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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Benstead, Elwood, E.		1863 NY

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1937

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (NJ) 4th District	From: 1904	To: 1924
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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Elwood E. Benstead.

Elwood E. Benstead

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
N. J.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
2nd Asst Keeper, Barnegat L Sta, N.J. (Subj.)	$ 460	Light House	July 1, 1904.
" " " " " (Me.)	"	"	Jan. 1, 1905.
2nd Asst. Keeper Cape May L. Sta, N.J.	"	"	April 1, 1906.
1st " " " " " "	$ 516.	"	June 4, 1915.
" " " " " " "	$ 564.	"	Jan 1, 1916
" Increase "	720	"	Nov 4, 1916

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Elwood E. Benstead of New Jersey, as Second Assistant Keeper of Barnegat, N. J., Light-Station, to date from 1 July, '04, with pay at the rate of ~~$490.~~ $600. a year, in the place of Mr. Samuel Soper, transferred and promoted. July 1, 1904

Mr. Benstead has passed the required Civil Service examination and obtained a rating of 90 per cent, in Class I.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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T. Pillsbury
Secretary

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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July 1, 1904.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, of New Jersey,

having been examined and found qualified, as shown by Certificate

No. ____ of the Civil Service Commission, is hereby appointed

Second Assistant Keeper at Barnegat Light-Station, New Jersey,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Ninety dollars

per annum, this appointment to be for a probationary period of six

months, beginning July 1, 1904, ~~, 190 , or as soon thereafter~~

~~as oath of office is taken.~~ vice Mr. Samuel Soper, transferred.

Laurence O. Murray
Acting Secretary.

J.A.D.

Date of oath: ____, 190

The Light-House Board.

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July 1, 1904.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, of New Jersey,

having been examined and found qualified, as shown by Certificate

No. ____ of the Civil Service Commission, is hereby appointed

Second Assistant Keeper at Barnegat Light-Station, New Jersey,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Four hundred and Sixty dollars

per annum, this appointment to be for a probationary period of six

months, beginning July 1, 1904, ~~, 190 , or as soon thereafter~~

~~as oath of office is taken.~~ vice Mr. Samuel Soper transferred.

Acting Secretary.

CARDED.

Date of oath: ____, 190

Change reported to Civil Service Commission.

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, Elwood E. Benstead

I do solemnly Swear 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.

Elwood E. Benstead

Eod. 1 July 04

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 25. day of July A. D. 1904

Nathan M. Lillo
Justice of the Peace

CARDED.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
2d Asst. Keeper	Barnegat N.J.	New York	New Jersey

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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LETTER ASKING FULL APPOINTMENT

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14 Dec., 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of Mr. Elwood E. Benstead as Second Assistant Keeper of Barnegat, N. J. Light-Station, to date from 1 Jan'y, '04, with pay at the rate of $460 a year.

Mr. Benstead received probationary appointment as by Department letter of 1 July, to date from 1 July, '04. He entered upon duty under said appointment on 1 July, '04, and his full appointment is recommended by the Inspector of the 4th Light-House District.

Respectfully,

W W Kirkwood

Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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Secretary

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ABSOLUTE APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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December 15, 1904.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead of New Jersey,

having satisfactorily served a probationary period of six months,

is hereby absolutely appointed Second Assistant Keeper at Barnegat Light-Station, New Jersey,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect January 1, 1905.

Change reported to
Civil Service Commission.

V. H. Metcalf.
Secretary.

CARDED

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

I, Elwood E. Benstead, do solemnly swear 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.

Elwood E Benstead

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 2d day of January A. D. 1905

Rudolf Schmidt
Notary Public

Absolute appt
S.W.B.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Second-assistant Keeper	Barnegat Light Station, N. J.	New York	New Jersey

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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CARDED.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr Edward Elsworth Benstead

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? E. E. Benstead

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county and Congressional district.) Cape May City (City or town.) N J (State or Territory.) Cape May Co (County.) First (Congressional district.)

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") White

5. Where were you born? Palisades Rockland Co N Y

6. When were you born? August (Month.) 5th (Day.) 1864 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				

9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position and salary, if known.)

