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APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

February 23, 1942

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 ____________

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

(a) Date and place of birth
July 14, 1913
Omaha, Nebraska

(b) Citizenship
(U. S.)
(N. U. S.)
(Date of naturalization)

(c) Education
South High, Grand Rapids, Mich. 131; University of Michigan 135;
AB degree, 1933; Yale Law School, LLB degree, 1937
(Schools and colleges attended or graduated from with dates 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. naval service)

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

(f) 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.

(h) Associations

YMCA; Jr. Assn of Commerce; Kent Country Club; Peninsula 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) 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, 821 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 speak and write fluently. 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 J. Josbel, Josbel & Town, Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan
Arthur Krause, 8409 Roosevelt, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Ogden Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale Athletic Assn., New Haven, Conn.

(n) Next of kin: Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Ford, Sr. Mother and Father, Michigan

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

Original: To Bureau of Navigation.


(Signature in full)
1. Name \textbf{Ford JR. Gerald Rudolph}

2. Address: (a) Home \textit{17 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids Michigan}
   (b) Business \textit{21 Michigan Trust Bldg. Grand Rapids Michigan}
   (c) Residence telephone number \textit{58632}

3. Birth data \textit{July 14 1913 Omaha Nebraska}

4. Legal residence \textit{17 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids Michigan}

5. Father's name \textbf{Ford Sr. Gerald Rudolph}

6. Father's occupation \textbf{President of Ford Paint and Varnish Co.}

7. Father's address \textit{17 Santa Cruz Drive Grand Rapids Michigan}

8. Mother's maiden name \textbf{Dorothy Gardner}

9. (a) Father's birthplace \textit{Grand Rapids Michigan}
   (b) Mother's birthplace \textit{Harvard Illinois}
   (c) Father's nationality (If naturalized, state when and where.) \textbf{U.S. citizen}
   (d) Mother's nationality (If naturalized, state when and where.)

10. (a) Paternal:
    Grandfather's name \textbf{Ford}
    Grandmother's name \textbf{Birley}

    (b) Maternal:
    Grandfather's name \textbf{A. Gardner}
    Grandmother's name \textbf{Agar}

11. Marital status \textbf{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 \textbf{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 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?

20. Describe any physical defects. Have you suffered permanent injury or injury which you consider disabling?

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. Were arrested once for

24. Education:

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25. Chronological history of prior employment:

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

27. (a) Give name and address of present employer:
(b) Precise nature of business: Attorneys

28. Do you have any foreign language proficiency? Give details. No proficiency in.
29. Religious affiliations

30. Give names of all organizations, clubs, societies, etc., to which you belong:

- Michigan A. I. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kent Country Club, Peninsular Club,
- Michigan Alumni Club

31. Dependents. Give name, relationship, and age of each

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<td>Wm. Beckwith</td>
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<td>Ralph Conger</td>
<td>Campbell AVE.</td>
<td>Grand Rapids, Mich.</td>
<td>Teacher</td>
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32. Service in Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast or National Guard, etc.

Did summer of 1955 serve in the National Park Service as a temporary ranger at Yellowstone Park.

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

- Do you have any relatives in State or Federal service? Yes
  - If so, furnish name, address, relationship, and position held:
    - Thomas Krueger, Los Angeles, Calif., 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.

34. What is lowest entrance salary you will accept?

35. For what position are you applying?

36. 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.
ITEM ID 00345

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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.

(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
Lieutenant (Jg) USNR

Mr. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan
cc: BuNav.
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
To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Gerald Ford Jr. for a matter of eighteen to twenty years. He comes of a very fine family and his moral background is excellent.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

George "Totsy" Clark
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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,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Hamilton
Lt. Comdr. USN
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ATTACH RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS
(Head and shoulders)
2½ by 2½ inches
1 FULL FACE and 1 PROFILE
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Dr. Paul Voelker, Pres. University of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids,

(n) Next of kin Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, Sr. Mother & Father, Michigan

1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

Original: To Bureau of Navigation.

Copies: Commandant concerned.

Bureau concerned.

Applicant's file.

[Signature in full]
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Bureau of Aeronautics  
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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
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
BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING
141 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.

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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(F).

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), recommending appointment in the USNR as Ensign D-V(F).

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.

cc BuNav File
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)X USNR
(Rank and Corps)

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(Address)

Selectiv Service
Local Board No. 4 for Kent County

Address Houseman Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Selective Service Order No. 1385
Classification 1-A
From: The Director of Naval Officer Procurement
To: Lt-Cdr. W. L. Coon, D-V(G) USNR
     USSR Armory, 7600 Jefferson Avenue.
     Detroit, Michigan.

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

Enclosures: (1) 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:
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   (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.

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6. The Director of Naval Reserve is designated Senior Investigator.

M. L. Horner, Jr.
By direction.

cc BuNav.
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 of America 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
APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE

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

To: Ensign Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., D-V(P), USNR,
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Via: Director of Naval Officer Procurement, Chicago, Illinois.

