

This document shows the promotion April 21, 1952, and his fitness report (Sept. 12, 1952) for LCDR John Gorman. They were provided by his granddaughter, Margaret Gorman.

The New London Evening Day

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Lieut. Gorman  
Wins Promotion



Lieut. John Patrick Gorman, husband of the former Jean Brayne of 93 Lower Boulevard, has been promoted to lieutenant commander in the navy.

While in this city in 1945-46, Commander Gorman was skipper of the USSS Cythera at the Navy Underwater Sound laboratory. He was assistant staff officer of Destroyer Division 602 at the Submarine Base last year and presently is serving aboard the destroyer Hugh Purvis at Newport.

Commander Gorman is the son of John L. Gorman of Huron, S. D., and is the father of three sons, Patrick, George and John Gorman.

## REPORT ON THE FITNESS OF OFFICERS

Date submitted

THE OFFICER REPORTED ON WILL FILL IN THE FIRST FIVE SECTIONS:

1. NAME (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	Grade	USN (R)	Designator	File No.
<b>GORMAN</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>LGDR</b>	<b>USN</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>187315</b>
2. SHIP OR STATION			DATE REPORTED PRESENT DUTY STATION			
<b>USS HUGH PURVIS</b>			<b>17 November 1951</b>			
3. PERIOD OF REPORT		OCCASION FOR REPORT		TYPE OF REPORT		
From <b>12 Sept 52</b> To <b>24 Sept 52</b>		Semi-annual _____ Detachment of Reporting Senior _____ Detachment of Officer _____		Regular _____ Concurrent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special _____		
4. REGULAR AND ADDITIONAL DUTIES. List all duties assigned, including watches. List courses of study or instruction carried on. After each item insert in parentheses number of months this reporting period.						
<b>Commanding Officer (1/2)</b>						
5. PROFICIENCY IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, STATING WHICH ONES AND ABILITY THEREIN						
<b>None</b>						
						<b>J. P. GORMAN</b>
						(Signature of officer reported on)

FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED IN BY THE REPORTING OFFICER:

6. EMPLOYMENT OF COMMAND DURING PERIOD OF THIS REPORT			
<b>NATO exercise MAINBRACE 13-24 Sept 1952</b>			
7. REFERENCE HERE AND APPEND COPY OF ANY COMMENDABLE OR ADVERSE REPORTS ON THIS OFFICER RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT			
8. PERFORMANCE. Assign marks on a scale of 0 to 4.0 on the appropriate qualifications listed, and on any other significant qualification, on which observation has been sufficient to justify marking. "PRESENT ASSIGNMENT" must always be marked where any other marks or comments relative to performance are made. A mark below 2.5 constitutes an adverse entry.			
PRESENT ASSIGNMENT	<b>4.0</b>	ABILITY TO COMMAND	<b>3.9</b>
AS EXECUTIVE OR DIVISION OFFICER	<b>-</b>	AS (Type watch) WATCH OFFICER	<b>-</b>
SHIP HANDLING	<b>4.0</b>	TECHNICAL COMPETENCE	<b>-</b>
		IN _____ (State specialty)	
9. CONSIDERING THE POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS OF WAR, INDICATE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HAVING THIS OFFICER UNDER YOUR COMMAND. WOULD YOU			
PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO HAVE HIM?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		BE SATISFIED TO HAVE HIM?	<input type="checkbox"/>
		PREFER NOT TO HAVE HIM? (Adverse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER OFFICERS OF HIS GRADE AND APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF SERVICE, HOW WOULD YOU DESIGNATE THIS OFFICER?			
OUTSTANDING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ABOVE AVERAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
		AVERAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
		BELOW AVERAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. COMMENTS. Give in this space a concise appraisal of the officer reported on. Comment on his fitness for promotion and on any outstanding characteristics of value to the naval service, including superior ability to command and outstanding qualifications in any field such as administration, planning, logistics, electronics, new weapons, or new developments. Comment on observed skill in dealing with the public in personal or official contacts. Any mental, moral, or physical weaknesses which might affect his efficiency, or failure to meet qualifications normally expected of an officer of his grade and designation should be indicated. Any adverse entry made in any part of the report must be explained in this paragraph. This space must not be left blank.			
<b>Just prior to the commencement of NATO Exercise MAINBRACE the regularly assigned Commanding Officer of the HUGH PURVIS suffered an accident and was hospitalized in the NELM area. LCDR GORMAN expressed high confidence in his ability to handle the ship although he had been Executive Officer for only a short period of time and his succession to temporary command was approved. During MAINBRACE the HUGH PURVIS operated in the screen of a fast carrier task force of which I was screen commander and also in a Gun Fire Support Group which conducted actual firing against land targets. Throughout these operations which were carried out under severe weather conditions the performance of the HUGH PURVIS under the command of LCDR GORMAN was outstanding. LCDR GORMAN handled the ship in an excellent manner demonstrating excellent seamanship, initiative and judgement. Of particular note was his excellent handling of the ship while going along side to fuel and to transfer mail and freight under heavy weather conditions which he was required to do on numerous occasions. He is considered qualified and is highly recommended for promotion.</b>			
12. NAME, GRADE, AND FILE NUMBER OF REPORTING OFFICER. OFFICIAL STATUS RELATIVE TO OFFICER REPORTED ON.			
<b>H. C. DANIEL, RADM, USN, 58793 Commander Destroyer Flotilla TWO</b>			