I was Examined & appointed through Civil Servis. about June 1903

10. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

11. Have you ever held any position in the civil service of the United States prior to the time of your present appointment? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

No

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

State Keeper or Merchant

15. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public School

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

State Keeper

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

Light House examination

18. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled July 26, 1904

Witness: (Signature) Edward C Benstead

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Barnegat City
City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory. N J

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July ~~26th~~ 29, 1904 (Signature) J. P. Faculy Comdr. U. S. Navy. Wm J Woodward Inspector 4th Lt. Ho. District.

(Official title) Keeper

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place and district in which the person who answered the above questions is employed.

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Barnegat City, Barnegat (Place (city, town, or station).) N. J. (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? 2nd assistant keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. July 1 - 1904.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. July 1 - 1904.

5. What is his salary? $460.00 per annum.

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses.

7. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

8. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau, or Service, position and salary, if known.)

Civil Service examination L. H. Service

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) J. P. Faculy Comd'r U.S.N.

Date: July 29, 1904 (Official title) Inspector 4th L. H. Dist.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, of New Jersey, from the position of Second Assistant Keeper of the Barnegat, N. J., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $460 a year, to that of Second Assistant Keeper of the Cape May, N. J., Light-Station, at the same rate of pay, to date from 1 April, '06, or as soon thereafter as he enters upon duty, in the place of Mr. John S. Pusey, whose transfer has this day been asked.

Respectfully,

W Sears

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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March 19, 1906.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, of New Jersey, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper of the Cape May Light-Station, New Jersey, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Four Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective beginning April 1, 1906, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice John S. Pusey.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from Second Assistant Keeper of the Barnegat Light-Station, New Jersey, at $460 per annum.)

CARDED.

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Laurence I. Murray
Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

I, Elwood E Benstead

do solemnly[a] swear 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.**

Elwood E Benstead

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date April 1, 1906.

[b] Sworn — and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of April —, A. D. 1906

W A Guy Ex
Actg. Chief Clerk.

[c] Name: Samuel Eddy

Official title: Notary Public of NJ

{Affix official seal.}

REC'D APR 4 = 1906

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Second Assistant Keeper	Cape May L.H.Sta. N.J.	New York	New Jersey

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper certificate should be appended.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Cape May L. H., N. J.
3. Name Benstead, Elwood E.
4. Where born New York
5. Age 44
6. Position Second Assistant Keeper
7. Compensation $460 p. a.
8. When appointed (*a*) July 1, 1904
9. How appointed (*b*) Civil Service Examination

O. R.

10. Appointed from
   - State New Jersey
   - Congressional District 2d (card states 1st)
   - County Cape May
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs, under supervision of Keeper.
15. Efficiency
   - Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10
   - Quality of work (*e*) Excellent
   - Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent

Standard

16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) ——

Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

JUN 4 1909, 19

H. A. Brigham
Commander, U. S. Navy, *Head of Bureau or Office.*
Inspector.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT MAY 1 - 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Benstead, Elwood E. 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Light-Houses 4. Position Second Asst.Keeper

5. Compensation $460. p.a. 6. Where employed Cape May L.H., N.J.

7. When appointed (*a*) July 1,1904 8. How appointed (*b*) Through C.S.Examination

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount —

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully)

Exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs, under supervision of Keeper.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance	---	~~x~~	---
Total		8 ~~xxx~~	800
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
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17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Services satisfactory. Interest excellent.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Salary is fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (e)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

H. Stickney

Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

G. R. Putnam TSC

Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector 4th L. H. District.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 7, 1914.

APPOINTMENTS
DEC 9 1914
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Mr. H. B. Benstead, (Through Keeper)
2nd Asst. Kpr., Cape May Lt. Sta.,
Cape May Point, N. J.

At an inspection of Cape May Light Station made during the week ending October 7, 1914, the station was generally below standard. The barn was not clean, General Instructions, p. 152, par. "Storage of Oil, etc." were being violated by the storage of mineral oil in the cellar of dwelling, and near the heater, and there was a lot of unsightly junk around the station.

In addition to the above, the impression was created that you lack willingness to do any minor repairing, which is not in accordance with the requirements of par. "Repairs and Alterations", p. 144, and paragraph "Repairs, etc. by Keepers", page 165 of General Instructions 1911.

While the general condition of a station is under the control of the Keeper, yet an Assistant cannot entirely avoid blame for an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and it therefore became necessary to reprimand you and to caution you to prevent, so far as lies in your power, a recurrence of the conditions complained of.