Subject: Appointment in United States Naval Reserve.

Inclosure: (A) Commission.

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Copy to:
Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

ACCEPTANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE

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City of Detroit
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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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , 19...
APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE

Nav-3651-JG
141329-1

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    Cmde., NINTH N.Da.
April 7, 1942

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Randall Jacobs
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April 9, 1942

Chicago, Illinois.

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By direction.

Engrt. L. S. H. C.

Enclosures:

(a) Declaration of Disposition of Discharge
(b) Declaration of Consent

References:

Order No. 91, dated April 9, 1942

Notice:

The undersigned hereby notifies that he has been discharged from the service of the United States Navy.

Date:

April 9, 1942

Curtis D. S. H. C.
OFFICE OF NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT
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By direction.

---Signature---
(Reserve Officer)  (Reserve Officer)  (Reserve Officer)  (Reserve Officer)  (Medical Officer)  (Reserve Officer)  (Reserve Officer)  (Commanding Officer)
From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

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

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

Subject: Active duty with pay and allowances – chargeable against appropriation, "Pay, Subsistence and Transportation of Naval Personnel".

References: (a) Executive Order of September 8, 1939.
(b) Naval Appropriation Act for current fiscal year.
(c) ALNAV 114, dated November 22, 1940.

Enclosures: (A) Affidavit re pension or disability allowance.
(B) Form N. Nav. 17.

1. Upon acceptance of appointment as an Ensign, D-V(P), U.S.N.R., and in accordance with the references, you will proceed to such place and report to such medical officer as may be designated by the Director of Naval Officer procurement in your District, for physical examination. You are hereby ordered to active duty for this purpose and will be considered in an active duty status during the time required for physical examination and for travel necessary for compliance with these orders.

2. If found not physically qualified, you will immediately return to the above address and upon arrival consider yourself released from active duty. In this event, the examining medical officer will advise the Bureau of Navigation by dispatch, stating the defects in detail, together with his recommendation.

3. If found physically qualified, you will immediately return to the above address and upon arrival consider yourself released from active duty until such time as is necessary to proceed in order to report to the Superintendent, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on April 20, 1942, for temporary active duty under instruction in connection with the V-5 Instructors' Course.

Copy to:
Supt., USNA, Annapolis, Md.
BuAero.
Comdt., NINTH N.D.
From: Gerald R. Ford Jr.

To: Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

Subject: Active duty, Information.

1. In the event your services are required for active duty, the following information is requested:

   Preference for duty—
   
   Any duty afloat or ashore ________ Yes ________
   Any duty afloat ________
   Any duty ashore ________
   Particularly desire duty Naval Training Station ________
   Particularly desire duty Headquarters, 9th Naval District ________

2. If ordered to active duty, a delay of ___ days is requested to place my affairs in order.

3. In support of my indicated choice above I submit the following information on my particular qualifications for the duty requested:

   [Handwritten note: Ford physical condition with experience on water from inland sailing. No dependents.]

Signature: Gerald R. Ford Jr.

Rank: __________________________

Class: __________________________

Address: 1611 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Mich.
From: Gerald R. Ford Jr.

To: Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

Subject: Active duty, Information.

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Preference for duty—

- Any duty afloat or ashore [ ]
- Any duty afloat [ ]
- Any duty ashore [ ]
- Particularly desire duty Naval Training Station [ ]
- Particularly desire duty Headquarters, 9th Naval District [ ]

2. If ordered to active duty, a delay of __ days is requested to place my affairs in order.

3. In support of my indicated choice above I submit the following information on my particular qualifications for the duty requested:

- Good physical condition with experience on water from inland sailing.
- No dependents.

Signature: Gerald R. Ford Jr.
Rank: __________________________
Class: __________________________
Address: 411 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Mich.
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

______________________________
(Signature)

______________________________
(Rank and corps)

(SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE)
QUEST-ONNAIRE 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: _______ Date of Rank: _______ April 16, 1942
3. Naval District: _______ Division or Squadron: _______
4. Permanent Official Address: City GRAND RAPIDS
5. State: MICHIGAN County: KENT
6. Street No., or R.F.D. SANTA CRUZ
7. Birth: Date: July 14, 1913 State or Country: OMAHA, NEBRASKA
10. Other School or College? Graduated? Yes. Years: 1935-1941
11. Former Service U. S. Navy (Commissioned or Enlisted)? No.
12. Rank or Rating When Separated. None Year Separated.
13. Principal Civilian Occupation. ATTORNEY
14. Present Occupation. ATTORNEY Name of Employer: FORD & BUCHER.
15. Other Training or Experience Which You Consider Significant from a Naval Standpoint.
16. Instructor in Bus. Ad. School, Univ. of GRAND RAPIDS, (1 yr.)
17.Forest Ranger, YELLOWSTONE Nat. Park (4 yrs.)
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 SEASCIOUTS & BOY SCOUTS (Eagle Scout)
25. HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE SMALL BOAT INLAND SAILING
26. ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________ ________
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.

