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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Burt, Dana, L.		1896 MA

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: 1941 NY

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

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Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1930	To: 1934
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(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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WOMAN'S SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY
OF
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
61 WATER STREET

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New York, N. Y.
24 January, 1940

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
61 Water Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:-

Subject: Application for position of keeper.
Reference: (a) Your letter 22 January, 1940.

1. In reply to your letter, you are advised the Lighthouse Service has been consolidated with the Coast Guard Service, and all future vacancies in the position of keeper or assistant keeper will be filled by enlisted men.

Respectfully,

P. E. SHAW
By direction.

WOMAN'S SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY
OF
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
61 WATER STREET



January 22, 1940

Supt of Light Houses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Dear Sir,

Could you send me a application for position as Asst keeper in your district or may I get permission from you to write to other districts for same

I have been out of the Light House Service for nearly five years, and I think I am in the position to have another chance as others have & make good.

Trusting to hear from you

Respectfully

61 Water St,
New Haven
Conn.

Dana L. Burt
Ex Light House Keeper

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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April 8, 1938.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
550 West 20th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of April 2, 1938, in regard to your desire for reinstatement:

As you have been heretofore advised, your previous record in this Service was such as not to warrant giving you any special consideration over other eligibles, and it is thought that in view of this unsatisfactory record, the Superintendents of the districts mentioned in your letter could not give favorable consideration to your application at the present time.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES · STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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November 24, 1937

Mr. Dana L. Burt
c/o Seamen's Chruch Institute
25 South Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 17 applying for reinstatement as keeper.

It is noted from the record that you have previously taken this matter up with the Bureau and also with the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, and that you have been advised that in view of your separation from the Service in consequence of charges against you on account of your absence from duty without authority, this Service is not in position to consider your reinstatement over other qualified eligibles.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for information.

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FWO-JHG

Nov.22,1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, former keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement of Nov.19th on letter of Nov.17,1937 from D. L. Burt.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Dana L. Burt was dismissed from the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta., New York, effective at the close of August 10, 1935, attention being invited to letter from this office dated August 1,1935 concerning charges against Mr.Burt, and to letter of August 10,1935 concerning his suspension from duty. As shown by the papers referred to Mr. Burt's services in this District were such that this office could not see its way clear to consider his reemployment. It may be stated that he has been so advised verbally on more than one occasion during the past year or so when he has called at this office seeking reinstatement.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

C O P Y

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

25 South Street,

New York

Nov.17,1937

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Dept.of Commerce,
U. S. Lighthouse Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please allow this letter to stand as an application for the Assistant lighthouse keeper position. I was in your service for six years ending August 10,1935 and am at this time am again asking for reinstatement and to be considered for the assistant keeper of the 3rd Lighthous District.

I trust you will give this your immediate attention, as I8ve had unsteady employment and it always has been my desire to the United States Service.

Please communicate with me at the above address , I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dana L. Burt

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.
Nov.19,1937

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for report and return.
For the Commissioner.

/s/ W. P. Harmon,
Adm.Asst.

FWO-JHG

March 2,1937

Dana L. Burt,
44 Canal Street,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Employment.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.28,1937.

1. Your letter of February 28th requesting to be considered for reemployment as assistant keeper, has been received and placed on file. In regard to the matter of interview, you may call at this office any week day at such time as is convenient to yourself.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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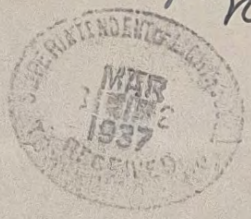
44 Canal St.
Stapleton, Staten Island,
New York
Feb 28, 1937



Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

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Sir:-

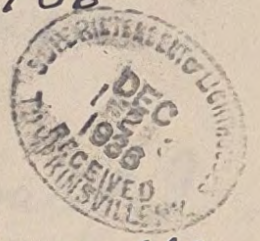
I request that I be considered for appointment as assistant Keeper at Execution Rock Light Station or some other off-shore station. I have been informed that certain vacancies in the light-house service are anticipated in the near future.

I would appriate an interview with the Superintendent in this connection.

Respectfully
Flora Lee Burt.

96 Osgood Ave,
Stapleton. S. I.
Dec 1, 1936

Supt of Light Houses,
Staten Island,
New York.



Subject: Reconsideration of my case for the purpose of reinstatement

Dear Sir:

After being discharged from the Lighthouse service Aug 10, 1936 I have been unable to get steady employement and cannot even be put on relief for winter.

I had always like the Light House service & work very hard on each station I was sent too. All Keepers, that I severed under gave me a compliment of being their best worker on general duty in light house or engines, & boats.

I can see my mistake now by being transfered from station to

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Dec. 2,1936

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I would like to know if I can be reinstated and return to duty when there are vacancies as Light House Keepers. I also would like to know if I can except a position as seamen on a Lightship before being reinstated in the Light House Service.

I will promise faithful to to do my duties & also help the interest of Light House Service.

Thanking you sincerely for any interest you may take in this matter, I close, and wish to remain.

Respectfully
Ilana L. Burt

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt,
96 Osgood Avenue,
Stapleton, S.I., N. Y.

Dec. 2,1936

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.1,1936.

1. You are advised that all conditions, circumstances, and facts connected with the termination of your employment as Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, were very carefully considered, and this office knows of no reasons that would justify reconsideration of your case at this time, as suggested by your letter.

2. In reference to the matter of reinstatement, you are advised your name, together with others, may be considered for reinstatement in connection with any vacancies that may occur as assistant lighthouse keeper or seaman, it being necessary of course to consider in connection therewith your service record and the conditions under which your services were terminated. Obviously no assurance can be given you as to when you might be considered for reemployment.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ARTHUR L. KRAUT
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
32 BROADWAY
NEW YORK
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Our File #1500

September 23, 1936

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am the attorney for Montgomery Ward & Co. and they have requested me to ascertain whether Dana L. Burt has been reinstated and if not if such action is contempted.

Thanking you in anticipation of this courtesy, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Arthur L. Kraut
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PSL For your convenience I enclose a stamped self addressed return envelope.

WJL:TM

September 25, 1936.

Arthur L. Kraut,
32 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter of September 23, 1936, file #1500.

Sir:

Dana L. Burt has not been reinstated in the Lighthouse Service and such action is not contemplated at the present time.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

To 3d

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February 21, 1936.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
14 Court Street,
Stapleton, S. I.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of February 5, regarding your separation from the position of lighthouse keeper:

The records in this matter show that your separation was effected at the close of August 10, 1935, in consequence of charges made against you on account of absence from your station without authority and neglect of duty, in connection with which charges due consideration was give to your reply. The charges show that you absented yourself from your station on July 9 and that you were due to return to the station on the same day but failed to return until July 26, and that after your return you were observed by an officer of a vessel who was at the station on business to be confined to your quarters in a helpless condition due to intoxication. The record therefore shows clearly that your separation was in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations governing such matters. The records also show that you had experienced difficulties at other stations and that you had been cautioned of your liability to separation from the Service in the event of further serious difficulties.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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COPY to 3d Supt. with copy of Mr. Burt's letter referred to above.

(COPY)

FEB 25 1936
SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND
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14 Court Street,
Stapleton, S.I.
New York.
Feb.5,1936.

To: The Commissioner of Lighthouses
From:
Subject: Reconsideration of charges preferred against me. Replying to yours of the 1/18/36.

Dear Sir:

You being an executive in a branch of the Lighthouse Service, I look forward to your giving the following your kind and careful consideration.

In the matter of being discharged:-
Why was I not given a hearing which would have allowed me to defend myself?

Why was I ordered suspended for ninety days, through the Third Light House District, and then notified before thirty days had expired, that I was discharged?

Strange proceedure, wasn't it?

The investigation, if there was any was conducted in secret and without my knowledge.

The findings of Engineer Litchfeld, Inspector Lamb, Keeper Westgate and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Ockenfels, dealt with me too severly. This I say, because the charges which resulted in my dismissal were only to a degree.

The following may be the underlying motive for Westgate wanting me out of his presence.

There existed between Keeper Westgate and the wife of Assistant Keeper Rassmussen, a sex relationship of which I had knowledge. You can readily understand that with such knowledge my presence must have been very irksome, and with two people living an evil secret life as they were, it's only fair to believe that anything would have been resorted to in order to protect themselves. How far Westgate went to protect himself no one can say, but we can say that a man who would compromise his friend's wife, forge the name of his fellow employees checks, and cash same would not stop at anything.

The statements and charges herein written, can all be corrobated and by those who are still fortunate enough to be in the Service.

The charges against me in reference to the Power Boat were not properly presented.

Keeper Westgate gave me permission to take the boat over to Ellis Island to have my teeth treated, but coming back from there the boat became disabled and I was forced to land at Battery Park and tie up at the Barge Office. The records will show that the boat was discovered at the above described palce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1936.



Mr. Dana L. Burt,
14 Court St.,
Stapleton, S. I.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter having reference to your separation from this Service, and due consideration will be given to any further specific information you may desire to submit having a bearing on the matter.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt,
14 Court Street,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Dec. 18,1935

SUBJECT: Service record.

1. In accordance with your verbal request, you are advised the records of this office show you were employed as an assistant keeper in the Third Lighthouse District from February 20,1930 to August 10,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO:HR

November 29, 1935.

Mr. G. Franklyn Anderson,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Dana L. Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 23, 1935.

Sir:

Your letter of November 23rd, addressed to Mr. Fred C. Yawger of this Service, concerning the matter of indebtedness of Dana L. Burt, has been received at this office. In reply thereto, you are advised that Mr. Burt is no longer in the employ of this Service, his services having terminated August 10th, 1935.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON
Chief Clerk.

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G. FRANKLYN ANDERSON, M. D.
GUILFORD, CONN.

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Fred C Yaeger
Inspector
U.S. Dept of Commerce
Light House Service
Staten Island
NY

Dear Mr Yaeger:-

I just hate to be so much trouble to you, but it seems the only way I ever get a payment on Bunts account is when I write to you direct.

I hesitate to jeopardize his employment if there is any way of getting the account settled in small payments more convenient for him.

I would like to be decent about the bill and give him time but it would seem that he should try to make some effort too.

Do you think you could jog him up a bit

Yours truly
G.F. Anderson MD

JHG

August 26,1935

Chief Clerk
Voucher Clerk
Time Clerk

Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt. Sta., has been dismissed from the service, effective at the close of August 10,1935. Salary may now be paid him up to that date.

His address is 71 Beach St.,Stapleton,S.I.

Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt,
71 Beach Street,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Aug. 26,1935

SUBJECT: Dismissal from service.
REFERENCE: Letter of Charges dated July 25,1935.

1. The matter referred to above has received careful consideration, and the charges preferred against you have been substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant your dismissal. There is accordingly enclosed herewith Department letter dated August 19,1935 dismissing you from the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, effective at the close of August 10th, 1935, your last day of service.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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FWO-JHG

Aug. 26,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., dismissal from service.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1st and Department letter Aug.19,1935.

1. Referring to Department letter dated August 19,1935, addressed to Dana L.Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, dismissing him from the service; the Bureau is advised the effective date of his dismissal was at the close of August 10,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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August 21, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the suspension from duty, without pay, for a period not to exceed ninety days, of Dana L. Burt, keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective August 10, 1935.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to.....

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the suspension from duty, without pay, for a period not to exceed ninety days, of Dana L. Burt, keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective August 10, 1935.

By direction of the Secretary:

WM. J. GAYNOR

Chief of Appointment Division.

August 19, 1935.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence without authority and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective on a date later to be determined.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

August 12,1935

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Voucher Clerk

Time Clerk

Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., was suspended from duty, effective close August 10th,1935.

No payment of salary is to be made him until receipt of further orders.

1st Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Honorable James A. O'Leary,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Aug.12,1935

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.9,1935.

Dear Sir:-

1. In reply to your letter of August 9th, you are advised that Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, has not been dismissed from the service. There are, however, charges against him involving absence from duty without leave from July 9th to July 26th, concerning which he made no report, and, although given opportunity to do so, has offered no explanation; also involving neglect of duty in the matter of caring for Government property, he having taken the station power boat to New York and tied it up and abandoned it near the Barge Office, Battery Park, and from which point it was later recovered in a damaged condition. The customary landing point for the station boat is at Stapleton. The charges also involved his returning to his station on various dates in an intoxicated condition and unfit for duty. Mr.Burt's letter dated July 29th in reply to the charges stated; "I have no statement to make on these charges, therefore I will take my medicine. I am very sorry this happen this time and am sure it will not occur again in the future.". However, on August 6th, the Keeper, on returning to the station found Mr.Burt in an intoxicated condition and unfit for duty. On August 7th a Lighthouse tender stopped at the station on business not connected with Mr.Burt, but found a deplorable condition as described in the following extract from the report of the officer who landed on the light:-

"When I arrived at the station I found the power boat hooked on the falls, hoisted up barely clear of the water. The keeper explained to me that he could not, by himself, hoist the boat all the way up and place it on the dock without assistance. He stated that the 2nd Assistant Keeper was drunk, laying in his quarters, and asked that I go up and see him. This I did. I found him in bed and welter-

ing in ******. I closed the door immediately as the stench from the quarters was unbearable.".

2. For reasons that are obvious Mr.Burt has been taken ashore and suspended from duty, pending decision by the proper authorities as to action on the charges against him.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Pier

AUG 10 1935

Memo

Jacob Bracken

Master of Prince reports he took a laborer on Rub. Kpt to Rome Road Lt today, & also brought ashore 2 days Burt — Says Keeper reported he had to Cgrm some of the Reelers that had been used by Burt.

FWO-JHG

Aug.10,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office August 1,1935.

1. Attached hereto is letter dated Aug. 7,1935 from J.Robertson, Second Officer on the tender Spruce, relative to Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station,New York; in view of the conditions as described in the letter from Mr.Robertson, it was deemed advisable and to the interests of the Service to suspend Dana L. Burt from duty and to remove him from the station pending the disposition of charges against him, which matter has heretofore been submitted to the Bureau for action.

2. Copy of letter, dated August 9,1935, addressed to Mr.Burt, suspending him from duty and pay, is attached hereto. The approval of the action taken by this office in suspending Mr.Burt from duty, is recommended.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Rowes Shoal Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 10, 1935

Superintendent Of Lighthouses:

Subject. Mr Dana Bunt 2nd asst Keeper.

Mr. Dana Bunt 2nd asst Keeper have left this station, On the morning of Aug 10, 1935 was taken away by tender Spruce, And has taken all his personal, belongings.

Inclosed, Service card form 42 for Laborer who is at this station at the present time.

Jacob Dunbar
Temp. Labor
$6.00 Aug 10

Respectfully
Herman Westgate
Keeper

JAMES A. O'LEARY
19TH DIST. NEW YORK

ROYAL H. SMITH
SECRETARY

COMMITTEES:
MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Aug. 9, 1935

Mr. Joseph T. Yates,
Superintendent,
Lighthouse Department,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Yates:--

I am writing this letter in behalf of Mr. Dana Burt, of 71 Beech St., Stapleton,- who, I understand, was recently discharged from the Light-house Service.

Owing to the fact that he is the main support of his parents, I am writing to ask whether anything can be done toward his reinstatement.

Sincerely yours,

James A. O'Leary

James A. O'Leary

FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, 2AK,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Sta.
(Via Patrol tender, Aug.10th.)

Aug.9,1935

SUBJECT: Suspension from duty and pay.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges dated July 25th, and your letter July 29,1935.

1. You, as Second Assistant Keeper assigned to duty at Romer Shoal Light Station, are hereby suspended from duty, pay and allowances, effective at the close of August 10,1935, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending decision in your case.

2. This letter will be delivered at Romer Shoal Light Station on August 10,1935 by lighthouse tender, on which date the lighthouse tender will transport you from Romer Shoal Light Station to shore.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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1. Copy forwarded for information contained, to the Master of the tender Spruce, and with instructions to transport Mr.Burt, and also his personal belongings, from Romer Shoal Light Station to shore.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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1. Copy to Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,for his information. Mr.Burt must not be permitted to again return to Romer Shoal without orders from this office.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

FWO-JHG

Aug.8,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1,1935.

1. Enclosed for consideration in connection with the correspondence forwarded with letter of August 1st,1935 recommending the dismissal of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, is letter of August 6th from the Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station concerning Mr.Burt. As it is very desirable and to the interests of the service that this matter be brought to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment, it is recommended that action be expedited as much as possible and this office advised by telegraph.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
1st Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Tender Spruce
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug.7,1935, 193

3rd Lighthouse Superintendent
Staten Island, New York

Thru the Master,

Sir:-

At 2:20 P.M. this date, I delivered an official letter for Mr.Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, to the Keeper as Mr.Rasmussen was ashore on leave.

When I arrived at the station I found the power boat hooked on the falls, hoisted up barely clear of the water. The keepr explained to me that he could not, by himself, hoist the boat all the way up and place it on the dock without assistance. He stated that the 2nd Assistant Keeper was drunk, laying in his quarters, and asked that I go up and see him. This I did. I found him in bed and weltering in his own dung. I closed the door immediately as the stench from the quarters was unbearable.

Before leaving the station, assisted keeper in hoisting boat, putting it on the dock and making it secure.

At 2:45 P.M. returned back to the tender, and reported conditions found at station to the Master of Spruce.

/s/ J. Robertson

Second Officer, tender Spruce

Forwarded to
Office 8-7-35.
/s/ Victor Klang
Master

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal L.H. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 7, 1935

Superintendent Of Lighthouses:

Subject Wm Dana Burt 2nd asst Keeper.

On Aug 7, 1935, I Herman Westgate Keeper of this station flag Tender Spruce and gave them a letter to be forward to the Supt. of Lighthouses: Concerning this man Burt. I also had to asket the mate for 2 men to raise the 16 ft Power boat 522 high enough to put her in her bed on dock. And in the meantime, I sended the mate up to the asst-quarters to take a look at this man Burt. And he was drunk that he done his shirt in bed unready at going to the toilet And the order in his room is terrible and up to the present time he is still in bed with his clothy & order. He must be removed from this station at once. I also found 5 coffee mugs missing and one of them was near the Paint-locker door, And I believe he is drinking something in that Paint locker. And threw the cups overboard to hide his guilt. He is unfit to do his duty at the present time. Wether he is miping this alcohol with water or not, I dont know; But, I am trying to catch

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him is the act. Please do sonthing at once, before sonthing does happen at this statoon, He is unfit for the lighthouse service also this man Burt can not be trusted at anytime. And 6 15 PM I went to his quarts and saw a coffee mug under his bed and he was awake them, And, I said give me that, coffee mug which he did, And it was half full wipes of alcohol + wate by altho because I took a good smell at it. And could smell the alcohol in it. Which, I had an ideas that he was doing it but, I was not sure untell, I put my hands on that coffee mug which he handed me, when told to do so.

Respectfully
Herman Westgate
Keeper

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COPY

Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug.6,1935, 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUBJECT: 2nd Asst.Keeper Mr.Burt.

After taking over power boat from Mr.Rasmussen 1st Asst.Keeper, on Aug.6,1935, I arrive at this station on Aug.6,1935 at 6.45 P.M.and found Mr.Burt 2nd Asst.Keeper under the influence of liquor, and could just about stand on his feet. With little help he could give me I manage to get power boat 522 above high water. If the seas were chopped, I would of had my hands full. Where Mr.Burt got the liquor, I dont know. He did say some friends came out and gave it to him. He was in know condition to stand his watch at sundown on Aug.6,1935 and I had to take the watch over myself and had to get vapor light in order and in operation and was ten minutes late through no fault of mine. Mr.Burt can not be trusted at this station. And something must be done about it.

Respectfully,

/s/ Herman Westgate, Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 3, 1935

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island.
New York.

Subject: Charges.

Being under serious charges of neglect of duty, I desire to state the following. I want to assure your office of my intention to work in the best interests of this light-house service in the future, and to co-operate with my Government.

Respectfully
Hans L. Burt
2nd Asst Kpr.

J. E. Rasmussen
1st asst Keeper
In absence of Keeper

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Aug.1,1935

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Copy of memorandum of July 11th by Superintendent J.T.Yates .
b - Copy of memorandum of July 12th by Asst.Supt. F.W.Ockenfels.
c - Letter of July 12th from Herman Westgate,Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
d - Letter of July 13th from Keeper Westgate.
e - Copy of letter from this office of July 13th to Keeper Westgate.
f - Letter of July 15th from Keeper Westgate.
g - Copy of testimony,July 23rd,of Keeper Westgate.
h - Copy of testimony,July 24th, of 1AK Rasmussen.
i - Copy of Letter of charges dated July 25th to Dana L. Burt, 2AK.
j - Copy of memo dated July 25th of Asst.Supt.Ockenfels.
k - Letter of July 29th from Mr.Burt in answer to charges.

2 - Charge (a) - absence from duty without leave or authority necessarily stands proven, since Mr.Burt left the station on the morning of July 9th and was due to return to the station the same day, whereas he failed to return to the station until July 26th. He has not submitted any report or explanation concerning his failure to return to the station on July 9th or for his prolonged absence since that date.

3 - Charge (b) - neglect of duty, stands proven, in that it is a fact that he tied up the station power boat near the Barge Office, Battery Park, New York, at a point where there was no legitimate reason for tying up the boat, and as the result of a telephone message from the office of the Captain of the Port that the boat was in the slip at the Barge Office and liable to be crushed by vessels coming in after dark, this office sent and recovered the boat on July 11th and subsequently returned it to Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.,at which time the power boat was out of commission and

damaged due to lack of proper care on the part of Asst. Keeper Burt.

4. Charge (c) - concerning Mr.Burt returning to his station in an intoxicated condition, is verified by Keeper Westgate and also by 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen. There is no information or evidence that would lead to the belief that this charge is not based on fact, and in connection with this charge attention is invited to letter from this office of Jan.20,1932, addressed to Mr. Burt, cautioning him re his actions while employed at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., copy of which was furnished the Bureau, and also to Bureau letter of reprimand, dated July 26,1934, addressed to Mr.Burt when employed as Assistant Keeper at Falkner Island Light Station, which involved the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of his duties.

5. It will be noted from Mr.Burt's letter dated July 29th that he has no statement to make in reference to the charges referred to herein. It is considered that the charges against Mr.Burt are amply proven. The efficient and proper maintenance of light stations necessarily demands the highest degree of reliability and dependability on the part of Keepers and Assistant Keepers. The conduct of Mr.Burt has referred to herein shows conslusively that he is lacking in such qualifications and is therefore entirely unsuitable for retention in the service. There are no extenuating circumstances connected with this case, and it is to be noted that to a certain extent Mr. Burt(s conduct in this instance is a repetition of previous occurrences for which he was cautioned and reprimanded. It is accordingly recommended that Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.,be dismissed from the service, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr.Burt has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

JHG

August 1,1935

Voucher Clerk

Time Clerk

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, returned to duty July 26th.

Pay/ment of salary may be made him, at usual time, for period July 1st to 9th, inc. and July 26th to 31st, Inc.

Payment of salary is not to be made him for period July 10th to July 25th, inc.

1st Asst.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rome Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 29, 1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Subject: 2nd Asst Keeper Dana Burt:

Dana Burt 2nd asst Keeper at station mention above report back for duty on July 26, 1935 at 2 30 PM inclosed time sheet form 46. also Service card form 42.

Respectfully
Herman Wutzgate
Keeper.

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C O P Y

Romer Shoal Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 29,1935, 193

Supt. of Lighthouses;

Staten Island

New York

SUBJECT: Charges .

REFERENCE: Your letter dated July 25,1935.

I have no statement to make on these charges, therefore I will take my medicine. I am very sorry this happen, this time, and am sure it will not occur again in the future.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dana L. Burt

2d Asst.Keeper

/s/ Herman Westgate

Keeper

Per — — J

Memo

JUL 25 1935
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PM

Mr Brent, 2d Asst Comm Road Et
Ste called here - Said he understood
that I wanted to see him - I told
him that I had not sent for him,
but that since he was here I had a
letter to deliver to him, and handed
to him letter of charges of this date -
He took the letter and proceeded to read
it, holding it with two hands. His hands
shook as he read the letter, and the
letter dropped to the floor once -
He asked about the reference to counter charges
I told him that his reply to charges should be

Confined to the subject of the charges—
He then asked if the keeper had to sign
his reply— Told him that if his reply
was sent from the station, it should
be sent through the keeper, but
if not sent from the station, it could
be forwarded direct. He also asked
about 3 days to reply, and he was told
his reply should be made within 3 days—
He then started to discuss the station
boat, stating in effect that he had
arranged for it— Care of the Buoy Office—
Told him that his explanation should
be in writing so as to avoid misunder-
standing— He then left—

Clerk

per present—

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dana L. Burt, 2AK,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

July 25,1935

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, without leave or authority; neglect of duty, and returning to your station in an intoxicated condition and unfit for duty, as follows:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority, in that you left Romer Shoal Light Station at about 9:30 A.M. on July 9,1935 for the purpose of securing supplies etc.,and with the understanding that you would return to the station on the same date, whereas you had not yet returned to the station on July 23,1935, and furthermore up to the present time no report or explanation has been received from you as to your failure to return to your station on July 9th, or your absence from duty since July 9th,1935, this in violation of Paragraph 2 of Instructions to Employees

b - Neglect of duty, in that you left Romer Shoal Light Station with and in charge of the station power boat at about 9:30 A.M. on July 9,1935 for the purpose of securing supplies,etc.,it being understood that you would land at Stapleton, Staten Island, the customary landing point, and that you would return to the station on the same date, whereas you tied up the boat near the Barge Office,Battery Park, New York, and abandoned the power boat at that point without regard for its safety, and without taking proper measures to protect it from loss or damage. A report having been received at this office on July 11th that the boat was tied up in the slip at the Barge Office, New York, and that vessels coming in at night would be liable to crush it in the dark, this office had the boat moved to this Depot and subsequently returned to Romer Shoal Light Station. It was found that the engine was out of commission due to cylinders containing water, the gunnel was bruised and varnish rubbed off, and the stop on rudder broken off. This in violation of Paragraph 41 of Instructions to Employees.

c - Returning to your station in an intoxicated condition, in that you have on various occasions, including the dates of October 14 and 31, November 1 and 6, December 2,14 and 31,1934, January 13 and 19, and June 13 and 21,1935, returned to your station in an intoxicated condition and unfit and unable to stand a station watch or perform other duties of your position as Second Assistant Keeper.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS,
1st Asst.Supt.

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July 25,1935

1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station. The original of this letter was delivered to Mr.Burt July 25,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO:HR

July 23, 1935.

T. E. Rasmussen, Asst.Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

Promptly upon receipt of this letter, please call at the office for interview.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

JHG

July 16,1935

Voucher Clerk

Time Clerk

Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,has been absent from his station, without leave, since July 9th.

Hold up payment of salary until receipt of further orders.

1st Asst.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 15,1935, 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUBJECT: 2nd Asst.Keeper Dana L. Burt.

Mr. Burt left station on the 9th at 9.30 A.M. standard time. He went for supplies also to take of a few bills of his own. Mr.Burt as not returned to this station at the present time. I have not received any word from Mr.Burt since he left this station on July 9th. Mr. Burt was due back the same day.

Respectfully,

/s/ Herman Westgate

Keeper

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C O P Y

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Herman Westgate, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
(Via Patrol Tender of
July 15,1935)

July 13,1933

SUBJECT: Absence of 2d Asst.Keeper,Dana L.Burt.

1. It is understood that Dana L. Burt, 2d Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station left the station on July 9th. Please advise this office of the time at which he left the station, the purpose for which he went ashore, and state when he was due to return to the station.

2. Advise whether Mr.Burt has returned to the station up to the present time, and if so, state when, and by what means he got out to the station. If not returned, state whether or not you have received any word or explanation from him since he left the station.

3. Forward your reply by the tender that delivers this letter to you.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

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Romer Shoal Light Station
(Via Patrol Tender of
July 15,1935)

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
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THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 13,1935, 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUBJECT: Power Boat 522 - 16ft.

Mr. Thomas Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper at this station, return at 3 P.M.standard time. But power boat was not running. And I was very sorry to find the boat in such a condition. After I put so much pains with it to keep it in condition at all time. I had it running in very short time. And in concerning Mr.Burt 2nd Asst.Keeper. I would advise not to have him in other station, because, I am afraid there will be trouble wherever he goes. Because he will not stop drinking liquor. I beg him to stop drinking it but there is no use. And he will fail to protect Government property as the office already knows that concerning Power Boat 522,16 ft. I do not care to have this man Mr.Burt at this station any longer.

Respectfully,

/s/ Herman Westgate

Keeper.

July 11th 35

Lieut Miller of Capt Reeves office, states 2 men left station in skiff at Range office last night, about 7 pm, men small and one of them boats middle to come in and crash it in dark, said they would be waiting for it to land there finishing party landing unsalted them and put boat in back of map position, said one one looking after boat, advised me did not know what boat it was, they Lieut Miller later advised boat # 522 - This boat belongs to Keuren Shade,

571 sent to bring boat to this dept.

JM

7-11-35
571 brought boat to dept.

7-12-35
sent 571 to Keuren to see who was at station, and when there at time left. Station, ...

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JUL 12 1935

Copy of Patrol boat went
to Romer Shoal Lt. this am & reports =
Keeper Westgate
alone —

2d Asst Burk came in 7/9 for mail &
wants ret same day — Not yet back —

1st Asst Rasmussen & one man came in
7/9 via fishing boat — Do due back
today 7/12 —

Ade

7/12/35.

Patrol Boat 511 sent to Pier 13 & Stapleton in early afternoon to see if could locate 1st asst who is due to ret to sta today -

No 511 acted about 4 PM with the 1st asst. He is to take sta powerboat to Pier 13, buy provs. & return to sta in the morning -

Also sent Zangerle to 1st asst's home, Handy at Stapleton at about 3 PM to try & locate him. He had left home for Pier 13, & in meantime had located No 511 & came to depot

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July 12,1935

Captain of Patrol Boat went to Romer Shoal Light Station this A.M. and reports:-

Keeper Westgate alone

2d Asst.Keeper Burt came in July 9th for mail and was to return same day. Not yet back.

1st Asst.Rasmussen went ashore on leave July 9th via fishing boat. Is due back to-day, July 12th.

/s/ OCKENFELS
1st Asst.

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 12,1935, 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Mr.Dana Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper.

I would want Mr.Burt 2nd Asst.Keeper at station mention above to be dismissal from this station. He is no fit man to be out here. He as been ashore several times and always return under the influence of liquor and make things around here unpleasant for me. I try several time to stop him but he lets it go in one ear and out the other. He will not stop it. And I am through trying. He also fail to take care of power boat in his charge and he also absences from the station. I have done my best to stop him from return to this station under influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

/s/ Herman Westgate
Keeper

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M E M O R A N D U M

Phone Call.

July 11,1935

Lieut.Miller of Port Captains Office states two men left Lighthouse Boat in their Depot Barge Office last night, about 7 a.m. Boat was small and one of their boats liable to come in and crush it in dark. Said they would be willing for it to land there providing party landing consulted them and put boat in out of way position, said we are looking after boat. Advised we did not know what boat it was. Lieut.Miller later advised boat No.522. This boat belongs to Romer Shoal.

511 sent to bring boat to this Depot.

/s/ J.T.Y.

7-11-35

511 brought boat to Depot 7-12-35.

Sent 511 to Romer to see who was at station and when those ashore left station.

/s/ J.T.Y.

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Herman Westgate, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the station on July 23, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. 2nd Asst.Keeper Burt left the station on July 9th, is that correct?

A. That's right.

Q. Who went ashore with him?

A. He went alone.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was he to land?

A. Pier,13, Stapleton.

Q. When was he due to come back to the station?

A. The same day.

Q. And he has not returned?

A. No, he has not.

Q. Has Mr. Burt sent you any message or explanation as to why he has not returned?

A. No, sir, he has not.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to come back when due back?

A. No, unless he was storm bound and couldn't get back. Only when he was storm bound.

Q. Since Mr. Burt left the station on July 9th, have you heard anything from him directly or indirectly?

A. No, sir, I have not heard anything from him, except when I was ashore on July 20th I saw him.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In Stapleton in the park sitting on a bench.

Q. What did he have to say in regard to his absence?

A. Nothing. I started the conversation first. I said "What are you doing here?" and he seemed to hesitate. Then he said "I was waiting for one of your boys to come in and get me", and I said "Dan, I have nothing to do with you. I never hired you, the Lighthouse Department

hired you. It is up to you to see those people."

Q. And he didn't offer any explanation as to why he had not come back?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did he appear to be in good health when you saw him?

A. He was nice and clean, but he had the shakes.

Q. Did he appear to be intoxicated at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. But he had the shakes?

A. Yes, he had the shakes, which may have been due to liquor.

Q. Was that the extent of your conversation with him in Stapleton in the park?

A. Well, there were a few more things I said to him about the power boat, that it was a mean thing for him to do.

Q. What did you have reference to by his doing such a thing?

A. I meant that he had promised before he went ashore on the 9th that he would take good care of the power boat, and that he would not return to the station with liquor on him.

Q. When you got the power boat back, did it show any evidence of misuse or lack of care on Burt's part while he had it in his charge?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In what way?

A. In the first place there was water in the cylinder heads and she didn't run. One of the stops on the rudder was ripped out.

Q. This occurred after he left the station with the boat on July 9?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What you have stated is in substance all the conversation you had with him in the park on the 20th, that is, all you recall?

A. That's about all, except he stated he didn't know what made him do it.

Q. In your letter of July 12 you state that Mr. Burt has been ashore several times and always returns under the influence of liquor. What

was the evidence that made you believe he was under the influence of liquor?

A. Well, on a few occasions he came pretty near tipping the boat over. He was unsteady on his feet.

Q. Did his breath have the odor of liquor?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was there further in his conduct that would indicate the use of liquor? I mean, was he loud and wild in his talk? In what other way would you know to tell me that you were satisfied that he was drunk?

A. I could tell by the way he acted and the expression on his face. He would start patting me on the back, and I would say "Dan, go to bed", and he would wave his hand and go upstairs.

Q. And in such a condition he was not fit to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. And you would not permit him to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. Would he be able to do any work about the station, aside from standing watch, in the condition that you describe?

A. To do it right, no, sir.

Q. After returning to the station on those occasions, how long would it be before he would be what you would call normal and fit to do his work, and fit to stand the watch?

A. Six or seven hours. After he had a good sleep, then he was in his right senses.

Q. Has he at any time, so far as you know, brought liquor out to the station with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was this condition of intoxication of Mr. Burt when he returned to the station on these occasions witnessed by the 1st Assistant Keeper?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen has seen Burt come back to the station in the condition you describe?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On what dates did Mr. Burt come back to the station in this condition of intoxication?

A. June 21, June 13, January 19, January 13, December 31, December 14, December 2 (1st Asst.Keeper came out to the station with him), November 6, November 1, October 31, October 14.

Q. On every occasion he went ashore, would he return in the condition of intoxication?

A. Yes, with the exception of December 28, when he went after gasoline.

Q. It is not clear just how long he was ashore on each of those occasions. Now, for each of the dates you have given me, tell me at what hour he left the station and the hour he returned.

A. Left 3:00 p.m., June 21, returned 8:00 p.m., same day.
" 3:00 " " 13, " 8:00 " " "
" 10:00 am., Jan. 17, " 8:00 a.m., Jan. 19.
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" 2:00 p.m., Oct. 24, " 5:30 " Oct. 31.
" 8:00 a.m., " 14, " 3:00 " same day.

Q. Mr. Westgate, your letter of July 12 states that Mr. Burt, in returning to the station under the influence of liquor, made things unpleasant. In what way did Mr. Burt make things unpleasant on account of his use of liquor?

A. Well, he'd come over and bother you, put his arms around you, push the chairs around, and fall all over everything.

Q. Would he be in a disagreeable mood himself, or generally agreeable?

A. Agreeable. A happy drunk, as though he didn't care.

Q. Outside of the trip ashore on July 9th, Mr. Burt has previously used the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to take good care of the boat when he took it to go ashore?

A. I can't seem to remember whether I let him take the power boat or not. I knew he drank, and I told him that night that I could never remember him coming back sober. I wouldn't take that chance.

Q. But this last trip of July 9th you told him you would give him another chance to go ashore with the power boat, and to take care of it and to be sober when he got back?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. It has been the general rule to use the pulling boat to go ashore?

A. Well, no. Sometimes we would put him on the boat. He has used the pulling boat, but not often. He went ashore with a fisherman or some passing boat.

Q. When he would go ashore in the pulling boat, would he bring the boat back in good shape, or did it show evidence of misuse?

A. He brought it back in good condition.

Q. You state that you have done your best to stop him from returning to the station under the influence of liquor. Just what did you do to try and stop that practice?

A. I begged him. I said "Dan, cut out your drinking, for your mother's and father's sake. I can't stand your coming back to the station under the influence of liquor. You are only going to get yourself in trouble."

Q. How many such talks do you recall having had with him?

A. Ever since he started to go ashore and came back under the influence of liquor. Ever since he came to this station.

Q. You have had that line of conversation practically every time he went ashore?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is Burt a reliable man when he is on watch?

