., do hereby accept the above
appointment, and having been appointed a Lieutenant (jg)



in the United States
Naval Reserve, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the
United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the
same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that
I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me
God. I understand that failure to complete any prescribed training course, or a review
of my completed application regarded as unsatisfactory, will be considered sufficient
cause for my discharge.

U.S. NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL
Chapel Hill, N. C.

SS: *Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr*
Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr. (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1942

John P. Graff
John P. Graff, Lt. (jg), USN, Ret.
Executive Officer