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78<sup>th</sup>

Comdr. Robert E. Quinn

Providence, R.I.

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Hon. John E. Fogarty, M.C.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

I enclose draft of a bill which Major Adams would like to have you introduce. You remember that I talked with you about this on one or two occasions.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Quinn

found on JEF's  
Prov. office desk  
on 12/11/44  
EJ.



There is a group of Naval and Marine Officers who served as Commissioned Officers during World War I, who were retired prior to the entry of this country into the present war. Many of these retired officers who were recalled to active duty, have been on active duty for over three years.

Large numbers of reserve officers, who have not served with combat services and who have had only two or three years' actual service, have been promoted over this group of regular retired officers. These retired officers are performing their duties efficiently, and, in all justice to them, these promotions are well merited. The morale of these officers has suffered a tremendous blow, as they too should be given higher rank in recognition of duties well done. All of these officers are regulars. Many of the reserve officers of less than three years' active service during the emergency preceding the war, and since the United States entered into this war, have been promoted over the regular retired officers, and these reserve officers have not, nor are they now serving with active combat forces. A large number of officers are necessarily needed for staff and administrative duties, and as these retired officers are eminently fitted for these duties, they are on these assignments and thereby releasing younger officers for duty with the combat forces.

In the cases of many retired Marine officers, many were recalled to duty and placed on staff and administrative duties not with troops. A large group of these officers have been promoted over their seniors, all of whom are performing similar duties, and those promoted over their seniors have not performed outstanding services warranting these promotions over their seniors. These same conditions exist in the Navy.



27 January 1944.

HR 4078

A BILL

TO PROVIDE FOR ADVANCEMENT IN RANK OF CERTAIN  
WORLD WAR VETERANS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

(a) That any person who served as a commissioned officer in  
the armed forces of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps at any time  
between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, who is on the  
retired list as a commissioned officer of the Navy or Marine  
Corps or is on the Officers Reserve Corps list or National  
Guard list, and who is <sup>on the date of the enactment of this Act</sup> and has been serving on active duty as  
a commissioned officer continuously since the declaration of  
the present war, shall be advanced to a commissioned rank one  
grade higher than the rank held by him <sup>instead 2 years of service</sup> on December 8, 1941.

(b) That no person coming within the purview of this Act  
shall be promoted to a rank higher than Captain in the Navy  
or Colonel in the Marine Corps or in the Army.