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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
Best, Donald, G.		

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:

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 (LA)		
From: 1919	To: 1920	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

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Time Out:

Final Return:

Donald G. Best

Mr. Donald G. Best.

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Montana

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
TEMPORARY (Pay Roll) Keeper Ao. Pass Jetty Lts and F.O. Dy.	$780	L.H.	Dec. 4, 1919
LAST DAY OF SERVICE March 26, 1930 INACTIVE			

11—1248

DEC 30 1919 9 17 AM

LIGHT DEC 30 1919 HOUSES

Form 73

MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 26, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, **Donald G. Best** Legal residence, **Montana**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$780 per annum.**

Location, **South Pass Jetty Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Louisiana.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **December 7, 1919,** {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - - - -

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

1919 DEC 31 AM 10 23

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Murphy TEMPORARY Services terminated, **November 24, 1919.**

Reason, **Resigned.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, Donald G. Best was assigned to duty on December 7, 1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dec. 26, 1919

E. H. Thomas
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
Muth.
FIRST ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
DEC 30 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

12-31-19

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 3 - 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 DEC 30 PM 3 54

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1920.

Mr. Donald G. Best,

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 Eighty dollars per annum,

effective December 7, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 3 - 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

M
C

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert B. Murphy.

Legal Residence: Montana.
8th

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

11—1393

JAN 23 1920 9 43 AM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT JAN 23 1920 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS JAN 24 1920

1920 JAN 23 PM 4 11

I, Donald G. Best,

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.

Donald G. Best
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16 day of January, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George W. Veles dernier

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

My commission expires april 20. 1920

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service	$780 p.a.	South Pass Jetty Lights and Fog-signal Station, Louisiana.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

MCC

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., January 19, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 7, 1920.
(Date)

E. S. Lauglier.
(Superintendent or other official by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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 on or after the effective 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

JAN 8 1920 8 50 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 8 1920

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEC 17 1919 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

JAN 2 1920 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

LIGHT JAN 8 1920 HOUSES

CARDED

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Donald ~~H. Best~~ George Best

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)

Donald G. Best

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | So.Pass Jetty Lts.& Fog-Signal St.,La. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation: $780 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK 1920 JAN PM 3 51

8. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Argenta (City or town.) | Montana (State or Territory.) | Beaverhead (County.) | First (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Helmsville, - Montana, U.S.A. America

12. When were you born? July (Month.) 27 (Day.) 1890 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out

14. What is your marital condition? married

15. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

George W. Best (Name.) | (Number and street.)

Argenta (City or town.) | Montana (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

18. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U S Marines	June 25th 1915	June 24 1919	Expiration of enlistment
2nd Regiment			

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co. B 1st Co A 2nd	May 3rd 1911	May 3rd 1915	Expiration of enlistment

I have one previous inlistment, i.e. from 1911 to 1915 but have honorable discharge for same

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) ----------

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service ----------

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

23. 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 indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Radial Drill press operator, Placer Miner, Musician.

24. 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, 7 grade

25. What special qualifications have you—educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Musician

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

None

27. 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

Date, Dec 14, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Donald H. Best

P. O. Address: Port Eads
City or town.

C/o Louisiana Bar Pilots
Number and street.

La
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

MCC

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded January 3, 1920.

(Signature) E. S. Lamphier.

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APR 1 1920

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

LIGHT HOUSES APR 1

APPOINTMENT

1920 APR 3 AM 10

Name of employee Donald G. Best

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

1920 APR AM 9

Place of employment South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station, La.

Last day served March 26, 1920.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION DAY REPORT APR 3 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

E. S. Lanphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(*Official title.*)

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED CARDED

Date March 29, 1920.

11—2876

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee Donald G. Best

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

Place of employment South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station, La.

Last day served March 26, 1920.

Copy for information of Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District, 2d Floor, Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La.

E. S. L.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Official title.)

Lighthouse Service.

Date March 29, 1920.

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(Bureau or service.)

Carded

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 7 1920
HOUSES

January 3, 1920.

Mr. Donald G. Best,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

JAN 9 1920
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS

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 Eighty dollars per annum,

effective December 7, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

MC

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert B. Murphy.

Legal Residence: Montana.
8th

So. Pass Jetty Lts. + Fog Signal Sta. La.

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News -

Mr Leyser

Asst Chem for D.V.