A. When he is here and sober, he is a good worker and he stands his watches.

Q. When 1st Asst. Keeper Rasmussen returned to the station with the station power boat on July 13, after Burt had taken the boat ashore, as I understand it the boat was not in running condition. How did Rasmussen manage to get the boat out to the station if it was not running?

...e was towed out.

Q. Who towed him out?

A. Some man from around Pier 13, Stapleton.

Q. 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen went ashore this morning?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When is he due to come back?

A. Thursday.

Q. He probably will be found at his home?

A. I can't tell you just where you will find him now because his wife has gone south and they gave up their home. A letter addressed to him at Box 772, Stapleton, will reach him.

Testimony by: H. Rosenstein, Clerk.

Thomas E. Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the office on July 24, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen, in investigating the case of 2nd Asst.Keeper Dana L. Burt, who has been absent for some time, I have obtained information indicating that Mr. Burt frequently returns to the station under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Have you any personal knowledge that such is the case?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have seen Mr. Burt in an intoxicated condition when he returned back to the station?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Just what was the condition that led you to believe that he was intoxicated?

A. You could tell because he arrived at the station and couldn't stand up in the boat. He has never come back on the station boat drunk, it was on some fishing boat.

Q. What other condition did you observe, aside from his being unsteady on his feet, that would indicate intoxication?

A. You could tell by his looks. When he gets that way he is like a wild animal, he wants to fight and everything. He is very noisy.

Q. Would you say he is in a ugly mood or peaceable mood?

A. Ugly mood.

Q. On those occasions when he returned in that condition, did you recognize the odor of liquor on him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Very plainly?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And in that condition when he returned to the station, would you consider that he was fit to stand the watch.

A. No, sir. He couldn't stand watch.

Q. Would he be fit to do any of the station work properly?

A. Not at all.

Q. How long after returning to the station would it be before he would be in what you would call normal condition and fit to work?

A. Eight or ten hours.

Q. When he would return to the station in that condition, what would he do during those 8 or 10 hours.

A. Go to bed and sleep it off.

Q. Could you give me any of the dates on which Mr. Burt returned to the station in an intoxicated condition?

A. If I had the station books I could probably recall, but I couldn't give you the dates from my mind.

Q. Mr. Burt first entered on duty at Romer Shoal in October 1934, since which time he has been ashore on some 12 or 15 occasions. As I understand you, it was quite customary for him to return from shore under the influence of liquor. That is correct, isn't it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Of the various times that he went ashore, do you recall whether there were any instances where he returned and did not show evidence of having used liquor?

A. From memory I would say there were at least 4 or 5 occasions when he came back intoxicated. There might have been more such occasions because I wasn't always on the station when he returned. There were some occasions when he came back allright.

Q. Mr. Burt left the station on the morning of July 9, do you recall that?

A. That's right.

Q. Do you know when he was due to return?

A. The same day.

Q. He went ashore alone that day?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where does the station boat usually land when you keepers come ashore?

A. We have been tieing up at Pier 13, now we tie up at Pier 17, Stapleton.

Q. On July 9th it appears that Mr. Burt ran the station boat to New York and tied up at the Barge Office. Have you or the keeper ever run the station power boat to New York?

A. Never.

Q. Do you know of any reason why Burt should have run the boat to New York on July 9th?

A. I don't know.

Q. There was no arrangement with the keeper as far as you know to run it to New York?

A. Not as far as I know.

Q. The station power boat that Mr. Burt left tied up at the Battery, New York, was brought to this Depot, and on July 12th it was turned over to you to return to the station. Do you recall that?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was the power boat in good running order at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was the trouble with it?

A. There was water in the cylinder heads and the engine wouldn't run. All the varnish was off the gunnel. The stopper that prevents the rudder from fouling the propeller wheel was broken off.

Q. Those items of damage to the power boat were not present when Mr. Burt left the station with the boat on the morning of July 9th?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Burt has not yet returned to the station, nor has this office received any word from him. Have you by any chance seen Mr. Burt or heard anything of him when you were ashore?

A. I saw him yesterday and I saw him this morning.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In the park at Stapleton. He told me he had been up to the office.

Q. Did he have anything to say to you as to why he had not returned to the station?

A. Not a thing. The only thing he said was that he had been up here and seen you and Mr. Yates wasn't here, and that he was supposed to report back Friday. (NOTE:- Mr. Burt has not called at this office up to the present time, July 24th).

Q. When you saw Mr. Burt yesterday and today, did he have any appearance of having been ill?

A. He was shaky. When he gets that way he gets shaky.

Q. What do you mean when he gets that way?

A. When he is drunk.

Q. He wasn't under the influence of liquor when you saw him?

A. No, sir.

Q. And no evidence of it except that he was very shaky?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was he in uniform when you saw him in the park in Stapleton?

A. No, sir.

Testimony by: H. Rosenstein, Clerk.

FWO:HR

May 7th, 1935

Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson,
103 Whitfield St.,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Dana Burt.

Reference; Your letter April 8th, 1935.

Sir:-

You are advised that the matter was taken up with Mr. Burt, and there is enclosed for your information copy of his reply dated May 5th, 1935.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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U. S. Marine Hospital
Ellis Island, N.Y.
Att Cu
May 5, 1935



Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York,

Subject: Indebtedness
Reference your letter April 29, 1935
Acknowledging the above letter
I wish to say that at several times
before Doctor Anderson made his
complaint to the office, he emphatically
except any money from either
of my parents, as he stated he
was not worrying one bit about
it.

I have never been in debt
before until this trouble started
at Fatherus Island from a dirty
slacker + crook A. J. Mingue which
the office thinks he there privilege
which they don't know what to do.
I will send Mr. Anderson

money when I received my checks.

Kindly forward me some medical sick leave forms to this station.

Respectfully

Dana L. Burt.

2nd Asst Keeper

Ponce Shoal light

2 forms 79, Application for Leave of Absence sent to Dana L. Burt, c/o U.S.Marine Hospital, Ellis Island, New York.

FWO:HR

April 30th, 1935.

Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson,
103 Whitfield St.,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Dana Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 8th, 1935.

Sir:-

In reference to your letter of April 8th addressed to Mr. Yawger, you are advised that a letter has been forwarded to Mr. Burt in reference to the indebtedness you refer to. As a matter of information, it may be stated that Mr. Burt has been ill for over a month and he is now in the Marine Hospital. A recent report indicates that he likely will be in the hospital for several months to come.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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FWC:HR

April 29th, 1935.

D. L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

1. Enclosed for your information, and report thereon, is copy of letter of April 8th, received from Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson, indicating that you are indebted to him for medical services to the extent of $16.00.

2. Please advise this office whether or not this is a just and proper debt, and if so, you will state definitely what action you propose to take in the matter. In this connection, your attention is invited to paragraph 119 of Instructions to Employees, which provides that "All persons in the Lighthouse Service must pay their honest, just and legal debts; failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal."

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

Copy also sent to D.L.Burt, 33 Seaside Ave.,Guilford,Conn.

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G. FRANKLYN ANDERSON, M. D.
GUILFORD, CONN.

4/8/35

Fred le Yaw qer
United States Dept of Commerce
Staten Island

Dear Mr Yaw qer:—

On may 8th 1934 Dana Burt contracted a bill for medical services to his mother which ended august 15th 1934 the total amount being

2500. 2500

On 10/20/34 he paid		5 00	
" 1/21/35 " "		1 00	
" 2/14/35 " "		3 00	9 00
	Bal to date		1600

May I take this occasion to ask if you can use your good offices to aid me in collecting this balance

yours truly
G F Anderson MD

G Anderson MD

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Reviewed and Nothing Removed
Hold Requested: Yes No
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After 5 days, return to
103 Whitfield St
GUILFORD, CONN.

GUILFORD, CONN. APR 9 6-PM 1935

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Fred C Yaw
Inspector
U. S. Dept of Commerce
Light house service
Staten Island
N.Y.

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G. FRANKLYN ANDERSON, M. D.
GUILFORD, CONN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Ans

11/15/34

J. J. Yates. Supt
Staten Island
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Dear Mr Yates:

I thank you ever so much for your kind help in aiding me to collect my bill from D. L. Burt and note carefully contents of letter you recvd from him on Nov 7th.

Since rendering service I have never seen Mr Bent however on October 22nd some time after writing you I recvd 5.00 the first payment on this account

How often per month grace he despatches the bill, this later attitude is very difficult to understand as I sent him an itemized statement

Very Truly Yours
G F Anderson md

FWO:HR

November 10, 1934.

Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson,
103 Whitfield St.,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter October 12, 1934.

Sir:-

You are advised that the matter was taken up with Mr. Burt, and there is enclosed for your information a copy of his reply dated November 7th.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:HR

November 8, 1934.

Arthur J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

Returned herewith are four copies of U. S. Department of Commerce, Steamboat Inspection Service, Pilot Rules for Certain Inland Waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and of the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, revised to January 1, 1931; one copy of Department Circular No. 278 dated January 30, 1932, concerning Numbering and Recording Undocumented Vessels; and one copy of Department Circular No.236 dated December 28, 1931, concerning Regulation of Motor Boats, which publications were received at this office with your letter of September 14, 1934.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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This is a proper debt, and I will pay
Dr. Anderson each month.
My bill is $18.00 not $25.00. ~~Has~~ stated.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
2nd Asst Kpr.

Thomas E. Rasmussen
1st asst Keeper
In absence of Keeper

FWO:HR

November 8, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office October 18, 1934.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no reply has been received to letter from this office dated October 18 regarding your indebtedness to Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson of Guilford, Connecticut.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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Romer Shoal Light Station
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Nov 7, 1934

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Indebtedness
Reference: Your letter to me Oct 18, 1934

Sir,

Dr. Anderson of Guilford Connecticut was taken to Faulkner's Island by me last May at cost of $18.00 for very serious sickness of my mother by the treatment she received from Keeper Wingus who is the cause of my indebtedness, and I sent money to Dr. Anderson who had said that he was not in any hurry for it. While I was home on leave I paid Dr. Anderson money, and wanted to know why he wrote to Lighthouse Officials of my debt after we my self & folks had offer him money before, but stated that he had heard of my being transfered & wanted to be sure he received his money.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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November 3, 1934.

Mr. Arthur A. Burt,
Post Office Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of August 8, to the Post Master General, and of August 21, to the Supervising Inspector General, U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service, have been referred to this office for consideration. A further investigation of conditions at Falkner Island Light Station, where Mr. Arthur J. Minzner is keeper, was made, but did not bring to light evidence upon which it was deemed feasible to take any action against Mr. Minzner in connection with the allegations concerning tampering with your mail. In consequence of this investigation, however, disciplinary action against Mr. Minzner has been taken.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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COPY to 3d. The inclosures (Pilot Rules, etc.) of your indorsement of September 20 are hereto attached for return to Keeper Minzner.

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October 18, 1934

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

1. This office has received a claim against you from Dr. G. Franklyn Anderson of Guilford, Connecticut, for professional services rendered from May 8th, 1934 to August 15th, 1934, in the amount of $25.00.

2. Please advise this office whether or not this is a just and proper debt, and if so, you will state definitely what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

G. FRANKLYN ANDERSON, M. D.
GUILFORD, CONN.

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Mr Fred L. Yawger
Inspector U.S. Dept of Commerce
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dear Mr Yawger:

I have written Mr Dana Bent
when you spoke to me about
when you visited my office
at your last inspection of Faulkners
Island, so frequently & he has
not come in to see me at any time
since the services were rendered

I am enclosing a statement & will
appreciate it if you will help
me collect

Very truly yours
G.F. Anderson MD

103 WHITFIELD STREET
Hours: 1 to 2 and 7 to 8 P. M., Except Wednesdays
Sundays and Holidays by Appointment
Phones: Office and Res., 444; Summer Res., 117-2

OCT 18 1934 RECEIVED TOMFRET, CONN.

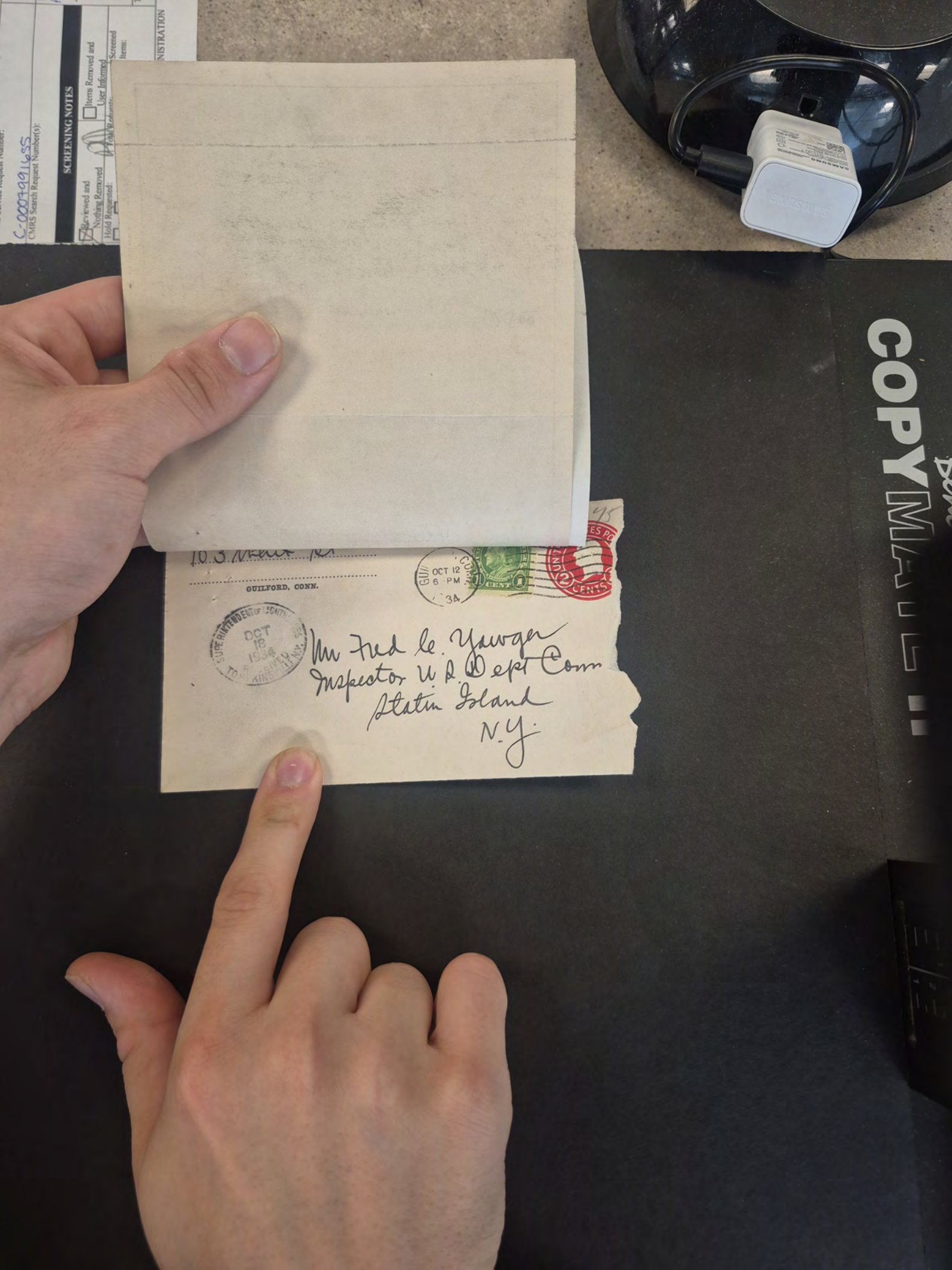
DATE 10/12/34

Mr Dana Bent
Jomesey at Faulkner's Island

$ 25 00

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
5/8/34 to 8/15/34

RECEIVED PAYMENT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Falkner Island Light Station
Sept. 28. 1934.

To Insp. Lt. House 3d. district.

Mr. Yates.

Sir:- As I am leaving this station today, I am now at liberty to tell you how mean your Keeper A. J. Muenemer (alias Minnemer) - has treated me and my daughter. We came here by consent of Keeper not realizing that there was any reason to ask higher Authority as your department had previously written to assistant D.L. But that his Father could substitute for said assistant at Greens Reef as he was a member of his family - However the day that our furniture was brought here the Keeper and his wife started to be mean to all Hell. To begin with we were told not to pump any water after 9. P.M. as it annoyed the Keeper. If I was clocking I had to go to bed without water or to even clean my teeth - If I rocked in my chair one of them complained about the rumble it made. all but one of our chairs are on spring & and the one's light rocking chair didn't make much noise at most. I came here April 4. and on May 7 I was taken very ill, all due to the nervous tention here and their disagreeableness. The doctor came to visit me and learned how the Keeper & family had acted

me. he went down stairs into the Keepers quarters and told them that I was a very sick woman, and asked them to keep the house as quiet as possible. And this is what they did at night they went up into a third floor room directly over the room where I was lying too ill to even be taken into the bedroom, and they played a squaky victrola until midnight. Of course I couldn't sleep or rest. The following day Mrs Munroe, alias Minger, and her son, nearly fifteen year of age, went up into the same room and hammered and pounded on the floor for two solid hours before noon. After dinner time (12. M.) the went up again and kept up the same racket until night. They were annoying me many occasions but this is one way they spited my daughter who was nursing me and working hard to keep the house immaculate. Right away after she had cleaned the hall on 2nd floor, the keepers son went up on 3d floor and swept his room and pushed all of his dirt down stairs, over the clean paint and onto the hall floor. My daughter asked him pleasantly not to do that but shook his dirty mop full of dust into her face and all over her clean hair. They use the keeper for bad luck to go onto the dock. She got some enjoyment sitting in an out of the way place and painted sketches of this island. The forbid us to go onto the east side of the island as that belonged to him. So we sat on the west side of the house when it was not too hot. Evidently that part belonged to him as they not only occupied the steps but took possession of our chairs and used them for their friends. Sometimes after I was able to go down stairs I could after sunset enjoy a

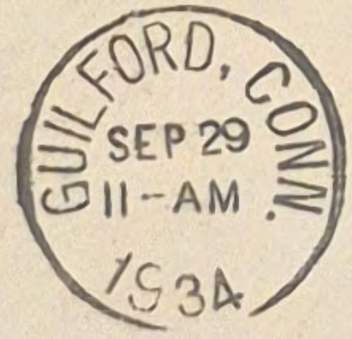
little air. While Mr. Burt, the assistants father and I were sitting on the front porch (west side of dwelling) out came Keepers wife and son and pulled weeds and shook the sand off them until we were enveloped in a cloud of dust and sand, the wind being S.W. We got it right in our faces there was nothing for us to do but go back up stairs. They did this for three successive evenings. Another time that they were looking for a row But we said nothing. altho we found it hard.

On several occasions we have found large pieces of broaken glass bottles put into the path that leads between the dwelling house and oil house should we have stepped on one of those peices we would have been seriously cut. At another time a pitch fork was laid directly across the same path with the tines upward. Howevey we are will to them and never go out back or any where without a spot light. The keeper forbid us to go onto the beach therefore none of us could go bathing which would have been one bit of comfort. We have simply been kept prisoners on so called "Minots Island". Having been forbiden to even go in the Gov. Station boat. only once I been off this trable place since May 1st.

There are two kee houses on this station my son wanted to have a few hens and use one room as the keeper used the best one for his hens, but the keeper would not even allow us the use of one as he wished it for a kennel where he raised pups and had sold them. Neither could we have a flower garden around the house as she took the whole and made an unsightly mess of it.

True they did give Mr. Burt permission to dig a place back of the whistle house where it would not show from the house. I am not writting this with a view that it will in any way help my son or his family. but I do hope that it may help the next unfortunate assistant and his family who may be obliged to live under the regime of A.J. Mckenzie and his very vulgar, profane wife and be obliged to hear their innocent and profane language, up stairs in our quarters sometimes their drunken rows have lasted all night. Had my son have reported the conditions you would have said that he was making a false statement and as the customs live in 3rd district taken the keepers word regardless of how vile he is. When my son who has only one vacation a year it was turned down, but Mckenzie had all kinds of visitors of questionable character. However my daughter in law stayed 12 days and paid $2.00 for use of attic room.

Another matter I wish to speak of. My daughter and I over heard Murnever and the mechanics MacKay and Clark plotting against my son assistant Burt. Two men who were working on the McNeil stone barge came to see me, while my son was on shore, and said that Murnever and the two mechanics were skeeming to frame assistant Burt.
You no doubt will believe anything that they say but I am telling you that these two trust worthy men that you sent here MacKay and Clark left this station on Sept 9 at noon and did not return here until Sept 10. at 2 - P.M. daylight saving time - One said his daughter was getting married. Clark said his wife had injured her foot Murnever said it was alright and the office would never know unless Burt told. I am Burt isn't now nor never has been a trouble maker.
On Sept 21 your trusty MacKay and Clark were all set to go off for another visit over the week end but Mr. David appeared a little too early and quite unexpectedly so he must get ashore. However Clark said that was squelched! However on account of his Chicago and Murnever took him over for a few hours.
I am sixty four years of age and I have never felt called upon to make a complaint against any one - I am respected by my town folk and so is my husband and all of our children We are both of Mayflower descent related to President Roosevelt. I am an officer of D.A.R. Chapter. Make all inquiries about us that you may wish. Respectfully I am
Laura M. Burt. Whitman, Mass.





To Supt. Yates,
Dept of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,
Staten Island
N. Y.

(Personal.)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Falkners Island
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Sept. 14, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island N. Y.

Subject: Complaint mail tampered with.
Reference: Your letter dated Sept 11, 1934.

Post Office, Box 167 Guilford, Conn, is rented under the name of Falkners Island Lighthouse station, Keeper and assistant alternate paying sixty cents, the quarterly rent for same. When I came to the Station as ass't, the Keeper at that time asked me if I would like to continue what had apparently been the custom of previous keepers and their asst, namely the joint use of the post office box. I agreed, and as the various changes in the personell of the station have been made from time to time the same arrangement has prevailed, and is existing now. To my knowledge there are only two keys; The assistants and mine for which we each paid twenty cents. Anyone not having a key, ask's for the

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mail at the P. O. window. All relatives visiting the present assistant bring mail out. My wife and boy often call for it too. There are several men here on barges all receiving their mail at Box 167 so are the workers residing with me out of your office As a matter of information I beg to advise that Miss Mildred Bunt has returned to the Island Aug 14th and has been here continously to date.

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or inquiry or any other mail.

Respectfully

A. J. Winzner

Keeper

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Respectfully,

/s/ A. J. Minzner
Keeper.

FWO:TM

September 11, 1934.

A. J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Complaint, mail tampered with.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office August 10th and your reply August 13th.

1. It appears that P. O. Box 167 at Guilford, Connecticut, is shared by the Keeper and Assistant Keeper and their families and relatives. Please advise who rented the P.O.Box 167, and also who pays the rent for the box. If the box is rented by both yourself and the Assistant Keeper, state the facts of the matter clearly, including the amount of rental paid by each.

2. In reference to the matter of Steamboat Inspection Service booklets referred to in previous correspondence, and which your letter of August 13th states are your personal property and were received at different times, advise this office as to when you obtained the booklets referred to, and also how you obtained them, and forward the booklets to this office for examination.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels,
Assistant Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

August 29, 1934.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Letter dated Aug.8, from A.G.Burt, P.O.Box 167, Guilford, Conn., re alleged tampering of mail by Keeper Minzner, Falkner Island LS

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for report and return. While this relates to same matter as covered by your report of August 15, it is requested that you consider the statements in letter of Aug. 8, from A. G. Burt and submit any further comment or recommendation you may consider pertinent, making further investigation if advisable. There appears to be a dispute as to who rented or controlled the Post Office box at Guilford from which mail in question was obtained. The Keeper in letter of August 13, states "I have a P. O. Box in which all mail is put. Unfortunately the assistant keeper and all members on the island share this box"; whereas in attached letter A. G. Burt says "My brother pays the rent for Box 167 at the Guilford Post Office", etc. Statements seem to relate to the same box, and while this question may not be material, it might have a bearing as to the accuracy of statements by the two parties. It is also requested that you ascertain from Keeper Minzner when and how he obtained the books that he claims are his property, but alleged by Miss Burt to be hers.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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FWO:HR

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
September 20, 1934.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter of September 11 addressed to Keeper Minzner, and his reply dated September 14 together with enclosures consisting of four copies of "Pilot Rules for Certain Inland Waters" revised to January 1, 1931, one copy of Department Circular No. 236 dated December 28, 1931 re motor boats, and copy of Department Circular No. 278 dated January 30, 1932 re undocumented vessels. None of these papers appears to have any marks on them for purposes of identification.

2. The keeper indicates that P. O. Box 167 is paid for jointly by the Keeper and Assistant Keeper, and used by all residents of the island.

3. The subject matter of Mr. Burt's letter is about the same as covered by previous correspondence, and as there is no corroborative evidence to bear out Mr. Burt's various statements, particularly as to alleged tampering with mail, it is not considered that further action concerning the alleged mail occurrence of last April is warranted.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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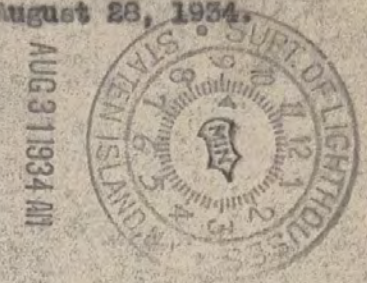
August 28, 1934.



Miss Mildred Burt,
Webster Point,
Madison, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1934, regarding alleged tampering by the Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, of a package claimed to have been addressed to you, in April last.

The Bureau has given this careful consideration and has sought such information as may be available bearing on the circumstance in question. The Bureau has a letter written by the postmaster at Guilford, Conn., stating that he has no recollection of handing such a package to anyone asking for mail in box 167. It does not appear that the matter of this package was brought up at the time that an investigation was made by representatives of the district office, on June 14, which would have been a very pertinent occasion to do so.

Upon the evidence that has been made available the Bureau is unable to conclude that Keeper Minzner tampered with your mail or took property belonging to you. The Bureau recognizes the fact that the evidence in the case consists chiefly of statements by the interested parties, which naturally are in conflict, but in such a case the burden is on those bringing the charges.

The Bureau suggests that the pamphlets in question can readily be replaced if desired.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

WPH-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief Inspector

WASHINGTON

August 27, 1934.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

For attention of the Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses.

There is transmitted herewith, a letter dated August 8, 1934, of D. G. Burt, Post Office Box 167, Guilford, Connecticut, addressed to the Postmaster General, making charges against Arthur J. Munzner, Head-Keeper, Falkner's Island Light Station.

Mr. Burt's letter has not been acknowledged by this department in view of the nature of the charges contained therein and the fact that it appears that any mistreatment of mail occurred after postal custody ceased.

Very truly yours,

For the Postmaster General.

/s/ K. P. Aldrich
Chief Inspector.

Inclosure.

FWO:HR

August 15, 1934

Returned to Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Complaint against A. J. Minzner, Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, by Miss Mildred Burt.

REFERENCE: Bureau's endorsement of August 8, 1934 on letter dated August 4, 1934 from Miss Mildred Burt.

This matter was taken up with A. J. Minzner, Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, and his reply dated August 13th, and inclosure, letter of August 13th from the Postmaster at Guilford, Connecticut, are forwarded herewith. It will be noted that Keeper Minzner denies that he tampered with the package referred to, or any other mail addressed to relatives of the Assistant Keeper, also that the Postmaster at Guilford states that he has no recollection of the package in question, notwithstanding the statement in letter of August 4th from Miss Burt.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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August 13, 1934.

Letter from Arthur Burt, Guilford, Conn.,dated Aug.7,1934, re conditions at Falkners Island Light Station.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for information. The Bureau does not consider that the above letter calls for any further correspondence with Mr. Burt.

With respect to the question of the assistant keeper's visitors at Falkner Island Light Station, the Bureau does not see any objection to the assistant keeper having legal dependents live with him where family quarters are furnished, provided the number of such visitors can properly be accommodated, that their behavior is proper, and that such visitors have been duly authorized in accordance with regulations. In this connection it would appear that the keeper at Falkner Island should be cautioned for having failed to advise the Superintendent in this case as to persons living at the Assistant Keeper's quarters.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

WPH-EK

(COPY:HR)

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

GUILFORD, CONN.

Aug. 13, 1934

Mr. G. P. Putnam
Department of Commerce
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

Post Office box in this office rented under Faulkland Island Light Service, and many call, who have no key, and ask for mail from that box. I have no recollection of handing such a package to anyone asking for mail in box 167.

What happens to the mail after we deliver it to the parties asking for it is something I cannot tell.

Very truly,

/s/ Geo. A. Sullivan
Postmaster.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 13, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Mail tampered with.

REFERENCE: Your letter of Aug. 10, 1934.

Books similar to these in question I have received several times since on Falkners Island. Pilot Rules for certain inland waters. Light blue cover.

The question of a package addressed to Miss Mildred Burt containing similar books, I know nothing about, and the post master at Guilford, Conn., contrary to Miss Burt's statement advises that he or his office do not recall delivering any package to me, such as is claimed. That unless the package was insured there would be no reason for making special delivery, as I have a P.O. box in which all mail is put. Unfortunately the Asst. Keeper and all members on the Island share this box, and as a matter of convenience the one ashore or any member of his family also boatmen at different times pick up the mail for the Island.

I have never been asked for the books or package, or spoken to by the Asst. Keeper or his family about same, until on shore on Aug. 4th I was told that the Asst. Keeper or some member of his family stated they were making complaint on this matter. This was my first knowledge, and immediately on returning to the Island Aug. 6, I asked Asst. Burt about the matter. He said there were some books his brother Arthur Burt mailed from New York in April and that they or similar ones were seen on my desk. These books I told him were mine, and was ones I receive at different times. The Asst. Keeper then replied, "Never mind it doesn't amount to anything". My next knowledge was when I received letter from office. It seems odd that these books were supposed to be mailed in April and Miss Burt does not make her complaint until Aug. 4th after her brother received letter stating he would be transferred. If these books were seen on my desk Miss Burt or any member of her family had ample opportunity to consult both the Asst. Superintendent and the Inspector on June 14 when we had an investigation on this station.

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FWO:HR

August 10, 1934

A. J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Complaint - mail tampered with.

Enclosed for your information and for full and complete report is copy of letter of August 4th, 1934 from Miss Mildred Burt, sister of Assistant Keeper Burt, which states that a package of mail addressed to her was delivered to you, and that you opened the package and removed part of the contents before delivering the package to her, etc.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Mr J. J. Yates
Dept. of Commerce
Lighthouse service

Dear Sir.

I understand there is some
felling between the keeper & the assistant at
Faulkners Island and that the assistant is att
to loose his jof. He and his folks are good people
and our kind will you please have an investigation
before you make a change.
I think you know I can tell you some thing
that will clear the mattuch.
all of the boat & fishermen but two want
Mr D. L Burt to stay there.

Hopeing to hear from you soonfly
I remain Your Respt
B H Benton

Through our cooperative buying organization, we are able to supply highest quality merchandise and meet all competitive prices.

FWO:HR

August 14, 1934

Mr. Byron H. Benton,
Guilford, Conn.

Sir:-

1. Your letter concerning Falkner Island Light Station has been noted. You are advised that conditions at that station have heretofore been investigated with the result that the dismissal of Assistant Keeper Burt is not contemplated at this time.

2. If, as inferred by your letter, you have knowledge or evidence of misconduct on the part of either the keeper or assistant keeper at Falkner Island Light Station, full and definite information in the matter should be furnished this office for such action as may be found to be justified by the facts.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. W. OCKENFELS,
Asst. Superintendent.

(COPY:HR)

P. O. Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

August 8, 1934.

Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Although my first intention was to write the story to a United States Senator of my acquaintance, I have decided to give you the first opportunity to listen to a complaint which I have to make concerning mail which has several times been stolen.

My brother is the assistant keeper at Falkner's Island Light Station, situated five miles off Guilford in Long Island Sound. My sister also lives out there with him, and also my mother and father, and I myself have also lived out there for a while.

As a specific case which I desire to have investigated, let me state the following: On April 27th last, while in New York City, I mailed my sister a parcel --- depositing it in the parcel drop at the main post-office at 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. Now on Sunday morning, April 29th, I was in Guilford and saw with my own eyes this parcel, which was a small one, in the letter box in the Guilford Post-office. I clearly noticed that the parcel was in first class condition, the wrapper <u>not even slightly</u> torn. However, as I did not happen to have the key to the box, I was not able to get the package and take it out to Falkner's Island, where I was going. Later on in the day the head keeper, whose name is Arthur J. Minzner, left the Island in his boat and went ashore. He came back late that same afternoon and brought the station mail and also our personal mail. I was surprised when he passed us the same parcel which I had sent from New York, <u>and which I had seen only a few hours before and knew had been in good condition in the post-office box</u>, in a torn condition plainly indicating that it had been opened since it left the post-office box. And upon examination we found that half the contents of the parcel was missing. I immediately inquired of Minzner as to what had happened to the package, and he informed me in an extremely vicious manner (his usual way of talking) that he didn't have any G-- D-- idea what could have happened to it; that the parcel was in that condition when he got it; and that if there was anything wrong with it we could talk to the Postmaster about it. Both I and my brother did talk to the Postmaster about it a few days later, and we were told that they distinctly remembered the parcel and that it was in good condition when they had placed it in the box. A few days later, permit me to definitely state, I happened to see <u>both of two booklets which had been in the parcel</u> upon one of the shelves of Minzner's book-case. These two booklets are still there in the same place, and I can positively identify them as the ones I sent to my sister. The address on the parcel was

Mildred L. Burt,
P.O. Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

Several times mail which has been sent to us has been stolen,

and we definitely know who stole it. However, we have no chance of obtaining any justice in the matter through the lighthouse bureau as they have a regulation that all mail must go through the head-keeper, and he may send it, or not, as he may please. And Minzner, who is a clever crook in more ways than one, will not send any complaint on to the lighthouse bureau which might cause him any trouble, as you may rest assured.

May I therefore request that you send an investigator to inquire into this matter. My brother pays the rent for Box 167 at the Guilford Post-office, and surely we are entitled to some degree of protection from this man Minzner who is known for what he is by nearly everyone in Guilford. Thomas Stannard, Louis Jacobs, Harry Griswold, Charles Kehrer, Joseph Dolan, Francis Dolan, Harold Hall, Byron Benton, David Parmellee, William Plumley, Reuben Hill, Harry Durant, all of Guilford, are men who know just what this man Minzner is like. Minzner however has a stand-in with the light-house bureau at Staten Island because he sends thousands of short lobsters down to the officials there via passing light-house tenders, selling the legal-length ones in New Haven. These lobsters are stolen from the Guilford lobstermen's pots, as all Guilford lobstermen know, through connivence with the one crooked lobsterman in this vicinity, one Blaha by name. Thus you will appreciate the situation, I am sure, and see what little chance we have of any redress except through the post-office department itself.

Thanking you for your attention,

Yours very truly,

/s/ A. G. Burt.

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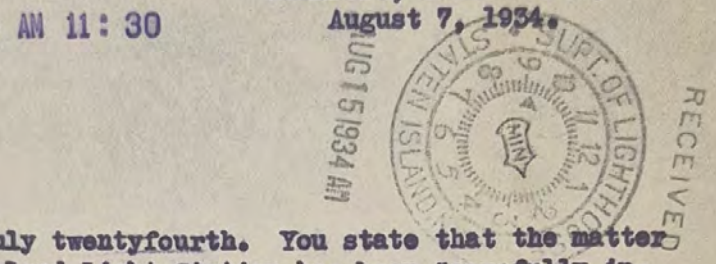
Guilford, Connecticut,
August 7, 1934.



Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:--

I have your letter of July twentyfourth. You state that the matter of conditions existing at Falkner's Island Light Station has been "carefully investigated". Permit me to state in reply that this is a contemptible falsehood. No honest investigation whatsoever was conducted, nor did the pair of pompous pinheads sent from Staten Island have any intention nor any instructions to conduct a careful, honest investigation of conditions at Falkner's Island. You also state that myself, my wife, my child, and other relatives were living at this island "for a considerable period". In the first place permit me to state that even were this true, my brother had a perfect right to have all of us there for as long as he desired as he is paying rent for the house that he occupies. As a matter of fact you ought to be thankful that a family of decent people were living on the island --- but being what you are of course you prefer the Munzner type, and the New Haven whoors, gangsters, and whatnots who have long been making the Island into the hell-hole that it, in common with other lighthouses, long has been. You further state that the ill-feeling between the keeper and the other members of our family was caused because the keeper withdrew his permission for us to use his personally owned power-boat. This is another contemptible lie. The facts in the case are that we told him that we did not care to use his boat, as we had all found out just what he was. The ill-feeling was caused because of my personal refusal to participate with him in stealing lobsters from other people's lobster pots and because I would not assist him in looting summer cottages located on the mainland near Guilford, Conn. I also, as a licensed shipmaster, resented the criminal manner in which the head keeper falsified his records as to the hours of fog-signal operation. As a matter of fact, all of his reports are falsified. If you will take the trouble to examine his books you will find, among other things, that he --- but I won't attempt to go into detail at this time. You will get more details than you ever bargained for at a later date.

