

United States

Navy  
Naval Reserve, Class

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ENLISTMENT of RICKETTS, Robert William; 402 84 41 \$81.90  
(Full name, surname to the left) (Service number) (Pay per month)  
Accepted for enlistment at Wellington, New Zealand Coxswain  
(Rating in which enlisted)  
Enlisted at Wellington, New Zealand Date October 14, 1942  
Transferred to retained on board for duty  
Occupation Mariner \*Citizenship U.S.  
Date of birth July 27, 1920 Place of birth Des Moines, Iowa  
Home address 9 Dearborn Avenue Rye New York  
(Street and number) (Town) (County) (State)  
Credited to 25th Congressional District, State of New York Married or Single Single  
Name and address of next of kin or legal guardian Mrs. Maude Ricketts  
(Name)  
Mother 9 Dearborn Avenue, Rye, New York  
(Relationship) (Address)

\*\*Continuous Service Certificate ----- Previous service { Navy } ( 1 7 27 ). First enlist  
(Number) (Years) (Months) (Days)  
February 17, 1938 at New Rochelle, N.Y. and was last discharged October 13, 1942  
(Date) (Place) (Date)  
from the U. S. S. AMERICAN LEGION with Honorable discharge as Coxswain  
(Character) (Rate)  
Previous Coast Guard Service ( none ). Previous Marine Corps Service ( none ). Previ  
(Years) (Months) (Days) (Years) (Months) (Days)  
Army Service ( none ). Age 22 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 9 1/2 inches. Weight 157  
(Years) (Months) (Days) (Years) (Months) (Days)  
pounds. Eyes Hazel Sex Male Hair Brown Complexion Fair Color White-UK  
Personal characteristics, marks, etc. ANTERIOR: 5 1/2" left knee; Tatoo left arm- Ancl  
and USN; POSTERIOR: VS left arm; 51" left leg.

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined, agreeably to the Regulations of the Navy, the above-named recruit, and find that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily de  
and mental infirmity which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of his rating, and that he has stated to me that he has no disease or con  
likely to be inherited.

U.S. NAVY, Lt. Comdr., (MC), USNR, Examining Surgeon

For and in consideration of the pay or wages due to the ratings which may from time to time be assigned me during the continuanc  
my service, I agree to and with Comdr. R. C. WELLES of the United States Navy, as follows:  
(Name of commanding officer)

First: To enter the service of the Navy of the United States and to report to such station or vessel of the Navy as I may be ordere  
join, and to the utmost of my power and ability discharge my several services or duties and be in everything conformable and obedient to  
several requirements and lawful commands of the officers who may be placed over me.

Second: I oblige and subject myself to serve { 1 years from October 14, 1942  
discharge at my own request }  
unless sooner discharged by proper authority, and on the conditions provided by the act of Congress of March 3, 1875, as follows:

SEC. 1422. That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of any fleet, squadron, or vessel acting singly, when on service, to send to an Atlantic or to a Pacific po  
the United States as their enlistment may have occurred on either the Atlantic or Pacific Coast of the United States, in some public or other vessel, all petty officers  
persons of inferior ratings desiring to go there at the expiration of their terms of enlistment, or as soon thereafter as may be, unless, in his opinion, the detention of  
persons for a longer period should be essential to the public interests, in which case he may detain them, or any of them until the vessel to which they belong shall retu  
such Atlantic or Pacific port. All persons enlisted without the limits of the United States may be discharged, on the expiration of their enlistment, either in a foreign  
or in a port of the United States, or they may be detained as above provided beyond the term of their enlistment; and that all persons sent home, or detained by a comm  
ing officer, according to the provisions of this act, shall be subject in all respects to the laws and regulations for the government of the Navy until their return to an Atl  
or Pacific port and their regular discharge; and all persons so detained by such officer, or reentering to serve until the return to an Atlantic or Pacific port of the ves  
which they belong shall in no case be held in the service more than thirty days after their arrival in said port; and that all persons who shall be so detained beyond their  
of enlistment, or who shall after the termination of their enlistment, voluntarily reenter to serve until the return to an Atlantic or Pacific port of the vessel to  
they belong and their regular discharge therefrom, shall receive for the time during which they are so detained or shall so serve beyond their original terms of enlist  
an addition of one-fourth of their former pay: Provided, That the shipping articles shall hereafter contain the substance of this section.

In the event of war or National emergency declared by the President to exist during my term of service, I oblige and subject myse  
serve until six months after the end of the war or National emergency if so required by the Secretary of the Navy unless I volunt  
reenlist or extend my enlistment. I understand that when so detained the addition of one-quarter pay as specified in Section 1422, Re  
Statutes, is not applicable.

I also oblige myself, during such service, to comply with and be subject to such laws, regulations, and articles for the government of  
Navy as are or shall be established by the Congress of the United States or other competent authority, and to submit to treatment for  
prevention of smallpox, typhoid (typhoid prophylaxis), and to such other preventive measures as may be considered necessary by n  
authorities.

Third: I am of the legal age to enlist; I have never deserted from the United States Navy, Army, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; I  
never been discharged from the United States Service or other service on account of disability or through sentence of either civilia  
military court; and I have never been discharged from any service, civil or military, except with good character and for the reasons give  
me to the recruiting officer prior to enlistment. I am not a member of the Naval Reserve, Naval Militia, Marine Corps Reserve, Nati  
Guard, or Army Reserve.

Fourth: I understand that upon enlistment in the Naval Reserve, or upon transfer or assignment thereto, I may be ordered to a  
duty in time of war or when in the opinion of the President a National emergency exists, and that I may be required to perform active  
throughout the war or until the National emergency ceases to exist.

Fifth: I understand that if I become a candidate for the Naval Academy and fail to pass the entrance examination, I will be return  
general service.

Sixth: I have had this contract fully explained to me, I understand it, and certify that no promise of any kind has been made to  
concerning assignment to duty, or promotion during my enlistment.