Ret. Dump Asst @

South Dam. Jetty @

780 per an, Rations &

bonus Mar 1-26 incl -

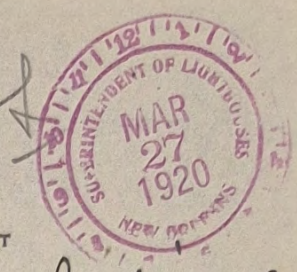
Resigned -

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Copy for Mrs Carroll -

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

So. Pass Jetty Lightsand fog Signal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March, 1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses!-
New Orleans - La.

Sir!:

I hereby tender my resignation as first assistant Keeper - because my Wife is ill in fact on the verge of physical break-down and it is necessary that I be with her soon as possible. I leave the service with regret, as I have found my superiors and associates Congenial and the work interesting and my resigning is brought about by domestic intervention and not of my own choice.

I wish to thank the office for the prompt acceptance of my resignation, as I have quite some distance to travel - in order to get to my home in Atlantic City, New Jersey

Sincerely.

Donald H. Best.
Palms apt - suite a-8,
Atlantic City,
New Jersey.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., Jan..19, 1920.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Donald G. Best,

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.

(Sgd.) DONALD G. BEST
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16th day of January, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)
S(Geo.W.Delesdernier,
E(Justice of the Peace
A(in and for the 4th Ward
L(of the Parish of Plaquemines,

[4](Name) (Sgd.) GEO. W. DELESDERNIER

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

My commission expires April 20, 1920.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service	$780 p.a.	South Pass Jetty Lights and Fog-signal Station, Louisiana.
Former	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

MCC

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., January 19, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 7, 1920.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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 on or after the effective 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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 superintendent of lighthouses 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.

11—944

Corded

MCC

January 10, 1920.

Donald G. Best, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots,
Port Eads, La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated January 5, 1920, appointing you temporary assistant keeper at South Pass Jetty Lights and Fog-Signal Station, La., at a salary of $780 per annum and a daily ration allowance of 45¢, effective commencing December 7, 1919. In addition to salary, you will be paid the monthly bonus of $20 upon receipt of Department approval of certificate in your case.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

(Sgd.) LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished R. F. Steen, Keeper, South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station, c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots, Port Eads, La., for his information and the station files. You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly executed, with as little delay as possible.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73
MCC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 26, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probational appointment.

Name, Donald G. Best — Legal residence, Montana

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $780 per annum.

Location, South Pass Jetty Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Louisiana. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 7, 1919, { 'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - - - -

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Murphy — Services terminated, November 24, 1919.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, Donald G. Best was assigned to duty on December 7, 1919. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

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

Thru Albery 12-26-19 MCC

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

M
FIRST ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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in reference to Question 21 .. I have lost my discharge for inlistment from may 3rd. 1911 entill may 3rd 1915. same may be had by applying to Headquarters U.S.M.C, Washington D.C.

Donald George Beat

MCC
2 inclosures

December 12, 1919.

Richard F. Steen, Keeper,
South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots,
Port Eads, Louisiana.

1. It is requested that you have Donald G. Best and John Hale, the temporary assistant keepers who were placed on duty on December 7th, complete and return as soon as practicable inclosed "Personal Question Sheets." If they are discharged soldiers or sailors, have them forward their discharge certificates in order that a record of same may be made in this office.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

TELEGRAM

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

New Orleans La December 6 9

Richard Steen Keeper
South Pass Jetty Light Station
Port Eads Louisiana

Keeper Port Eads Depot authorized send Donald G Best John Hale as assistant keepers your station Place them on duty Telegraph when ready start fog signal Fagerstrom reports Calvi wishes return New Orleans before entering on duty Cannot wait for this

LANPHIER

Pilot Station telephone Lee 8 when please on duty but not ready to start fog signal.

E.O.D. Dec 7, 1919. mcp

(SIGNED) LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY (MCC)

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

KNOW YE, That Donald G. Best, a Private of the U. S. Marine Corps, who was enlisted at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 25th day of June, 1915, to serve four years, is hereby

HONORABLY DISCHARGED

by reason of expiration of term of enlistment.

Said Donald G. Best was born July 27, 1890, at Helensville, Mont., and when enlisted was 70 inches high, with blue eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion; occupation, Musician; citizenship, U.S.

Given under my hand at Washington, D.C., this fourteenth day of June, 1919.

(Sgd.) GEORGE BARNETT,
Major General Commandant.