I have also seen your letter of July the thirtieth to my brother. As a matter of fact I have a photograph of it here beside me. This letter reeks with injustice, as there does not happen to be a single word of truth in any of the charges made against my brother. The fact of the matter is that you are all trying to cover up the head keeper, WHO ONCE TOLD ME -- WHILE HE WAS DRUNK -- THAT HE HAD PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100.) AT STATEN ISLAND FOR HIS JOB, AND THAT HE HAD "SO MUCH ON STATEN ISLAND THAT NO ONE THERE WOULD DARE TO DISCHARGE" HIM. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT I RESENT THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU TREATED MY BROTHER. IT IS COWARDLY. If there was any justice whatsoever in your make-up, or any sense of decency, you would not write such a letter to a conscientious employee, and a competent employee, in your service. As to your statement that you are going to transfer my brother, let me state that you may think you have gotten away with something BUT YOU HAVE NOT. THIS CASE IS NOT ENDED YET, NOR WILL IT BE ENDED UNTIL THE ENTIRE PUBLIC HAS PASSED THEIR JUDGEMENT ON IT AND MY BROTHER AND MYSELF AND MY FAMILY HAVE OBTAINED JUSTICE. AND WE ARE GOING TO GET JUSTICE. JUSTICE THAT IS JUSTICE.

CONTEMPTUOUSLY YOURS,

Arthur Bent

3 Copies.

(COPY:HR)

Webster Point.
Aug. 4, 1934.

Mr. G. R. Putnam
Department of Commerce
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

While I was living on Falkner's Island Light Station with my brother D. L. Burt, a package of mail addressed to me was delivered to to Arthur Minzner (Keeper) by the Guilford postmaster.

The parcel was opened and only a part of the contents delivered. My brother (First Asst.) asked him for the three books that were missing from the package. The keeper's reply was that they must have fallen into the automobile. That was impossible as the parcel was securely tied when it left the post office in Guilford. When it was delivered to me there was no string on it and the wrapping was torn open.

However, the books were seen upon Minzner's desk. I want my books. It has been reported to the Guilford Post Office, and I have been advised to write to you and that you will see that Keeper Minzner delivers my books to me.

The names and descriptions of the books are as follows:

1 copy - U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service - Light blue paper cover, about 3/4 inch thick (Rules and Regulations of the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service).
2 copies - Amendments to the above rules - Light blue paper cover about 1/8 inch thick.

I received only the box of hair pins and card of bobby pins with the outside wrapper, which I am saving for investigation.

Altho the Keeper has been asked repeatedly for the books he claims he never saw them. The Guilford Post Office remembers delivering the package to Keeper Minzner. How did the keeper know the hair pins and bobby pins were for me unless he found them in the package, as there was no address on the box.

I left Falkner's Island because of abusive treatment which I received from Keeper Minzner and family. I have done nothing to merit such abuse, details of which may or may not interest you. I can however, give you statement if required.

Respectfully,

(Miss) Mildred Burt
Webster Point
Madison, Conn.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
August 8, 1934.
Referred to Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for report and return. For the Commissioner /s/ W.P.HARMAN, Admin. Asst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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SIXTEN ISLAND

July 24, 1934.

Mr. Arthur G. Burt,
Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your letter of May 23, relative to conditions said to exist at Falkner Island Light Station where your brother is the assistant keeper:

This matter has been carefully investigated and it has been found that you and your wife and child and other relatives have been living with the assistant keeper at the station for a considerable period. It appears that the keeper of the station had permitted you and other members of the family to use his personally owned power boat but that he later withdrew his permission for this which produced ill feeling between you and your relatives and the keeper of the station. The inharmonious conditions existing at the station is considered detrimental to the Service and steps have been taken toward its correction.

To 3d

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

Copy to 3d Supt. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

FWO:ECL

June 29, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Falkners Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Request for permission to have relatives reside at the station.

Reference: Your letter of June 25th.

1. In accordance with your request, authority is hereby granted you to have your mother, father, and one sister reside with you at Falkners Island Light Station, until further notice, this authority being granted subject to the understanding and condition that there will be no interference with the work of the station, and with no obligations on the part of the Lighthouse Service, and all risk and hazard will be on the responsibility of yourself and the three guests referred to herein. You will be held responsible for the personal conduct of the three guests referred to while residing on Lighthouse Service premises.

2. This office reserves the right to cancel, at any time, the authority granted by this letter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

Copy to Keeper.

FWO:ECL

June 29, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Falkners Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Permission requested for relatives to visit at station.

Reference: Your letter of June 25th.

You are advised that as your brother and his family recently resided at Falkner Island Light Station for several months, and station conditions and affairs were not to his liking, which resulted in dissention at the station as evidenced by correspondence records, and also as it appears that you now have living with you your mother, father, and sister, your request for permission to have your brother Howard V. Burt, his wife and child, spend two weeks at the station is not approved.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

Copy to Keeper, for information contained.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 25, 1934

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.
Subject Visit of Relatives.
Sir,

I respectfully request permission be granted me that my brother Howard V. Burt wife + child of Dobbs Ferry N. Y. spend two weeks here as my guests.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
1st asst Kpr.

A. J. Minzner
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 25, 1934

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York

Subject: Relatives residing at Falkner's Island Light Sta,
Reference: your letter to me June 1934.

Sir, In reply to your letter of June 19, 1934 stating that I have had six relatives residing at this station for several months past without proper permission or authority, I wish to state that it is untrue. My father & brother A. G. Bust came here to spend the winter. My mother came here Nov 20th and staid until Jan 1934 and did not return until April 4th 1934 bringing my sister here for a vacation for approximately three weeks when my mother was taken ill. The doctor ordered my sister to act as nurse. And my mother has been ill ever since that time.

My sister in-law was here for just twelve days, and has not been on the station since. I allowed her baby to staid here with my brother, while she was in the hospital.

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I certainly wish to apologize for my error in not having permission from proper authority to have my relatives here. I will not let this happen again.

Since you refer again to my brother Arthur J. Burt residing with me at Little Gull Island, I wish to state that he was invited by Keeper Whitford for indefinite period for which Keeper Whitford received board. My other brother + two friends also boarded with Whitford.

All memo attd.

I respectfully request permission to be granted to have my father, mother and sister to reside with me while I am living on Falkner's Island light station.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
1st Asst. Kpr.
A. J. Mingner
Keeper

FWO:ECL

June 19, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Relatives residing at Falkner Island Light Sta.

1. As it appears that you have had some six relatives residing with you at the station for several months past, without proper permission or authority, your attention is invited to Paragraph 167 of Instructions to Employees, with which you should be thoroughly familiar, as it was brought to your particular attention by letter of March 21, 1931. If it is your desire to have any relatives live with you or visit you for an extended period, you will at once forward a letter to this office applying for the necessary permission, stating the number of persons concerned and the relationship of each.

2. In this connection, you are directed to see to it that Par. 167 of Instructions to Employees is strictly complied with in the future, as further disregard thereof will result in disciplinary measures being taken.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

F. W. OCKENFELS,
Asst. Superintendent.

Copy:ECL file copies

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Falkner's Island Light Station,
P.O.Box 167, Guilford, Conn.,
May 23rd, 1934.

My dear Mr. President:

With my mother very, very ill in bed here following a shock brought on by worry over conditions on this island, a U.S.Gov't. reservation, and with my sister a nervous wreck and my own wife in a New York hospital where a few days ago she underwent her second operation within the month (and her sixth within the past four years, all at the Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York City) it is very, every difficult for me to compose myself to write this letter to you. I know that your cares are very great, and world-wide in scope, and if I were not in desperate straits I would not think of imposing upon your time. But to you I must write, because there is no one else to whom I can write with any chance of obtaining justice; and I therefore beg your indulgence and pray that you will be kind enough, and just enough, to give my letter - badly written, though it cannot help but be - your kindly consideration.

I am a Naval Veteran of the World War, a Lieutenant-Commander (Reserve Force) in the years 1917-19. My war service consisted of fwenty-round-trip voyages to France with troops, and at the close of the war I received what is known as a Special Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy, a brief abstract of which is to theeffect that I "rendered meritorious service --- as forward battery officer and later as navigator" and also that I "was at all times alert and efficient in the performance of duty." I am also the grandson of an artillery man of the Civil War who participated in eighteen engagements of that war. My great, great grandfather, Edward Burt of Boston, was a well-known citizen of his day. He conducted, among other activities, a sail-making loft on the site of what is now called Constitution Wharf, and is known to have made at least one suit of sails for the frigate Constitution. Five of my other great, great grandfathers, Elijah Dunham of Plymouth, Edward White of Rochester, Amariah King of Plympton, Elijah Stewart of Marthas Vineyard, and also Benjamin Thomas of Middleboro, all rendered military service of record in the Revolutionary War. My mother, daughter of the late John Stewart Vincent of Edgartown, Mass., is the first vice-regent of the Capt. John Pulling Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and only last year was a guest at the White House where she was graciously received by Mrs. Roosevelt. We are a family of purest English-Colonial stock, descended from nineteen of the Mayflower passengers. It is not necessary, I know, for me to write this family history to you, yet I want you to know that we are really Americans - Americans who have served their country, Americans whose ancestors were the founders and patriots who made this country possible. And now, fighting for our very lives, as we are, under an absolutely unscrupulous, viciousaand heartless scoundrel who is the head keeper at this Lighthouse station, I am compelled to do something in the interests of our family which will prevent our being thrown out of the Lighthouse Service, without even a hearing, on false charges which only a criminal, as this man actually is, would

think of concocting and attempting to carry through. A coward of the first order, utterly depraved and unscrupulous, he has railroaded other good families who have preceded us here, and now he has set out to get rid of us - something which it will be very easy for him to do unless something is done quickly, because of his connections in the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York. And so this letter to you, Mr. President, to ask you to help us - a desperate appeal to you to save our souls from the clutches of this German devil who never has stopped, and never will stop, at anything to obtain his own ends. The mortgage on our home was foreclosed last January, and we have no home now to which we can go, and with sickness - and even death staring us in the face now, because we do not know whether my mother will recover or not - but surely there must be some justice, even though the Lighthouse Department is not sufficiently interested to see that its personnel receives it.

Time and again charges have been made against this man, complaints of a most serious nature, yet for five years he, the head-keeper of this station, has been able to get away with everything short of murder. A chief clerk at Staten Island is in the position of being able to prevent these complaints from ever reaching the proper authorities. This man simply destroys them, and so nothing is ever done. People who live on the shore here have reported incidents time after time, and ships have reported the light or fog signal not in operation many times, only to have nothing come of it. The island here has been an arsenal with guns and ammunition, clocks, etc., stolen from New Haven manufacturers. The head keeper has nearly put one local lobsterman out of business through stealing his lobsters, and nearly all the lobstermen in Guilford know that their pots have continually been pulled and the lobsters taken to New Haven. Government records are continuously being falsified, false charts to show fog signal in operation when it was not in operation. Our mail has been stolen - only two weeks ago a parcel containing some things for my sister was opened and two booklets definitely known to have been in the parcel are <u>right at this moment</u> on the head keeper's book case. Yet with all these things going on, and hundreds more large and small, we can do nothing. Our voice can no more be heard in protest, than were the voices of others. who attempted to protest but received the same injustice that we are now scheduled to receive because we are in the way, as others have been in the way, of the head keeper of this station. As a matter of fact similar conditions exist here and there at other light stations. The lighthouse service was taken away from the Navy and put in the Department of Commerce about twenty years ago, for what reason I do not know, <u>but I do know that if you knew the actual conditions now prevailing in the Lighthouse Service you would have it back under the Navy again, where it really belongs for many reasons</u>.

No specific charges have I made in this letter, as these can wait until later, for the reason that I do not want to take up any more of your time than is actually necessary just now. What we hope - <u>what we beg</u> of you to do - is that you will have

...tions on this island investigated independently of the ...nthouse Service, having testimony taken from former assistant keepers and from reputable people in Guilford who know the story as it really is. And above all, on our knees we implore, please compel the lighthouse service to refrain from putting us off this island until our story has been heard in full by an impartial and just as well as competent official. If I may presume to do so, I should like to request that Lieut. Commander R. E. Keating, U.S.N. now stationed at Yale University and readily available, or Lieut. Commander Kneffler McGuinness, U.S.N. if available - both of whom are former shipmates and naval officers of the very highest type - be detailed as a special investigator to look into the conditions prevailing here and to make a complete reporton just what is found. Only a very few hours would be consumed in doing this, and I am confident that such an investigation would be worth while for many reasons in addition to the one of obtaining justice for our family, even though this latter is the main motive which prompts my request.

And so, assuring you of our high regard for you as our President, and placing our hopes for the future in you and your clearly demonstrated high sense of justice for all, I remain

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Arthur G. Burt

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington.

The following-named men, all of whom are well-known and highly reputable citizens of the town of Guilford, Conn., are familiar with the lighthouse situation here and will be glad, I know, to give any information to assist in conducting a full investigation. They are familiar with the character of Arthur J. Munzner, head keeper of the Falkners Island Light Station:

Louis Jacobs - owner of power boat Landpiper, Res. 450 Whitfield St., Guilford, Conn.
Charles Kehrer - ret'd.
Joseph S. Dolan - owner of power boat Genevieve, Res. Whitfield St., Guilford, Conn.
Francis Dolan - owner of power boat Maria, Res. Whitfield St., Guilford, Conn.
Harry Griswold - owner of power boat Echo, Res. 378 Whitfield St., Guilford, Conn.
Harold Hall - owner of power boat Ellen H., Res. 456 Whitfield St., Guilford, Conn.
Reuben Hill - owner of power boat Anna, Res. Seaside Ave., Guilford, Conn.
Thomas Stannard - owner of power boat Dolphin, Res. Point Road, Guilford, Conn.
William Phumley, owner of power boat Osprey, Res. Whitfield

Bt., Guilford, Conn.
Byron Benton, well-known groceryman, Res. Market Place, Guilford, Conn.
Harry Durant, Esq., ret'd. lawyer, owner and Res. of the Dr. Lyman Beecher House.
David Parmelee, N.Y.,N.Y. & Hartford Railroad Co., Res. 58 High St., Guilford, Conn.

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Respectfully referred for acknowledgment and consideration

Louis McHenry Howe,
Secy. to the President.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
June 4, 1934.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (Signed) W. P. Harman
W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

FWO:ECL

Office, Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
Staten Island, N.Y., July 18, 1934.

1. Returned to the Commissioner. The writer of the above letter is a brother of Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper of Falkner's Island Light Station. Arthur G. Burt, who has never been employed by this Service, has lived with his brother at the station since October, 1933. Five other members of his family and relatives have also lived at the station for several months past. While this office was aware of the fact that Asst. Keeper Burt, a single man, proposed to have his father and mother live with him, and made no objection thereto, it was not known until recently that there was a total of six relatives living there, all without service permission or authority. Arthur G. Burt, who it seems has not worked for several years, moved to the station together with his wife and child, apparently taking advantage of the fact that Asst. Keeper Burt had a job and living quarters. He did the same thing when Asst. Keeper Burt was employed at Little Gull Island Light Station, where he lived on several occasions for more or less extended periods, the last period having been from

ber 1930 until March 1931, when Asst. Keeper Burt was instructed to terminate the residence of his brother at the station, his presence there having been found to be objectionable. Copies of the following correspondence are enclosed:

Letter March 8, 1931 from Keeper, Little Gull Island Light

Letter March 14, 1931, from Keeper, Little Gull Island Light

Letter March 21, 1931, to 2nd Asst. Keeper Burt.

2. The many charges contained in Mr. Burt's letter, while vicious in the terms used, consist of general statements with no definite information or specific occurrence being supplied. This office finds no basis for fact for the charges which were evidently designed to bring the Keeper of the station into disrepute and to reflect discredit upon the Services as a whole. It is to be particularly noted that Asst. Keeper Burt has, with the exception of letter of June 11, re boats, made no complaints, and now has none to make in reference to the Keeper, his position, or the Service. Asst. Keeper Burt recently volunteered the information that he had never made any complaints since he has been in the Service with the sole exception of his letter of June 11, which complaint was found to be unjustified, and w s evidently instigated by a person other than Asst. Keeper Burt.

3. Arthur G. Burt resided at the station from October, 1933 to June, 1934. It appears that until recently the fact that six relatives were living with Asst. Keeper Burt caused no trouble at the station with the exception of dissention at times among the Burt relatives, which might naturally be expected with seven persons living in the quarters. Until recently the Keeper had permitted the Burt family to use his personally owned power boat; as the Keeper considered that they were not properly caring for the boat when loaned to them, he advised that the practice of loaning the boat would be discontinued. This, it appears, did not meet with the approval of Arthur G. Burt, and resulted in ill feeling between Mr. Burt and the Keeper, and evidently is the underlying reason for the letter addressed to the President.

4. The nature of Arthur G. Burt's complaint concerning Falmner Island Light Station is quite similar to complaint and criticisms made by him relative to Little Gull Island Light Station when he resided there with Asst. Keeper Burt, and concerning which there is enclosed copy of memo of March 20, 1931.

5. The nature of Mr. Burt's letter of May 23, 1934, and subject of interview of March 20, 1931, indicate the possibility of ill health, and in any case show that he is an undesirable person to have residing at a Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENTOF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Little Gull Island

March 8, 1931.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Advice as to what should be done in the following subject.

Sir:

There is a relative of a keeper of this station making an indefinite but lengthy visit who has the symtoms of tuberculosis. It has been brought to my attention more or less directly, and indirectly, and although it has frequently been denied it has become to noticable to be ignored. I am afraid his continual and careless coughing and expectoration will endanger the health of those coming in contact with him.

I have asked him to go and get a certificate of health from the Marine Hospital, but he refuses to do this unless I give him a written order to be examined by any doctor he chooses to go to. This I told him I would not do, as I believe I would be exceeding my authority.

His reason for staying here is that he is waiting to be assigned to a merchant ship.

He is a veteran of the World War so I think I am right in assuming that there are hospitals to care for a man in the condition I believe him to be in.

My position in regards to this is an unpleasant one, and I do not wish to be unjust so please state what I should do in this matter.

The man's name is Arthur G. Burt, brother to the 2nd Asst. Keeper of this station, Dana L. Burt.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. M. Whitford,
Keeper.

FHF:PL

December 9, 1933.

United States Employees Compensation Commission,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by D. Burt, Assistant Keeper Falkners Island Light Station on November 2, 1933.

REFERENCE: Your letter of December 7, 1933 file 375435.

Sirs:

You are informed that no disability resulted from this injury and therefore form CA 3 will not be forwarded.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSION

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

COMMISSIONERS
HARRY BASSETT
JOHN M. MORIN
JEWELL W. SWOFFORD

WM. McCAULEY
SECRETARY

RECEIVED DEC 8 1933 TOMPKINSVILLE, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

In reply refer to File No. 375435

December 7, 1933.

Superintendent,
United States Lighthouse Service,
Tompkinsville, Staten Inland,
New York.

Dear Sir:

This Commission is in receipt of forms C. A. 1 and 2 reporting an injury sustained by Dana L. Burt, assistant keeper, Falkners Island Light Station, on November 2, 1933.

It appears from these reports that Mr. Burt was not disabled for work, but inasmuch as the medical evidence indicates treatment at a later date, we would ask to be advised as to whether or not disability has resulted since the submission of the report. If so, kindly submit form C.A.3.

Very truly yours,

Wm. McCauley,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes any disability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouse Service (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Falkners Island Light Station (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.), (City), (State)
4. Reporting office General Lighthouse Depot, Staten Island, N.Y. (Location of reporting office or division headquarters)
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred J.T.YATES, Supt

The injured employee

6. Name of injured employee Dana L. Burt (Give first name in full) 7. Age 37 yrs Sex M 9. Race W
10. Home address Falkners Is. Lt. Sta. (Street and number), Guilford, Conn. (City or town), (State)
11. Occupation and division Asst. Keeper (Give both, as laborer, hull division, helper, machine shop, etc.) 12. Was employee doing his regular work? yes If not, what work?
13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? Since 2/20/1930 " "
14. How long at present work in this establishment?
15. Dates of other injuries
16. Rate of pay on date of injury $1320 per yr. { and subsistence valued at $-- per ; and quarters valued at $240 per yr.
17. Employee begins work at keeper's watch m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) 18. Regular day's work ends keeper's watch m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.)
19. Hours worked per day as necessary 20. Days paid per week 7

The injury

21. Place where injury occurred Falkners Island Lt. Sta. (Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.)
22. Date of injury 11/2/33, 19; day of week Thursday; hour of day 12 m.n. (a. m. or p. m.)
23. Date employee stopped work DID NOT STOP WORK, 19; day of week ; hour of day (a. m. or p. m.)
24. Date employee's pay stopped PAY DID NOT STOP, 19; day of week ; hour of day (a. m. or p. m.)
25. Has employee returned to work? yes (Give date and hour)
26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of:
(a) Annual leave no (Give exact dates)
(b) Sick leave no (Give exact dates)
(c) Any other reason no (Give exact dates)
27. Describe in full how injury occurred While changing vaporizer torch overturned
28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury burn on left wrist.
29. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? no If so, describe exactly
30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement
31. Was injury caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? no (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? no (c) Employee's intoxication? no
(If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should attach an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion)
32. Was written notice of injury given within 48 hours? no If not, did immediate superior have actual knowledge of injury? yes (Answer to question 6, Form C. A. 1, must be complete if notice was not given within 48 hours)
33. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury none
(If disability will continue for more than one day, have statements of witnesses made on reverse side of this form)
34. Was injury caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? no If so, has employee been instructed in procedure under commission's regulations? (A detailed statement should be forwarded with this report)

Medical attendance

35. Name and address of physician who first attended case Dr. A. Weil, 85 Whitney Ave. New Haven, Conn.
36. How soon after injury? Nov. 5, 1933
37. To what hospital sent? none Location
38. Name and address of physician now attending case Dr. A. Weil, New Haven, Conn.

Signed this 17 day of November, 19 33 J.T. YATES (Signature of superintendent)
at Staten Island, N.Y. Superintendent (Title)

C. A. 2
Revised to June 15, 1929

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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given him.]

Signed this _____ day of _____, 19____

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(Signature of witness)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 19____

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(Signature of witness)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I CERTIFY that Dana L. Burt (Name of employee) was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on Nov. 5, 19 33, at 1.30p m., and was (Was or was not) disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be 2 weeks In my opinion disability was (Was or was not) due to injury on November 2, 1933, 19____

Nature of injury as found on examination 1st and 2nd degree burn of left foream and wrist, posterorly.

Hospitalized no Will return for further treatment yes

Discharged no Other disposition _____

Remarks _____

Signed this 16th day of November, 19 33

at New Haven, Conn.

Arthur Weil
(Signature of medical officer)

Asst. Surg. USPHS
(Title)

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November 15, 1933.

Dr. Wiel,
85 Whitney Avenue,
New Haven,
Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Treatment furnished D.L. Burt, Assistant Keeper, Falkner's Island Light Station.

Sir:

If you furnished medical treatment in this case you are requested to execute the medical officer's certificate on the reverse of attached form and return same promptly to this office.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Fulkerson's Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 12, 1933.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Subject: Injury
Reference: Your letter dated Nov 8, 1933

There was no time lost during my injury.

The hand was treated by Dr. Wied of 85 Whitney Ave New Haven Conn

Respectfully
Hans L. Burt 1st Asst.
A J Minzner
Keeper

AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

(To be submitted to the official superior by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury causes disability for work beyond the day or shift in which the injury occurred, or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense, when it should be forwarded to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with report of injury, Form C. A. 2.)

Guilford, Conn.
(City or town), (State)

Falkner's Island
(Street and number)

Nov. 12, 1933
(Date of this notice), 19

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on Nov. 2 (Date), 1933

Thursday (Day of week), 12 m.n. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.

1. The injury occurred at Falkner's Island Light Station (Give name of establishment where employed)
in the following manner: Overturn of torch while changing vaporizer

2. Cause of injury Torch over turning

3. Nature of injury Burn on left wrist

4. Names of witnesses to injury:

none

5. If this notice was not given within 48 hours after the injury, explain failure to give notice and state the name of the person to whom first notice was given and date:

Unable to get ashore, weather condition

This injury was not caused by my willful misconduct, intention to bring about the injury or death of myself or of another, nor by my intoxication, and I hereby make claim for compensation and medical treatment to which I may be entitled by reason of the injury sustained by me.

(Name) Dana L. Burt

Before compensation is paid, written claim on Form C. A. 4 must be submitted to the Commission

C. A. 1
Revised Apr. 27, 1929

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Feb.13,1933 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on March 1,1933

Name, Dana L. Burt

From Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1440-1800)

Previous incumbent and pay, Himself

Services terminated, Feb. 28,1933

Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

To Greens Ledge L.S.,Pecks Ledge, Grassy Hammock,White Rock Reef, Round Beach,Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lts.,Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860)

Reason, Change in ~~pay~~ range and designation.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

March 8,1933 , 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with March 8,1933

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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November 8, 1933.

D. Burt, Asst. Keeper,
Falkners Island Light Station,
Guilford, Connecticut.
(Through the keeper)

SUBJECT: Injury sustained by you on November 2, 1933.

Attached hereto is form CA 1, notice of injury, which you are requested to execute and return promptly to this office. Please advise whether or not you have lost any time due to this injury, also name and address of doctor who furnished treatment.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 4th., 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Subject: Injury to Mr. Burt:

On November 2, 1933 at midnight while changing a vaporizer Mr. D. Burt Asst Keeper at this station, burned his left wrist.

Respectfully.
A J Minzner
Keeper

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

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Stamford Hbr. Keeper. 193

Plum Island, New York. Kpr.
Peck's Ledge, Conn. Kpr. or 1st.
Penfield Reef, Conn Kpr. or 1st.
Point Judith, R.I. Kpr, or 1st Asst.
Pomham Rocks, R.I. Kpr.
Prudence Island, R.I. Kpr.
Race Rock, New York Kpr, or 1st asst.
Rose Island, R.I. Kpr, or 1st. Asst.
Sabine Point, R.I. Kpr.
Saugerties, Hudson River, Kpr.
Saybrook Bkw, Conn. Kpr.
Saybrook L. Point. Conn. Kpr.
Sea Girt, New Jersey. Kpr.
Stony Point. Hudson River, Kpr.
Stratford Point, Conn. Kpr, or 1st asst.
Stratford Shoals, Conn Kpr.
Stuyvesant, Hudson River, Kpr.
Tarrytown, Hudson River, Kpr.
Throgneck, New York. Kpr.
Warwick, R.I. Kpr. or 1st Asst
Watch Hill. R.I. Kpr, or 1st asst.

Stamford Hbr

Wickford Harbor, R.I. Keeper
Faulkner's Island, Conn. Kpr or 1st

Respectfully
Clara L. Burt
1st. Asst. Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Oct 27, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer List,

Sir:- In the event of a vacancy of the following stations, I would like to be considered for the positions.

Beavertail, R. I. Kpr.
Black Rock, Conn - Kpr.
Block Island, S. E. Kpr. or 1st.
Block Island, Bkw. Kpr.
Block Island, North, Kpr.
Borden Flats, Mass, Kpr.
Bridgeport, Hbr, Conn. Kpr.
Bullock Point, R. I. Kpr.
Cedar Island, N. Y. Kpr.
Conanicut Isl, R. I. Kpr.
Coney Island, N. Y. Kpr.
Dutch Island, R. I. Kpr.
Eaton Neck, N. Y. Kpr. or 1st.
Execution Rocks, N. Y. Kpr.
Esopus Meadows, Hudson River, Kpr.
Faulkner's Island, Conn. Keeper or 1st.
Fort Wadsworth, Staten Isl, Kpr or 1st
Gould Island, R. I. Keeper.
Great Capt's Isl, N. Y. Kpr, or 1st.
Greens Ledge, Conn. Kpr.
Gull Rocks, R. I. Kpr.
Hereford Inlet, N. Y. Keeper.
Horton Point, N. Y. Kpr.
Little Gull Isl, N. Y. Keeper.
Lloyd Harbor, N. Y. Keeper.
North Bro. Isl, N. Y. Keeper.
North Dumpling, N. Y. Keeper.
Old Field, N. Y. Keeper

Very truly,
[illegible]
Keeper

Abs 7-10

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Plum Beach, R. I. Kpr.
Plum Island, N. Y. Kpr.
Peck's Ledge, Conn, Kpr, or 1st.
Penfield Reef, Conn, Kpr, or 1st.
Point Judith, R. I. Kpr, or 1st.
Pomham Rocks, R. I. Keeper.
Prudence Island, R. I. Keeper.
Race Rock, N. Y. Kpr, or 1st.
Rose Island, R. I. Kpr, or 1st.
Sabine Point, R. I. Kpr.
Saugerties, Hudson River, Kpr.
Saybrook Bkw, Conn. Kpr.
Saybrook L. Point, Conn. Kpr.
Sea Girt, New Jersey. Kpr.
Stony Point, Hudson River, Kpr.
Stratford Point, Conn, Kpr, or 1st.
Stratford Shoals, Conn. Kpr.
Stuyvesant, Hudson River, Kpr.
Tarrytown, Hudson River, Kpr.
Throg Neck, New York, Kpr.
Warwick, R. I. Kpr, or 1st Asst.

Stamford Hbr. Keeper
Watch Hill, R. I. Kpr, or 1st Asst.
Wickford Harbor, R. I. Kpr.

Respectfully
Hans L. Burt.
1st. Asst. Keeper.

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BURT.

Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 6, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses 3rd District,

I wish to notify the office that my salary check for the month of January was $108.33 instead of $125.00

As I have not been notified that there had been a change in my salary I kindly wish to know if there has been a mistake made in my salary check.

I have all ready cashed the check for $108.33 as I had immediate use for the money.

Clara L. Burt 1st Asst Kpr.

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Supt.

I did not see Mr Burts check but he stated the above facts to me when he returned to station

Murray
Keeper

Abs 7-10

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Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, Feb. 9,1932
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Pay for January.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.6,1932.

1. Check for $108.33 for the month of January, was in payment for your services from January 1st to 6th, inclusive, and from Jan.11th to 31st, inclusive, you having been absent without leave or authority from January 7th to Jan.10th, inclusive.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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X Tarrytown, Keeper. X Throgs Neck, Keeper.
X Waackaack, Keeper. X Warwick, Keeper.
XX Watch Hill, Keeper, or 1st Asst. X Wickford Hbr, Keeper.
X Windmill, Keeper.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt.
1st Asst Keeper.

Murray
Keeper

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Greens Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 12, 1931

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject:- Transfer list.

Sir:- The following are the positions and stations to which I desire transfer in the event of a vacancy.

Absecon,	Keeper or 1st asst.	Barber Point,	Keeper.
Barnegat,	Keeper or 1st asst.	Beavertail,	Keeper.
Bergen Point,	Keeper.	Black Rock,	Keeper.
Block Island N.	Keeper.	Bluff Point,	Keeper.
Borden Flats,	Keeper.	Budgeport Hbr,	Keeper.
Bullock Point,	Keeper.	Cedar Island,	Keeper.
Castle Hill,	Keeper.	Chapel Hill,	Keeper.
Cold Spring,	Keeper.	Conanicut Isl,	Keeper.
Coney Island,	Keeper.	Conimicut,	Keeper.
Coxsackie,	Keeper.	Cumberland,	Keeper.
Dutch Island,	Keeper.	Eatow Neck,	Keeper.

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Esopus Meadows, Keeper. Fort Wadsworth, Keeper.
Gould Island, Keeper. Great Capt's Island, Keeper.
Greens Ledge, Keeper. Gull Rocks, Keeper.
Hereford Inlet, Keeper. Horton Point, Keeper.
Hudson City, Keeper. Juniper Isl, Keeper.
Little Gull, Keeper. Lloyd Hbr, Keeper.
Long Beach Bar, Keeper. Lucian Beach, Keeper.
Navesink, Keeper, or 1st Asst. New Dorp Bow, Keeper.
North Bro Island, Keeper. North Dumpling, Keeper.
Old Field, Keeper. Plum Beach, Keeper.
Plum Island, Keeper. Point Au Roche, Keeper.
Point Judith, Keeper. Pomham Rocks, Keeper.
Prudence Island, Keeper. Race Rock, Keeper, 1st, or 2nd Asst.
Rondout, Keeper. Rose Island, Keeper.
Sabine Point, Keeper. Sandy Hook, Keeper.
Saugerties, Keeper. Saybrook Bkw, Keeper.
Saybrook Lynde Point, Keeper. Sea Girt, Keeper.
Shinnecock Bay, Keeper. Stonington Bkw, Keeper.
Stony Point, Keeper. Stratford Point, Keeper.
Stratford Shoal, Keeper. Stuyvesant, Keeper.

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Tarrytown, Keeper. Throgs Neck, Keeper.
Waackaack, Keeper. Warwick, Keeper.
Watch Hill, Keeper, or 1st. Wickford Hbr, Keeper.
Windmill, Keeper.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper

Murray
Keeper

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Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 12, 1931

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Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

D L Burt

Subject:- Transfer list.

Sir:- The following are the positions and stations to which I desire transfer in the event of a vacancy.

X	Absecon,	Keeper, or 1st Asst.	X	Barber Point,	Keeper.
X	Barnegat,	Keeper, or 1st Asst.	X	Beavertail,	Keeper.
X	Bergen Point,	Keeper.	X	Black Rock,	Keeper.
X	Block Isl. North,	Keeper.	X	Bluff Point,	Keeper.
X	Borden Flats,	Keeper.	X	Bridgeport Hbr,	Keeper.
X	Bullock Point,	Keeper.	X	Cedar Island,	Keeper.
X	Castle Hill,	Keeper.	X	Chapel Hill,	Keeper.
X	Cold Spring,	Keeper.	X	Conanicut Isl,	Keeper.
X	Coney Island,	Keeper.	X	Conimicut,	Keeper.
X	Coxsackie,	Keeper.	X	Cumberland,	Keeper.
X	Dutch Island,	Keeper.	X	Eaton Neck,	Keeper.

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X	Esopus Meadows,	Keeper.	X Fort Wadsworth,	Keeper.
X	Gould Island,	Keeper.	X Great Capt's Island,	Keeper.
X	Greens Ledge,	Keeper.	X Gull Rocks,	Keeper.
X	Hereford Inlet,	Keeper.	X Horton Point,	Keeper.
X	Hudson City,	Keeper.	X Juniper Isl,	Keeper.
X	Little Gull,	Keeper.	X Lloyd Hbr,	Keeper.
X	Long Beach Bar,	Keeper.	X Ludlam Beach,	Keeper.
XX	Navesink,	Keeper or 1st Asst.	X New Dorp Bow,	Keeper.
X	North Bro Island,	Keeper.	X North Dumpling,	Keeper.
X	Old Field,	Keeper.	X Plum Beach,	Keeper.
X	Plum Island,	Keeper.	X Point Au Roche,	Keeper.
X	Point Judith,	Keeper.	X Pomham Rocks,	Keeper.
X	Prudence Island,	Keeper.	X Race Rock,	Keeper, 1st or 2nd.
X	Rondout,	Keeper.	X Rose Island,	Keeper.
X	Sabine Point,	Keeper.	X Sandy Hook,	Keeper.
X	Saugerties,	Keeper.	X Saybrook Bkw,	Keeper.
X	Saybrook Lynde Pt,	Keeper.	X Sea Girt,	Keeper.
X	Shinnecock Bay,	Keeper.	X Stonington Bkw,	Keeper.
X	Stony Point,	Keeper.	X Stratford Point,	Keeper.
X	Stratford Shoal,	Keeper.	X Stuyvesant,	Keeper

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March 21, 1931.

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,
Gull Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Visits of relatives.

It has come to the attention of this office that you have had a brother visiting and living with you at Little Gull Island Light Station on several occasions for mor or less extended periods, the last period having been from about December 20, 1930, up to the present time. Your attention is invited to the fact that quarters are provided at certain Light Stations, including Little Gull Island Light Station, for the families of the keepers there employed, which cannot be interpreted as including relatives. While this office has no objection ordinarily to a keeper having relatives or friends visiting for a bried interval of time, there is no authority whatever for your action in having your brother reside with you at the station for such an extended period as three months' time, since such residence at a station is obviously not a visit. Your attention is invited to paragraph (b), section 167, of Instructions to Employees pertaining to the matter of authority to have relatives or friends as visitors at a station. You having had your brother reside with you for a period of approximately three months without any authority whatever, you ae instructed to see to it that your brother referred to does not reside at the station after the receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

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Copy forwarded to Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, attention being invited to his letters of March 8 and 14, 1931.

J. T. YATES.

See memo of 3/20/31 - Arthur G. Burt when interviewed stated that he did the cooking while a Little Girl do from Dec 20/30 to March 1931, which made it unnecessary for Mrs Kyra Burt to board with the keeper, —

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March 20, 1931.

