and in the best traditions of the United States Navy. With you go our hopes and our prayers.

And now as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Unit of the Rice Institute, it is my right and also my honor to present to you young gentlemen your commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve of the United States. With each commission goes my sincere congratulations and each carries my fervent wish that it may symbolize for you the beginning of a long, active, valuable, and honorable career as an officer in the United States Navy.

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