AFFIDAVIT

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.
(Signature)

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

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)
AFFIDAVIT

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.

Signature

Witness
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: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.
(Print name, surname to the left)

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Place)

April 15, 1942
(Date)

Any change since last report:

YESTERDAY
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

(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)

*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.

(Ensign D-V[P]X)

(Rank)

U.S. Naval Reserve.

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

D. G. Shea, Lt. E-0, 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.
**ROUTEING SLIP**

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**REMARKS**

| Initialed by | W.L.D.e |

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Purpose of this examination  **ACTIVE DUTY**  Date of examination  **4-13-1942**  
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 (1935).**

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**Head and face**

Eyes: Pupils (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.)

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

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

Disease or anatomical defects

Ears: Hearing Rt. Watch 40/40, Coin click 20/20. Whispered voice 15/15'. Spoken voice 15/15'.

Binaural (Spoken voice) 15/15'. Disease or defects

Nose

Sinuses

Tongue, palate, pharynx, larynx, tonsils

Teeth and gums (disease or anatomical defect):

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

General build and appearance  **athletic**

Temperature  **98.6**  Chest at expiration

Height  **72**  Chest at inspiration

Weight  **192**  Circumference of abdomen at umbilicus

Recent gain or loss, amount and cause  **constant**

Skin, hair, and glands

Neck (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx)

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

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

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(Signature of dental examiner)
Thorax (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) \( \text{normal} \)

Respiratory system, bronchi, lungs, pleura, etc. \( \text{normal} \)

Cardio-vascular system \( \text{normal} \)

Heart (note all signs of cardiac involvement) \( \text{normal} \)

Pulse: Before exercise 72
After exercise 100
Three minutes after 74

Blood pressure: Before, S. 114, D. 76
Three minutes after, S. 116, D. 78

(Manual of the Medical Department par. 1220(g))

Abdomen and pelvis (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) \( \text{normal} \)

Genito-urinary system \( \text{normal} \)

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

Venerial disease None

Nervous system Normal

(Organic or functional disorders)

Romberg neg

Incoordination (gait, speech) none

Reflexes, superficial, 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

Date of last course

Remarks on abnormalities not otherwise noted or sufficiently described above

Summary of defects Deffective 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

[Signature]

Remarks or endorsement

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

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| District Commandant's Office  | Acknowledge receipt      |
| Commanding Officer, Naval Training Station | 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 |
| District Public Works Officer | Commandant's             |
| District Communication Officer| Prepare letter for Chief of Staff's signature |
| District Intelligence Officer | Commandant's             |
| Station Disbursing Officer    | Prepare endorsement for Chief of Staff's signature |
| District War Plans Officer    | Recommendation           |
| Aviation Aide to Commandant   | Reply “by direction”     |
| Labor Board                   | Read and Initial         |
|                               | Return                   |
|                               | Commandant               |
|                               | See Chief of Staff in regard to this |

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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. 1369

Officer's date of birth is July 14, 1913

W. L. Drybread
By direction.

cc-Liaison Officer.

Michigan State Hqrs., Sel. Service
112 E. Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan
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 1380 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

ordered and directed 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:

[Signature]
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.T. 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
May 29, 1942

From: The Commandant, NINTH Naval District.

To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subject: 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. Daybred,
By direction.
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANT
FOR APPOINTMENT IN U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

1. Name of applicant
   FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.

2. Address of applicant
   1071 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Michigan

3. The above-named applicant has (not) been interviewed by the Director (results are as indicated in forwarding endorsement).

4. Other interviews with applicant were held as follows: (Written reports of these interviews are attached as enclosures.)

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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, Goebel & Brown, Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
   Odgen Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale Athletic Asn., 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 gauge 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 ________ Single
2. Church affiliation ________ 6. Marital reputation
3. Social activities ________ 7. Occupational reputation
4. Property owner
5. Military service, active, (applied for or enrolled)

(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.

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.

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Remarks by Senior Investigator. This report is on four (4) sheets. The foregoing investigation was begun April 2, 1938. The applicant (is not) considered suitable for the U. S. N. R. However,

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. CFY-BEAD, Lt. Cdr., USN (Ret.)

(Signature of Senior Investigator)

(Handwritten only)
APPOINTMENT IN NAVAL RESERVE

(NOW BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL)

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

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

Via: Commanding Officer.

Subject: Appointment in United States Naval Reserve.

Inclosure: (A) Commission.

1. Having been appointed a Lieutenant (jg) in the United States Naval Reserve to rank from April 16, 1942, the Bureau takes pleasure in transmitting herewith your commission, dated May 12, 1942, and 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.

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.

Chapel Hill, N.C.

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

[Signature]  John P. Graff, Jr. (Jg), USN, Ret.
Executive Officer