A thorough investigation of your station will be made at a later date, and unless proper improvement along all lines is evident, more drastic action may become necessary. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on your record as a part of your official history.

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Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses
for his information
Rout

Bureau of Lighthouses,
December 8, 1914.
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.
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T. J. Rout.
Acting Commissioner

McC.

March 10, 1915.

Subject: Inspector's letter 3-6-15, C.S.Woolson, Edward Hughes, and E. E. Benstead, efficiency.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to letters of reprimand of December 7, 1914, addressed to Messrs. Woolson, Hughes, and Benstead by the Inspector on December 7, 1914, copies of which were submitted to the Department for its information by Bureau indorsements of December 8, 1914.

The Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Inspector that no further action be taken in these cases at the present time.

+ File of
C. S. Woolson

H. E. Benstead

March 17, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Fourth Inspector's letters of the 6th instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 10th instant,* in regard to the efficiency of the keepers of Finns Point Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, and Cape May Light Station, New Jersey, who were reprimanded by the Inspector under date of December 7, 1914, for the condition of their stations.

In view of the report in each case to the effect that marked improvement has been shown, and that conditions at the stations named are now satisfactory, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation in each case to the effect that no further action be taken at the present time.

*File of E.S. Woolson

SIGNED E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAY 21 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19th 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK MAY 22 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, Elwood E. Benstead, Eff 100 Legal residence, New Jersey.

Position, First Assistant Keeper. Salary, $516.00 per annum.

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey. Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Effective June 1st, 1915, {~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS MAY 27 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

MAY 22 1915 910

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper, Former salary, $460.00 per annum. (Equal 456)

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

Rank on eligible list, x x x Rating, x x x Percentage, x x x , Other eligibles considered:

x x x x

Previous incumbent, Edward Hughes. Services terminated, May 31st, 1915,

Reason, Nominated for reduction to Second Assistant Keeper of Cape May Light Station, New Jersey, effective June 1st, 1915.

Relatives in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: See letter of this date.

* File of Hughes.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Chief Clerk.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 21 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1915.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

~~First Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $460 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 22 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward Hughes.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

CHANGE REPORTED JUN 1915 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JUN 2 1915 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK JUN 3 1915

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS JUN 9 1915

I, Elwood E. Benstead,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) 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.

☞ Elwood E. Benstead (Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 29th day of May, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Joseph H. Hughes

(Official title) Notary Public N. J.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 1st Asst. Keeper	$516.00 p.a.	Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$460.00 p.a.	Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

CARDED.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Address) June 1, 1915. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 1, 1915. (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(Signature, followed by title) Chief Clerk.

~~Inspector, 4th L. H. District~~

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73

RJC.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., December 21st, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase of pay.

Name, Elwood E. Benstead, Legal residence, New Jersey.

Position, First Assistant Keeper. Salary, $564.00 per annum.

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey. Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Effective January 1st, 1916, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~}

Former position, First Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $516.00 per annum.

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

Rank on eligible list, x x Rating, x x Percentage, x x , Other eligibles considered:

x x x x

Previous incumbent, x x x x Services terminated, x x x x

Reason, x x x x

Members of family in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: Recommendation made in accordance with Bureau letter of 17 Dec.'15.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1915.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~First Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five hundred and Sixty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $516 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 27 1915 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JOURNAL

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
Legal Residence: New Jersey.

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 U. S. COMMISSION.

11—1303

Form 111

RJC.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L.H. DIST. PHILADELPHIA, PA. JAN 24 1916

APPOINTMENTS JAN 29 1916 10,

LIGHT JAN 27 1916 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK JAN 29 1916

I, Elwood E. Benstead,

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) 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.

☞ Elwood E Benstead

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 22 day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) James Edwards

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 1st Asst. Keeper.	$564.00 p.a.	Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.
Former 1st Asst. Keeper.	$516.00 p.a.	Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

(Increase in compensation)

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Pa., January 26, 1916.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916.

(Date)

CARDED.

(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector, 4th L.H.District

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 4 1916
MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Benstead, Elwood E.

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse.

4. Designation of position:

First Assistant Keeper.

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

First Assistant Keeper of

Cape May Light Station, N.J.

6. Annual earnings:

$540.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$564. PA

9. Initial rate of pay:

$460. PA

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		12	

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

New York.

12. Race:

W.

13. Sex:

M.