MEMORANDUM

1. A Mr. Burt, brother of the 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, called at this office at 3:15 p.m. to-day. He opened his conversation by stating that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were very bad; that the Keeper was unscrupulous; that he was the subject of gossip; and that he acted as though he were king at the station. He stated that he had written up some notes, and that so far as he had gone he had something over 50 pages, but that they were not in shape to submit and asked if I would examine them informally and discuss the matter. I told him that any transactions with this office necessarily had to be formal and official, and that it would therefore be useless to examine his memorandum (which was to be returned to him) and discuss its contents, and that if he felt that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were not as they should be, the proper procedure was to submit the matter in writing with all corroborative evidence available, and that upon its receipt, the matter would be looked into. He then stated that it was a long story, and that he did not have a stenographer, and that it would cost him $5.00 or $10.00 to write up all his notes. He continually long conversation, more or less disconnected and in practically all respects indefinite, all of which was intended to indicate that the Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station was an unsuitable man to have in the Service, repeatedly interjecting in his remarks that he was not bringing the mayter to make trouble for anyone, and stating incidentally that the two assistant keepers, one of which is his brother, were very good men, also stating that they both knew of many things at the station that were not as they should be, but did not report them as they felt that this office would view any complaint as indicating that they were trying to get the Keeper's job. He stated that he had visited at the station several times since his brother had been there, and stated that he had just come from the station. He was asked how long he had been at the station on this last visit, and he stated since December 20, 1930. He said that his brother had been boarding with the keeper, and that since he had visited at the station he had done the cooking, and that this situation was disliked by the Keeper since he then received no board money from the 2nd Assistant. He started to talk in an inferential way indicating that the Keeper's wife was not of good repute, and then stated that he would say no more as he did not want to bring up a personal matter. He stated that he was a licensed steamboat man; had worked for the Shipping Board at some time, was familiar with many investigations that they have held, and he thought that we would receive information informally in

lieu of requiring written information or evidence. He said the keeper looked upon him as a disturbing element, as he had called the keeper's attention to different things that were not right. Said fog signal was not always started when fog closed in. Said Keeper claimed he had T.B., and in explanation said oneof Keeper's children dropped a varnish brush on the deck which left a spot of varnish, and keeper came along and slipped on it, and keeper then stated Burt had spit on deck, that he had T.B., and should be examined, etc. Burt states he hasn't T.B., and is not worrying about it, and told the keeper so, and that he wouldn't be examined without an order from the Keeper. He was again advised that if he would submit in writing his claims as to the bad conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station, the matter would be investigated. After some further talk, he stated that he would make such a report, and left the office.

2. From this man's line of talk and attitute, it is quite likely that he is a disturbing element at the Station.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Little Gull Island

March 14, 1931.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Arthur G. Burt

Reference: Your letter March 10, 1931.

Sir:

The above mentioned has resided here since December 22, 1930, before that date was here on several visits during the summer and fall of 1930.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. M. Whitford,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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January 23, 1931.

LIGHTHOUSES

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M. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1931.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Newlist 5-12-31

Little Gull Isl. Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 1, , 1930

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Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
N. Y.

Subject, Transfer

D. R. Burt

Sir:

In the event of a vacancy, I would like to be transfered to any of the following stations at the positions stated.

	Name of station		Position
XX	Absecon	N. J.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X	Bridgeport Harbor	Conn.	Keeper.
X	Borden Flats	Mass.	Keeper.
X	Bullock Point	R. I.	Keeper.
X	Castle Hill	R. I.	Keeper.
X	Conanicut	R. I.	Keeper.
X	Cedar Island	N. Y.	Keeper.
XX	Execution Rocks	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX	Greens Ledge	Conn.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX	Great Captain Isl.	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't

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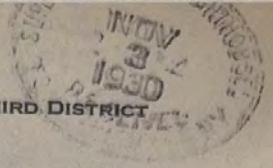

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X Gull Rocks	R. I.	Keeper.
X Hereford Inlet	N. J.	Keeper.
XX Hog Island	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Juniper Island	Vt.	Keeper.
XX Latimer Reef	Conn.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Lloyd Harbor	N. Y.	Keeper.
X Long Beach Bar	N Y.	Keeper.
XX Montauk Point	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Mussel Bed Shoals	R. I.	Keeper.
X Newport Harbor	R. I.	Keeper.
X North Dumpling	N. Y.	Keeper.
XX Plum Beach	R. I	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Plum Island	N. Y	Keeper.
X Point au Roche	N. Y.	Keeper.
XX Point Judith	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Pomham Rocks	R. I.	Keeper.
X Prudence Island	R. I.	Keeper.
XX Race Rock	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX Robbins Reef	N. Y	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX Romer Shoals	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Rondout North Dike	N. Y.	Keeper.

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XX Rose Island	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Sabine Point	R. I.	Keeper.
XX Sandy Hook	N. J.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX Watch Hill	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX Warwick	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX West Bank	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
XX Whale Rock	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
X Wickford Harbor	R. I.	Keeper.
X Windmill Point	N. Y.	Keeper.

Respectfully

Dana L. Burt

2nd Ass't Keeper.

E. M. Whitford Keeper



Greenport, L. I., I appreciate being notified that there is available transportation by a Government boat from New London.

I regret the delay in not being able to report sooner but the original letter containing my orders was not received by me. My letter of Oct 16th was sent because I had the feeling that something had accidentally gone wrong somewhere, the local mail service having not been entirely satisfactory at times and other letters known to have been lost.

Thanking you for the consideration shown in selecting me for this position,

I remain

Respectfully

Dana L. Burt.

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Little Gull Island
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Feb. 20, 1930

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Arrival of new 2nd Assistant Kpr.,
Mr. Clara L. Burt.

Reference: Your letter of Feb. 19, 1930

Sir: The above named 2nd Asst Kpr. arrived and reported for duty today Feb. 20, 1930.

Respectfully
E. M. Hulstad
Keeper.

EOD Feb. 20-1930

42 Belmont St,
Whitman, Mass,
Feb. 19, 1930.

Superintendent,
U.S. Lighthouse Service, 3rd District,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE

Dear Sir:-

I beg to asknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb 18, 1930 with enclosure of copy of my original orders dated Feb 10, 1930, and also copy of telegram received by me yesterday, Feb 18th.

In accordance with these orders and instructions I respectfully beg to report that I will report for duty tomorrow, Feb. 20th, provided weather conditions on Long Island Sound between New London and Gull Island so permit.

As I had been uncertain as to whether I could get across the Sound from New London at this time of the year or would have to go all the way around to

other responsibilities, present and contemplated, I hope that I will receive favorable consideration, and receive the appointment. You will find me a reliable and steady worker, able-bodied and capable, and well able to get along with my associates.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the notification of my nomination, I beg to state again that I am ready to report for duty immediately and I respectfully hope that I will be called soon.

Respectfully

Ivan L. Burt.

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THIRD DISTRICT STGEORGES NY=

LETTER WAS NOT RECEIVED STOP SHALL I GO DIRECT TO LITTLE GULFISLAND OR AWAIT LETTER WITH CONFIRMING COPY OF ORIGINAL ORDERS STOP CAN LEAVE HERE TOMORROW ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIME ONE DAY STOP WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS OR SHIPPING ADVICES WITH REGARD TO PERSONAL EFFECTS IF POSSIBLE

RESPECTFULLY=

DANA L BURT.

letter with copy of original letter sent to him 2/18/30

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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM J. T. YATES Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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Staten Island N Y

February 18 1930

Dana L Burt

42 Belmont Street

Whitman Massachusetts

Orders were mailed you February tenth to report Little Gull Island Light wire date you will report for duty

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FWO-JHG

Feb. 18,1930

Dana L. Burt,
42 Belmont Street,
Whitman, Mass.

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Kpr.,Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.16,1930.

1. A letter dated February 10,1930 (copy enclosed) was sent you directing you to report for duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper on Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.on Feb.17th. You are directed to report for duty at Little Gull Island Light Station, at the earliest possible date, advising this office by letter by return mail of the date on which you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt,
42 Belmont St.,
Whitman, Mass.

Feb.10,1930

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper,Little Gull Is.L.S.
REFERENCE: Our letter Feb.3rd, your letter Feb.4th.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt. Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty in that position on February 17,1930, or the earliest practicable date thereafter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of the station, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Edgar M. Whitford, Fort Michie, Gull Island, N. Y. There is a Government boat which runs from New London, Conn., to Fort Michie. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and state on what date you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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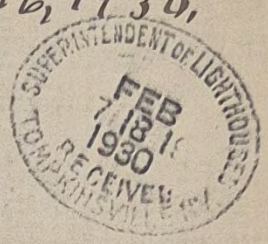
1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Burt reports for duty.

2. Marius Larson, Additional Keeper, at present detailed to Little Gull, has been directed to report for duty at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. as soon as Mr.Burt reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Little Gull. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Larson leaves Little Gull.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

42 Belmont St,
Whitman, Mass,
Feb 16, 1930.



Superintendent
U. S. Lighthouse Service 3rd Dist.
Staten Island N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

As it is possible perhaps for mail to be lost in transit, I respectfully beg to inquire if my acknowledgement of the notification that I had been nominated for 2nd Ass't Keeper at Little Gull I. Lt. Station was received

I should like very much to have this station because of its situation, which I note upon the chart is one where my experience in handling of boats might be valuable. And also it is the same type of station which I lived upon as a youngster when my father was a lighthouse keeper, and upon which I could be well contented to stay because of the interest such a location would hold for me.

Having a father and mother looking very largely toward me for support, and

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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WASHINGTON D C FEB 8 - 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York.

probationary appointment keeper dana l burt approved

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1930.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

LIGHTHOUSES

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1930 FEB 17 PM 2 37

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective February 10, 1930, or upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

T. B. MORROW

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Arthur H. Bouder.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHB

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT.

Staten Island (City), N. Y., Feb. 1, 1930 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(The Sec'y and C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Name, Dana L. Burt — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper — Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, Feb. 10, 1930 — {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty; or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location, — Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage 90.9 — , Other eligibles considered:

Raymond F. Oliver---C. Edwin E. Johnson---C.

Previous incumbent, Arthur E. Souder — Services terminated, Jan. 3, 1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1260 p.a.

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government service, None

Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station

Date of birth, Nov. 10, 1896

Remarks:

Mr. Burt has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19.....

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEB-JBS

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1930, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, ~~Dana~~ L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Effective, Feb. 10,1930

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

{ the actual date of entrance on duty, or
{ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.9 , Other eligibles considered:

Raymond F. Blivan---C. Edwin B. Johnson---C.

Previous incumbent, Arthur E. Souder Services terminated, Jan.3,1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1260 p.a.

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government service, None

Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station

Date of birth, Nov.16,1896

Remarks:

Mr.Burt has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 5
1930
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Via

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Lt Sta
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Jan 1, 1930

J. I. Yates
Supt lighthouses Staten Island N.Y.

Subject: Transfer

I do not care to transfer to Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta. as I have three children of school age. Their ages are 8 years 11 years and 14 years

George E. Durfee Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEC 1929 RECEIVED

Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Slab Rock Lt. Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 23, 1929

Supt. of Lighthouses.
Sir:

Being a singe man I do not care to accept the position of 2nd. Asst. Keeper at Little Gull Island Lt. Station.

Respectfully,
Joseph G. Hindley Jr.

Daniel P. Sullivan.
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Per

New London Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec- 16, 1929

From 2nd Asst Keeper
Through the Keeper
To Superintendent 3rd dist
Subject: transfer to Gull Island
Reference- Your letter 12/10/29.

1- The undersigned respectfully acknowledges receipt of above reference.

2 Owing to distance of above light (Gull Island) from my home in Babylon, a transfer to a Station in that vicinity in the future would be acceptable.

Respectfully
J D. Meade

I. A. Southworth,
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS
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Orient Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 16, 1929

To Superintendent of Light Houses
Staten Island. N.Y.

Subject Position of 2nd asst Keeper little gull I.S.Lt.Sta.

Referring to your letter December 10 can not accept the Position has 2nd asst Keeper on gull Island Because I have 3 Children two of them are going to school one 9 years and other 6 years

2 asst Keeper
Mathias Daigle
Albert S. Balser
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Por

Latimer Reef Lt. Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 15, 1929

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir.-

In reply to your letter of Dec. 10 refering to a possible vacancy of second asst. keeper at Little Gull Is. Lt. Sta., I wish to state that it would not be convenient on my part as I am at present living in Westerly, R.I. near my present station.

I am sir
Respectfully yours,
Richard A. Tricke,
2nd Asst. Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 14, 1929

Supt of Lighthouses.

Will be unable to accept the position of 2nd asst Keeper of Little Gull Lt. Sta. as I have no family now as they are all married and as I have my own home and all my Interests are at Narragansett R. I. it would not be of any benefits to me

Geo. A. Tooker
2nd asst Greens Ledge

Murray
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Hog Island Ship Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 12, 1929

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Sir, -

In regards to transfer to station on Little Gull Island wish to say that I do not want to transfer from this station

Respectfully
Frank W Pilgrim
1 assistant keeper.

Edward R Duffy
Keeper

Herman Westgate, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the station on July 23, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. 2nd Asst.Keeper Burt left the station on July 9th, is that correct?

A. That's right.

Q. Who went ashore with him?

A. He went alone.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was he to land?

A. Pier,13, Stapleton.

Q. When was he due to come back to the station?

A. The same day.

Q. And he has not returned?

A. No, he has not.

Q. Has Mr. Burt sent you any message or explanation as to why he has not returned?

A. No, sir, he has not.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to come back when due back?

A. No, unless he was storm bound and couldn't get back. Only when he was storm bound.

Q. Since Mr. Burt left the station on July 9th, have you heard anything from him directly or indirectly?

A. No, sir, I have not heard anything from him, except when I was ashore on July 20th I saw him.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In Stapleton in the park sitting on a bench.

Q. What did he have to say in regard to his absence?

A. Nothing. I started the conversation first. I said "What are you doing here?" and he seemed to hesitate. Then he said "I was waiting for one of your boys to come in and get me", and I said "Dan, I have nothing to do with you. I never hired you, the Lighthouse Department

hired you. It is up to you to see those people."

Q. And he didn't offer any explanation as to why he had not come back?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did he appear to be in good health when you saw him?

A. He was nice and clean, but he had the shakes.

Q. Did he appear to be intoxicated at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. But he had the shakes?

A. Yes, he had the shakes, which may have been due to liquor.

Q. Was that the extent of your conversation with him in Stapleton in the park?

A. Well, there were a few more things I said to him about the power boat, that it was a mean thing for him to do.

Q. What did you have reference to by his doing such a thing?

A. I meant that he had promised before he went ashore on the 9th that he would take good care of the power boat, and that he would not return to the station with liquor on him.

Q. When you got the power boat back, did it show any evidence of misuse or lack of care on Burt's part while he had it in his charge?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In what way?

A. In the first place there was water in the cylinder heads and she didn't run. One of the stops on the rudder was ripped out.

Q. This occurred after he left the station with the boat on July 9?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What you have stated is in substance all the conversation you had with him in the park on the 20th, that is, all you recall?

A. That's about all, except he stated he didn't know what made him do it.

Q. In your letter of July 12 you state that Mr. Burt has been ashore several times and always returns under the influence of liquor. What

A. Yes, sir.

Q was the evidence that made you believe he was under the influence of liquor?

A. Well, on a few occasions he came pretty near tipping the boat over. He was unsteady on his feet.

Q. Did his breath have the odor of liquor?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was there further in his conduct that would indicate the use of liquor? I mean, was he loud and wild in his talk? In what other way would you know to tell me that you were satisfied that he was drunk?

A. I could tell by the way he acted and the expression on his face. He would start patting me on the back, and I would say "Dan, go to bed", and he would wave his hand and go upstairs.

Q. And in such a condition he was not fit to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. And you would not permit him to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. Would he be able to do any work about the station, aside from standing watch, in the condition that you describe?

A. To do it right, no, sir.

Q. After returning to the station on those occasions, how long would it be before he would be what you would call normal and fit to do his work, and fit to stand the watch?

A. Six or seven hours. After he had a good sleep, then he was in his right senses.

Q. Has he at any time, so far as you know, brought liquor out to the station with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was this condition of intoxication of Mr. Burt when he returned to the station on these occasions witnessed by the 1st Assistant Keeper?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen has seen Burt come back to the station in the condition you describe?

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A. Yes, sir.

Q. On what dates did Mr. Burt come back to the station in this condition of intoxication?

A. June 21, June 13, January 19, January 13, December 31, December 14, December 2 (1st Asst. Keeper came out to the station with him), November 6, November 1, October 31, October 14.

Q. On every occasion he went ashore, would he return in the condition of intoxication?

A. Yes, with the exception of December 28, when he went after gasoline.

Q. It is not clear just how long he was ashore on each of those occasions. Now, for each of the dates you have given me, tell me at what hour he left the station and the hour he returned.

A.

Left	3:00 p.m.,	June 21,	returned	8:00 p.m.,	same day.
"	3:00 "	" 13,	"	8:00 "	" "
"	10:00 am.,	Jan. 17,	"	8:00 a.m.,	Jan. 19.
"	3:00 p.m.,	" 5,	"	3:00 p.m.,	" 13.
"	11:00 a.m.,	Dec. 31,	"	4:00 "	same day.
"	9:00 "	" 14,	"	4:00 "	" "
"	9:00 "	Nov. 22,	"	11:30 "	Dec. 2.
"	7:00 "	" 6,	"	1:00 "	same day.
"	9:30 "	" 1,	"	3:00 "	" "
"	2:00 p.m.,	Oct. 24,	"	5:30 "	Oct. 31.
"	8:00 a.m.,	" 14,	"	3:00 "	same day.

Q. Mr. Westgate, your letter of July 12 states that Mr. Burt, in returning to the station under the influence of liquor, made things unpleasant. In what way did Mr. Burt make things unpleasant on account of his use of liquor?

A. Well, he'd come over and bother you, put his arms around you, push the chairs around, and fall all over everything.

Q. Would he be in a disagreeable mood himself, or generally agreeable?

A. Agreeable. A happy drunk, as though he didn't care.

Q. Outside of the trip ashore on July 9th, Mr. Burt has previously used the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to take good care of the boat when he took it to go ashore?

A. I can't seem to remember whether I let him take the power boat or not. I knew he drank, and I told him that night that I could never remember him coming back sober. I wouldn't take that chance.

Q. But this last trip of July 9th you told him you would give him another chance to go ashore with the power boat, and to take care of it and to be sober when he got back?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. It has been the general rule to use the pulling boat to go ashore?

A. Well, no. Sometimes we would put him on the boat. He has used the pulling boat, but not often. He went ashore with a fisherman or some passing boat.

Q. When he would go ashore in the pulling boat, would he bring the boat back in good shape, or did it show evidence of misuse?

A. He brought it back in good condition.

Q. You state that you have done your best to stop him from returning to the station under the influence of liquor. Just what did you do to try and stop that practice?

A. I begged him. I said "Dan, cut out your drinking, for your mother's and father's sake. I can't stand your coming back to the station under the influence of liquor. You are only going to get yourself in trouble."

Q. How many such talks do you recall having had with him?

A. Ever since he started to go ashore and came back under the influence of liquor. Ever since he came to this station.

Q. You have had that line of conversation practically every time he went ashore?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is Burt a reliable man when he is on watch?

A. When he is here and sober, he is a good worker and he stands his watches.

Q. When 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen returned to the station with the station power boat on July 13, after Burt had taken the boat ashore, as I understand it the boat was not in running condition. How did Rasmussen manage to get the boat out to the station if it was not running?

A. He was towed out.

Q. Who towed him out?

A. Some man from around Pier 13, Stapleton.

Q. 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen went ashore this morning?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When is he due to come back?

A. Thursday.

Q. He probably will be found at hishome?

A. I can't tell you just where you will find him now because his wife has gone south and they gave up their home. A letter addressed to him at Box 772, Stapleton, will reach him.

Testimony by: H. Rosenstein, Clerk

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Thomas E. Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the office on July 24, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen, in investigating the case of 2nd Asst.Keeper Dana L. Burt, who has been absent for some time, I have obtained information indicating that Mr. Burt frequently returns to the station under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Have you any personal knowledge that such is the case?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have seen Mr. Burt in an intoxicated condition when he returned back to the station?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Just what was the condition that led you to believe that he was intoxicated?

A. You could tell because he arrived at the station and couldn't stand up in the boat. He has never come back on the station boat drunk, it was on some fishing boat.

Q. What other condition did you observe, aside from his being unsteady on his feet, that would indicate intoxication?

A. You could tell by his looks. When he gets that way he is like a wild animal, he wants to fight and everything. He is very noisy.

Q. Would you say he is in a ugly mood or peaceable mood?

A. Ugly mood.

Q. On those occasions when he returned in that condition, did you recognize the odor of liquor on him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Very plainly?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And in that condition when he returned to the station, would you consider that he was fit to stand the watch.

A. No, sir. He couldn't stand watch.

Q. Would he be fit to do any of the station work properly?

A. Not at all.

Q. How long after returning to the station would it be before he would be in what you would call normal condition and fit to work?

A. Eight or ten hours.

Q. When he would return to the station in that condition, what would he do during those 8 or 10 hours.

A. Go to bed and sleep it off.

Q. Could you give me any of the dates on which Mr. Burt returned to the station in an intoxicated condition?

A. If I had the station books I could probably recall, but I couldn't give you the dates from my mind.

Q. Mr. Burt first entered on duty at Romer Shoal in October 1934, since which time he has been ashore on some 12 or 15 occasions. As I understand you, it was quite customary for him to return from shore under the influence of liquor. That is correct, isn't it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Of the various times that he went ashore, do you recall whether there were any instances where he returned and did not show evidence of having used liquor?

A. From memory I would say there were at least 4 or 5 occasions when he came back intoxicated. There might have been more such occasions because I wasn't always on the station when he returned. There were some occasions when he came back allright.

Q. Mr. Burt left the station on the morning of July 9, do you recall that?

A. That's right.

Q. Do you know when he was due to return?

A. The same day.

Q. He went ashore alone that day?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where does the station boat usually land when you keepers come ashore?

A. We have been tieing up at Pier 13, now we tie up at Pier 17, Stapleton.

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Q. On July 9th it appears that Mr. Burt ran the station boat to New York and tied up at the Barge Office. Have you or the keeper ever run the station power boat to New York?

A. Never.

Q. Do you know of any reason why Burt should have run the boat to New York on July 9th?

A. I don't know.

Q. There was no arrangement with the keeper as far as you know to run it to New York?

A. Not as far as I know.

Q. The station power boat that Mr. Burt left tied up at the Battery, New York, was brought to this Depot, and on July 12th it was turned over to you to return to the station. Do you recall that?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was the power boat in good running order at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was the trouble with it?

A. There was water in the cylinder heads and the engine wouldn't run. All the varnish was off the gunnel. The stopper that prevents the rudder from fouling the propeller wheel was broken off.

Q. Those items of damage to the power boat were not present when Mr. Burt left the station with the boat on the morning of July 9th?

Testimony by: H. Rosenstein, Clerk.

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Burt has not yet returned to the station, nor has this office received any word from him. Have you by any chance seen Mr. Burt or heard anything of him when you were ashore?

A. I saw him yesterday and I saw him this morning.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In the park at Stapleton. He told me he had been up to the office.

Q. Did he have anything to say to you as to why he had not returned to the station?

A. Not a thing. The only thing he said was that he had been up here and seen you and Mr. Yates wasn't here, and that he was supposed to report back Friday. (NOTE:- Mr. Burt has not called at this office up to the present time, July 24th).

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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For your information, please be advised I have never opened, tampered with or withheld any mail or mail contents belonging to any one and Miss Burt's statements are all false. At the time I made the complaint to have Arthur Burt leave the Island, Asst. Burt told me if any member of his family had to leave the Island they would make it "so hot" for me I would get put off too, and this looks like a desperate act to do that very thing.

As for Miss Burt having to leave the Island, she did visit her brother Arthur in Madison for a few days but returned on August 4th the day her letter of complaint was dated at 12 noon, and did not leave until after my return today Aug. 13, when I informed Asst. Keeper I had a statement contrary to Miss Burt's letter from the Postmaster which I am enclosing for your information. I also showed Asst. Keeper these Pilot Rules which I received since I have been on the Island, and told him these were the only light blue covered books that I have any knowledge of being on my desk and if they were his sisters, or if he thought they were, she could have them, but he made no reply.

Respectfully,

/s/ A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

Re caution of Keeper as proposed by Br—

In a way it would be justified, but as persons residing at the Ho and any else would be noted by Inspecting Officer, and unless some objectionable condition existed, would probably take no action since an account of Condition & depression Families relating ~~Tender~~ it necessary to live together is a very common condition everywhere — Our inspectors would therefore be quite as much to blame as the Kpr—

The real question is Caution Keeper therefore questionable —

CMRS Service Request Number:
C-0007991655
CMRS Search Request Number(s):

SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Total Requests:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMIN

Dana L. Burt (73)

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Charges — Dec Files 1038 (1935

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Child Accuses Stapleton Man

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Advance 5/25/36

Formerly Asst Keeper Rome Naval Station.

A police alarm was broadcast for the missing youth and automobile.

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"Better Values

time of the celebration.

Lawyer's Plea Wins Temporary Freedom

A lawyer's plea yesterday won temporary freedom for Dana Lee Burt, 40, a WPA electrician, of 77 Boyd street, West Brighton, who was arraigned yesterday in Stapleton Police Court on a morals charge.

Burt has been in Richmond County Jail for nearly a month, awaiting trial. Bail was originally set at $2,000, but this was cut gradually to $300.

Charles A. Mulligan Jr., the attorney, told Magistrate William T. Croak that Burt is a World War veteran with bonus money due him. He pointed out that the veteran has been in jail a month.

Judge Croak paroled Burt in custody of Mulligan for a hearing tomorrow.

Burt was arrested in a case involving a 5-year-old girl. Judge Croak adjourned the case until Friday because the girl's father was unable to appear.

S. I. Advance
June 25-1936

...certificate violations.

MORALS CASE TO BE TRIED

Dana Lee Burt, 40, a WPA electrician held on a morals charge, waived examination yesterday in Stapleton Police Court and was held for trial in Special Sessions Court. He furnished $200 personal bail set by Magistrate William T. Croak. Burt, who lives at 77 Boyd street, West Brighton, was arrested about a month ago on a charge involving a 5-year-old girl.

S. I. Advance
6-27-36

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DANA L. BURT

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October 22, 1932

Manuel Resendes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through 1st Asst. Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges against 1st Asst. Keeper Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 28th; letter from this office October 4th, and your reply October 15 which was received at this office October 20, 1932.

The contents of your letter of October 15th have been very carefully noted, and it is observed that you show no personal knowledge of Mr. Burt being guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman when ashore due to too much intoxication, as reported in your letter of September 28th. Also, that you have no definite corroborated evidence to prove the charges submitted by you against Mr. Burt, although information furnished indicates that Mr. Burt uses intoxicating liquors. As you should already be aware, and as indicated in letter from this office of October 4th, you are personally responsible for statements contained in your letter of September 28th reflecting on the conduct of 1st Asst. Keeper Burt, of which you have failed to furnish proof or evidence to corroborate your statements. This condition of affairs is much to your discredit and is deserving of disciplinary action, but as it appears that Mr. Burt is a user of intoxicants, which may have induced your action in making a report which was not based on facts that were personally known or could be proven, no further action will be taken in the matter at this time, but you are advised that great care should be exercised in the future, as a repetition will result in disciplinary action being taken against you.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst.Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,
Rowayton, Conn.

Oct. 21,1932

SUBJECT: Absence from station, substitute, etc.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.19,1932.

1. As a substitute has already been furnished for a period of 12 days during the month of October in order that the two Assistant Keepers might be absent for the authorized period, no permission for further absence during October can be granted, except on receipt of application on Form 76 and with the understanding that a substitute is to be furnished at the expense of the Assistant Keeper who wishes to be absent.

2. As it appears that the two Assistant Keepers prefer to be absent after pay day, in case no Keeper is assigned to Greens Ledge before November 10th,1932, you are authorized to employ a substitute Keeper, at the same rate of pay as previously, for the period Nov.10th to 22nd. If either or both of the Assistant Keepers wish to be absent during the month of November it will be necessary for them to be absent in turn during the period Nov.10 to 22nd and not during other periods of the month, as it is intended that there will be two keepers on the station at all times.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
Asst.Supt.

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October 20, 1932

Manuel Resendes, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through 1st Asst. Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence of 1st Asst. Keeper Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter September 28th and letter from this office October 4th.

You are directed to forward to this office without further delay a reply to the letter addressed to you under date of October 4th, and in your reply you will also explain why you failed to make prompt reply to letter of October 4th referred to.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: F. W. OCKENFELS,
Asst. Superintendent.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCT 21 1932 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

1st Asst

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Oct 19, 1932

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Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Leave

Reference: Your letter dated Oct 3, 1932.

Sir:- In answer to your letter Oct 3, 1932 1932. Why should we be without the 3rd man, for the rest of this month. Mr. Resendes is very capable of taking charge of station. We now would like permission ~~at~~ to have 3 days leave apiece.

The notice you gave us was'nt in sufficient time. We try and plan our leaves mostly after pay-day. Our watches are agreeable to one another, but we would like to have our third night all night in.

Respectfully,
Dana L. Bunt
1st Asst Kpr.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

1st Asst

Supt. of Lighthouses,

Greens Ledge Lt. Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 15, 1902.

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Sir,

In reply to your's of the 4th of Oct. in reply to mine's of the 28th of Sept. As I said to Mr. Gorga when here investigating. Mr. Burt on more than one occassion came back to the light with liquor in him. Not enough to stop him from performing is duties though. Upon complaints from people ashore. Threating me for not notifying the office of said condition & etc. I told him on more than one occassion to do all his drinking. On his monthly absence away from Rowayton. As the place was to small for anyone to be seen with drink in him. After all I felt duty bound to notify the office of same. I believe I went at it to strong. But in not knowing any better. I hope to correct it somewhat. Though he likes his liquor. I am afraid of the worst. If he is not corrected or threatened from the office. Such as

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THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

2 letters rec'd Oct. 13, 1932.

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to stop drinking. Inclosed ~~one~~ letters pertaining to above statements. And one statement.

Respectfully,
Manuel Resendes,
2nd asst. Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

H. L. Burt
1st Asst Keeper.

OCT 21 1932 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 21 1932
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Oct 10, 1932
196 Canal St
Fall River
Mass

Sir,

I when substituting at Green Ledge lighthouse from Aug. 21, st to Sept. 12th 1932. On more than one occassion. I know 1st asst. Dana F Burt. To be drinking of liquor to the extent. Of really being unsafe for travel on a small boat to or from a lighthouse Otherwise I believe him a good man.

A. Rogers

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Manuel Resendes, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Thr.,1st Asst.Kpr.in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Oct. 4,1932

SUBJECT: Absence of 1st Asst.Kpr.Burt.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.28,1932.

1. Your letter of September 28,1932 accuses 1st Assistant Keeper Burt of "conduct unbecoming a gentleman when ashore, too much intoxication". You are directed to forward to this office by return mail a full and complete report giving definite information as to when and where 1st Assistant Keeper Burt was intoxicated when ashore, stating whether or not you personally saw Mr.Burt intoxicated on such occasions as you may describe, and forward with your letter such other evidence as will corroborate your charge of intoxication. You will exercise care to see that your statements are based on fact that can be proven and not on hearsay information, as obviously you will be held personally responsible for false, malicious, or trivial accusations or reports.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Oct- 3 1932

Supt- Lighthouses
3d Dist-.

Subject- Investigation 1st Asst Keeper
Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Ref. 2nd Asst Keeper Letter Sept 28

On Sept- 30 proceeded to Rowayton
Conn. for purpose of investigating absence
of 1st Asst Keeper Dist of Greens Ledge
Light Station.

On arriving in Rowayton met-
2nd Asst Keeper Resendes, and was
informed by him that- 1st Asst Dist-
had returned to Lt. station at- 6 00 pm
Sept 28 and showed no signs of
having been drinking or of having
been intoxicated during his absence.
Resendes also stated he had been
informed by certain parties in that-
community that- between Sept- 15 and 18

1st ast. Bust had been intoxicated and had been seen arguing with someone on two occasions.

He, Resendes, also stated that Bust had never come aboard the Lt. station intoxicated and that Bust was a good person to live with and that Bust always did his share of the work.

Proceeded to Lt. station with 2nd ast. Resendes.

Questioned 1st ast Bust as to his absence, Sept 26 to 28, and he stated that he had been visiting on Peck's ledge Lt. station and that he was taking 3 days of his regular monthly leave and that he had returned to the light 1 day ahead of time. He, Bust, said that during time ashore Sept 26 to 28

had not taken a drink, but admitted that on previous leave Sept 15 to 18 he had a few drinks and had had verbal arguments with a couple of people, but it was over something that concerned no one only he and the people he was arguing with.

Questioned Mr. Resendes as to his visiting this office and he stated he had warned Mr. Butt that he would report him and after hearing from certain parties ashore of Mr. Butt being intoxicated during his (Butt's) absence of Sept 15 to 18 he (Resendes) was afraid Mr. Butt might get intoxicated while ashore and leave him (Resendes) alone on light station for a long period and also that some one ashore might-

ake to this office reporting Mr. Burt before he reported him and that he wrote letter of Sept-25 to protect himself. Mr. Resender claimed that he had been told that Mr Burt would be reported by some one in Rawaydon if he (Resender) did not report him.

Sign book showed absences for Sept as follows.

1st Asst Burt.

Sept-15 — 9 00 AM
to Sept 18 - 9 30 AM.

Sept-26 - 3 30 PM.
to Sept-28 — 6 00 PM.

2nd Asst Resender.

Sept 5 — 10 00 AM
to Sept-8 — 12 00 Noon

Sept-23 - 9 30 AM.
to Sept-26 - 3 30 PM.

appears from record of leave that there was no substitute on Lt station during periods of leave taken by 2nd asst Resendes Sept 23 to 26 or 1st asst Burt Sept 15 to 18 and Sept 26 to 28

Station was clean and in orderly condition.

L L Gaugen
Mech.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Oct. 3,1932

Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst.Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. It is noted that at different times both yourself and 2nd Assistant Keeper Resendes Have been absent from duty from one to two days during the time when there was no substitute keeper at the station. In view of the subject matter of your letter of August 14,1932 it should be unnecessary to inform you that a substitute Keeper is employed for a portion of each month until further notice in order that yourself and the 2nd Assistant Keeper may be absent from the station in accordance with the allowance of absence authorized, and there is no justification for either yourself or the 2nd Assistant Keeper going ashore for any reason other than necessary official business during the remainder of the month thereby leaving only one man at the station. You will see to it hereafter that absences within the authorized monthly allowance is taken, if desired, during the period that a substitute keeper is employed, but under no condition is any part of the authorized monthly allowance to be taken during the time when a substitute keeper is not employed. Any trips ashore by either yourself or the 2nd assistant keeper during the period when a substitute keeper is not employed are to be of short duration solely for actual official business purposes such as mail and supplies, and when such trips are made care is to be taken to see that before starting the weather is such that return to the station on the same day will not be prevented.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 29 1932
THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 28, 1932.

Supt of Lighthouses,

Sir -

Accusing Dana L. Burt 1st asst. keeper. Of conduct unbecoming a gentlemen when ashore. To much intoxication.

Respectfully,
Manuel Resendes,
2nd asst keeper.

Dana L. Burt,
1st asst. keeper.

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Sept. 26/32 at 3 P.M. about.

He left station yesterday & hasn't returned to this writing so he is not here to sign it.

5.15 P.M. when sent ashore for mailing.
the 28th of Sept. 1932.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.,
Sept. 28, 1932.

Supt. of Lighthouses,

Sir:

Accusing Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst. Keeper, of conduct unbecoming a gentlemen when ashore. To much intoxication

Respectfully,

(Signed) Manuel Resendes,
2nd Asst. Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

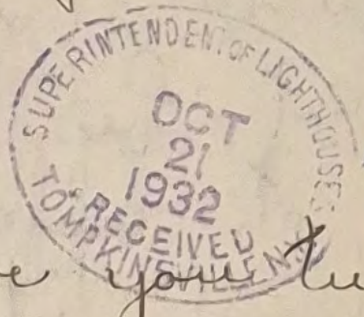
Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst. Keeper.

He left station yesterday Sept. 26/32 at 3 P.M. about, hasn't returned to this writing so he is not here to sign it.

5:15 when sent ashore for mailing, the 28th of Sept., 1932.

Marked re Grayson.
Manuel

Mt. Carmel, Conn.
July 22nd, 1932.



My dear George,

I know that I owe you two letters and I'll try to answer them both now, with this one. You see I've been away and just got home again. When I got here there was company here, (my aunt, uncle and little cousin) from Delaware. The little boy, (he's ten years old.) wants me to play with him all of the time; and he has me reading all of the comics etc; so that I haven't much time to myself.

I like your philosophy about romantic youths etc. I'm really very sensible about fellows though, fact is, I'm not interested in them at all, of course Bill is

different and I truly love him - (He does love me too, but he is stubborn and not affectionate nor at all demonstrative) He will be different though when he is some older.

I am interested in and devoted to my chosen profession. There is nothing at all can compare with it as a career and it is my "life".

About Mr. Burt. I wish he would meet up with the right girl; no doubt she could reform him. You know I did Bill. He drank heavily before he started going with me, now he doesn't touch it. It seems a pity because it is a handicap and leaves a stigma.

Bill ... says, "If a man could see himself and know what he says and does when under the influence he would never touch it".