13. TO WHAT DEGREE HAS THE OFFICER REPORTED ON EXHIBITED THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES?

	NOT OBSERVED	OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	AVERAGE	UNSATISFACTORY
(a) INTELLIGENCE (With reference to the faculty of comprehension; mental acuteness.)		Exceptionally quick-witted; keen in understanding. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grasps essentials of a situation quickly.	Understands normal situations and conditions.	
(b) JUDGMENT (With reference to a discriminating perception by which the values and relations of things are mentally ascertained.)		Unusually keen in estimating situations and reaching sound decisions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can generally be depended on to make proper decisions.	Fair judgment in normal and routine things.	A MARK TO THE RIGHT OF THIS LINE CONSTITUTES AN ADVERSE REPORT
(c) INITIATIVE (With reference to constructive thinking and resourcefulness; ability and intelligence to act on own responsibility.)		Exceptional in ability to think, plan, and do things without waiting to be told and instructed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Able to plan and execute missions on his own responsibility.	Capable of performing routine duties on own responsibility.	
(d) FORCE (With reference to moral power possessed and exerted in producing results.)		Strong, dynamic. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strong.	Effectual under normal and routine circumstances.	
(e) LEADERSHIP (With reference to the faculty of directing, controlling, and influencing others in definite lines of action and of maintaining discipline.)		Inspires others to a high degree by precept and example. Requires a high standard of discipline. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A very good leader.	Leads fairly well.	
(f) MORAL COURAGE (With reference to that mental quality which impels one to carry out the dictates of his conscience and convictions fearlessly.)		Exceptionally courageous. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Courageous to a high degree.	Fairly courageous.	
(g) COOPERATION (With reference to the faculty of working harmoniously with others toward the accomplishment of common duties.)		Exceptionally successful in working with others to a common end. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Works in harmony with others.	Cooperates fairly well.	
(h) LOYALTY (Fidelity, faithfulness, allegiance, constancy—all with reference to a cause and to higher authority.)		Unswerving in allegiance; frank and honest in aiding and advising. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A high sense of loyalty.	Reasonably faithful in the execution of his duty.	
(i) PERSEVERANCE (With reference to maintenance of purpose or undertaking in spite of obstacles or discouragement.)		Determined, resolute. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Constant in purpose.	Fairly steady.	
(j) REACTION IN EMERGENCIES (With reference to the faculty of acting instinctively in a logical manner in difficult and unforeseen situations.)		Exceptionally cool-headed and logical in his actions under all conditions. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Composed and logical in his actions in difficult situations.	Fairly logical in his actions in general.	
(k) ENDURANCE (With reference to ability for carrying on under any and all conditions.)		Capable of standing an exceptional amount of physical hardship and strain. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can perform well his duties under trying conditions.	Of normal endurance.	
(l) INDUSTRY (With reference to performance of duties in an energetic manner.)		Extremely energetic and industrious. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thorough and energetic.	Reasonably energetic and industrious.	
(m) MILITARY BEARING AND NEATNESS OF PERSON AND DRESS (With reference to dignity of demeanor, correctness of uniform, and smartness of appearance.)		Exceptional. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Very good.	Fair.	

14. A report containing adverse matter must be referred to the officer reported on for statement pursuant to article 1701 (S) USNR. His statement should be attached to this report. Statements of minor deficiencies either in character or performance of duties must be brought to the attention of the officer reported on either orally or in writing.

HAS THIS BEEN DONE? \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IMPROVEMENT, IF ANY, HAS BEEN NOTED? \_\_\_\_\_

H. C. DANIEL

(Signature of reporting senior)