14. Date of birth—

Month: August

Year: 1864

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

E8.

16. Marital condition:

M.

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 2 New Jersey

County: Cape May

19. Civil service status:

C.

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE.

21. Place of employment—

City: Cape May Point,

State: New Jersey.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1918.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from first assistant keeper at $564 per annum.
(The above rate includes longevity pay of $60.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 14 1918 DEPARTMENT JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SE[illegible]
LETTER DATED 10/22/18
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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (By increase in compensation)

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H.DIST. NOV 21 1918 PHILA., PA.

LIGHT NOV 25 1918 HOUSES

I, Elwood E. Benstead

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) 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.

NOV 25 1918 12 42 AM

CHIEF CLERK

Elwood E Benstead

(Appointee signs here)

1918 NOV 25 PM 2 3

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 20th day of November, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Grant A Hughes

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires July 2-1923

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.
Former [5] 1st Asst. Kpr.	$564 per annum	do do

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., Fourth DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa., (Address) November 23, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918. (Date)

CHARGED

for and in the absence of the Superintendent: Chief Clerk.

(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 93
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LIGHTHOUSES
1924 MAR 31 AM 9 03

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt. Fourth DISTRICT.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28, 1924.

CHIEF CLERK
1924 APR 1 AM 11 30

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Elwood E. Benstead. Position, First Assistant Keeper.

Legal residence, New Jersey. Station, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

Salary, $720.00 per annum (includes longevity of $60.00 p.a.)

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15, 1924.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 1 1924
APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
APR -2 1924
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

R. B. Dorr
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAR 31 1924

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR
28
1924
PHILADELPHIA

Cape May Lt. S.
March 27th 1924

Superintendent 4th L. H. Dist
Phil Pa

I Hearby tender my resignation
To take effect April 15th 1924

Respectfully
1st asst Keeper Benstead

Unable to perform my duty on account
of my Shoulder

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1924.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 15, 1924.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $720 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APR 2 - 1924

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 2 - 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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4th

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Benstead, Elwood E. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU L.H. STATION 4th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
720	240	960	XCR	404.25	1364.25	LHS	3	1140			

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approv - $1140

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1020 TO $1260

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 p.a.

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8

(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3

(d) College: Name -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind -; number of lessons ----; number completed ----

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Standing watch, average 4 hours per night	16-2/3
2. Cleaning and adjusting apparatus - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
3. General work keeping tower and station clean - average 2 hrs. per day	8-1/3
4. At station standing by, for all other purposes 17 hrs. per day	70-5/6
	100 %

(This station has quarters for family supplies in vicinity).

FORM NO. 1
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...et, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 2

2—12758

1. Benstead (Surname) Elwood (Given name) E (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Cape May Light Station
   (c) City or town Cape May Point
6. Pay-roll title First Assistant Keeper State N. J.
7. Customary office title First Assistant Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Continuous; per week -
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day -; or per week -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From - m. to - m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year -
   During what months -
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate --
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence allowance of 45¢ per day $164.25 p. a.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 p.a.
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind -; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Standing watch, average 4 hours per night	16-2/3
2. Cleaning and adjusting apparatus - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
3. General work keeping tower and station clean - average 2 hrs. per day	8-1/3
4. At station standing by, for all other purposes 17 hrs. per day	70-5/6
	100 %

(This station has quarters for family supplies in vicinity).

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Under orders of Keeper. In charge of station whenever Keeper is absent on duty or on leave).

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

Three employees at station. First Assistant directs Second Assistant in absence of Keeper. Assists in maintaining light and keeping station in order. Making minor repairs where mechanics are not required.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment July 1, 1904.

22. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the foregoing questions are correct.

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

(Signature of Reporting Officer)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)		X	
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)			X
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)		X	

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School		

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Six months as Second Assistant and ability to operate incandescent oil vapor light.

Experience: If essential, kind and extent

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 960 to $ 1080

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

(Signature of head of field office or station)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

COPY:MR.

3404

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
THE INTERIOR BUILDING
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to File No. LF-8586

March 6, 1924.

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, New York.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an inquiry from T. E. Benstead in regard to an injury said to have been sustained by him about two years ago while employed as 1st Assistant Keeper under your service. This man states he fell off the iron platform in lens and injured his right arm and shoulder for which he was treated by the Public Health Service physician in Cape May. The records of this office do not show that this case was ever reported.