Last week and until Wed. night I was at Helen's home. We had a glorious time together, we are devoted to each other and enjoy each other's company. In fact, I prefer Helen to any other girl friend. We were bathing most every day and I can almost swim. I've acquired some "sun-tan", of course it doesn't show much with my coloring. Helen's tan shows swell as she is a perfect blonde.

Someday next week or week after you can go swimming with us, if O.K. with you.

I don't know about bringing a boy to "double date". We are very particular about our friends and I don't think we will go to the Lighthouse as we may not want to meet many of those men. Of course Mr. Murray is O.K. and I really think Mr. Burt would be O.K. too but I mean those others.

Do you like the story "The Harvester?" Does Mr. Burt enjoy it too?

When you finish with those negatives, Please may I have them? I want two or three more of them.

Well I have to bake some orange-chiffon pies now so I'll say, Auf Wiedersehn,

As ever,

Babe.

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

Oath of office & fwd to Washington 3/3/30

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouses - 3rd Dist

1. Name in full Dana Lee Burt

2. Legal (voting) residence Mass, 14 Dist. (State and Congressional District) Plymouth (County) Whitman (City or town)

3. Where born? Mass (State or foreign country) Fall River (City or town) When born? Nov. 16 1896 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
✓ Male	Female	✓ Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	✓ White	Colored	

X 6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
~~U.S. Navy~~ ~~Atlantic Fleet~~	~~Electrician~~	~~99.~~						

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	✓ Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	✓ War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted April 19, 1917 Discharged Dec 24 1924 Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Organization Atlantic Fleet Organization ____

X 8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Boating and Electrical work & Firing.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Wilfred Grant Burt. (Name) Father (Relationship)

42 Belmont St Whitman, Mass, (Post office address)

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

Dana L. Burt
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept. 26, 1930 (Date)

Present address Little Gull I. Lt. Sta. Fort Michie N. Y.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIG. MAR 3 1930 RECEIVED

Daniel L. Burt
(Name.)

2nd Ass't. Kpr.
(Position.)

U. S. Lighthouse
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Feb. 26, 1930

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 30, 1932

Supt of Light Houses,
Staten Island,
New York,

Sir:-

On this date at 10.30 A.M. we wish to advise this office that we were the effects of a rescue of life and property belonging to Mr. Allan Robinson of Rowayton, Conn.

They were in a 14 foot sail boat a short distance from the light when they were capsized by a strong puff of wind, and were in danger of being drowned.

We heard their shouts for help & went to their assistance & made the rescue.

They were taken on the station and their clothing dried and food administered

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst Keeper
Henry C. Gilman Substitute Keeper.

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1937 RECD

January 23, 1937

In reply refer to File No. 113186

Mr. Dana L. Burt
30 Canal Street
Stapleton
Staten Island, New York

Dear Sir:

The Commission has received reports stating that you were injured or disabled on March 18, 1935, while you were employed as a second assistant keeper by the Lighthouse Service at the Romer Shoal Light Station, Lower Bay, New York.

The provisions of Sections 17 to 20 of the Compensation Act administered by this Commission make it mandatory that notice of injury and original claim for compensation be filed within one year after the injury is sustained. Furthermore, the evidence is insufficient to show that your condition is due to the cause alleged, and accordingly no benefits of the Compensation Act can be awarded.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Carpenter

ea

Chief Claim Examiner

Official copy to:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Staten Island, New York

The Medical Officer in Charge
U. S. Marine Hospital
Ellis Island, New York

The Medical Officer in Charge
U. S. Marine Hospital
Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.

ALLEGED

OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which causes any disability for work beyond the day or shift on which the injury occurred or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment

1. Department Commerce (War, Navy, etc.) 2. Bureau or office Lighthouses (Engineer, Navigation, etc.)
3. Place of employment Romer Shoal Light Station, Lower Bay, New York (Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.) (City) (State)
4. Reporting office General Lighthouse Depot, Staten Island, N.Y. (Location of reporting office or division headquarters)
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when alleged injury occurred Herman Westgate, keeper

The injured employee

6. Name of alleged injured employee Dana L. Burt (Give first name in full) 7. Age 40yrs 8. Sex M 9. Race W
10. Home address 30 Canal St. Stapleton, S.I.N.Y. (Street and number) (City or town) (State)
11. Occupation and division 2nd Asst. keeper (Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.) 12. Was employee doing his regular work? yes If not, what work?
13. Total length of service with the Government as a civilian? Since Feb. 20, 1930
14. How long at present work in this establishment? "
15. Dates of other injuries
16. Rate of pay on date of alleged injury $ 1440 per yr. { and subsistence valued at $ -- per ; and quarters valued at $ 60 per yr.
17. Employee begins work at keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m. 18. Regular day's work ends keeper's watch (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.
19. Hours worked per day as necessary 20. Days paid per week 7

The injury

21. Place where alleged injury occurred Romer Shoal Lt. Sta. (Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.)
22. Date of alleged injury 3/18/35, 19; day of week Monday; hour of day P.M. (a. m. or p. m.) m.
23. Date employee stopped work Mar. 13, 1935; day of week Wednesday; hour of day 8 A.M. (a. m. or p. m.) m.
24. Date employee's pay stopped Mar. 13, 1935; day of week Wednesday; hour of day 8 A.M. (a. m. or p. m.) m.
25. Has employee returned to work? yes, 9 A.M. June 9, 1935 (Give date and hour)
26. Will employee receive pay for any portion of above absence on account of:
(a) Annual leave yes, Apr. 24-30, 1935 7 days; 9 P.M. May 18-31, 1935 13 1/8 days (Give exact dates)
(b) Sick leave yes, Apr. 14-23, 1935 10 days (Give exact dates)
(c) Any other reason Compensatory leave CAM Mar. 15-22, 1935 7 2/3 days; May 1-18, 1935 17 7/8 days (Give exact dates)
27. Describe in full how alleged injury occurred While mixing paint in very cold weather the muscles of employee states his wrists and his elbows tightened.
28. State part of body injured and nature and extent of alleged injury muscles of wrists and elbows tightened.
29. Did alleged injury cause loss of any member or part of member? no If so, describe exactly
30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? -- If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement If the date of alleged injury given by employee is correct, it could not have happened while in the performance of duty as employee was on sick leave.
31. Was alleged injury caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? no (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? no (c) Employee's intoxication? no
(If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should attach an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion)
32. Was written notice of alleged injury given within 48 hours? no If not, did immediate superior have actual knowledge of alleged injury? See question 5 CA 1
(Answer to question 5, Form C. A. 1, must be complete if notice was not given within 48 hours)
33. Names and addresses of witnesses to alleged injury
Thomas Rasummsen, 1st Asst. keeper, Fort Wadsworth, Stapleton, N.Y.
Mr. James Sherry, c/o Houlston Store, Bay St. Stapleton, S.I.N.Y.
(If disability will continue for more than one day, have statements of witnesses made on reverse side of this form)
34. Was alleged injury caused by a third party other than a Government employee or agency? no If so, has employee been instructed in procedure under commission's regulations?
(A detailed statement should be forwarded with this report)

Medical attendance

35. Name and address of physician who first attended case Surgeon in Ch. USMarine Hospital Stapleton, S.I.N.Y.
36. How soon after alleged injury? April 14, 1935
37. To what hospital sent U.S.Marine Hospital Location Ellis Is. N.Y.
38. Name and address of physician now attending case

Signed this 27th day of November, 1936 J.T.YATES (Signature of reporting officer)
at Staten Island, N.Y. Superintendent (Title)

C. A. 2
Revised to June 15, 1929

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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given him.]

We were painting during cold weather but I cannot remember exact date. And shortly after Mr. Dan Burt went to Marine Hospital

Signed this 27th day of October, 19 36

Thomas E. Rasmussen
(Signature of witness)

Signed this ____ day of ____, 19____

(Signature of witness)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I CERTIFY that Dana L. Burt (Name of employee) was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on April 14, 1935, at 5.18p. m., and was (Was or was not) disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be uncertain In my opinion disability See remarks (Was or was not) due to injury on ____, 19____

Nature of injury as found on examination neuritis, multiple

Hospitalized yes Will return for further treatment no

Discharged April 23, 1935 Other disposition Transferred to Ellis Island Marine Hospital.

Remarks This man was transferred to the U.S.Marine Hospital at Ellis Island, New York and for more definite information concerning period of disability, etc. it will be necessary to communicate with that Hospital for same. WLS.EAB-By direction of the Medical Officer in Charge.

Signed this 7th day of November, 19 36

at U.S.Marine Hospital Stapleton, N.Y.

G.M. Kunkel,
(Signature of medical officer)
P.A.Surgeon, USPHS-Executive Officer
(Title)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FHF:PL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

October 29, 1936

Surgeon in Charge
U.S. Marine Hospital
Stapleton, Staten Island
New York

SUBJECT: Alleged disability of Dana L. Burt

Sir:

Please execute the medical officer's certificate on the reverse of attached form CA 2 and retur same promptly to this office.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES
Superintendent

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Superintendent

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October 23, 1936

Thomas Rasmussen
1st Asst. Keeper
Romer Shoal Light Station
Stapleton, S.I.N.Y.
(THROUGH THE KEEPER)

SUBJECT: Disability of Dana L. Burt due to alleged lead poisoning March 18, 1935

Please make a statement on the reverse of attached form CA 2 giving what information you have in reference to this alleged disability and return form promptly to this office.

J.T. YATES
Superintendent

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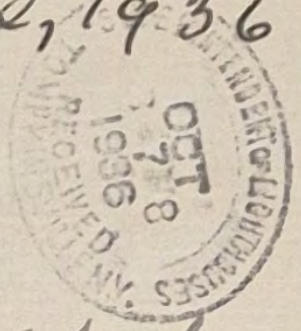
30 Canal St. 75
Stapleton Staten Island
Oct 2, 1936

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island
New York



Dear Sir
Your letter to me dated Sept 29, 1936 subject disability due to lead poisoning.

At the time of illness of lead poison while being station at Romer Shoal light, I had several times while being a patient at the U.S. Marine Hospital inform my keeper Herman Westgate of sending or filing a Form C H 1 but he fail to even visit me at the Marine hospital so it just slipped my mind after being discharge from the

Marine Hospital.

Thanking you very much.
for your service

Respectfully

Hana L. Burt

C O P Y

30 Canal St.
Stapleton, Staten Island
Oct. 2, 1936

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island
New York

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Thanking you very much for your service

Respectfully,

Dana L. Burt.

FHF:PL

September 29, 1936

D.L. Burt
30 Canal Street
Stapleton, Staten Island
New York

SUBJECT: Disability due to alleged lead poisoning.

REFERENCE: Your letter of September 9, 1936.

Dear Sir:

1. A careful search of the records of this office fails to reveal that you have submitted Form CA 1, Notice of Injury, covering this lead poisoning which you allege was contracted while in the performance of your duty. If you so desire, you may execute the attached form CA 1 and return same promptly to this office particular care being taken to see that all questions are answered completely.

2. In reference to the procuring of artificial teeth, it is suggested that you make inquiries at the United States Marine Hospital in reference thereto.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

File under
D. E. Burt

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2 Agree To Forget Fight On Pier 7

Daniel Burt, 30, of 30 Canal street, and Herman Westgate, 34, of 50 Gordon street, both of Stapleton withdrew assault charges they had previously made against each other when they appeared in Stapleton Police Court yesterday.

Both were arrested Sept. 3 after a fight on Pier 7 in Tompkinsville.

Staten Island Advance
Sept. 18 - 1936

Herman Westgate - Id - Borner Sheral Dt Sta
Dana L Burt (former 29 Id) do

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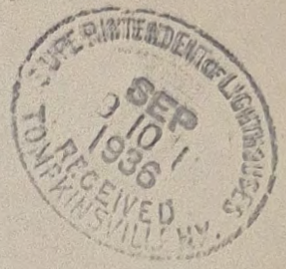
T.C. JHR

30 Canal Street (75)
Stapleton Staten Island
Sept. 9, 1936

Supt. of Light houses
Staten Island
New York.



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Sir,

Your kind and serious attention in regards to the following matter will be truly appreciated.

During a period of service at Romer Shoals in the capacity keeper, it was my misfortune to have contracted a malady diagnosed as lead poison Subsequently this condition caused me to be sent to the Marine Hospital Stapleton Staten Island. But after several days of Observation and treatment, the seriousness of my case caused me to be tranfered to Ellis Island institution my recovery has indeed been very slow and not until now have i been able to use a set of artificial teeth. It is for this cause and reason that I now write and ask that you please contact the Ellis Island

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30 Canal Street
Stapleton, Staten Island
Sept. 9, 1936

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York

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Thanking your

Sincerely

Dana L. Burt.

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FWO:HR

August 6, 1935

The Alling Rubber Company,
238 State Street,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated July 25th addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

You are advised that the matter was taken up with Mr. Burt, and there is enclosed for your information copy of his reply dated August 3, 1935.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

St. Christopher's School
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
Aug. 4, 1935

DEAR SIR:-

Will you please inform me present station of Keeper or Assistant Keeper D.L. Burt who was at Marine Hospital about 2 months ago.

Thanking you

Howard V. Burt

Rover

ugust 5, 1935.

Reference: Your postal card dated August 4, 1935.

Sir:

D. L. Burt is at present stationed at Romer Shoal Light Station, P. O. Box 772, Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent,

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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August 5, 1935.

Howard V. Burt,
St. Christopher's School,
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

SUBJECT: D. L. Burt.

Reference: Your postal card dated August 4, 1935.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent,

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 3, 1935

Supt of Light-houses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Indebtedness.

Reference: your letter of July 30, 1935 to me

I am stating that I have sent letters + money to Alling Rubber Co. New London, but I have not received any letters from them since February, but will pay the small amount due this pay day.

This is a proper debt.

Respectfully
Hans L. Bent
2nd Asst Kpr.

J. C. Rasmussen
1st asst Keeper
In absence of Keeper

THE ALLING RUBBER COMPANY

OF RHODE ISLAND, INCORPORATED

Rubber and Sporting Goods

SIDNEY B. ALLING, PRESIDENT
THOS. J. BURDICK, SECRETARY

DISTRIBUTORS
JOHNS MANVILLE PACKING
D. & M. SPORTING GOODS
U. S. RUBBER CO. FOOTWEAR
U. S. RUBBER CO. CLOTHING

238 STATE STREET
NEW LONDON, CONN.

SYNDICATE
ALLING RUBBER STORES

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

August 2, 1935

Mr. J. T. Yates
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Dana L. Burt. Your courtesy in the matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Alling Rubber Company

Sidney B. Alling

Sidney B. Alling, Pres.

SBA/M

FWO:HR

July 30, 1935

The Alling Rubber Co.,
238 State Street,
New London, Conn.

SUBJECT: Claim against Mr. Dana L. Burt.

REFERENCE: Your letter July 25th, addressed to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Your letter referred to above has been forwarded to this office. Mr. Burt has for some time been employed at Romer Shoal Light Station, but for the past few weeks has been absent from duty without leave, and his present address is not known, although it is possible that a letter addressed to him in care of Box 772, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, will reach him. This office has addressed a letter to him on the subject of your claim, and if any information is obtained this office will be glad to advise you further.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:

W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

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July 30, 1935

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
~~Through the Keeper,~~
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

1. This office has received a claim against you from The Alling Rubber Company of 238 State Street, New London, Conn., it being stated that merchandise purchased by you has not been paid for, also that they have been unable to secure any response from you in reference to the matter.

2. Please advise this office whether or not this is a just and proper debt, and if so, you will state definitely what action you propose to take in the matter. In this connection, your attention is invited to paragraph 119 of Instructions to Employees, which provides that "All persons in the Lighthouse Service must pay their honest, just and legal debts; failure to do so will be considered cause for dismissal."

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:
W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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July 29, 1935

The Alling Rubber Company,
238 State Street,
New London, Conn.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of July 25 stating that Dana L. Burt, a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, is indebted to you and that you are unable to obtain payment or hear from him:

Mr. Burt is employed in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, and your letter is being forwarded to that office with request that he advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant

H-M

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York, for information and with request that the attached letter receive the attention indicated.

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238 STATE STREET

NEW LONDON, CONN., July 25, 1935

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
JUL 30 1935 AM

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SYNDICATE
ALLING RUBBER STORES

7/9 acct

1935 JUL 26 AM 11:39
LIGHTHOUSES

Office of the Commissioner
Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have a charge on our books to Mr. Dana L. Burt, who is, or was formerly, employed at Romer Shoals Light Station, Stapleton, Staten Island, New York. He has previously purchased from us a number of times and has always paid for what he has purchased, but upon the last occasion he has not paid, nor are we able to secure any response from him.

Can you advise us if he is still employed at this station, or if he has been transferred, or retired from service?

Any information you can give us on this will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Alling Rubber Company

Sidney B. Alling

SBA/M

Sidney B. Alling, Pres.

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absence commenced—

8 AM Mar 15, 1930

9 AM June 9, 1930—

rtn. to duty

In reference to certificate of discharge No 28679) and Dated June. 6. 1935.
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Thanking Your
Sincerely
Vana L. Burt

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Comps	7 -	16	Mar 15 - 22 nd 1933 8 AM
W.P.	22 -	0	Mar 23 - Apr 13, 1933
S.L	10 -	0	Apr 14 - 23, 1933
A L	7 -	0	Apr 24 - 30, 1933
Comps	17 -	21	May 1 - 18, 1933 9 PM
A L	13 -	3	May 18 - 31, 1933 5 PM
W.P.	8 -	0	June 1 - 8, 1933

Annual Leave

Apr. 24 – 30, 1935 – 7 Days

9AM May 18 – 31, 1935 – 13 1/8 "

Sick Leave

Apr. 14 – 23, 1935 – 10 Days

Compensation Leave

8AM Mar. 15 – 22d 1935 – 7 2/3 Days

May 1 – 18, 1935 – 17 7/8 "

Rec'd 10/7/36 Amended 11-4.

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EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY AND ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

(To be submitted to the official superior by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury causes disability for work beyond the day or shift in which the injury occurred, or results in any charge against the Commission for medical expense, when it should be forwarded to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission with report of injury, Form C. A. 2.)

Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y.
(City or town), (State)

30 Canal Street
(Street and number)

, 19
(Date of this notice)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was injured in the performance of my duties on March 18, (Date), 19 35

March 18, 1935 (Day of week), p.m. (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.

1. The injury occurred at Romer Shoal Light Station, New York
(Give name of establishment where employed)

in the following manner: of mixing white lead paint in cold weather

2. Cause of injury mixing paint in very cold weather

3. Nature of injury lead poison cause my joints to draw tight

4. Names of witnesses to injury:

Thomas Rasmussen 1st asst. kpr. at Fort Wadsworth and Mr. James Sherry of Roulston Store Bay St. Stapleton, S.I.

5. If this notice was not given within 48 hours after the injury, explain failure to give notice and state the name of the person to whom first notice was given and date:

Several persons notice my arms in a drawn up position. Thomas Rassmussen 1st Asst. kpr. Fort Wadsworth notice my condition first.

This injury was not caused by my willful misconduct, intention to bring about the injury or death of myself or of another, nor by my intoxication, and I hereby make claim for compensation and medical treatment to which I may be entitled by reason of the injury sustained by me.

(Name) Dana L. Burt.

Before compensation is paid, written claim on Form C. A. 4 must be submitted to the Commission

C. A. 1
Revised Apr. 27, 1929

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Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Kpr.,
Thru. the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P.O.Box 772 Stapleton, N. Y.

March 2,1935

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 1,1935.

1. In reply to your letter of March 1st you are advised a man was selected several months ago for the prospective vacancy in the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper a t Orient Point Lt.Sta. In this connection your attention is invited to instructions previously given you in reference to filing in this office a list of the stations and positions to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 1st, 1935

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

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Subject: Transfer.

Sir,

Could I be considered as 2nd asst Keeper of Orient Point light, as I understand that there is a vacancy there, or could I be considered for transfer to any station in this district where they are engines. Kindly inform me if possible

Respectfully
Hans L. Bust
2nd Asst Keeper

Herman Westgate Keeper

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Dismissed from Service Aug 10-1935

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 18, , 1934

D. L. Burt

Supt of Lighthouses
New York

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Subject: Transfer List.

In event of a vacancy of the following stations, I would like to be considered for the position.

X Bridgeport Harbor. Keeper
X Coney Island, Keeper
X Esopus Meadows Keeper
XX Falkner's Island, Keeper or 1st Asst
XX Fort Wadsworth, Keeper or 1st "
X Greens Ledge, Keeper
X Latimer Reef Keeper
X Little Gull Keeper
X New London Ledge Keeper
X Penfield Reef Keeper
X Plum Island Keeper
XX Race Rock Keeper or 1st Asst
X Stamford Harbor Keeper
XX Stratford Point Keeper or 1st Asst.

X Tarrytown Keeper

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
2nd Asst Kpr.
Herman Westgate
Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Rowes Shoal Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 16, 1934

Supt of Light-houses
New York

Subject: Transfer List.

In event of a vacancy of the following stations, I would like to be considered for the position.

Bridgeport Harbor, Keeper.
Coney Island, Keeper
Esopus Meadows, Keeper.
Falkner's Island, Keeper.
Fort Wadsworth, Keeper or 1st Asst
Greens Ledge, Keeper.
Latimer Reef, Keeper.
Little Gull, Keeper.
New London Ledge, Keeper
Penfield Reef, Keeper.
Plum Bland, Keeper
Race Rock, Keeper or 1st
Stamford Harbor, Keeper
Stratford Point, Kpr or 1st
Tarrytown, Keeper

Respectfully
Hana L. Bent
2nd Asst Kpr.

Herman Westgate
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Oct. 9,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Transfer of personnel, effective date.

REFERENCE: Bureau Circular Letter No. 454, dated May 8th, 1934.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of a recent transfer of personnel in the Third Lighthouse District, is as follows:-

- -

Name:	Dana L. Burt
Effective Date:	Oct. 4,1934
Former Designation:	Keeper (Asst)
Former Station:	Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.,Conn.
Former Pay:	$1320 p.a.
Present Designation:	Keeper (2A)
Present Station:	Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Present Pay:	$1440 p.a.
Date of Department Notice:	Aug.11,1934

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

Asst.Supt.

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Oct. 9th,1934

Time Clerk

1st Asst.Supt. says to charge Dana L. Burt, now 2AK, Romer Shoal, with leave of absence for four days, October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.. He was Asst.Keeper at Falkner Island up to Oct. 3rd.

JHG

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Bowers Shoal St. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 8, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Subject: 2nd asst Keeper.

Dana L. Bunt, 2nd asst Keeper Arrived on the morning of October 8, 1934 landed by Lighthouse Tender Spruce.

Inclosed receipt No. C-300,833

Herman Westgate
Keeper

rec'd 10-9

To be taken up as having EOD on Oct 4-1934

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Oct. 8,1934

1st Asst. 1018

Watchman Campbell told Watchman VanIderstine that Dana L. Burt went out this morning on Spruce to Romer Shoal. Said Burt told him he did not report on Saturday, as when he arrived at Grand Central ~~his grips were~~ he was unable to locate his grips in time to go out on tender that morning.

JHG

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OCT -5 1934

Spruce —

Mr Burt, an Asst Keeper

[illegible] Friendship

go to Romer

take him

to Romer —

Ade

Spruce 10-8-34
Landed this man at Romer Shoal
Lt. this am. Klaus

Mr. Burt did not report to go Patrol Tender. Tender delayed for 15 minutes waiting.
J.T. Voeste
10/9/34

Watchman reports Burt went out on Spruce today

Oct. 2md

Chief of Watch:

Dana L. Burt will report at Depot Saturday morning to go by patrol tender to Romer Shoal Lt'Sta., for duty as Asst. Keeper.

Return this card with report as to whether or not he went out on tender.

Asst. Supt.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 9 1934
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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OCT -5 1934

Spruce —

Mr Burt, an Asst Keeper is due to be here Thursday or by 6 am Sat. to go to Romer Shoal light —

If he gets here take him to Romer —

Clk

Spruce 10-8-34
Landed this man at Romer Shoal Lt. this am.
Klang

STANDARD FORM No. 14a
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM J. T. YATES Supt. of Lighthouses, 25

BUREAU LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHG. APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9240

Staten Island N Y

October 2 1934

Dana L Burt

Guilford Connecticut

If you report this depot Friday evening or before six oclock

Saturday morning tender will take you to Romer Shoal

COLLECT

YATES



ATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT

SIGNS
DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
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Ship Radiogram

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.

Received at Ferry House, St. George, S. I., N. Y.

1934 OCT 22 PM 12 33

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES 1291 STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

NBN93 48 DL=GUILFORD CONN 2 1142A

SUPT OF WHITEHOUSES=

STGEORGE NY=

ARRIVED IN GUILFORD WITH FURNITURE THIS AM HARD TIME GETTING OFF ISLAND AS THERE WASNT ANY WAY FOR ME TO GO ASHORE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVING CAN I REPORT TO ROMER SHOALS FRIDAY SO I CAN MOVE FURNITURE TO HOUSE PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE COLLECT GUILFORD CONN=

D L BURT.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Via
Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 2-, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island N. Y.

Subject Mr Dana Burt's transfer

Reference: Your letter of Sept. 24, 1934

Assistant Dana Burt left this station Tuesday Oct 2, 1934 at 7 a m.

Respectfully
A. J. Mirizzner
Keeper

Last day at Falkner Is Oct 3-1934
E O D at Romer Shoal Oct 4-1934

Noted 10/9/34

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 4 1934
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

(73)

Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 29, 1934

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York.

Subject: Transfer
Reference: Your letter Sept 24, 1934

Sir.

Acknowledging the above mention letter, but am not satisfied with transfer to Romer Shoal Lt Sta, and I think I have been treated as rotten as any one ever was treated in the 2nd District. I have always kept my mouth shut, but for now on I am telling plenty, If I lose my thirteen years of navy + light house servic.

I will accept Romer Shoals for a while and will report there Oct 3, 1934 as directed by the office.

Respectfully

R J Minzner
Keeper Oct. 2, 1934

Dana L. Burt
1st Asst Kpr

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, Asst.Kpr., Sept.24,1934
Through the Keeper,
Falkner Island Lt.Sta.,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. Referring to letter dated July 261934, from the Bureau of Lighthouses re your transfer to another station; transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 11,1934 transferring you to the position of 2AK of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,located in New York Lower Bay, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty in that position on October 3,1934. If you will report at this Depot before 7 A.M. on Oct.3rd, a lighthouse tender will land you at Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. Enclosed is Transportation Request No.C-300,833,, which you will use in obtaining a ticket for yourself from Guilford,Ct., to New York City, on the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co. There is a card attached to the Transportation Request giving you instructions re filling out same. There is also a receipt for the Transportation Request which you will sign and return to this office, together with the white copy of the Transportation Request, after required information has been filled in on same. Show this letter to the Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Fa' ner Is.Lt.Sta.Report to this office promptly by letter the date Burt leaves Falkner Is.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By:W.J.Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy for Keeper,Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.Report to t promptly by letter the date Burt reports for duty a

J.T.YATES,Supt.

By:W.J.Lawton,Chief Cler

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: August 17,1934

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, Asst.Keeper, travel expenses.
REFERENCE: Form 73 dated July 28,1934, and Department letter of Aug.11th,1934.

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 AUG 18 AM 8 12

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C August 23, 1934
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., together with travel order No. 808 dated August 16, 1934 which has been approved by the Department. At the proper time advise Bureau date travel is taken.

For the Commissioner:
J. P. Blockarczyk
Acting Chief, Financial Division

inclo.

Form 31 TRAVEL ORDER No. 808

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Bureau
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, DISTRICT,

Washington, D.C. August 16, 1934

Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper , 19
(Name and title)

Falkner Island Light Station, % Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Post office address)

You are hereby authorized to travel, as herein indicated, by the most direct or usually traveled route, the expense of such travel to be paid from the appropriation: General Expenses, Lighthouse Service, 1935 in accordance with regulations and Note[1] A below, there being sufficient balance therein in excess of liability already incurred for the payment of the expenses involved, such travel to begin on August 16, 1934 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

RECEIVED AUG 18 1934 TREASURY DEPARTMENT

From Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.

To Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

For the purpose of assuming duties at Romer Shoal Light Station

This transfer is being made in the interest of the Service and not at the request nor for the convenience of the employee concerned.

Upon arrival at Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y. that will become your official station and no per diem will be paid at that point.

NOTE A.—Per diem of $ 3.50 will be allowed in lieu of actual subsistence, including time on board commercial vessels when price of passage includes subsistence; also while on board lighthouse vessel and while at light stations, subject to provisions of the Standardized Travel Regulations.

NOTE B.—Use of personally owned automobile is hereby authorized, subject to the provision of paragraph 12 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

NOTE C.—Use of personally owned automobile at ..... per mile, in lieu of actual expenses of transportation, subject to the provisions of paragraph 12a of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, is hereby authorized.

NOTE D.—Per diem of not to exceed $2.00 will be allowed while on board lighthouse vessel and while at light stations, subject to provisions of the Standardized Travel Regulations and Bureau Circular Letter No. 407, dated November 8, 1933.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Approved:
/s/ J.M.Dickinson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

[1] Insert "A", "B", "C", as applicable.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

Form A-38

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1934.

r. Dana L. Burt,

M Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: Through the

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

AUG 13 1934

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., July 28, 1934, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Mass.

Name, Dana L. Burt — Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Position, Keeper (2-A) — Proposed range, $1440-1800

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, August 1, 1934 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Asst) — Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta., Ct. — Former range, $1320-1680

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thos. E. Rasmussen — Services terminated, July 31, 1934

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service, It is recommended the expense of trave from one station to the other be authc ized, the transfer not being for the convenience of the employee.

Date of birth,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of July 26, 1934

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.
F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary, Civil Service District. — 1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

8/9/34

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, Asst.Keeper, July 30,1934
Through the Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges, etc.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office July 2,1934.

1. Referring to letter of charges from this office dated July 2,1934; transmitted herewith is letter dated July 26,1934 from the Commissioner of Lighthouses reprimanding you, and stating that more drastic action will be taken in the event you do not hereafter carry on your duties in a satisfactory manner. You will receive further instructions at a later date in reference to your transfer to another station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to your letter of June 11 making a complaint with regard to the keeper, and also to charges preferred against you in connection with an investigation of station conditions. It is considered that the inharmonious conditions at the station were largely the result of the fact of your having had a large number of your relatives residing at the station, which was without authority therefor; and it appears that difficulties between you and the keeper had arisen when he discontinued allowing you to use his personal motor boat. As to this, the keeper has been instructed to discontinue the use of official fuel provided by the Government in the operation of his boat, even tho at times he uses it for official purposes. You are hereby reprimanded for falsely stating that the keeper refused to sign your letter of complaint of June 11, for forwarding that letter with malicious intent, for disregarding the Instructions to Employees in permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority, for exceeding the amount of your authorized leave from May 10 to 13, and for the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of your duties.

It is also proposed to transfer you to another station without family quarters upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity, and you are hereby cautioned that more drastic action will be necessary in the event you do not hereafter carry on your duties in a satisfactory and harmonious manner. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will also be made a part of your official record.

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to Bd Supt. It is understood that your office is taking steps to forbid the keeper to use official gasoline in his private boat, and this should be done if not already done.

Form 84 b

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1934

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
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Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

Subject: conditions at Flakner Island Light Station.

Bureau (indorsements) dated June 4 and June 14, inclosing letter from Arthur G. Burt, Box 167, Guilford, Conn.
Your ( ) dated

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.

To be prepared in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses whether letter, indorsement, etc.

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Form 84 b

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 10 1934
3RD DIST.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 8, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Staten Island N. Y.

Subject: Asst Keeper Burts letter

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The statements in this letter are all untrue.

Why should I send him to shore when his brother is capable of finding his own dwelling.

On June 18th when he put the light out I told him I was going in + left no orders for him at all. The outboard motor was in running order on June 16 and when he came back on June 17th he started it right up.

Respectfully
A. J. Minzner Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island,
July 7, 1934.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Answer to charges.
Reference: Your letter to me July 2, 1934.

Sir:

First I wish to make a general denial of said charges and suggest tha they be proven if possible.

On May 7, 1934 I was granted leave in order to find a dwelling for my brother and his family also my sister. I was also told not to return until I had accomplished this. Then, it was necessary for me to have my father go to Brockton, Mass. regarding Home Loan Assistance. Red tape in both respects delayed us several days.

During the above mentioned period I was not drunk and I can prove it.

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These are the facts and testify that they are true. I trust that this will be considered confined to the point at issue.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst. Kpr.

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It seems he does just as his family tell him. I told him to cut the lawn and his mother called him from his work. Asst. Keeper's watch was from 12 midnight until 8 A.M. on the 6th and from 2.00 P.M. until midnight on the 6th.

We had a family visiting here, which could prove my statement. As the little girl six years old ran to her father and said Daddy that man is drunk. Asst. Burt also had his brother and family here from Sunday July 1st until Thursday July 5th.

Respectfully,

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Keeper.

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We had a family visiting here, which could prove my statement. As the little girl six years old ran to her father and said Daddy that man is drunk. Asst. Burt also had his brother and family here from Sunday July 1st until Thursday July 5th.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 7, 1934

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Answer to charges.
Reference: Your letter to me July 2, 1934.

Sir,

First I wish to make a general denial of said charges and suggest that they be proven if possible.

On May 7, 1934 I was granted leave in order to find a dwelling for my brother and his family also my sister. I was also told not to return until I had accomplished this. Then, it was necessary for me to have my father go to Brockton Mass regarding Home Loan assistance. Red tape in both respects delayed us several days.

During the above mentioned period I was not drunk and I can prove it.

June 16 I was granted shore leave over night. I rowed ashore and rowed back June 17.

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June 15 the Keeper went ashore, leaving orders for me to mow the lawn and work on the station out-board motor. Following the accomplishment of this work, I became ill from an excessive dose of sunburn which forced me to go to bed. At 5:30 P.M., the Keeper returned and was met at the dock by my father. It was this, I understood, that led the Keeper to accuse me of being drunk. I admit that I did not get up immediately when the Keeper called me, but I was up and talking with him within a half hour. Furthermore I lit up the light at the proper time and stood my watch until midnight. I deny that I told the Keeper I had been drinking

These are the facts and testify that they are true. I trust that this will be considered confined to the point at issue.

Respectfully

Ilana L. Burt 1st Asst Kpr.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 5, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses:
Third District
Staten Island N. Y.

Subject, Lighting up on June 18th

Reference: Your letter of ~~July~~ 2- 1934.

As I went to shore at 6 a.m on June 18th, Asst Keeper Bunt, was on watch from 6 a.m until 12 midnight. His regular watch was from 2 P. m until 12 midnight.

Asst Keeper Bunt lighted up at sunset on June 18th 1934.

Respectfully
A. J. Minzner
Keeper

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Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

July 2,1934

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Charges - Dana L Burt

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DEPARTMENT OE COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

General Depot

July 2, 1934.

Arthur J. Minzner, Keeper,
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SUBJECT: Lighting up, June 18th.
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J. T. YATES
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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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Copy forwarded to Commissioner with recommendation that D. L.Burt, Assistant Keeper and Henry C. Gilman, Laborer, Greens Ledge Light Station, be commended for the assistance rendered in this instance.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
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SUBJECT: Falkners Island Light Station.

Reference: Orders June 13th.

1. On June 14th we visited above station to ascertain conditions and the cause of the lack of harmony, if any, between the Keeper and Asst. Keeper as indicated by recent correspondence.

2. We found that the Keepers, by their attitude and own admission, to be on good terms with each other, and working in harmony, each calling the other by their first names, and neither having any complaint to make concerning the other as to working conditions or performance of duties.

3. The Keeper's family consists of himself and wife.

4. The Asst. Keeper has no family, but has had living with him at the station the following:

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as the upkeep' of the outboard motor which he intimated was not in good order. His letter of June 11th which refers to the matter of boats was discussed in connection with the foregoing, and he was advised that the facts failed to justify his complaint on that subject, since there are two 14 ft. combination row and sailboats with equipment at the station and in serviceable condition as well as an outboard motor. When questioned more in detail concerning the various matters in his letter of June 11th, he seemed to experience difficulty in understanding the questions or the subject matter in his letter on which the questions were based, and finally volunteered the information that a friend ashore (possibly his brother) helped him write the letter, and that he did not fully understand some of the words in the letter. When asked what he meant by "a plain case of maladministration" he, after hesitating, said he thought it would include the case of his mother who is ill in his quarters. Other incidents showed limited capabilities. The use of Government gasoline in the Keeper's boat was taken up in connection with his letter of June 11. He stated that his report was true. He was advised that his report was verified by the Keeper who had readily admitted the use of the gasoline, and that the Keeper believed the practice proper since the boat was used for official business. Both the Keeper and the Asst. were plainly advised that the gasoline was supplied for use in the Government equipment only, and should not be used in personal boats or other personal equipment. The Asst. Keeper admitted having used the Keeper's power boat and with it used the Government gasoline on numberless occasions, but that it never occurred to him that his letter incriminated himself as well as the Keeper. He then stated thathe had an outboard motor of his own which he had not previously used, but was overhauling, and asked if it would not be all right for him to use Government gasoline in it.