Delivered at M.B., Portsmouth, N.H., this 24th day of June, 1919.

Character: Good.

L. H. MOSES,
Col., U.S.M.C., Commanding Marines.

S(Marine Barracks,
E(Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H.
A(Official,
L(Commanding
(Officer's Office.

EP-JEB

December 24, 1919.

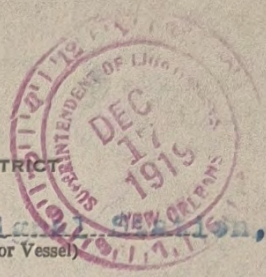
Richard F. Steen, Keeper,
South Pass East Jetty Light Station,
care Louisiana Bar Pilots,
Port Eads, Louisiana.

1. Referring to your letter of December 14, regarding pay of Donald G. Best, Temporary Assistant Keeper. The contents of your letter has been noted and the conditions regarding the numerous changes in assistants are understood. The Regulations, however, permit only for the payment of the lowest rating for a temporary assistant until he qualifies by completing the Civil Service application form, acquiring the necessary rating and receives probationary appointment.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

7 Enclosures,

South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog Signal Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 14th, 1919,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

in regards to enquires, made by Mr Donald G Best temporary 1st, Assistant Keeper at this Station, Why he is not entitle to the first assistants salary $840, in place of $ 780, wich is the second Assistant pay after the new rating,

In Vew of the constant change of assistant keepers at this Station, and for wich i understand that i am blamed, Even some letters frome the Office seams to point to the same way, However i belive that i am able to cleare my self if nessessary, I have done what i could to keep any sutable man in the service, and i am doing so now.

Respectfully Yours.

Richard Steen

Keeper.

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December 24, 1919.

Richard F. Steen, Keeper,
South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots,
Port Eads, Louisiana.

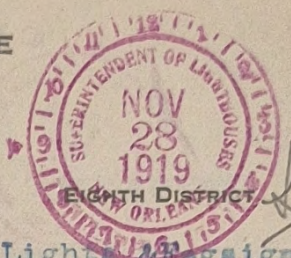
1. In view of the difficulty in retaining assistant keepers at your station, it is desired that you give careful consideration to the even allotment of work at the station between yourself and the two assistants as soon as this office is able to fill the complement of the station.

2. Make up a routine of the work at the station and divide the watches and the work so that each one of the three keepers will have an equal share and so that the desirable and undesirable work shall be performed in rotation by keeper and the two assistants. In other words, carry out the spirit of Paragraph 112 of "Instructions to Employees."

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



South Pass Jetty Light & Fogsignal Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 24th, 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans.La.

Dear Sir:-

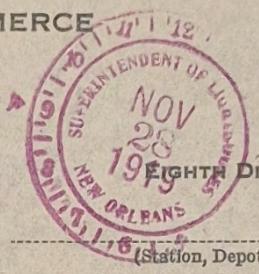
Mr, R.B.Murphy quit at 8am, and are leaving for the city this eavning,

On the morning after arriving her, Murphy made the statement that if he had the money to pay his way back he would leav, and that he would leave as soon as he received check, When Murphy received his check, i requested him to stay on litle longer and give notis to the Office of his intention, thise he promised to do,

On satturday we ware being instructed in opperating the new fog signal and did not have time to scrubb the flors, as as we usualy do on wednsday an satturdays, umtill abouth 5pm, at wich time i myself had to light the East jetty light and then preside to Pilot Station, to light the South Pass Front Rangr, leaving Murphy at the station for him to scrubb the kitchen flor, upon enquiring why he did not scrubb the flor, he stated that he ware not going to work after hours, to wich i riplayd that we did did not have any regular hours at present. as there ware lots of

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Work to be done, on account of me being alone fore some time, However the scrubbing was done sunday morning, during the time i ware over to extinguze clean and refill South pass front Range light, and this morning he stated that he was not going to work,

I am not working any one to much, and the hardes heavyest work is usualy preformed by my self, to keep of truble, and i certenly take my shear, if not more of or other work, buth it dont seams to healp, the seams to be dissatisfide when the get here and then only wating to get sufishiant money to get away. However i hope that the next ones will be contented and stay, as i do wish to get some leave of absent, i have only had 21 and 12/24 days thise year, and the year will soone be at an end And this changingis of no benefit nither to the service nore to me, as i constantly have to brake in new men.