Will you, therefore, be good enough to investigate the matter to determine whether or not this man did actually suffer an injury, and if so, submit an official report on the enclosed Form C.A.2? Also please give the man an opportunity to file his claim in the usual manner on Form C.A.4 in the event that the disability prevents him from working. It is further requested that you state the date on which this injury was first reported to the claimant's official superior.

Very truly yours,

(sgd.) Jno.J.Keegan
Commissioner

JWE/CMS

FHF:MR.

March 11, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
4th District,
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by T. E. Benstead, 1st Assistant Keeper.

1. Attached hereto is letter received from the United States Employees' Compensation Commission, in regard to above employee of whome no record can be found in this office.

2. If Mr. Benstead was employed at a light station in your district, please furnish the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with the information requested by them.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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FHF:MR. Office Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., March 11, 1924.

Copy forwarded to United States Employees' Compensation Commission, Washington, D. C., for information contained.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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Lighthouse - atoc.

Cape May Point
New Jersey.

Mar 17/24.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 19 1924
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, Staten Island N.Y.

Dear Sir :-

I have in hand copy of letter addressed from U.S. Employees Comp. Comm: File #L.F-8586 to your office. And have complied with the request Regarding the filling out of Form C.A. 4. The above form has been filled out and sent to the Superintendent of the 4th Dist. along with doctors report, and various other papers pertaining to the matter -

Respectfully Yours
E.E. Benstead
1st Asst Keeper
Cape May Light

P.S.
My initials are E.E.
instead of T.E.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

GCW-JFB

File duplicate

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR
14
1924
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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13 March 1924

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, New York.

1 In reply to your letter of March 11th, 1924, transmitting a communication from the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission. The enclosures have been forwarded to Mr. E. E. Benstead, First Assistant Keeper, Cape May Light Station, for proper action.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BENSTEAD, E.E.

E. E. Benstead

Received 7/15/24

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Inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Subject:-
Report of terminination
of disability of E.E.Benstead.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 31 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

October 29, 1910.

The Commissioner,

Bureau of Light-Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to report of injury to Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, under date of October 21, 1910, I transmit herewith, for the information of the Bureau, a report of the termination of his disability.

Respectfully,

Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 22 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

One enclosure.

Oct. 21, 1910.

The Commissioner,

Bureau of Light-Houses,

Washington, D.C.,

Sir:

I transmit herewith report of accidental injury to Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, Second Asst. Keeper at Cape May Light-Station, N.J., on October 13, 1910.

Respectfully,

S. A. Bradman,

Commander, U.S. Navy, Inspector.

File Report accdt Supt 10/22/10 ABB

(Cross Reference)

For ~~basis of this action~~ Commendation see

letter dated Jan. 20, 1912.

in file of H. E. Hann.

Elwood E. Benstead

(Cross Reference)

For ~~basis of this action~~ commendation see

letter dated Oct 5, 1912

in file of 1635

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Cape May L. H., N. J.
3. Name Benstead, Elwood E.
4. Where born New York
5. Age 44
6. Position Second Assistant Keeper
7. Compensation $460 p. a.
8. When appointed (*a*) July 1, 1904
9. How appointed (*b*) Civil Service Examination
10. Appointed from
    - State New Jersey
    - Congressional District 2d Card says 1st.
    - County Cape May
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs, under supervision of Keeper.
15. Efficiency
    - Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10
    - Quality of work (*e*) Excellent
    - Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) —

H. H. Bingham
Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT MAY 1 - 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Benstead, Elwood E. 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Light-Houses 4. Position Second Asst.Keeper

5. Compensation $460. p.a. 6. Where employed Cape May L.H., N.J.

7. When appointed (*a*) July 1,1904 8. How appointed (*b*) Through C.S.Examination

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount —

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibition of lights, care of apparatus, dwelling and site, minor repairs, under supervision of Keeper.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance	—	~~xxx~~	—
Total		8 ~~xxx~~	800
Average percentage			100

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
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17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.)

Services satisfactory. Interest excellent.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Salary is fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (e)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. A. Fisher

Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

W. A. Fisher

Commander U. S. Navy, Inspector 4th L. H. District.

Commander of Bureau or Office.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC 8 1914
HOUSES

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Mar. Engr.
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 7, 1914.