9. Asst. Keeper Burt's letter of June 11 bears the notation "Copy to Washington since Keeper refused to sign." The Keeper having denied that he had refused to sign, and forward this or any other letter written by the Asst. Keeper, stated that he had no knowledge of the letter, and it having been noted that the Keeper was not on the station on June 11, he having been on liberty from June 10 to 12, Mr. Burt was asked to describe the incident of the Keeper refusing to sign his letter. As he made no response he was asked to state what the Keeper had said when he refused to sign the letter. He finally stated that the Keeper had not seen and had not been asked to sign the letter. When asked for explanation of his notation on the letter he said that at some time in the past the Keeper had said that he would not forward complaints by Asst. Keepers, and he therefore mailed the letter without ascertaining whether

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Summary

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Recommendations

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At six P. M. Ass't Burts father came to my quarters and asked if I had any objections as to him lighting up for Dana as he had a bad sunburn, I replied if Dana is not able to light up, I will light up for him, but I wish to see him first in the engine room.

At 6.40 P M Asst Burt came to the engine room, as soon as I saw him I knew he had been drinking and informed him of the fact, he admitted he had, but claimed he was not drunk and could light up.

He then told me he broke the hand off the recording clock and asked if I could solder it on; as it was getting dark I waited until next morning to repair it, and finished at 12 noon on the 19th.

Fog set in at 10.15 a m on the 19th, as I didn't get the hand repaired until noon kindly advise me what to do about the chart which I am enclosing.

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By the looks of this chart, you can see asst Burt was not capable of handling it properly.

I am sending in Form 95 for a new recording clock hand as I don't know how long this one I repaired will last.

Respectfully
A. J. Minzner

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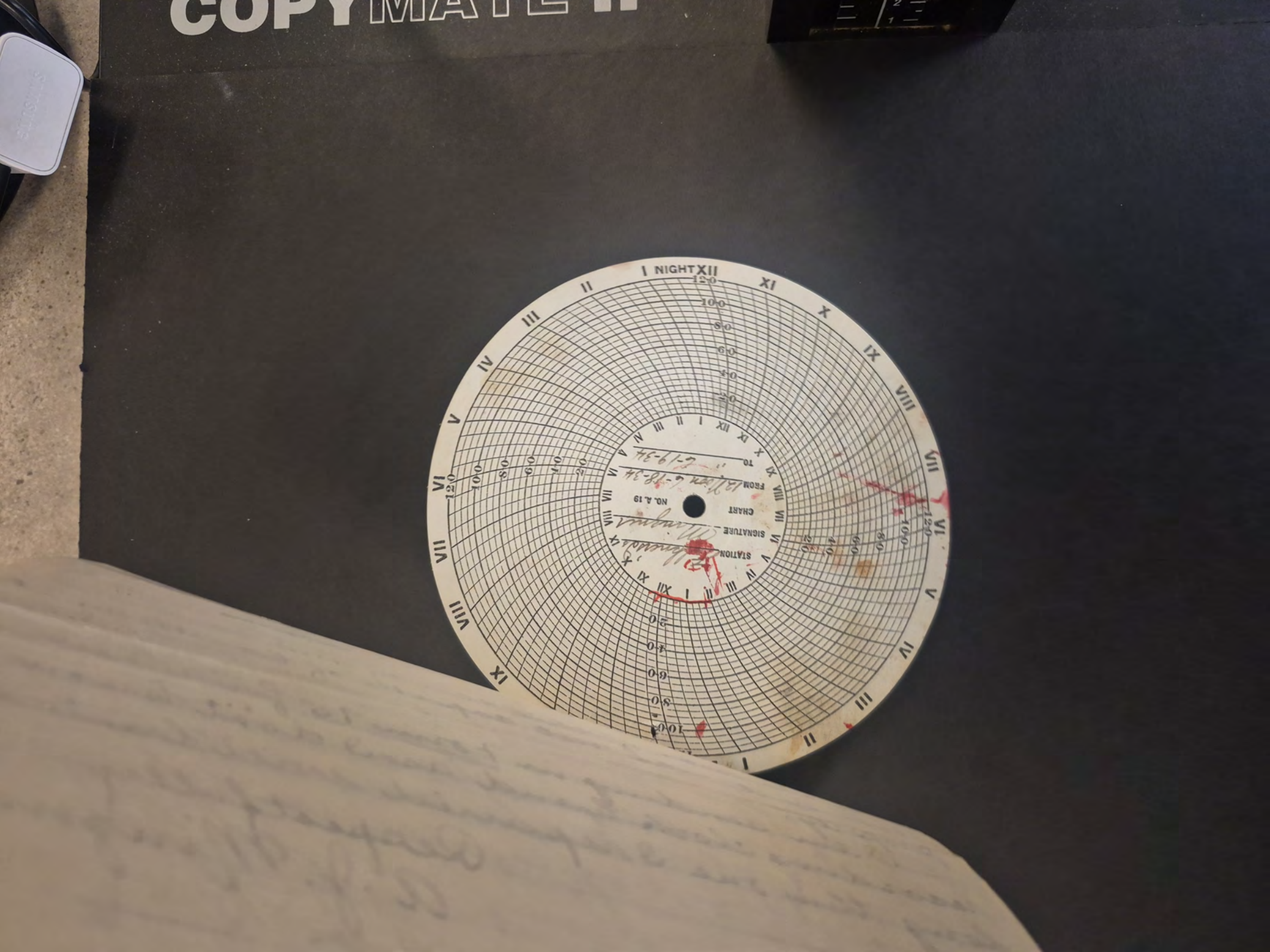
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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 19, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Staten Island. N. Y.

Subject: Interview with Dr Anderson

I interviewed Dr Anderson of Guilford the doctor in charge of the Burt family concerning the present affairs, and the trip he made out to this Island on May 8, 1934 with Asst Burt under the influence of liquor.

He prefers to be interviewed by you rather than write. His quotation was Why don't they come to interview me.

It seems as tho Asst Burt has been circulating false stories concerning the fee charged by the doctor, around Guilford also he hasn't returned to him for service or consultation since his visit on May 8.

The doctor told me this and he is rather peeved as they have not paid him yet.

Respectfully
A. J. Minzner

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

June 18, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Falkners Island Light Station.

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7. In the meantime the Asst. Keeper's mother was taken seriously sick, which, with the general dissention, caused the Asst. Keeper much worry, and the Keeper apologetically indicated that the worry and trouble was no doubt the reason for the Asst. Keeper drinking when he went ashore. The Asst. Keeper's brother together with wife and child, left the station about a week ago, it being stated that the wife required an operation or medical attention. Since the brother has left the station, the feeling that had existed has almost entirely disappeared, which indicates that the brother of the Asst. Keeper was the principal, if not the entire cause of trouble at the station.

8. Asst. Keeper Dana L. Burt, when questioned, stated that trouble at the station started from differences between the Keeper and his (Burt's) brother, and that when the brother was told that he should leave the station he (the brother) stated that if the Keeper got him off of the station, he (Asst. Keeper's brother) would get the Keeper off, also stating that his brother had written a letter to Washington about the station. He further stated that he personally had always gotten along well with the Keeper, and did now. He however, did not feel entirely satisfied in reference to the Keeper discontinuing the practice of loaning his power boat. He had to admit that the boat was the Keeper's personal property, and that it was a generous act on his part to loan it at any time. He was reminded that there were two 14' boats on the station for official use and apparently in good order, and comparatively new, and also an outboard motor to use with them. He took the stand that they were not fit for use, and when called upon to show the reason, stated that the centerboard stuck in one, the hinged strap that holds mast in position was missing on one, and each boat had one rudder gudgeon missing. He was advised that these were minor matters, the correction of which was entirely within the power of the Keepers and part of their job, as well

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9. Asst. Keeper Burt's letter of June 11 bears the notation "Copy to Washington since Keeper refused to sign." The Keeper having denied that he had refused to sign, and forward this or any other letter written by the Asst. Keeper, stated that he had no knowledge of the letter, and it having been noted that the Keeper was not on the station on June 11, he having been on liberty from June 10 to 12, Mr. Burt was asked to describe the incident of the Keeper refusing to sign his letter. As he made no response he was asked to state what the Keeper had said when he refused to sign the letter. He finally stated that the Keeper had not seen and had not been asked to sign the letter. When asked for explanation of his notation on the letter he said that at some time in the past the Keeper had said that he would not forward complaints by Asst. Keepers, and he therefore mailed the letter without ascertaining whether

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10. When questioned concerning his reference to complaints in the latter part of his letter of June 11, he again made no reply, and indicated lack of understanding. When asked if he had ever made any complaints, he replied that he had not, other than his letter of June 11.

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Summary

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Recommendations

1. That Keeper Minzner be instructed to discontinue the use of Government gasoline in his personal boat. In connection with this matter, it may be stated that the station is allowed a given amount of gasoline for the Keepers to make the necessary boat trips to and from shore; while the use of the gasoline in a personally owned boat instead of using a government owned boat served the purpose of transportation for which it was intended, and although there was evidently no intent of wrong doing in so using the gasoline, it is not considered to be practicable to approve of the continuance of this practice.

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Respectfully submitted,

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He also claims his attitude is endorsed by most of the boatmen of Guilford. Since April 22, 1934 when I told Asst. Burt it would be best to have his brother leave the Island, his brother, his father, and Asst. Burt have continually told lies to the boatmen of Guilford to

cry to cause trouble for me, as several told me he was out to"get me" I trust this satisfies all charges.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

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For the Commissioner:

(Signed) W. P. Harman
W. P. HARMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
July 18, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner. This office has received letter of the same date, similar to the attached, except that it was addressed to this office and signed by Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper.

2. The following is enclosed for the Bureau's information:-

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" " " " June 19 " " "
" " " " June 19 " Ernest White
" " " " July 2 to the Keeper
" " " " July 5 from " "
" " report " June 26 " Mech. F.C.Yawger
" " letter of charges of July 2 to Asst. Keeper Burt.
" " letter of July 7 from Asst. Keeper Burt.
" " " " July 8 " the Keeper.
" " " " July 7 " " "

3. The origin of the trouble at Falkner Island Light Station is evidently the excessive number of relatives (six) who have been living with the Asst. Keeper, Dana L. Burt, for a number of months past. It appears that for a time conditions were amiable; later there were family differences among the relatives, and finally Arthur G. Burt, brother of Asst. Keeper Burt, developed an antagonistic attitude, apparently due to the fact that the Keeper discontinued the practice of loaning his personally-owned power boat to Asst. Keeper Burt and his relatives. There is also to be considered the Asst. Keeper's use of intoxicants.

4. Item a of charges of July 2nd is necessarily proven, as the keepers at this and other 2-keeper stations are not permitted to be absent for more than 48 consecutive hours without previous authority from this office and furnishing a substitute. Attempt has been made to obtain corroboration of item b of charges of July 2nd, which is not a simple matter in any case of this character, there being only service employees residing on Falkner Island, and since disinterested people ashore are usually disinclined to become involved in such cases. There is, however, reason to believe that the charge is based on fact. Paragraph 5 of report of F. C. Yawger dated June 26th refers to a restaurant patronized by Mr. Burt when his mother was sick (May 7-13), the proprietor of which would not say that Burt was intoxicated, stating that he was "on the spot" since he was not supposed to sell beverages to a man who was intoxicated. Item c of charges of July 2nd is not corroborated due to lack of disinterested residents on Falkner Island. While Mr. Burt denies the charge, it is to be noted that the keeper's report of June 19th relates a clear and definite description of circumstances and occurrences of June 18th, and this office is of the belief that it is founded on fact.

5. In connection with the foregoing, attention is invited to letter of July 7th from the Keeper reporting another occurrence of Mr. Burt being under the influence of intoxicants, and in that instance incapacitated for the performance of station duty. Further charges on account of this occurrence would appear to serve no useful purpose, since Asst. Keeper Burt would undoubtedly deny the charge.

6. In instances such as this, where it is principally one man's word against another's, it is to a considerable extent waste of time and expense to carry on extended correspondence, and it is considered that the case should be judged on available information, giving credence according to the service reputation of those concerned. In this case, the keeper has heretofore been found to be reliable and truthful, and has kept a good station. The Asst. Keeper recently admitted falsely stat-

ing that the keeper refused to sign his letter of June 11th, which letter was of a malicious character. In January, 1932, when under investigation for absence without leave, he emphatically denied that he had been drunk, but subsequently explained that such was the case when answering charges of absence from duty without leave. Copy of Mr. Burt's letter of January 17th, 1932, is enclosed. Under the circumstances, statements by the Keeper are considered to be the more worthy of belief.

7. It is recommended that Asst. Keeper Burt be cautioned for

Falsely stating that the Keeper refused to sign his letter of June 11th.

Forwarding complaint of June 11th with malicious intent.

Disregard of Instructions to Employees by permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority.

Exceeding authorized leave from May 10th to 13th.

Excessive use of intoxicants to an extent that interferes with the proper performance of duty (Paragraph 120, section (d) of Instructions to Employees).

and that he be transferred as soon as practicable to the position of 1st Assistant or 2nd Assistant Keeper at another station without family quarters.

8. In this connection, attention is invited to another indorsement of this date regarding letter of May 23rd addressed to the President by Arthur G. Burt, brother of Asst. Keeper Burt.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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June 14, 1934.

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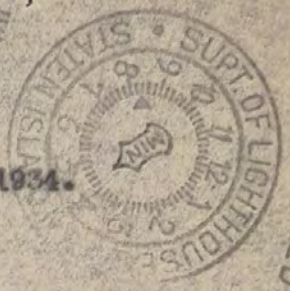

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Copy to Washington,
since Keeper refused to sign.

Falkner's Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11,1934, 193

Supt.of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York

SUBJECT: Complaint.

Sir:-

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Minzner explained that he wanted to have his boat available to entertain some friends and that forced me to flag a passing lobsterman, to take me ashore and forced me further to hire another boatman to sail me back to the Island the following day.

Further I had not been ashore for more than three weeks, while the Keeper owns the boat, I charge that he operates it both officially and for the entertainment of his friends at the expense of the Federal Government in the matter of gasoline and oil. Since he is Keeper and I am the assistant, there is nothing I can do either toward insisting upon the maintenance of the Government boat or the securing of his personally owned boat in order to obtain the prerequisites of food and medical attention when they are needed and needed badly. In other words the man can maroon me on the island at will.

check log book

The Keeper's attitude has not only forced me to gamble on my chances of getting ashore and back, but it has made it necessary for me to rent a skiff from one J.S.Dolan,Jr. in order that I can travel back and forth when it is necessary.

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The Keeper resents the fact that while I am unmarried I have family obligations and can hardly refuse my aged and indigent parents my support. I feel that his personal feelings should not jeopardize the very life of my chief dependent and the fact that he has permitted the tender to become useless only adds to his negligence of his job. In other words,since he is the "boss" of this place, it is, I believe, his job to at least see to it that the station and shore be available insofar as human ingenuity will permit.

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On the basis of complaints, I respectfully request an investigation of the conditions prevailing upon Falkners Island be made with the view to correcting a plain case of maladministration.

My attitude is endorsed by most of the boatmen of Guilford.

Respectfully, /s/ Dana L.Burt,1st Asst.Kpr.

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Copy:ECL

Falkner's Island Lighthouse,
Guilford, Conn.
June 11, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Complaint.

Copy sent to the Third District, Staten Island, N.Y.
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Minzner explained that he wanted to have his boat available, to entertain some friends and that forced me to flag a passing lobsterman, pay him for bringing me ashore and forced me further to hire another boatman to sail me back to the Island on the following day.

Further, I had not been ashore for more than three weeks, simply because the Keeper refused to maintain the condition of the Government boat. While the Keeper owns the boat, I chargge that he operates it both officially and for the entertainment of his friends at the expense of the Federal Government in the matter of gasoline and oil. Since he is keeper and I am the assistant, there is nothing I can do either toward insisting upon the maintenance of the Government boat or the securing of his personally-owned boat in order to obtain the prerequisites of food and medical attention when they are needed and needed badly. In other words, the man can maroon me on the Island at will.

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Lighthouse Service

Third District

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Respectfully
Dana L. Burt 1st Asst Kpr

FWO-JHG

May 21,1934

A. J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: D.L.Burt, Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your two letters May 14th,1934.

1. In one of your letters of May 14th concerning Assistant Keeper Burt you state that - "when he brought the Doctor out Tuesday he was very much under the influence of liquor". You will advise this office fully as to Mr.Burt's condition at that time, his conduct or such other information that will show how you determined that Mr.Burt was very much under the influence of liquor when he arrived at the station on Tuesday, which Tuesday it is understood was May 8th,1934.

2. In your second letter of May 14th you state that Mr.Burt's family affairs - "gets so on Asst. Burt's nerves every time he goes to shore he comes back under the influence of liquor". You will furnish this office with a statement of the various dates on which Mr.Burt returned to the station under the influence of liquor on each of the occasions you refer to.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 16, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Subject: D. L. Burt, asst. Keeper.
Reference: Your letter May 21, 1934.

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In my second letter of May 14 when I stated about Mr Burts family affairs I know only what asst Burt and his father told me, as on April 6th 1934 when asst Burt came back under the influence of liquor I spoke to him

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The following dates are when he came back under the influence of liquor.
April 6, 1934 April 9th and May 8th 1934.

Respectfully
R. J. Winzner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island

May 14, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Subject: Asst. Burts overleave:

If this over leave was investigated it would be found, that Asst. Burt was in Guilford intoxicated all week, when he brought the doctor out Tuesday he was very much under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkners Island
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May 14, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Subject: Mr Burts Family:

Mr Burt Asst keeper came on this station Oct 1st 1933 a few months later he brought his mother Father, Sister, Brother, his brothers wife and their child. Since his family have been here there is continual quarreling among themselves. It gets so on Asst Burts nerves, everytime he goes to shore he comes back under the influence of liquor.

On April 22 I told Asst Burt it would be best to have his brother leave, as it seems to be his brother and sister are causing all the trouble, but his brother refuses to do so. Asst Burt's people own their home on shore and it is vacant.

Asst Burt left this station Monday May 7th at 4th P.M. returned Tuesday at 5.30

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The family seem to be causing all the trouble & worry to asst Burt on the Island. When Mr North was with us everything went along smoothly but since Asst Burt's family and relatives of seven in all have come out here, conditions have been unbearable.

Respectfully
A. J. Winzner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Third District
Falkners Island

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

Subject: Asst Bunts Overleave:

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Respectfully
A. J. Minzner
Keeper

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REQUEST

Falkner Island, 19 34
(Station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Four days of shore liberty or leave, from May 9th to 13 of May, inclusive, 1934 I have had 17 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

_____, _____
(Name) (P. O. Address)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

_____, _____, _____
(Street or R. D. Route) (City) (State)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

_____
(Applicant's signature)

_____
Keeper.

_____
(Title)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, _____ DISTRICT, _____, 19_____

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for _____ days, from _____ to _____, inclusive, 19_____

Substitute _____ be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not")

_____

Superintendent, _____ *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 7 P M. May 7, 1934
(State nearest hour)

Returned to duty: At 8 A M. May _____, 1934
(State nearest hour)

Period of absence: 4 days _____ days.

Period charged: 4 days _____ days.

Diana L. Burt
(Applicant's signature)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title)

Certified correct and forwarded.

R. J. Minzner

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REQUEST

Falkner's Island May 14 1934
(Station)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3-4 DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Four days of shore liberty or leave, from May 9th to May 13, inclusive, 1934 I have had 17 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

_____, _____
(Name) (P. O. Address)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

_____, _____, _____
(Street or R. D. Route) (City) (State)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

_____
(Applicant's signature)

_____
Keeper.

_____
(Title)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, _____ DISTRICT, _____, 19____

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for _____ days, from

_____ to _____, inclusive, 19____

Substitute _____ be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not")

_____

Superintendent, _____ *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 4P M. May 7, 1934
(State nearest hour)

Returned to duty: At 11A M. May 13 1934
(State nearest hour)

Period of absence: 4 days days.

Period charged: ~~four~~ 5 days days.

Dana L. Burt
(Applicant's signature)

1st Asst. Keeper
(Title)

Certified correct and forwarded.

R. J. Skinner

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Romer Shoal
10-4-34

THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 6, 1933

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Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

D. L. Burt

Subject: Transfer List.

Sir,

In the event of an vacancy, I would like to be considered for the position of the following stations.

X Bridgeport Harbor, Conn. Keeper.
X Coney Island New York, Keeper.
X Eaton's Neck Long Island, Keeper.
X Execution Rocks New York, Keeper.
X Esopus Meadows Hudson River, Keeper.
X Falkner's Island Conn Keeper
X Great Captain's Isl, New York Keeper.
X Little Gull Island New York Keeper.
X North Bro Island New York Keeper.
X North Dumpling New York Keeper.
X Plum Island New York Keeper
X Penfield Reef Conn Keeper
X Point Judith R. I. Keeper or 1st asst

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X Race Rock Light New York Keeper.
X Saybrooke Breakwater, Conn Keeper,
X " L. Point, Conn Keeper,
XX Stratford Point, Conn Keeper, or 1st Asst
X Tarrytown, Hudson River Keeper,
XX Watch Hill R. I. Keeper, or 1st Asst

Respectfully
Sara L. Burt
1st Asst Keeper.
A J Minzner
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 6, 1933, 192

Supt of Light houses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer List.

Sir,

In the event of an vacancy, I would like to be considered for the position of the following stations.

Bridgeport Hbr, Conn. Kpr. Plum Island, New York, Kpr.
Coney Island, N. Y. Kpr. North Dumpling New York Kpr.
Eaton's Neck, Long Is, Kpr. Penfield Reef, Conn, Kpr.
Execution Rocks, New York Kpr. Point Judith, R. I. Kpr, or 1st
Esopus Meadows, Hudson River Kpr. Race Rock, New York, Kpr.
Falkner's Island, Conn, Kpr. Saybrooke Breakwater, Conn, Kpr
Great Captain's New York Kpr. Saybrooke L. Point, Conn Kpr.
Little Gull, New York Kpr. Stratford Point, Conn. Kpr or 1st
North Bro, New York. Kpr. Tarrytown, Hudson River, Kpr
Watch Hill, R. I. Keeper or 1st Asst.

Respectfully

Dana L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper

A J Minizner Kaper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Oct. 3,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19,1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Robert L.North	Keeper	$1500.00	Transfer	8-19-33	10-1-33
Dana L. Burt	"	1320.00	"	8-19-33	10-1-33

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

Asst.Supt.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner's Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1, 1933

Subject: Transfer

Reference: Your letter Sept. 19 1933

Mr Dana Burt arrived on Falkner's Island Sept 30 1933 at 11 30 am

A J Minzner
Keeper

Last day at Greens Ledge Sept 30-1933
EOD at Falkner Island- Oct. 1-1933

noted 10/4/33

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1st, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses
3rd District

Subject: Transfer to Falkner Island.

I wish to report that D. L. Bent left station on Sept. 30. at 8. A.M.

George Clarke. Keeper.

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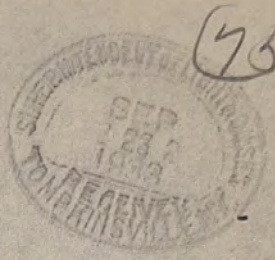
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept 22, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer to Faulkner Island Light Sta,
Reference; Your letter Sept 19, 1933.

Sir,

Acknowledging the above mention letter for position as Asst Keeper at Faulkner Island Light Station. I will report to that station on Oct 1, 1933, to Keeper A. J. Munzner.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
1st Asst Keeper

George Clarke, Keeper.

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Kpr., Sept.19,1933
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Apr.30 and letter from this office May 3,1933.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 19,1933 appointing you to the position of Assistant Keeper of Falkner Island Lt.Sta.,and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty in that position on Oct.1,1933. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of the station, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is A.J.Minzner, Guilford, Conn. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Sept.19,1933

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Falkner Is.Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by separate letters, the date on which Asst.Keeper R. L. North leaves Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.,and the date on which Mr.Burt reports for duty at that station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form A-38

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1933.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change of station.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1,500 per annum.

To: $1,520 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, Aug. 2,1933
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Falkner Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.1,1933.

1. In reply to your letter of August 1st,1933, you are advised the matter of your transfer to Falkner Island Light Station is still under consideration. If this transfer is approved by the authorities at Washington, you will be promptly advised.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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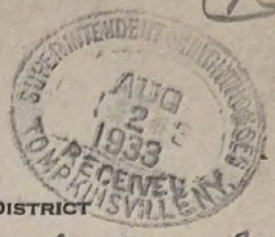
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 1, 1933

Per Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer of stations.
Reference: My letter to you dated April 30, 1933.

Sir, Would you kindly inform me as to whether or not I am being considered for a mutual transfer with the 1st Asst. Keeper. Mr. Robt. North of Faulkner's Island light Sta.? I am very anxious to have my father & mother with me, as their condition at home is not very good, as I could support them much better if they were with me.

Respectfully
Hana L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper.

George Clarke Keeper.

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FWO-JHG

JUSTIFICATION for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30,1932.

Bureau or Office:	3rd Lighthouse District.
Position:	Assistant Keeper.
Compensation:	$1320 p.a.
Location:	Falkner Island Lt.Sta.,Conn.
Appropriation:	Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses.
Date of Vacancy:	May 15,1933 (Robert L.North,transferred)
Date to be filled:	May 16,1933

Justification:

A keeper and one assistant are employed to maintain Falkner Island Light Station, including the light and power fog signal. It is necessary that watches be maintained throughout the 24 hours of the day, and this, together with the operation of the light and fog signal, requires the services of two men. To permit one position to remain vacant the work involved would be beyond the capacity of the remaining man which would affect the reliable and efficient operation of the station which would be detrimental to navigation and the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property, authorization for the filling of the position is recommended. The needs of the service require the filling of this position immediately upon receipt of approval.

APPROVED: Recommended by:

Secretary of Commerce

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Falkner Island
May 14, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Absence over leave.

Sir

Having been compelled to bring a doctor out to this island to attend my mother who was taken seriously ill as the result of conditions here, and also to take the doctor ashore and to attent to certain matters of vital importance I request that I be granted an additional four days leave this month to make up for the time thus consumed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Dana L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper.

(Signed) A. J. Minzner
Keeper.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 15 1933
THIRD DISTRICT

Falkner Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 14, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island
New York.

Subject Absence over leave.

Liberty Record
May 7 - 4 PM to May 8th 11 AM

Sir

~~To be~~ Having been compelled to bring a doctor out to this island to attend my mother who was taken seriously ill as the result of conditions here, and also to take the doctor ashore and to attend to certain matters of vital importance, I request that I be granted an additional four days leave this month to make up for the time thus consumed

Respectfully
Ilona L. Burt
1st Asst Keeper
A. J. Munzner
Keeper

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) May 3, 1933 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Mass.

Name, Dana L. Burt — Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper (Asst.) — Proposed range, $1320-1680 p.a.

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, May 16, 1933 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.) — Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. &c lts., Ct. — Former range, $1500-1860 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert L. North — Services terminated, May 15, 1933

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

8/10/33

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

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES SERVICE

1933 MAY - 4 - AM 9:01

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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May 3,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions, Dana L. Burt and Robert L. North, Keepers.
REFERENCE: Forms 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Forms 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date recommending exchange of positions between Dana L. Burt, 1st Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn., and Robert L. North, Assistant Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.; the Bureau is advised no letter of justification has been submitted in the case of the increase in pay of Mr.North by reason of his transfer in this exchange of positions, on account of the fact that while this transfer will result in an increase in the base pay of Mr.North from $1320 to $1500 per annum, it will also result in the reduction of the pay of Mr. Burt from $1500 to $1320 per annum, and there will therefore be no increased cost involved in this exchange of positions.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington May 5, 1933

Returned to 3d Superintendent. By reason of quarters being provided at Falkner Island the proposed gross pay of Burt is $1560, a promotion of $60 over his present pay, in view of which justification is required and has been prepared by the Bureau and submitted, with your nomination, to the Department. Action thereon will be duly referred to you.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Chief of Personnel Division

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, May 3,1933
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 30,1933.

1. Referring to your letter of April 30,1933 requesting permission to exchange positions with Robert L. North, Assistant Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station; you are advised the authorities at Washington have to-day been requested to approve said exchange of positions, effective on or after May 16th. As there is a question as to whether or not this exchange of positions will be approved at this time, it is suggested you make no arrangements towards such transfer, until you have received definite instructions from this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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May 3,1933

1. Copy forwarded for his information to Robert L. North, Asst.Keeper, Falkner Island Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

D L Burt
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30,1933
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Supt.of Lighthouses
Staten Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer of stations.

Would it be your pleasure to approve of a transfer of stations between I and Mr. Robt.North of Falkners Island Lt.Sta. Mr.North and I are agreeable to the subject and respectfully request your approval of same to be effective on or about May 15th,1933. I would like very much to have my father and mother with me.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dana L. Burt

1st Asst.Kee per

/s/ George H. Clarke, Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT MAR 2 1933 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 1, 1933

D L Burt

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Supt of Light Houses
Staten Island,
New York,

Subject: Transfer list.

Sir, In the event of a vacancy of the following stations, I would like to be considered for the position.

XX Beavertail, R. I. Keeper or 1st Asst.
X Block Island, S. E. R. I. Keeper.
X Borden Flats, Fall River, Keeper.
X Bridgeport Harbor, Conn, Keeper.
X Bullock Point, R. I. Keeper
X Cedar Island, Long Island, Keeper.
X Conanicut, R. I. Keeper.
X Coney Island, New York. Keeper.
X Dutch Island, Rhode Island, Keeper.
XX Eaton's Neck, Long Island, Keeper or 1st Asst.
X Esopus Meadows, Hudson River, Keeper
X Faulkner's Island, Conn, Keeper
X Execution Rocks, New York, Keeper.
X Gould Island, Rhode Island, Keeper.
X Great Capt's Island, New York, Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Greens Ledge, Conn, Keeper.
Gull Rock, R. I. Keeper.
Horton Point, New York Keeper.
Little Gull, New York, Keeper.
Long Beach, New York, Keeper.
Lloyed Harbor, New York, Keeper.
North Brother Isl, New York Keeper.
North Dumpling, New York, Keeper.
Old Field Point, New York, Keeper.
Plum Beach, R. I. Keeper.
Plum Island, New York, Keeper.
Penfield Reef, Conn, Keeper.
Point Judith, R. I. Keeper, or 1st Asst.
Pomham Rocks, R. I. Keeper.
Prudence Isl, R. I. Keeper.
Race Rock, New York, Keeper, or 1st Asst.
Rose Island, R. I. Keeper, or 1st. asst.
Sabine Point, R. I. Keeper.
Saybrook Breakwater, Ct, Kpr.
" Lynde Point, Ct, Kpr.
Sea Gull, New Jersey. Keeper
Stratford Point, Conn, Keeper or 1st
Stratford Shoals, Conn, Keeper.
Stamford Harbor, Conn, Keeper
Stepping Stones, Long Isl, Keeper
Stuyvesant, Hudson River, Keeper
Tarrytown, Hudson River, Keeper
Throgs Neck, New York, Keeper
Watch Hill, R. I. Kpr, or 1st
Warwick R. I. Keeper.
New London Ledge, Conn, Keeper

Respectfully
Elana L. Burt.
1st Asst Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 1, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer list.

Sir, In the event of a vacancy of the following stations, I would like to be considered for the position.

Beavertail, R. I. Keeper or 1st asst.
Block Island, S. E. R. I. Keeper
Borden Flats, Fall River, Keeper.
Bridgeport Hbr, Conn, Keeper
Bullock Point, R. I. Keeper
Cedar Island, Long Island Keeper
Conanicut, R. I. Keeper
Coney Island, New York Keeper
Dutch Island, Rhode Is, Keeper
Eaton's Neck, Long Island Keeper or 1st Asst
Execution Rocks, New York Keeper
Esopus Meadows, Hudson River, Keeper.
Faulkner's Island, Conn, Keeper.
Gould Island, Rhode Is, Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Great Capt's Il, N. Y. Keeper.
Greens Ledge, Conn, Keeper
Gull Rock, R. I. Keeper
Horton Point, New York, Keeper.
Little Gull, New York, Keeper
Long Beach Bar, New York Keeper.
Lloyed Harbor, New York, Keeper.
North Brother, New York, Keeper
North Dumpling, N. Y. Keeper
Old Field Point, New York Keeper
Plum Beach R. I. Keeper.
Plum Island, N. Y. Keeper.
Penfield Reef, Conn, Keeper.
Point Judith, R. I. Keeper or 1st Asst.
Pomham Rocks R. I. Keeper.
Prudence Il, R. I. Keeper.
Race Rock, New York, Kpr or 1st Asst.
Rose Island, R. I. Keeper or 1st Asst.
Sabine Point, R. I. Keeper
Saybrooke Breakwater, Conn. Keeper.
Lynde Point, Conn Keeper.
Sea Girt, New Jersey, Keeper
Shatford Point, Conn, Keeper or 1st.
Shatford Shoals, Conn, Keeper.
Stamford Harbor, Conn Keeper.
Stepping Stones, Long Island. Keeper.
Stuyvesant, New York. Keeper.
Tarrytown, Hudson River, Keeper.
Throgg Neck, New York, Keeper.
Watch Hill R. I. Keeper or 1st.
Warwick, R. I. Keeper.
New London Ledge, Conn, Keeper

Respectfully
Hans L. Bunt
1st Asst. Keeper

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Oct. 21,1932

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.17,1932.

1. In reply to your letter of October 17,1932 re exchange of positions with Assistant Keeper at Falkners Island Light Station, you are advised that no transfers are under consideration at the present time.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 29, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Visiting.

Sir,

I would like to know if I could have my father visit me from Dec 30 1932 till January 10, 1933 by your permission.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
1st Asst Keeper

JTY : AHD

December 29, 1932.

Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst. Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Visit of your Father to Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

REFERENCE: Your letter of December 29th, 1932.

This office would have no objection to your Father visiting the station from December 30th, 1932 to January 10th, 1933, as per your request, providing such an arrangement is satisfactory to the other Keepers of the station, and under this condition permission for same is hereby granted.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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August 9, 1932.

D. L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has received a report relative to assistance you rendered on June 30 to two men who were in danger of drowning after their sail boat had overturned in the vicinity of the station. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your timely assistance in this emergency and having the matter made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy for 3d Supt.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Greens Ledge Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 17, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York

Subject: Transfer of stations.
Reference: Your letter dated Aug 4, 1932
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Respectfully
Hana L. Bunt
1st. Asst. Keeper

Supt To Buy for commendation
cc

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Rowayton, Conn.
June 30, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

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Dear Sir:-



It indeed is a great pleasure to inform and commend you in regard to the very diligent and courageous keepers in charge of "Green's Reef Light" off Rotten Point, Connecticut - namely - Mr. Bart and

not versed in the art of sailing, and couldnt assist me. all of a sudden a strong puff of wind filled my sail with such force, my step Was Weak, and over the boat Went,

I swim, but not over Well, and my friend just managed, We clung to the boat, and shouted for help, the men aboard the

Early this morning a fruend and myself set out on a fishing trip in my fourteen foot sail boat, there was a heavy sea on - fair Weather, but a strong North-West Wind.

We were nearing the light, I had my hands full, handling the sheet and tiller, my fruend is

light. soon saw us, and
in a very quick time
were over and rescued
us from the in a very
apt and efficient manner,
we boarded the light.
where they very kindly
warmed us and provided
dry clothing.

As soon as convenient
they took us ashore —
but I certainly will

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Jan. 20,1932

Chief Clerk;

Voucher Clerk

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., was absent from duty on Jan.7,8,9,& 10th,1932, without leave or authority, and is therefore not to be paid for that period.

Asst.Supt.

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FWO-JHG

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, Jan. 20,1932
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.15th, your letter Jan.17th,1932.

1. Your letter of January 17th,1932 has been received, and your reply to letter of charges from this office dated Jan.15th, has been carefully noted. You are advised that your reply cannot be considered as satisfactory or acceptable in any respect. You are further advised that your failure to return to the station at the proper time was entirely inexcusable, and you are hereby cautioned therefor, with the information that any repetition of such action will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist.,Staten Island,N.Y., Jan.20,1932.

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to this employee will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

July 19, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 21, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., approved.

For the Commissioner:

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 17, 193 2

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Reference: Your letter of Jan. 15, 1932.

Subject: Absence from duty.

Sir:-

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/s/ Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.

/s/ Murray, Keeper

See #184-1933

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 2, 1932

FWO-JHG

Aug.4,1932

Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst.Keeper in Charge,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.2,1932.

1. In reply to your letter of August 2nd, you are advised no action will be taken at the present time in regard to exchange of positions.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Staten Island,
New York.

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Reference: My letter to you dated July 23, 1932

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1st Asst Keeper

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July 23, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Sir:

Would it be your pleasure to approve of a transfer of stations between I and Mr. Robert North 1st asst. Keeper of Faulkner's Island St. Sta. Mr. North + I are agreeable to the subject and respectfully request your approval of same to be effective on or about Aug 1st 1932

Respectfully
Isaac L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
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Jan. 15,1932

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut

Deduct pay?