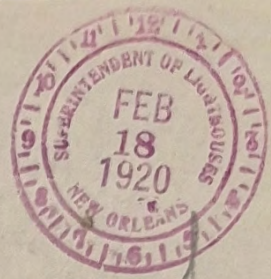
Very Respectfully,

Richard Sleen

Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

South Pass Jetty Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February, 1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.
Sir: (Through the Keeper)

I reply to office letter dated Feb. 2 in 1920 requesting a reply - I wish to state that inasmuch as my papers are to be graded within a week and as the position in Mobile is no longer open to me on account of my inability to be there on time, I do not wish to sever connections with the Service.

Respectfully,
Temp. Asst. Donald G. Best
South Pass Jetty Light Sta.

R.L.

Noted - mgr
Ret. mail. for
mgr.

EP-MCC

February 12, 1920.

Donald G. Best, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots,
Port Eads, La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of February 10th, you are informed that your Civil Service application paper will be rated within a week. You will then become eligible for appointment at the base pay of the first assistant keeper, $840 per annum. Until that time you cannot receive the pay of the first assistant keeper, as your status is that of temporary assistant keeper.

2. It has always been the policy of this office to require employees to give at least two weeks' notice when tendering their resignation, in order to provide sufficient time to send someone to the station in their places.

3. Should you decide to sever your connection with the Service, it will be necessary, for you to avoid embarrassing the Service, to give at least two weeks' notice. A reply is requested by return mail, through the Keeper.

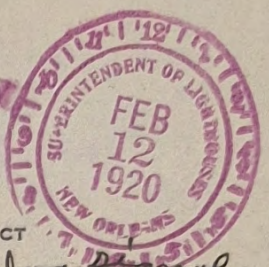
(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished R. F. Steen, Keeper, South Pass Jetty Lights & Fog-Signal Station, c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots, Port Eads, La., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

South Pass Jetty Light and Buoy Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 10. ,1920

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans. La

Dear Sir:

I wish to inquire about my salary.

In a letter to the Keeper, now on file and dated Jan. 20th. the salary for 1st assistant Keeper is quoted as eight hundred and forty dollars Per annum. Base Pay.

My check for January's salary is for ninety eight dollars and ninety five cents which would indicate that I am being paid at a salary of seven hundred and eighty Base pay.

If my salary is seven hundred and eighty per annum. — I wish to tender my resegnation at once as there is a position open to me in Mobile Ala. at a higher rate of pay and much better chances of advancement, and work not near so dangerous, however I must be in mobile on or before the fifteenth of this month in order to secure this position so I trust that the office will appreciate this fact and send a man down in my place as soon as possible, - because I must be in mobile by the fifteenth of this month. — I have absolutely no complaint to make whatever in regards to my associations with my superior here as I have been treated with as much consideration as has been possible. — but the salary as it stands is not enough and I can better myself elsewhere

respectfully

Donald G. Best
1st Asst Keeper

(Through the Keeper)

COPY (MCC) Recd. 10:30 a.m., Dec. 17, 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Donald ~~G. Best~~ George Best

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)

Donald G. Best

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | So. Pass Jetty Lts. & Fog-Signal Stn., La. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) | 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $780 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ———, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

8. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Argenta (City or town.) | Montana (State or Territory.) | Beaverhead (County.) | First (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Helmsville, Montana, America? U.S.A.

12. When were you born? July 27 (Month.) | 27 (Day.) | 1890 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out - - - - - -

14. What is your marital condition? Married

15. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

George W. Best (Name.) | (Number and street.)

Argenta (City or town.) | Montana (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
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17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

18. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.Marines 2nd Regiment	June 25th 1915	June 24 1919	Expiration of enlistment

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Co. B 1st 2nd Co.A	May 3, 1911	May 3, 1915	Expiration of enlistment

I have one previous enlistment, i.e., from 1911 to 1915, but have lost discharge for same.

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

23. 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 indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.*)

Radial Drill press operator, Placer Miner, Musician

24. 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, 7th Grade

25. What special qualifications have you—educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Musician

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

None

27. 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

Date, December 14 - - - - - -, 1919.

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) (Sgd.) DONALD G. BEST

P. O. Address: Port Eads
City or town.

c/o Louisiana Bar Pilots
Number and street.

Louisiana.
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this no letter of transmittal is required.)

January 5 - - - - - - 20.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded ....., 191

(Signature) E.S.L

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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