Mr. H. B. Benstead, (Through Keeper)

2nd Asst. Kpr., Cape May Lt. Sta.,

Cape May Point, N. J.

At an inspection of Cape May Light Station made during the week ending October 7, 1914, the station was generally below standard. The barn was not clean, General Instructions, p. 152, par. "Storage of Oil, etc." were being violated by the storage of mineral oil in the cellar of dwelling, and near the heater, and there was a lot of unsightly junk around the station.

In addition to the above, the impression was created that you lack willingness to do any minor repairing, which is not in accordance with the requirements of par. "Repairs and Alterations", p. 144, and paragraph "Repairs, etc. by Keepers", page 165 of General Instructions 1911.

While the general condition of a station is under the control of the Keeper, yet an Assistant cannot entirely avoid blame for an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and it therefore became necessary to reprimand you and to caution you to prevent, so far as lies in your power, a recurrence of the conditions complained of.

A thorough investigation of your station will be made at a later date, and unless proper improvement along all lines is evident, more drastic action may become necessary. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on your record as a part of your official history.

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Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses
for his information
Rout

Bureau of Lighthouses,
December 8, 1914.
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for
his information.

T. J. Rout.
Acting Commissioner

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McC.

March 10, 1915.

Subject: Inspector's letter 3-6-15, C.S.Woolson, Edward Hughes, and E. E. Benstead, efficiency.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to letters of reprimand of December 7, 1914, addressed to Messrs. Woolson, Hughes, and Benstead by the Inspector on December 7, 1914, copies of which were submitted to the Department for its information by Bureau indorsements of December 8, 1914.

The Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Inspector that no further action be taken in these cases at the present time.

Ben Butler

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see Dept letter March 17, 1915 —
file C. S. Woolson

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAY 21 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19th, 191 5.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, **Elwood R. Benstead,** Legal residence, **New Jersey.**

Position, **First Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$516.00 per annum.**

Location, **Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.** Appropriation, **"Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."**

Effective **June 1st, 1915,** ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper, Former salary, **$460.00 per annum.**

Location, **Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.**

Rank on eligible list, x x x Rating, x x x Percentage, x x x, Other eligibles considered:

x x x x

Previous incumbent, Edward Hughes Services terminated, **May 31st, 1915,**

Reason, **Nominated for reduction to Second Assistant Keeper of Cape May Light Station, New Jersey, effective June 1st, 1915.**

Relatives in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: See letter of this date.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:
G. Carleton Wensell
Chief Clerk.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 21 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Commissioner

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 25 1915

May 22, 1915.

Mr. Elwood E. Bonstead,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

~~First Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $460 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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~~C~~

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward Hughes.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

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MAY 25 1915

E&D June 1/1915.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., (City.) December 21st (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase of pay.

Name, Elwood E. Benstead, Legal residence, New Jersey.

Position, First Assistant Keeper. Salary, ✓ $564.00 per annum.

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey. Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Effective January 1st, 1916, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ / ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~}

Former position, First Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $516.00 per annum.

Location, Cape May Light Station, New Jersey.

Rank on eligible list, x x Rating, x x Percentage, x x , Other eligibles considered:

x x x x

Previous incumbent, x x x x Services terminated, x x x x

Reason, x x x x

Members of family in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: Recommendation made in accordance with Bureau letter of 17 Dec.'15.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

T. J. Rout.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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APN 1873

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 29 1915

December 27, 1915.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~First Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $516 per annum.)

Ent Jan 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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M

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

DEC 29 1915

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L&J

May 8, 1924.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,
1748 North Thirteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of April 23, 1924, with reference to your reemployment as keeper in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that as your resignation has taken effect it would be necessary that you be reinstated in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and application therefor should be filed with the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Philadelphia for consideration in the event of a suitable vacancy.

3. It appears that you were fully advised at the time not to tender your resignation but to continue in the Service with a view to your transfer to a light station where you could perform the full duties.

4. With reference to your claim for relief from the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission you are advised that unless claim for compensation on account of disability is made within one year after injury the Employees' Compensation Commission is without power to pay compensation. You are also advised that the present provisions of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law do not provide for retirement on account of disability.

Respectfully.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.
1924 APR 29 AM 8 51

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MAY 8 - 1924
Wrote Benstead
Copy to 4th

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
28 April, 1924

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1 A letter of Mr. Elwood E. Benstead, dated April 23rd, 1924, is returned herewith.