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty as 1st Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, without leave or authority, in that you left Greens Ledge Light Station on January 6th,1932 for the purpose of going ashore for mail etc.,and failed to return to the station until 4.00 P. M. on January 11th,1932; also with failure to notify this office or the keeper of the light station of the reason for not returning to your station, in accordance with Paragraph 134(f) of Instructions to Employees.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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January 14, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District

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COPY:TM

Friday, Jan. 9, 1932

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Very truly

A citizen of Rowayton.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Supt of Light Houses 3rd Distrct

Greens Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 11, 1932

I wish to report that Dana L Burt 1st Asst Keper at this station left the station on Offucial duty on Jan 6/32 for Mail, etc. & did not return until 4 PM on Jan 11/32 the keeper was alone on the station during that time as the 2nd Asst Mr Resendes had an extention of leave on account of his fathers death.

Mr Burt returned on the 11th with Mr Resendes. it was to rough to return to the station on the afternoon or evening of the 6th. but on any of the other days he stayed on shore he could have come back in the station boat. to that effect 2 fishermen from Rowayton rowed out here with the provisions Mr Burt left at their place. as they knew I was alone on the station.

Supt I have warned Mr Burt on several occasions about his drinking habits as I think that is the reason for him not returning to the station

While I am making the above charges against Mr Burt I all so kindly request that Mr Burt only be given a reprimand with a warning of further disciplinary action if he does not correct his habits. as his services are very satisfactory otherwise. under the circumstances will I.

have Mr Burt fill out form 76

Murray Keeper

Supt
1st

Rowayton

Friday. Jan, 9, 1932.

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Damon I. Burt 8-10

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

FWO-JHG

Office of Superintendent
Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N. Y.

September 17, 1931.

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station.

1. Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the U.S. Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21,1917.

2. You are directed to arrange to take the required physical examination at the earliest practicable date.

3. After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

4. The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A" and the Keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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Greens Ledge Light,
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Supt of Lighthouses,
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I would like to request having my medical examination transfered from New Haven to Providence to U. S. Public Health Service Federal Bldg 403, as that is on my way home to Whitman Mass. My reasons for asking the above change as I will have about two hours to wait for connections to my home in Whitman.

Respectfully
Ilona L. Burt. 1st Asst Kpr.

Murray
Keeper

Form 206
(Ed. 11-22-28)

FILE No. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TO:FH

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, September 17, 1931 19

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Providence, R.I.
~~New Haven, Conn.~~

SIR:

Please examine Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst. Kpr., Greens Ledge Lt. Station.

nativity, Massachusetts; age, 34; height, 6 feet, 0 inches;

weight, 185 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, brown

distinguishing marks, Tattoo marks on right arm, cross bones and devil.

Tatto mark on left arm, figure of girl with name "Florence" under it. Also figure of bird on left arm.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton *Superintendent of Lighthouses*
Chief Clerk.

(Signature of applicant:) A.

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by: B Kpr., Greens Ledge.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, _____

DATE, _____, 19

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of _____, and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

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_____ *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 9, 1931

Supt of Lighthouses,
3rd District.
Staten Island, New York.

I wish to make application for Medical form for free medical attention at Public Health stations & Hospitals. I have not received such a form to take a medical examination for free treatment since I entered the service.

Respectfully
Alana L. Burt
1st asst. Keeper

Murray
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

September 11, 1931.

.....Keeper,

.....Lt.Sta.,
T. J. Murray,
.....
Greens Ledge

Rowayton, Conn.

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper.....and return this sheet to this office. Dana L. Burt

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State).....

Age.....

Height.....feet.....inches

Weight.....pounds

Color of hair.....

Color of eyes.....

Distinguishing marks.....

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J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

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Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

September 11, 1931.

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....T. J. Murray.....Keeper,

....Greens Ledge.....Lt. Sta.,

....Rowayton, Conn.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper.....Dana L. Burt.....and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State)..Massachusetts.....

Age..37.....

Height..6.....feet...0....inches

Weight....185.....pounds

Color of hair..Brown.....

Color of eyes..Brown.....

Distinguishing marks.....Tatoo marks on right arm cross canes and devil. Tatoo marks on left arm figure of girl name Florine under figure. Also figure of bird on left arm.....

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Thomas J. Murray

Keeper

FWO:BS

August 20, 1931.

Dana S. Burt, 1st Asst. Keeper,
(Through the Keeper)
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Personal property at Little Gull Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 19.

It is suggested that you take up direct with the Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station the matter of transportation of your personal property to New London. This is a personal matter, and there is no justification for directing the Keeper to transport the property referred to.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

Assistant Superintendent.

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 19, 1931

Supt of Lighthouses,
3rd District.

I kindly request to know if the office will direct the Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station to deliver some of my effects which I was unable to take with me at the time of transfer to this station to the dock at New London Conn. I am asking this request as I understand that station will soon have a boat large enough to make trips direct to New London which would save me considerable trouble getting my things to the main land. Mr. O'Toole 1st Asst will see to getting my things to New London if permission is granted to transfer them in the station's boat.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt.
1st Asst Keeper.

Murray
Keeper.

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Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

May 14,1931

SUBJECT: Date of reporting for duty at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 11,1931

1. Your letter dated May 11,1931 relative to your not reporting for duty on May 1st at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. as directed by this office, has been received; as you left Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. on April 30th and did not arrive at Greens Ledge until May 4th, you will be charged with three days leave of absence against your allowance for the month of May - viz: May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 14 1931
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Per

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11, 1931

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island.
New York.

To be taken up as having
E O D May 1st & to be
Charged with three days
leave May 1-2 & 3 JMG

Subject: Reporting for duty at Greens Ledge.
Reference: Letter of May 6, 1931

Sir: Delay in arriving at Greens Ledge caused by my baggage going astray on the army boat 4-50, and I had to stay on Fisher's Island until Saturday afternoon to recover them. I wrote to Keeper Murray explaining my trouble and that I would arrive Saturday night, but I could'nt get anyone to take me out to the light Saturday, and Sunday I had in getting some one to take me out as weather was to rough, so I reported to duty Monday May 4/31

A. L. Burt 1st Asst.

Murray Keeper

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Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper, May 6,1931
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn .

SUBJECT: Reporting for duty at Greens Ledge.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Apr.23,1931.

1. This office has been advised you left Little Gull Island Lt.Sta. on April 30th, and also that you arrived at Greens Ledge Light Station on May 4th. You are directed to advise this office by return mail why you did not report at Greens Ledge Light Station on May 1st, as directed by letter from this office dated April 23rd.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 4th, 1931

Supt of Light Houses 3rd District

I wish to state that Mr Dana L. Burt
1st Asst Super reported for duty at this station on above
date

Murray
Keeper

EOD May 1 - 1931

noted CS 5/6/31

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is. Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1931

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York

Subject: Transfer of Hans L. Burt 2nd Asst Kpr.
Reference:- Your letter of April 23, 1931

Sir: The above named Keeper left this station today, April 30, 1931, for transfer to Green's Ledge Light Station.

Respectfully,
E. M. Whitford
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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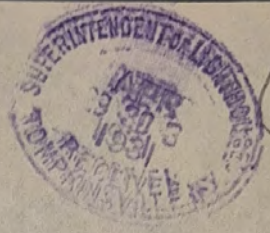
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is. Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 25, , 1931

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York

Subject: Transfer to Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Reference: Your letter of April 23, 1931

Sir: I wish to acknowledge the above dated letter and will proceed, as directed, to Greens Ledge Light Station.

Respectfully
Hana L. Burt
2nd Ass't Keeper
E. M. Whitford
Keeper

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April 23,1931

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Apr.13 and your letter April 15,1931.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated April 18,1931 appointing you to the position of First Asst. Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty in that position on May 1st,1931. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The name and address of the Keeper is Thomas J. Murray, Rowayton, Conn. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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April 23,1931

1. Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date Mr.Burt leaves Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1. Copy forwarded to Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. for his information. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Burt arrives at Greens Ledge. J.T.YATES, Superintendent

By: W.J.Lawton, Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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April 18, 1931.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1931, or upon entrance on duty (change in station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1500 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Isl. Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 15, 19 31

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York.

Subject:- Transfer.
Reference: Your letter of April 13, 1931

Sir:- Acknowledging receipt of above mentioned letter and will await further orders.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt
2nd Asst Keeper

E. M. Whitford
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1931 (City) (Date), 19---

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 1, 1931

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry C. Gilman

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Maintenance of station requires 3 keepers, and it is therefore essential that this position be filled at this time.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1931 (City) (Date), 19----

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 1, 1931 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1200-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry C. Gilman

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Maintenance of station requires 3 keepers, and it is therefore essential that this position be filled at this time.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1931 (City) (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 1, 1931 { [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry C. Gilman Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Maintenance of station requires 3 keepers, and it is therefore essential that this position be filled at this time.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19.....

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

4/23 Copy to Mass.

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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April 13,1931

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Is.Lt.Sta.,
Fort Michie, Gull Is.,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.1,1930.

1. Referring to your letter dated Nov.1,1930, requesting transfer, in the event of a vacancy, to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for transfer to this position, and in accordance therewith you are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position the effective date of your transfer will be about May.1st. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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1st Asst.

Vacancy in position of 1st Asst. Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt. Sta., effective at close of Apr. 30th.

OK get new 2d asst by trans of Fred Burt [illegible] 4/10

Only applicant for transfer is Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper of Little Gull. He entered the service Feb. 20, 1930. His record is O.K.

The 2nd Asst. Keeper at Greens Ledge is Manuel Resendes who entered the service Aug. 19, 1930. His record is O.K.

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FWO:FM

March 21, 1931.

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,
Gull Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Visits of relatives.

It has come to the attention of this office that you have had a brother visiting and living with you at Little Gull Island Light Station on several occasions for more or less extended periods, the last period having been from about December 20, 1930, up to the present time. Your attention is invited to the fact that quarters are provided at certain Light Stations, including Little Gull Island Light Station, for the families of the keepers there employed, which cannot be interpreted as including relatives. While this office has no objection ordinarily to a keeper having relatives or friends visiting for a brief interval of time, there is no authority whatever for your action in having your brother reside with you at the station for such an extended period as three months' time, since such residence at a station is obviously not a visit. Your attention is invited to paragraph (b), section 167, of Instructions to Employees pertaining to the matter of authority to have relatives or friends as visitors at a station. You having had your brother reside with you for a period of approximately three months without any authority whatever, you are instructed to see to it that your brother referred to does not reside at the station after the receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES.

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Copy forwarded to Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, attention being invited to his letters of March 8 and 14, 1931.

J. T. YATES.

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March 20, 1931.

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Donald Burt

MEMORANDUM

1. A Mr. Burt, brother of the 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, called at this office at 3:15 p.m. today. He opened his conversation by stating that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were very bad; that the Keeper was unscrupulous; that he was the subject of gossip; and that he acted as though he were king at the station. He stated that he had written up some notes, and that so far as he had gone, he had something over 50 pages, but that they were not in shape to submit and asked if I would examine them informally and discuss the matter. I told him that any transactions with this office necessarily had to be formal and official, and that it would therefore be useless to examine his memorandum (which was to be returned to him) and discuss its contents, and that if he felt that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were not as they should be, the proper procedure was to submit the matter in writing with all corroborative evidence available, and that upon its receipt, the matter would be looked into. He then stated that it was a long story, and that he did not have a stenographer, and that it would cost him $5.00 or $10.00 to write up all his notes. He continued a long conversation, more or less disconnected and in practically all respects indefinite, all of which was intended to indicate that the Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station was an unsuitable man to have in the Service, repeatedly interjecting in his remarks that he was not bringing the matter to make trouble for anyone, and stating incidentally that the two assistant keepers, one of which is his brother, were very good men, also stating that they both knew of many things at the station that were not as they should be, but did not report them as they felt that this office would view any complaint as indicating that they were trying to get the Keeper's job. He stated that he had visited at the station several times since his brother had been there, and stated that he had just come from the station. He was asked how long he had been at the station on this last visit, and he stated since December 20, 1930. He said that his brother had been boarding with the keeper, and that since he had visited at the station he ~~and his brother~~ had done their own cooking, and that this situation was disliked by the Keeper since he then received no board money from the 2nd Assistant. He started to talk in an inferential way indicating that the Keeper's wife was not of good repute, and then stated that he would say no more as he did not want to bring up a personal matter. He stated that he was a licensed steamboat man; had worked for the Shipping Board at some time, was familiar with many investigations that they have held, and he thought that we would receive information informally in lieu of requiring written information or evidence. He said the keeper looked upon him as a disturbing element, as he had called the keeper's attention to different things that were not right. Said fog signal was not always started when

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fog closed in. Said keeper claimed he had T.B., and in explanation said one of keeper's children dropped a varnish brush on the deck which left a spot of varnish, and keeper came along and slipped on it, and keeper then stated Burt had spit on deck, that he had T.B., and should be examined, etc. Burt states he hasn't T.B., and is not worrying about it, and told the keeper so. He was again advised that if he would submit in writing his claims as to the bad conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station, the matter would be investigated. After some further talk, he stated that he would make such a report, and left the office.

2. From this man's line of talk and attitude, it is quite likely that he is a disturbing element at the Station.

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and that he would not be examined without an order from the keeper.

3/25/31

Copy of this memo and copy of letter from Keeper Whitford dated March 8, 1931, given to Mr. Luther.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Dana L. Burt THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is. L.H.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 19, 1931

Supt of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Subject: Arthur G. Burt. (Dana L. Burt)
Reference: My letter of March 8, 1931

Sir: I wish to advise you that the above mentioned left this station March 18, 1931

Respectfully
E. M. Whitford
Keeper

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 14, 1931

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Dana L Burt

Subject: Arthur L. Burt.
Reference: Your letter March 10, 1931

Sir: The above mentioned has resided here since December 22, 1930, before that date was here on several visits during the summer and fall of 1930.

Respectfully
E. M. Whitford
Keeper

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March 10,1931

Edgar M. Whitford, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,
Gull Island, N. Y.

(Dana L. Burt)

SUBJECT: Arthur G. Burt.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 8,1931.

1. You are directed to advise this office as to since what date the brother of 2nd Assistant Keeper Burt has resided at Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Little Gull Lt·Sta.,has been in the service, (in his present position) since Feb. 20,1930.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

A. L. Burt

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 8, 1931

Dana L. Burt

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Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
N.Y.

Subject:— Advice as to what should be done in the following subject.

Sir:— There is a relative of a keeper of this station making an indefinite, but lengthy visit who has the symtoms of tuberculosis. It has been brought to my attention more or less directly, and indirectly, and although it has frequently been denied it has become to noticable to be ignored. I am afraid his continual and careless coughing and expectoration will endanger the health of those coming in contact with him.

since 12/27/30

I have asked him to go and get a certificate of health from the Marine Hospital, but he refuses to do this unless I give him a written order to be examined by any doctor he chooses to go to, this I told him I would not do, as I believe I would be exceeding

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Dana L. Burt

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Is.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 8, 1921

continued

my authority.

His reason for staying here is that he is waiting to be assigned to a merchant ship.

He is a veteran of the World War so I think I am right in assuming that there are hospitals to care for a man in the condition I believe him to be in.

My position in regards to this is an unpleasant one, and I do not wish to be unjust so please state what I should do in this matter.

The man's name is Arthur G. Burt, brother to the 2nd Ass't. Keeper of this station, Dana L. Burt.

Respectfully
E. M. Whitford
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Little Gull Island, N.Y.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 18, 1930

Edgar M. Whitford, Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie, Gull Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Probation of 2d Asst. Keeper, Dana L. Burt.

1. The probationary period of employment of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, will expire on August 19, 1930. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Per

Little Gull Island Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 21, 1930

Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York.

Subject:- Probation of 2nd Ass't. Keeper,
Hans L. Burt.

Reference: Your letter of June 18, 1930

Sir:- The above mentioned Keeper's services have been satisfactory. He is a suitable and competent man and recommend his permanent appointment.

Respectfully
E. M. Whitford
Keeper.

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

Department of Commerce
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District
(Bureau or office)

Staten Island, N.Y., July 16,1930
(Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Aug.19,1930, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have ---- been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is ---- considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Dana L. Burt

Position Keeper

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty Feb.20,1930

Remarks:

J. T. YATES
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

Supt.3rd Lighthouse District

(Head of bureau or office)

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never forget, and deeply 75
appreciate the high
morale and splendid
service these men
represent, Trusting this
will receive your attention
and again thanking you
for the high standard
you maintain, I beg to
remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Allan Hyatt Robinson

Form ERB 101

CITY OF NEW YORK
EMERGENCY RELIEF BUREAU

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

District Office No. 99
211 Bay Street
Tompkinsville S I



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February 5th
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Mr. J. F. Yates, Sup't.
Lighthouse Service
1 Lighthouse Road
St. George S I

My dear Mr. Yates:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Proctor Denno, is very anxious to secure for the Emergency Relief Bureau, information concerning a former employe of the Lighthouse Department.

We should appreciate your giving Mr. Denno the wages earned, reason for dismissal and whether there might be a possibility of re-employment within your organization for Mr. Dana Burt, #44 Canal Street, Stapleton.

Thanking you for courtesy extended to Mr. Denno,

Very truly yours,

V. Charlotte Authier

V. Charlotte Authier by M.A.
Administrator - D. O. 99

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called at 4 PM 2-5-37

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FEO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1930 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective, Feb. 10, 1930

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.9 , Other eligibles considered:

Raymond F. Bliven---C. Edwin B. Johnson---C.

Previous incumbent, Arthur H. Boudor

Services terminated, Jan. 3, 1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1260 p.a.

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station

Mr. Burt has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 16, 1896

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

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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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FWO-JHG

Feb.3,1930

Dana L. Burt,
42 Belmont Street,
Whitman, Mass.

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Little Gull Is.L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.30,1930.

1. Referring to your letter of Jan.30,1930 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about Feb.10th. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Feb.3,1930

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Feb 4, 1930

Receipt of the above acknowledged. I will be ready at any time. I would appreciate instructions as to the best way to get to this station.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 29, 1930 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., located on Gull Is, Long Is. Sound, N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1260.00 p.a.

Quarters and Fuel: Family quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?----------

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?----------

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."---------- If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Answer letter to

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
R. F. Bliven	S-Bayside			
E. B. Johnson	A-2 children	Position 4th		
D. L. Burt	A-single	Department or office Lt Ho 73		
P. Perry	Dead	Position		
W. J. Higgins	A-Single	Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date----------

(Post-office address)----------

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Have you any children? If so, how many? What are their ages?

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, DIST.

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 7—10 days from to-day. (Or as necessary)

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes. But prefer this one.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Desire my name kept upon the register.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many ——; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Ilana Lee Burt.

Date 1/30/30

(Post-office address) 42 Belmont St
Whitman Mass.

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Have you any children? Yes. No
If so, how many? What are their ages?

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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 08/14/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Burt, Dana, L.		1896 MA

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: 1941 NY

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 (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District

From:	To:
1930	1934

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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

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00079916555

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Archival search 8/18

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Dana L. Burt (Name) — Mass (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION–DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	1260	Prob	L. H.	Little Gull Is LS. (3 Dist.)	Feb. 20, 1930
"	—	1320	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	"	"	FEB 1 1931
"	—	1500	Transfer	"	Greens Ledge S.S.	May 1, 1931
"	—	1500	Trans (73a)	"	Greens Ledge, Peck Ledge etc.	Mar. 8, 1933
"	-	1320	Transfer	"	Falkner Island L.S. Conn.	Oct. 1, 1933
"	—	1440	"	"	Romer Shoal LS.	10-4-34
	Suspended W.T.E. 90 days effective Aug 10, 1935					
	Dismissed at close of Aug 10, 1935					

DANA L. BURT

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DANA L. BURT

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED 1930 FEB 6 AM 9 40

LIGHTHOUSES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1930, 19....
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Effective, Feb. 10, 1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Massachusetts

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position,

Location,

Former salary,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.9, Other eligibles considered:

Raymond F. Bliven---C. Edwin B. Johnson---C.

Previous incumbent, Arthur H. Bouder (LT. #1598) Services terminated, Jan. 3, 1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1260 p.a.

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government service, None

Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station

Date of birth, Nov. 16, 1896

Remarks:

Mr. Burt has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, FEB 5 1930, 19.....

L. O. Parker

Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 6 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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WASHINGTON D C FEB 8 - 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York.

probationary appointment keeper dana l burt approved

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CONFIRMATION:

Dana L. Burt, Kpr.,
Little Gull Island L.S., N.Y.
Third Lighthouse District.

To Dept. - 2-6-30

Form 73

NOMINATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1931, 19---
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dena L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 1, 1931 { [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry C. Gilman /(Lt.#1582) Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Maintenance of station requires 3 keepers, and it is therefore essential that this position be filled at this time.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19---

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG 1932 JAN-21- AM 8:56

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Jan. 20,1932

Copy to Dept
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SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.15th, your letter Jan.17th,1932.

1. Your letter of January 17th,1932 has been received, and your reply to letter of charges from this office dated Jan.15th, has been carefully noted. You are advised that your reply cannot be considered as satisfactory or acceptable in any respect. You are further advised that your failure to return to the station at the proper time was entirely inexcusable, and you are hereby cautioned therefor, with the information that any repetition of such action will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist.,Staten Island,N.Y.,
Jan.20,1932.

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to this employee will be made at the expiration of six months.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 26 1932
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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1932 JUL-20- AM 9:47

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

July 19, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst. Keeper, Greens Ledge Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter of caution forwarded to the Bureau with endorsement of January 20, 1932.

The Bureau is advised that no further difficulties have been experienced with Mr. Burt on account of unauthorized absence since he was cautioned by letter of January 20, 1932, and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case at this time.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 21, 1932.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., approved.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

August 9, 1932.

D. L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has received a report relative to assistance you rendered on June 30 to two men who were in danger of drowning after their sail boat had overturned in the vicinity of the station. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your timely assistance in this emergency and having the matter made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy for 3d Supt.

Copy for Appointment Division.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island,N.Y., Feb.13,1933 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on March 1,1933

Name, Dana L. Burt

From Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Ct.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1440-1800)

Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

To Greens Ledge L.S.,Pecks Ledge, Grassy Hammock,White Rock Reef, Round Beach,Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lts.,Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860)

Previous incumbent and pay, ~~transfer~~ New Position in lieu of old(Lt.#3532)

Services terminated, Feb. 28,1933

Reason, Change in ~~pay~~ range and designation.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

March 8,1933 , 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with March 8,1933

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Bureau letter of February 28, approved by Department indorsement of March 3, regarding the authorization of this position in lieu of the position previously occupied by Mr. Burt.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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W. P. HARMAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Description of duties of field position

Name: Dana L. Burt Bureau Lt.# 3532

Bureau: Lighthouse

Salary: $1500 per annum Salary Range: $1500-1860

Position: Keeper (1st asst)

Station: Greens Ledge, Pecks Ledge, Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lights, Conn.

Description of duties:

Similar to duties performed by this employee in his former position at Greens Ledge Lightstation.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY - 4 - AM 9:01

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

May 3,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions, Dana L. Burt and Robert L. North, Keepers.
REFERENCE: Forms 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Forms 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date recommending exchange of positions between Dana L. Burt, 1st Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn., and Robert L. North, Assistant Keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.; the Bureau is advised no letter of justification has been submitted in the case of the increase in pay of Mr.North by reason of his transfer in this exchange of positions, on account of the fact that while this transfer will result in an increase in the base pay of Mr.North from $1320 to $1500 per annum, it will also result in the reduction of the pay of Mr. Burt from $1500 to $1320 per annum, and there will therefore be no increased cost involved in this exchange of positions.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington May 5, 1933

Returned to 3d Superintendent. By reason of quarters being provided at Falkner Island the proposed gross pay of Burt is $1560, a promotion of $60 over his present pay, in view of which justification is required and has been prepared by the Bureau and submitted,with your nomination,to the Department. Action thereon will be duly referred to you.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Chief of Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY - 6 - AM 8:57

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

May 5,1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions, Dana L. Burt and Robert L. North, Keepers.
REFERENCE: Forms 73 and letter of May 3,1933.

1. In view of Bureau endorsement of May 4, 1933 on letter from this office dated May 1,1933 re exchange of positions between George E. Sheffield and Ernest F. Dickens, Keepers; five copies of Letter of Justification are forwarded herewith re transfer of Dana L. Burt from Greens Ledge Light Station to Falkner Island Light Station, in connection with the exchange of positions between he and Robert L. North, as per Forms 73 dated May 3rd,1933 and letter of same date in regard to Letters of Justification.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
Asst.Supt.

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JUSTIFICATION for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act approved June 30,1932.

Bureau or Office: 3rd Lighthouse District.

Position: Assistant Keeper.

Compensation: $1320 p.a.

Location: Falkner Island Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Appropriation: Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses.

Date of Vacancy: May 15,1933 (Robert L.North,transferred)

Date to be filled: May 16,1933

Justification:

A keeper and one assistant are employed to maintain Falkner Island Light Station, including the light and power fog signal. It is necessary that watches be maintained throughout the 24 hours of the day, and this, together with the operation of the light and fog signal, requires the services of two men. To permit one position to remain vacant the work involved would be beyond the capacity of the remaining man which would affect the reliable and efficient operation of the station which would be detrimental to navigation and the safety of shipping, and in order to safeguard life and property, authorization for the filling of the position is recommended. The needs of the service require the filling of this position immediately upon receipt of approval.

APPROVED: Recommended by:

Secretary of Commerce

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd – DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) May 3, 1933 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper (Asst.)

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 16, 1933

[1] The actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a. 1560 gross

Quarters provided at $240 p.a. 1560 - 1920

Proposed range, $1320-1680 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.)

Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. &c lts., Ct.

Former range, $1500-1860 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert L. North (Lt.#1565)

Services terminated, May 15, 1933

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

#743

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to separate nomination in the case of Robert L. North, the proposed action being for a mutual exchange of positions of these two keepers.

Quarters are provided at Falkner Island, the station to which Keeper Burt's transfer is proposed, so that his gross pay will be increased $60 per annum, in view of which justification is herewith submitted. However the combined pay of the two keepers will not be changed, so that no increased cost to the appropriation is involved.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

11—2314

Position No. 1

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office: Lighthouses, 3d District, Staten Island, N. Y.

Position: Keeper (Assistant) -

Compensation: $1560 ($1560-1920, gross pay and range) per annum

Location: Falkner Island Lightstation, Conn.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Date of Vacancy: Pending -- explained below

Justification:

The present First Assistant Keepers at Falkner Island Lightstation (range $1560-1920) and at Greens Ledge Lighstation (range $1500-1860) desire to make a mutual exchange of positions. The pay of these keepers is at the minimum of their respective salary ranges, so that on transfer the one going to Falkner Island will necessarily receive an increase of $60 per annum in salary (from $1500 to $1560, the minimum of that range), while the other will suffer a corresponding decrease; thus, no additional cost to the appropriation will result.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. HARMAN

(Head of Bureau or Office)
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

1933 SEP - 1 - AM 10:52

August 19, 1933.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change of station.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1,500 per annum.

To: $1,320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

1933 SEP - 11 - AM 8:50

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

September 9, 1933

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions, Dana L. Burt and Robert L. North, Keepers; and George E. Sheffield and Ernest F. Dickens, Keepers.

REFERENCE: Appointment certificates dated August 19, 1933.

Exchange of positions of Dana L. Burt to Falkner Island Light Station and Robert L. North to Greens Ledge Light Station, have been authorized, also exchange of positions of George E. Sheffield to Old Orchard Shoal Light Station and Ernest F. Dickens to Little Gull Island Light Station, have been authorized, appointment certificates for all four being dated August 19th. Information is requested as to whether these exchanges of positions will involve any impoundment of funds under the appropriation "Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers", as if any such impoundment is involved it is desired to cancel the proposed transfer of all four men involved.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

No impoundment as there is no change in pay for any of them - In case of any receiving lead pay there previously there would be impoundment of the difference

F. W. OCKENFELS,
Asst. Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington September 12, 1933

Returned to 3d Superintendent with advice that no impoundment is necessary in connection with the changes indicated.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

H-M

Administrative Assistant.

June 4, 1934.

Mr. Arthur G. Burt,
Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of May 23d addressed to the President, and referred to this office, and relating to certain personal problems you are encountering and also to conditions said to exist at Falkner Island Light Station, this office has to advise that the matter as to the conditions at the light station is being given careful consideration and you will be further advised at an early date.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSIDERATION
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6/4/34 acknowledged for Secy. to the President
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STATEN ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE DIST.

Fallener's Island Light Station,
P.O. Box 167, Guilford, Conn.,
May 23rd 1934.

My dear Mr. President:—

With my mother very ill in bed here following a shock brought on by worry over conditions on this island, a U.S. gov't reservation, and with my sister a nervous wreck and my own wife in a New York hospital where a few days ago she underwent her second operation within the month (and her sixth within the past four years, all at the Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York City), it is very, very difficult for me to compose myself to write this letter to you. I know that your cares are very great, and world-wide in scope, and if I were not in desperate straits I would not think of imposing upon your time. But to you I must write, because there is no one else to whom I can write with any chance of obtaining justice; and I therefore beg your indulgence and pray that you will be kind enough, and just enough, to give my letter — badly written, though it cannot help but be — your

kindly consideration.

I am a Naval Veteran of the World War, a lieutenant-commander (Reserve Force) in the years 1917-19. My war service consisted of twenty round-trip voyages to France with troops, and at the close of the war I received what is known as a special letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy, a brief abstract of which is to the effect that I "rendered meritorious service ----- as forward battery officer and later as navigator" and also that I "was at all times alert and efficient in the performance of duty."

I am also the grandson of an artillery man of the Civil War who participated in eighteen engagements of that war. My great, great grandfather, Edward Burt of Boston was a well-known citizen of his day. He conducted, among other activities, a sail-making loft on the site of what is now called Constitution Wharf, and is known to have made at least one suit of sails for the frigate Constitution. Five of my other great, great grandfathers, Elijah Dunham of Plymouth, Edward White of Rochester,

Amariah King of Plympton, Elijah Stewart of Martha's Vineyard, and also Benjamin Thomas of Middleboro, all rendered military service of record in the Revolutionary War. My mother, daughter of the late John Stewart Vincent of Edgartown, Mass., is the first vice-regent of the Capt. John Pulling Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and only last year was a guest at the White House where she was graciously received by Mrs. Roosevelt. We are a family of purest English-Colonial stock, descended from nineteen of the Mayflower passengers. It is not necessary, I know, for me to write this family history to you, yet I want you to know that we are really Americans — Americans who have served their country, Americans whose ancestors were the founders and patriots who made this country possible. And now, fighting for our very lives, as we are, under an absolutely unscrupulous, vicious and heartless scoundrel who

is the head keeper at this light-house station, I am compelled to do something in the interests of our family which will prevent our being thrown out of the light-house Service, without even a hearing, on false charges which only a criminal, as this man actually is, would think of concocting and attempting to carry through. A coward of the first order, utterly depraved and unscrupulous, he has railroaded other good families who have preceded us here, and now he has set out to get rid of us — something which it will be very easy for him to do unless something is done quickly, because of his connections in the office of the Superintendent of lighthouses at Staten Island, New York. And so this letter to you, Mr. President, to ask you to help us — a desperate appeal to you to save our souls from the clutches of this German devil who never has stopped, and never will stop, at anything to obtain

his own ends. The mortgage on our home was foreclosed last January and we have no home now to which we can go, and with sickness — and even death staring us in the face now, because we do not know whether my mother will recover or not — but surely there must be some justice, even though the Lighthouse Department is not sufficiently interested to see that its personnel receives it.

Time and again charges have been made against this man, complaints of a most serious nature, yet for five years he, the head-keeper of this station, has been able to get away with everything short of murder. A chief clerk at Staten Island is in the position of being able to prevent these complaints from ever reaching the proper authorities. This man simply destroys them, and so nothing is ever done. People who live on the shore here have reported incidents time after time, and ships have reported the light or fog signal

not in operation many times, only to have nothing come of it. The island here has been an arsenal with guns and ammunition, clocks, etc., stolen from New Haven manufacturers. The head-keeper has nearly put one local lobsterman out of business through stealing his lobsters, and nearly all the lobstermen in Guilford know that their pots have continually been pulled and the lobsters taken to New Haven. Government records are continually being falsified, false charts to show fog signal in operation when it was not in operation. Our mail has been stolen — only two weeks ago a parcel containing some things for my sister was opened and two booklets definitely known to have been in the parcel are right at this moment in the head keeper's book-case. Yet with all these things going on, and hundreds more large and small, we can do nothing. Our voice can no more be heard in protest, than were the voices

of others who attempted to protect but received the same injustice that we are now scheduled to receive because we are in the way, as others have been in the way, of the head-keepers of this station. As a matter of fact similar conditions exist here and there at other light stations. The light-house service was taken away from the Navy and put in the Department of Commerce about twenty years ago, for what reason I do not know but I do know that if you knew the actual conditions now prevailing in the light-house service you would have it back under the Navy again, where it really belongs, for many reasons.

No specific charges have I made in this letter, as these can wait until later, for the reason that I do not want to take up any more of your time than is actually necessary just

now. What we hope — what we beg of you to do — is that you will have conditions on this island investigated independently of the lighthouse service, having testimony taken from former assistant keepers and from reputable people in Guilford who know the story as it really is. And above all, on our bended we implore, please compel the lighthouse service to refrain from putting us off this island until our story has been heard in full by an impartial and just as well as competent, official. If I may presume to do so, I should like to request that Lieut. Commander R. E. Keating, U. S. N., now stationed at Yale University and readily available, or Lieut. Commander Kneffler McGuinness, U. S. N., if available — both of whom are former shipmates and naval officers of the

very highest type — be detailed as a special investigator to look into the conditions prevailing here, and to make a complete report on just what is found. Only a very few hours would be consumed in doing this, and I am confident that such an investigation would be worth-while for many reasons in addition to the one of obtaining justice for our family, even though this latter is the main motive which prompts my request.

And so, assuring you of our high regard for you as our President, and placing our hopes for the future in you and your clearly demonstrated high sense of justice for all, I remain

Respectfully yours
Arthur G. Burt

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington.

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The following-named men, all of whom are well-known and highly-reputable citizens of the town of Guilford, Conn., are familiar with the light House situation here and will be glad, I know, to give any information to assist in conducting a full investigation. They are familiar with the character of Arthur J. Münzner, head keeper of the Faulkner's Island light station:

Louis Jacobo - owner of power-boat Sandpiper
Res. 450 Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.
Charles Kehres - ret'd.
Res. 49 Church Street, Guilford, Conn.
Joseph S. Nolan - owner of power-boat Genevieve
Res. Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.
Francis Nolan - owner of power-boat Maria,
Res. Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.
Harry Griswold - owner of power-boat Echo,
Res. 378 Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.
Harold Hall - owner of power-boat Ellen H.
Res. 456 Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.
Reuben Hill - owner of power-boat Anna,
Res. Seaside Avenue, Guilford, Conn.
Thomas Stannard - owner of power-boat Dolphin
Res. Point Road, Guilford, Conn.
William Plumley, owner of power-boat Osprey
Res. Whitfield Street, Guilford, Conn.

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Byron Benton, well-known groceryman,
Res. market Place, Guilford, Conn.
Harry Durant, Esq., ret'd lawyer, owner and
Res. of the Hr. Lyman Beecher House,
Whitfield street, Guilford, Conn.
David Parmelee, N.Y., N.H. + Hartford Railroad Co.,
Res. 58 High[illegible] Street, Guilford, Conn.

7/24/34 wrote Burt - - -
copy 834

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
June 4, 1934.

RECEIVED JUL 6 10 AM 9:02 LIGHTHOUSES

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

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FWO:ECL

Office, Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
Staten Island, N.Y., July 18, 1934.

1. Returned to the Commissioner. The writer of the above letter is a brother of Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper of Falkner's Island Light Station. Arthur G. Burt, who has never been employed by this Service, has lived with his brother at the station since October, 1933. Five other members of his family and relatives have also lived at the station for several months past. While this office was aware of the fact that Asst. Keeper Burt, a single man, proposed to have his father and mother live with him, and made no objection thereto, it was not known until recently that there was a total of six relatives living there, all without service permission or authority. Arthur G. Burt, who it seems has not worked for several years, moved to the station together with his wife and child, apparently taking advantage of the fact that Asst. Keeper Burt had a job and living quarters. He did the same thing when Asst. Keeper Burt was employed at Little Gull Island Light Station, where he lived on several occasions for more or less extended periods, the last period having been from

Rec Supt's remarks in case of charges by asst Keeper against Keeper

attached writes Burt a letter R/7/19

December 1930 until March 1931, when Asst. Keeper Burt was instructed to terminate the residence of his brother at the station, his presence there having been found to be objectionable. Copies of the following correspondence are enclosed:

Letter March 8, 1931 from Keeper, Little Gull Island Light
Letter March 14, 1931, from Keeper, Little Gull Island Light
Letter March 21, 1931, to 2nd Asst. Keeper Burt.