2 Upon becoming acquainted with Mr. Benstead's condition and his inability to perform full duty I advised him to continue in the Service with a view to placing him in some position which he could fill. In spite of this advice Mr. Benstead tendered his resignation without qualification, and I am of the opinion that it should stand as tendered.

B. B. DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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April 25, 1924.

Mr. Elwood E. Benstead,
1748 North Thirteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of April 23, 1924, with reference to your reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 APR 24 AM 9 11

1748 North Thirteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.,
April 23, 1924.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES
APR 26 1924
PHILADELPHIA.

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Chf Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Clerk.

Mr. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:

I have the honor to request permission to recall my resignation as First Assistant Keeper, Cape May Light, which took effect April 15, 1924.

The doctor at the Marine Hospital Office informs me that I am totally disabled for work as a Lighthouse Keeper as a result of an injury which I received while on duty in September, 1921. I resigned under a misapprehension, for, at that time, I did not know that i was wntitled to relief from the United States Employees' Compensation Commission, or to retirement, in the event that my disability is permanent.

Respectfully yours,
Elwood E. Benstead
Elwood E. Benstead.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 25 1924

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.
for report and return.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses
and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 DEC 24 AM 8

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LGJ
Incls.

December 20, 1924.

DEC 31 1924

SUBJECT: Bureau of Navigation, Navy Dept., requests for statement service of E.E.Benstead, etc.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa., for statement of service in each case, also verification of dates and places of birth given. The statement should include all service between April 11, 1917 and July 1, 1919 on vessels transferred to the service and jurisdiction of the War and Navy Departments.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GCW-JFB ENDORSEMENT

Office of Supt, 4th L. H. Service,
Phila, Pa, December 23rd, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1 Bureau of Navigation letters of 11 November 1924 are returned herewith. It will be noted that Benstead's period of service is specified in Redifer's record, and vice versa.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

Division
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Nav-642-ELB

FEB 25 1925

11 February 1925.

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To: Personnel Officer, Bureau of Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

SUBJECT: BENSTEAD, Elwood Elmer, 1st Ass't. Keeper, USLHS, Statement of Service.

1. It is requested that this bureau be furnished with a statement of service in the case of the above named man in order that he may be credited with adjusted compensation.

2. In submitting application, he gave date and place of birth as 5 August 1861, at Palisades, New York, and claimed service at Cape May Lighthouse, Cape May, New Jersey, from 14 April 1917 to 11 November 1918.

W. R. SHOEMAKER,
Chief of Bureau.

C. B. Hatch,
By Direction.

See Bur. Letter 12-B 11/24 to Bur. Navigation in Pkg. U.S. Retirer

1931 DEC 1 AM 9 49

November 30, 1931

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12-7-31 2nd to Vet Bureau

BENSTEAD, Elwood E.
C-1,763,125

Department of Commerce,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The above named man has submitted a copy of a communication received by him relative to the service which he performed during the period of the World War at Cape May Light Station, Cape May Point, N. J., as First Assistant Keeper. It is shown in this letter that from April 11, 1917 to July 1, 1919 the Cape May Light Station with equipment and personnel was transferred to the Navy Department and assigned to the Fourth Naval District.

Please give the dates of service which this man had in the Lighthouse Service and verify the dates during which this lighthouse was under the jurisdiction of the Navy.

Was this man's service considered honorable?

Please address your reply for the attention of the Record Verification Unit.

Respectfully,

GEORGE E. BROWN,
Director of Compensation.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
NOV 30 1931

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.
for remark and return.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner.

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Office of Supt.,4th Lighthouse Dist.,Philadelphia,Pa.,Dec.3,1931.

Benstead's service in the Lighthouse Service was continuous from July 1, 1904, to his resignation effective April 15, 1924.

He was first assistant keeper at Cape May Light Station, N. J.,during the entire period from April 11, 1917 to July 1, 1919, during which time this station was under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department. His resignation was accepted without prejudice, and his service was considered "honorable

(Signed) Gill.

December 7, 1931.

SUBJECT: Indorsement of December 3, on Veterans Administration letter of November 30, 1931, regarding service of Elwood E.Benstead.

Respectfully referred to Veterans Administation, Record Verification Unit, Washington, D. C., for information contained, attention being invited to your attached letter of November 30, (file MCB-Bc C-1,763,125) in the matter.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.