2.The many charges contained in Mr. Burt's letter, while vicious in the terms used, consist of general statements with no definite information or specific occurrence being supplied. This office finds no basis of fact for the charges which were evidently designed to bring the Keeper of the station into disrepute and to reflect discredit upon the Service as a whole. It is to be particularly noted that Asst. Keeper Burt has, with the exception of letter of June 11, re boats, made no complaints, and now has none to make in reference to the Keeper, his position, or the Service. Asst. Keeper Burt recently volunteered the information that he had never made any complaints since he has been in the Service with the sole exception of his letter of June 11, which complaint was found to be unjustified, and was evidently instigated by a person other than Asst. Keeper Burt.

3. Arthur G. Burt resided at the station from October, 1933 to June, 1934. It appears that until recently the fact that six relatives were living with Asst. Keeper Burt caused no trouble at the station with the exception of dissention at times among the Burt relatives, which might naturally be expected with seven persons living in the quarters. Until recently the Keeper had permitted the Burt family to use his personally owned power boat; as the Keeper considered that they were not properly caring for the boat when loaned to them, he advised that the practice of loaning the boat would be discontinued. This, it appears, did not meet with the approval of Arthur G. Burt, and resulted in ill feeling between Mr. Burt and the Keeper, and evidently is the underlying reason for the letter addressed to the President.

4. The nature of Arthur G. Burt's complaint concerning Falkner Island Light Station is quite similar to complaint and criticisms made by him relative to Little Gull Island Light Station when he resided there with Asst. Keeper Burt, and concerning which there is enclosed copy of memo of March 20, 1931.

5. The nature of Mr. Burt's letter of May 23, 1934, and subject of interview of March 20, 1931, indicate the possibility of ill health, and in any case show that he is an undesirable person to have residing at a Light Station.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENTOF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Little Gull Island

March 8, 1931.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Advice as to what should be done in the following subject.

Sir:

There is a relative of a keeper of this station making an indefinite but lengthy visit who has the symtoms of tuberculosis. It has been brought to my attention more or less directly, and indirectly, and although it has frequently been denied it has become to noticable to be ignored. I am afraid his continual and careless coughing and expectoration will endanger the health of those coming in contact with him.

I have asked him to go and get a certificate of health from the Marine Hospital, but he refuses to do this unless I give him a written order to be examined by any doctor he chooses to go to. This I told him I would not do, as I believe I would be exceeding my authority.

His reason for staying here is that he is waiting fo be assigned to a merchant ship.

He is a veteran of the World War so I think I am right in assuming that there are hospitals to care for a man in the condition I believe him to be in.

My position in regards to this is an unpleasant one, and I do not wish to be unjust so please state what I should do in this matter.

The man's name is Arthur G. Burt, brother to the 2nd Asst. Keeper of this station, Dana L. Burt.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. M. Whitford,
Keeper.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Little Gull Island

March 14, 1931.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Arthur G. Burt

Reference: Your letter March 10, 1931.

Sir:

The above mentioned has resided here since December 22, 1930, before that date was here on several visits during the summer and fall of 1930.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. M. Whitford,
Keeper.

Copy:ECL

March 21, 1931.

Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Little Gull Island Light Station,
Fort Michie,
Gull Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Visits of relatives.

It has come to the attention of this office that you have had a brother visiting and living with you at Little Gull Island Light Station on several occasions for mor or less extended periods, the last period having been from about December 20, 1930, up to the present time. Your attention is invited to the fact that quarters are provided at certain Light Stations, including Little Gull Island Light Station, for the families of the keepers there employed, which cannot be interpreted as including relatives. While this office has no objection ordinarily to a keeper having relatives or friends visiting for a bried interval of time, there is no authority whatever for your action in having your brother reside with you at the station for such an extended period as three months' time, since such residence at a station is obviously not a visit. Your attention is invited to paragraph (b), section 167, of Instructions to Employees pertaining to the matter of authority to have relatives or friends as visitors at a station. You having had your brother reside with you for a period of approximately three months without any authority whatever, you ae instructed to see to it that your brother referred to does not reside at the station after the receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

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Copy forwarded to Keeper, Little Gull Island Light Station, attention being invited to his letters of March 8 and 14, 1931.

J. T. YATES.

Copy: ECL

March 20, 1931.

MEMORANDUM

Kpr whitford

1. A Mr. Burt, brother of the 2nd Assistant Keeper of Little Gull Island Light Station, called at this office at 3:15 p.m. to-day. He opened his conversation by stating that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were very bad; that the Keeper was unscrupulous; that he was the subject of gossip; and that he acted as though he were king at the station. He stated that he had written up some notes, and that so far as he had gone he had something over 50 pages, but that they were not in shape to submit and asked if I would examine them informally and discuss the matter. I told him that any transactions with this office necessarily had to be formal and official, and that it would therefore be useless to examine his memorandum (which was to be returned to him) and discuss its contents, and that if he felt that conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were not as they should be, the proper procedure was to submit the matter in writing with all corroborative evidence available, and that upon its receipt, the matter would be looked into. He then stated that it was a long story, and that he did not have a stenographer, and that it would cost him $5.00 or $10.00 to write up all his notes. He continued a long conversation, more or less disconnected and in practically all respects indefinite, all of which was intended to indicate that the Keeper at Little Gull Island Light Station was an unsuitable man to have in the Service, repeatedly interjecting in his remarks that he was not bringing the mayter to make trouble for anyone, and stating incidentally that the two assistant keepers, one of which is his brother, were very good men, also stating that they both knew of many things at the station that were not as they should be, but did not report them as they felt that this office would view any complaint as indicating that they were trying to get the Keeper's job. He stated that he had visited at the station several times since his brother had been there, and stated that he had just come from the station. He was asked how long he had been at the station on this last visit, and he stated since December 20, 1930. He said that his brother had been boarding with the keeper, and that since he had visited at the station he had done the cooking, and that this situation was disliked by the Keeper since he then received no board money from the 2nd Assistant. He started to talk in an inferential way indicating that the Keeper's wife was not of good repute, and then stated that he would say no more as he did not want to bring up a personal matter. He stated that he was a licensed steamboat man; had worked for the Shipping Board at some time, was familiar with many investigations that they have held, and he thought that we would receive information informally in

lieu of requiring written information or evidence. He said the keeper looked upon him as a disturbing element, as he had called the keeper's attention to different things that were not right. Said fog signal was not always started when fog closed in. Said Keeper claimed he had T.B., and in explanation said oneof Keeper's children dropped a varnish brush on the deck which left a spot of varnish, and keeper came along and slipped on it, and keeper then stated Burt had spit on deck, that he had T.B., and should be examined, etc. Burt states he hasn't T.B., and is not worrying about it, and told the keeper so, and that he wouldn't be examined without an order from the Keeper. He was again advised that if he would submit in writing his claims as to the bad conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station, the matter would be investigated. After some further talk, he stated that he would make such a report, and left the office.

2. From this man's line of talk and attitute, it is quite likely that he is a disturbing element at the Station.

Ockenfels

July 24, 1934.

Mr. Arthur C. Burt,
Box 167,
Guilford, Conn.

D L Burt, Keeper

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your letter of May 23, relative to conditions said to exist at Falkner Island Light Station where your brother is the assistant keeper:

This matter has been carefully investigated and it has been found that you and your wife and child and other relatives have been living with the assistant keeper at the station for a considerable period. It appears that the keeper of the station had permitted you and other members of the family to use his personally owned power boat but that he later withdrew his permission for this which produced ill feeling between you and your relatives and the keeper of the station. The inharmonious conditions existing at the station is considered detrimental to the Service and steps have been taken toward its correction.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

RF

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash. Copy to B.A. Supt.

Falkner's Island Lighthouse,
Guilford, Conn.,
June 11,1934



Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 JUN-14- AM 9:01

Subject: Complaint.

Copy sent to the Third District, Staten Island, N.Y., since the keeper refused to sign.

6/14/34 2nd. & 3d 7/26/34 Reprimanded Burt.

Sir:

I, Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper of the Falkner's Island Light, was granted permission to go ashore for food and medical attention for my mother who is ill on the island, but the keeper, Arthur Minzner, refused to allow me to use his boat, said boat being the only one on the reservation which is capable of sustaining a run from the Light to the Town of Guilford.

Minzner explained that he wanted to have his boat available to entertain some friends and that forced me to flag a passing lobsterman, pay him for bringing me ashore and forced me further to hire another boatman to sail me back to the Island on the following day.

Further, I had not been ashore for more than three weeks, simply because the keeper refused to maintain the condition of the Government boat. While the Keeper owns the boat, I charge that he operates it both officially and for the entertainment of his friends at the expense of the Federal Government in the matter of gasoline and oil. Since he is keeper and I am the assistant, there is nothing I can do either toward insisting upon the maintenance of the Government boat or the securing of his personally-owned boat in order to obtain the prerequisites of food and medical attention when they are needed and needed badly. In other words, the man can maroon me on the the Island at will.

The keeper's attitude has not only forced me to gamble on my chances of getting ashore and back, but has made it necessary for me to rent a skiff from one J.S.Dolan,jr., in order that I can travel back and forth when it is necessary.

The keeper resents the fact that while I am unmarried I have family obligations and can hardly refuse my aged and indigent parents my support. I feel that his personal feelings should not jeopardize the very life of my chief dependent and the fact that he has permitted the tender to become useless only adds to the negligence of his job. In other words, since he is the "boss" of the place, I believe it is his job to at least see to it that the station and shore be available insofar as human ingenuity will permit.

On the basis of these complaints, I respectfully request an investigation of the conditions prevailing upon Falkner's Island be made with the view to correcting a plain case of maladministration.

My attitude is indorsed by most of the boatmen of Guilford,

Respectfully,

Letter unsigned, but may have been inadvertent, States he is Asst Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1934.

Letter dated June 11, (unsigned) addressed from Falkner Island Light Station, Guilford, Conn. re conditions at station.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for report and return in connection with report to the Bureau which is now pending from your office in the case of a complaint of Arthur G. Burt against the keeper of Falkner Island Station.

For the Commissioner:

(Signed) W. P. Harman
W. P. HARMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
July 18, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner. This office has received letter of the same date, similar to the attached, except that it was addressed to this office and signed by Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper.

2. The following is enclosed for the Bureau's information:-

Copy of letter of May 14 from the Keeper
" " " " May 14 " " "
" " " " May 14 " " Asst. Keeper
" " " " May 16 " " Keeper
" " " " June 11 " " Asst. Keeper
" " " " June 13 to " Keeper
" " " " June 18 from " Keeper
" " report of Asst. Superintendent Ockenfels and Asst. Engineer Lamb, who visited the station on June 14.
Copy of letter of June 19 from the Keeper
" " " " June 19 " " "
" " " " June 19 " Ernest White
" " " " July 2 to the Keeper
" " " " July 5 from " "
" " report " June 26 " Mech. F.C.Yawger
" " letter of charges of July 2 to Asst. Keeper Burt.
" " letter of July 7 from Asst. Keeper Burt.
" " " " July 8 " the Keeper.
" " " " July 7 " " "

3. The origin of the trouble at Falkner Island Light Station is evidently the excessive number of relatives (six) who have been living with the Asst. Keeper, Dana L. Burt, for a number of months past. It appears that for a time conditions were amiable; later there were family differences among the relatives, and finally Arthur G. Burt, brother of Asst. Keeper Burt, developed an antagonistic attitude, apparently due to the fact that the Keeper discontinued the practice of loaning his personally-owned power boat to Asst. Keeper Burt and his relatives. There is also to be considered the Asst. Keeper's use of intoxicants.

4. Item a of charges of July 2nd is necessarily proven, as the keepers at this and other 2-keeper stations are not permitted to be absent for more than 48 consecutive hours without previous authority from this office and furnishing a substitute. Attempt has been made to obtain corroboration of item b of charges of July 2nd, which is not a simple matter in any case of this character, there being only service employees residing on Falkner Island, and since disinterested people ashore are usually disinclined to become involved in such cases. There is, however, reason to believe that the charge is based on fact. Paragraph 5 of report of F. C. Yawger dated June 26th refers to a restaurant patronized by Mr. Burt when his mother was sick (May 7-13), the proprietor of which would not say that Burt was intoxicated, stating that he was "on the spot" since he was not supposed to sell beverages to a man who was intoxicated. Item c of charges of July 2nd is not corroborated due to lack of disinterested residents on Falkner Island. While Mr. Burt denies the charge, it is to be noted that the keeper's report of June 19th relates a clear and definite description of circumstances and occurrences of June 18th, and this office is of the belief that it is founded on fact.

5. In connection with the foregoing, attention is invited to letter of July 7th from the Keeper reporting another occurrence of Mr. Burt being under the influence of intoxicants, and in that instance incapacitated for the performance of station duty. Further charges on account of this occurrence would appear to serve no useful purpose, since Asst. Keeper Burt would undoubtedly deny the charge.

6. In instances such as this, where it is principally one man's word against another's, it is to a considerable extent waste of time and expense to carry on extended correspondence, and it is considered that the case should be judged on available information, giving credence according to the service reputation of those concerned. In this case, the keeper has heretofore been found to be reliable and truthful, and has kept a good station. The Asst. Keeper recently admitted falsely stat-

ing that the keeper refused to sign his letter of June 11th, which letter was of a malicious character. In January, 1932, when under investigation for absence without leave, he emphatically denied that he had been drunk, but subsequently explained that such was the case when answering charges of absence from duty without leave. Copy of Mr. Burt's letter of January 17th, 1932, is enclosed. Under the circumstances, statements by the Keeper are considered to be the more worthy of belief.

7. It is recommended that Asst. Keeper Burt be cautioned reprimanded for

Falsely stating that the Keeper refused to sign his letter of June 11th.

Forwarding complaint of June 11th with malicious intent.

Disregard of Instructions to Employees by permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority.

Exceeding authorized leave from May 10th to 13th.

Excessive use of intoxicants to an extent that interferes with the proper performance of duty (Paragraph 120, section (d) of Instructions to Employees).

and that he be transferred as soon as practicable to the position of 1st Assistant or 2nd Assistant Keeper at another station without family quarters.

8. In this connection, attention is invited to another indorsement of this date regarding letter of May 23rd addressed to the President by Arthur G. Burt, brother of Asst. Keeper Burt.

This seems a good disposition of case

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service
LIGHTHOUSES

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Third District
Falkners Island

May 14, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Mr. Burt's Family.

Mr. Burt Asst. keeper came on this station Oct. 1st, 1933, a few months later he brought his mother, father, sister, brother, his brothers wife and their child. Since his family have been here there is continual quarreling among themselves. It gets so on Asst. Burt's nerves, everytime he goes to shore he comes back under the influence of liquor.

On April 22 I told Asst Burt it would be best to have his brother leave, as it seems to be his brother and sister are causing all the trouble, but his brother refuses to do so. Asst. Burt's people own their home on shore and it is vacant.

Asst. Burt left this station Monday May 7th at 4.00 P.M. returned Tuesday at 5:30 P.M. with the doctor, left again at 6.00 P.M. to take the doctor to shore and did not return until Sunday May 13th.

The family seem to be causing all the trouble and worry to Asst. Burt on the Island. When Mr. North was with us everything went along smoothly, but since Asst. Burt's family and relatives of seven in all have come out here, conditions have been unbearable.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island

May 14, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Subject: Asst. Burts overleave:

If this over leave was investigated it would be found, that Asst. Burt was in Guilford intoxicated all week, when he brought the doctor out Tuesday he was very much under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Falkner Island
May 14, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Absence over leave.

Sir

Having been compelled to bring a doctor out to this island to attend my mother who was taken seriously ill as the result of conditions here, and also to take the doctor ashore and to attent to certain matters of vital importance I request that I be granted an additional four days leave this month to make up for the time thus consumed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Dana L. Burt
1st Asst. Keeper.

(Signed) A. J. Minzner
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Falkners Island
May 16, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Subject: D. L. Burt, Asst. Keeper.
Reference: Your letter May 21, 1934.

In my letter of May 14, 1934 when I stated Asst. Burt was very much under the influence of liquor on May 8th, I mean by the look of his eyes blood shot and half closed, his unsteady step, and his lack of proper speech and the distint ordor of liquor on him. I think Dr. Anderson of Whitfield St Guilford as a man of honor, he was the doctor in charge, could corroborate my statement.

In my second letter of May 14 when I stated about Mr. Burts family affairs I know only what Asst Burt and his father told me, as on April 6th 1934 when Asst Burt came back under the influence of liquor I spoke to him about it, he informed me that his family worries and expense was enough to drive any man to drink, as his brother and sister in law agreed to pay half the expense and did not live up to the agreement. If Asst. Burt didn't have these worries, I think he would be a good man, as I have no fault to find with his work, and I don't think he would drink so.

The following dates are when he came back under the influence of liquor. April 6, 1934 April 9th and May 8th 1934.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

June 13,1934

Arthur J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Complaint and charges of Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Assistant Keepers letter of June 11,1934.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter of June 11, 1934 from Assistant Keeper Dana L. Burt, which bears the notation that you refused to sign it.

2. You are directed to advise this office promptly as to why the letter referred to was not forwarded to this office with proper comment, as specifically required by Paragraph 69 Section (g), Page 29 of Instructions to Employees.

3. You are further directed to submit promptly such comment and explanation as you may have to offer in reference to the several complaints and charges as contained in letter of June 11th from the Assistant Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst.Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Falkner's Island Light
June 11, 1934.

Copy to Washington, since
Keeper refused to sign.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Complaint.

Sir:

I, Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper of the Falkner's Island Light, was granted permission to go ashore for food and medical attention formy mother who is ill on the island, but the keeper, Arthur Minzner, refused to allow me to use his boat, said boat being the only one on the reservation which is capable of sustaining a run from the light to the Town of Guilford.

Minzner explained that he wanted to have his boat available to entertain some friends and that forced me to flag a passing lobsterman, to take me ashore and forced me further to hire another boatman to sail me back to the Island the following day.

Further, I had not been ashore for more than three weeks, while the Keeper owns the boat, I charge that he operates it both officially and for the entertainment of his friends at the expense of the Federal Government in the matter of gasoline and oil. Since he is Keeper and I am the assistant, there is nothing I can do either toward insisting upon the maintenance of the Government boat or the securing of his personally-owned boat in order to obtain the prerequisites of food and medical attention when they are needed and needed badly. In other words, the man can maroon me on the island at will.

The Keeper's attitude has not only forced me to gamble on my chances of getting ashore and back, but it has made it necessary for me to rent a skiff from one J. S. Dolan,Jr., in order that I can travel back and forth when it is necessary. The Keeper resents the fact that while I am unmarried I have family obligations and can hardly refuse my aged and indigent parents my support. I feel that his personal feelings should not jeopardize the very life of my chief dependent and the fact that he has permitted the tender to become useless only adds to his negligence of his job. In other words, since he is the "boss" of this place, it is, I believe, his job to at least see to it that the station and shore be available insofar as human ingenuity will permit.

On the basis of complaints, I respectfully request an investigation of the conditions prevailing upon Falkner's Island be made with the view to correcting a plain case of maladministration.

My attitude is indorsed by most of the boatman of Guilford.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.Kpr

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DEPARTMENTOF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District

Falkners Island
June 18, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Complaint and charges of Asst. Keeper.
Reference: Your letter of June 13, 1934.

I had absolutely no knowledge of any letter Asst Burt wrote to the office. He positively did not recommend it to me for signing. In the six years I have been on this station I have never refused to sign any official mail for any keeper. If Asst Burt sent the complaint on Government stationery, he must have come in my quarters during my absence and taken Government stationery from my desk, as he did not ask me for any stationery. Furthermore, I was on leave of absence from June 10th to June 12th and his letter was dated June 11th 1934.

My boat which Asst. Burt refers to has been on this station for the past ten years and has been sold from one keeper to another. And has always been used by both keeper and Asst. for Government purposes. As my boat has only been used for official purposes and has only been from this Island to Guilford shore and used by the Keeper and Asst. Keeper. I did not think we were doing wrong by using the Government gas as this has been the practice of keepers since the boat has been on this station. We never used Government oil in my boat, as my motor calls for a heavy oil. Asst Burt came here Oct 1st 1933 and has used my boat inclusive up to June 7th 1934. I repeatedly warned him about coming back to the station in my boat under the influence of liquor, and after he and his father stayed in Guilford for a week from May 7th to May 13th with my boat the day after they had the doctor for the mother I thought it my duty to refuse him the use of my boat when necessary. I had my boy out here and was supposed to bring him in to school Wed. May 9th and had to depend on one of the lobster men to bring him in on Sunday, May 13th a few hours before Asst. Burt and his father returned to the station. Neither he nor his father were thinking of medical aid during that week for the mother who is supposed to be sick in bed. His brother has been to shore during the month of May I have taken his father to shore for supplies, as Asst. Burt has not asked to go in.

He claims he had to hire a skiff from J. S. Dolan Jr. to travel back and forth to shore. The Government boat is on the dock for his use at any time, also the Government outboard motor which is in running condition. He, also, owns an outboard motor.

The skiff he claims to have hired from J. S. Dolan for the express purpose of coming to the station, did not arrive here until June 13th, 1934, and he made the complaint on June 11, 1934.

He also claims his attitude is endorsed by most of the boatmen of Guilford, Since April 22, 1934 when I told Asst. Burt it would be best to have his brother leave the Island, his brother, his father, and Asst. Burt have continually told lies to the boatmen of Guilford to

try to cause trouble for me, as several told me he was out to"get me"
I trust this satisfies all charges.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

June 18, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Falkners Island Light Station.

Reference: Orders June 13th.

1. On June 14th we visited above station to ascertain conditions and the cause of the lack of harmony, if any, between the Keeper and Asst. Keeper as indicated by recent correspondence.

2. We found that the Keepers, by their attitude and own admission, to be on good terms with each other, and working in harmony, each calling the other by their first names, and neither having any complaint to make concerning the other as to working conditions or performance of duties.

3. The Keeper's family consists of himself and wife.

4. The Asst. Keeper has no family, but has had living with him at the station the following:

His father, who came to station in October, 1933.
His brother, " " " " " October, "
His mother, " " " " " December, "
His brother's wife, " " " " April, 1934
His brother's child," " " " " "
His sister, who came to " " " "

5. The Keeper stated that he considered the Asst. Keeper to be a good man so far as work is concerned, and that there had been no difficulties on the station until after the various relatives of the Asst. Keeper came to live at the station, and that dissention among themselves was a trouble and worry to the Asst. Keeper - and disagreeable to all on the station, which is a small island with no residents except the Keepers and families.

6. The Keeper stated that he had no trouble with either the Asst. Keeper or his relatives until about a month ago, when he advised the Asst. Keeper and his brother thathe could not allow them to borrow and use his personally-owned power boat in the future. It appears, according to the Keeper as well as the

Keeper, that the Keeper had permitted the Asst. Keeper his relatives to freely use his power boat with practically no restrictions; the Keeper stated that due to the fact that they did not see fit to use the boat properly, but dragged it up on the rocks which would ultimately damage it, he felt that he was obliged to discontinue loaning the boat in the future. This apparently angered the Asst. Keeper's brother and created ill feeling between the Keeper and the Asst. Keeper's brother, and the Keeper, feeling that the brother was a distrubing element on the station, advised the Asst. Keeper that it was desirable that the Asst. Keeper have his brother move away from the station. The Asst. Keeper later notified the Keeper that his brother refused to leave the station unless he received written orders to do so.

7. In the meantime the Asst. Keeper's mother was taken seriously sick, which, with the general dissention, caused the Asst. Keeper much worry, and the Keeper apologetically indicated that the worry and trouble was no doubt the reason for the Asst. Keeper drinking when he went ashore. The Asst. Keeper's brother together with wife and child, left the station about a week ago, it being stated that the wife required an operation or medical attention. Since the brother has left the station, the feeling that had existed has almost entirely disappeared, which indicates that the brother of the Asst. Keeper was the principal, if not the entire cause of trouble at the station.

8. Asst. Keeper Dana L. Burt, when questioned, stated that trouble at the station started from differences between the Keeper and his (Burt's) brother, and that when the brother was told that he should leave the station he (the brother) stated that if the Keeper got him off of the station, he (Asst. Keeper's brother) would get the Keeper off, also stating that his brother had written a letter to Washington about the station. He further stated that he personally had always gotten along well with the Keeper, and did now. He however, did not feel entirely satisfied in reference to the Keeper discontinuing the practice of loaning his power boat. He had to admit that the boat was the Keeper's personal property, and that it was a generous act on his part to loan it at any time. He was reminded that there were two 14' boats on the station for official use and apparently in good order, and comparatively new, and also an outboard motor to use with them. He took the stand that they were not fit for use, and when called upon to show the reason, stated that the centerboard stuck in one, the hinged strap that holds mast in position was missing on one, and each boat had one rudder gudgeon missing. He was advised that these were minor matters, the correction of which was entirely within the power of the Keepers and part of their job, as well

as the upkeep of the outboard motor which he intimated was not in good order. His letter of June 11th which refers to the matter of boats was discussed in connection with the foregoing, and he was advised that the facts failed to justify his complaint on that subject, since there are two 14 ft. combination row and sailboats with equipment at the station and in serviceable condition as well as an outboard motor. When questioned more in detail concerning the various matters in his letter of June 11th, he seemed to experience difficulty in understanding the questions or the subject matter in his letter on which the questions were based, and finally volunteered the information that a friend ashore (possibly his brother) helped him write the letter, and that he did not fully understand some of the words in the letter. When asked what he meant by "a plain case of maladministration" he, after hesitating, said he thought it would include the case of his mother who is ill in his quarters. Other incidents showed limited capabilities. The use of Government gasoline in the Keeper's boat was taken up in connection with his letter of June 11. He stated that his report was true. He was advised that his report was verified by the Keeper who had readily admitted the use of the gasoline, and that the Keeper believed the practice proper since the boat was used for official business. Both the Keeper and the Asst. were plainly advised that the gasoline was supplied for use in the Government equipment only, and should not be used in personal boats or other personal equipment. The Asst. Keeper admitted having used the Keeper's power boat and with it used the Government gasoline on numberless occasions, but that it never occurred to him that his letter incriminated himself as well as the Keeper. He then stated that he had an outboard motor of his own which he had not previously used, but was overhauling, and asked if it would not be all right for him to use Government gasoline in it.

9. Asst. Keeper Burt's letter of June 11 bears the notation "Copy to Washington since Keeper refused to sign." The Keeper having denied that he had refused to sign, and forward this or any other letter written by the Asst. Keeper, stated that he had no knowledge of the letter, and it having been noted that the Keeper was not on the station on June 11, he having been on liberty from June 10 to 12, Mr. Burt was asked to describe the incident of the Keeper refusing to sign his letter. As he made no response he was asked to state what the Keeper had said when he refused to sign the letter. He finally stated that the Keeper had not seen and had not been asked to sign the letter. When asked for explanation of his notation on the letter he said that at some time in the past the Keeper had said that he would not forward complaints by Asst. Keepers, and he therefore mailed the letter without ascertaining whether

or not the Keeper would sign and forward it. When asked what he meant by the Keeper's negligence of his job as referred to in his letter, he made no reply and did not seem to understand what the term meant. When reminded that he had written the letter and should know what he was talking about, he stated that it only had reference to the condition of the station boats.

10. When questioned concerning his reference to complaints in the latter part of his letter of June 11, he again made no reply, and indicated lack of understanding. When asked if he had ever made any complaints, he replied that he had not, other than his letter of June 11.

11. He was questioned in regard to the matter of use of liquor, intoxication, etc., and stated that he did not use hard liquor, but did drink beer when ashore, and insisted that he had not been intixicated either ashore or on the station, and that while he drank beer he was always able to perform his duties when he returned to the station from shore. The Keeper, who had reported that the Asst. had been in the habit of returning from shore under the influence of liquor, had previously been questioned on the subject, and stated that his report was based on his observation of the Asst., that his eyes would look bad and bloodshot, unsteady step and speech, and the odor of liquor; he stated, however, when questioned, that the condition of the Asst. Keeper had never been such, when he returned from shore, that he could not start the engines, light up, or do other station work.

Summary

12. The report of the Keeper as to the Asst. Keeper returning to the station under the influence of liquor is probably based on fact, but there is no proof or evidence to corroborate the Keeper's report. In this connection it is to be noted that Mr. Burt was cautioned by letter of January 20, 1932, for overstaying leave, which by his own admission in reply to charges, was partially due to intoxication.

13. The letter of complaint dated June 11 from Asst. Keeper Burt commences with an admitted misrepresentation of fact, in stating that the Keeper refused to sign it. Investigation of the subject matter of the letter disclosed only one item that might properly justify a complaint - the claim that the Keeper uses Government gasoline in his personally-owned power boat. This was readily admitted by the Keeper, who stated that he thought it proper since the boat was used for official purposes in preference to the Government outboard motor. The Asst. Keeper admitted using the Keeper's boat and using Government gasoline with

it, and accordingly his complaint is applicable to himself as well as the Keeper. The Asst. Keeper could not show justification for other complaints and statements contained in his letter which, while designed to reflect discredit upon the Keeper, is couched in language that he himself did not understand, which indicated that the letter was prepared by another person antagonistic to the Keeper, and that the Assist. Keeper was unwittingly used as the means of fomenting trouble and attempting to discredit the Keeper and his management of the Station.

Recommendations

1. That Keeper Minzner be instructed to discontinue the use of Government gasoline in his personal boat. In connection with this matter, it may be stated that the station is allowed a given amount of gasoline for the Keepers to make the necessary boat trips to and from shore; while the use of the gasoline in a personally owned boat instead of using a government owned boat served the purpose of transportation for which it was intended, and although there was evidently no intent of wrong doing in so using the gasoline, it is not considered to be practicable to approve of the continuance of this practice.

2. That Asst. Keeper Burt be cautioned for falsely stating that the Keeper refused to sign his letter of June 11; forwarding letter of complaint of June 11 with malicious intent and not only failing, with one exception, to show that complaints made were justified, but evidencing a lack of understanding of the meaning or intent of some portions of the letter of complaint, indicating affiliation with some other person or persons for the purpose of weakening the lawful authority of and lessening the respect due the Keeper; and for disregard of Par. 167 of Instructions to Employees by permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months past without first obtaining authority; also that he be advised that while information indicating recent intoxication on his part has not yet been verified, in view of one of the admitted causes of letter of caution of January 20, 1932, attention is invited to Par. 6 and 120 of Instructions to Employees which provide a drastic penalty for violation thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. OCKENFELS,
Assistant Superintendent.

R. G. LAMB
Assistant Engineer.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENTOF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island,
June 19, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Subject: Recording clock.

On June 18, 1934 I went to shore at 6 A.M. with official mail, on my return at 4:30 P.M., when about a quarter of a mile from the station I noticed Asst. Burt lying up against the oil house. His sister saw the boat coming and came down and brought Asst. Burt upstairs.

When I arrived at the dock Asst. Burt was not there, which convinced me something was wrong, as we are always at the dock to help each other on landing. I then went to my quarters and called Asst. Burt. his sister answered and ask what I wanted, I said I wish to speak to Dana, she said Dana has a bad sunburn. I said that should not keep him from talking to me. She then replied Well he is sleeping and will be down later. I knew Asst. Burt was not sleeping as it was only ten minutes before I saw him enter the house with his sister.

At six P.M. Asst. Burts father came to my quarters and asked if I had any objections to him lighting up for Dana as he had a bad sunburn. I replied if Dana is not able to light up, I will light up for him, but I wish to see him first in the engine room. At 6:40 P.M. Asst. Burt came to the engine room. As soon as I saw him I knew he had been drinking and informed him of the fact. He admitted he had, but claimed he was not drunk and could light up.

He then told me he broke the hand off the recording clock and asked if I could solder it on. As it was getting dark I waited until next morning to repair it, and finished at 12 noon on the 19th.

Fog set in at 10:15 A.M. on the 19th, as I didn't get the hand repaired until noon kindly advise me what to do about the chart which I am enclosing.

By the looks of this chart, you can see Asst. Burt was not capable of handling it properly.

I am sending in Form 95 for a new recording clock hand as I don't know how long this one I repaired will last.

Respectfully,
(Signed) A. J. Minzner.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island
June 19, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Subject: Interview with Dr. Anderson.

I interviewed Dr. Anderson of Guilford, the doctor in charge of the Burt family, concerning the present affairs, and the trip he made out to this Island on May 8, 1934 with Asst. Burt under the influence of liquor.

He prefers to be interviewed by you rather than write. His quotation was Why don't they come to interview me.

It seems as tho Asst. Burt has been circulating false stories concerning the fee charged by the doctor, around Guilford, also he hasn't returned to him for service or consultation since his visit on May 8.

The doctor told me this and he is rather peeved as they have not paid him yet.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner.

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Guilford, Conn,
June 19, 1934.

FWO-JHG

To
Supt. of Light Houses
Arthur J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Connecticut.
Sir:

July 2,1934

Would say that Ass. Keeper Burt and his father was in my place of business nearly every day for a week, during the first part of May.

For further information may be seen at this address.

Yours Resp.

(Signed) Ernest White
Prop. of a Restaurant.

11 Boston St.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Arthur J. Minzner, Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Connecticut.

July 2,1934

SUBJECT: Lighting up, June 18th.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 19,1934.

1. Advise this office of the hours of the assistant keeper's watch on June 18th, and whether you or the Assistant Keeper lighted up at sunset on June 18th.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island
July 5, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.
Staten Island, N.Y.

Subject: Lighting up on June 18th.
Reference: Your letter of July 2, 1934.

As I went to shore at 6 A.M. on June 18th, Asst. Keeper Burt was on watch from 6 A.M. until 12 midnight. His regular watch was from 2 P.M. until 12 midnight.

Asst. Keeper Burt lighted up at sunset on June 18th, 1934.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

June 26, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.

SUBJECT: Personnel, Falkners Island.

1. On June 25th proceeded to Guilford, Conn., and interviewed the following people in regard to the personnel at Falkners Island Light Station: Dr. Anderson, Mr. Lou Jacobs, Mr. Harry Griswold, and Mr. Ernest White.

2. Information received from Dr. Anderson: On May 8th Mr. Burt and his father called at his office. Mr. Burt was excited and said that he had just received word that his mother had had a stroke and would he go out to the Light with him. Mr. Burt took the doctor and his father to the light. At this point I asked the doctor if in his opinion Mr. Burt was intoxicated at this time. He said that Mr. Burt might have had a couple of drinks, but was not intoxicated, was capable and gentlemanly all during his (the doctor's) time on the station and to and from the station.

I asked the doctor if he had seen Mr. Burt since his visit to the station, and he said he had not, that he really thought Mr. Burt was afraid to come in as there had been stories circulated around as to the exhorbitant price he had been charged for the trip to the light, but from what he, the doctor, had heard, the stories were started not by Mr. Burt, but by the Keeper of Falkners Island Light. Also that the Keeper had been to his office about six different times requesting him (the doctor) to write this office about Mr. Burt, some things that were not true, and which would be against Mr. Burt, which the doctor said he would not do. The doctor said he was concerned only in these men in a professional way, not as to their personal affairs, but he did hate to see the poor cuss (Burt) have something put over on him by that other fellow who was smarter in a slick way, than he was.

He also said in regards to payment of his bill that he had put a note in the Light Station mail box at Post Office requesting Mr. Burt to call on him and that he felt Mr. Burt was honest and was not trying to beat him out of the fee.

I asked the doctor if he thought, by his observation of Mr. Burt, if he was a heavy drinker or habitual drunkard, and he said he did not, that he thought Mr. Burt a man that could take a few drinks and carry on without it bothering him.

3. From Dr. Anderson's office went to the home of Mr. Lon Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs said he remembered time that Mr. Burt's mother was sick, and that the day Mr. Burt returned to the Light station he had stopped at Mr. Jacobs' house to use the telephone. Burt told Mr. Jacobs he was overtime. I asked Mr. Jacobs if Burt was intoxicated. He said no, he was not intoxicated, that Burt might have had a couple of drinks, but was normal in every way.

Mr. Jacobs stated that he had been leaving a quart of milk on the station most every day when he made the rounds of his lobster pots. I asked him if at any time when he was on the station or around it he had ever seen Burt intoxicated, and he stated that he had never seen him in that condition.

Mr. Jacobs also remarked during our conversation that Burt and his family were good, honest people, and that their being on the station had meant a good many hundred dollars to the lobstermen around there, as their pots had not been tampered with and the lobsters stolen as in previous years.

4. From Mr. Jacobs' house went to the home of Mr. Harry Griswold. Mr. Griswold said he had never seen Burt under the influence of liquor ashore or on the station. He also remarked as to the fact that his lobster pots had not been tampered with since the Burt family has been on the station.

5. Before leaving Guilford, talked with Mr. Ernest White, proprietor of a restaurant in Guilford. He said that he knew Burt and that Burt had been in his place around the time his mother was sick. I asked him Burt's condition. He would not say Burt was intoxicated, for he said I had him on the spot, as he was not supposed to sell beverages to a man that was intoxicated, but he did say that Burt had all he wanted to hold. Also stated that of the two men on the station Burt was the heaviest drinker.

Respectfully submitted:

F. C. Yawger,
Mechanician.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dana L. Burt, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station,
Guilford, Conn.

July 2,1934

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged:-

a - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority, in that you left the station at 4 P.M. on May 7,1934, two days shore liberty having been granted you, whereas you failed to return to the station for duty until May 13,1934.

b - With being under the influence of intoxicating liquor during the period of your absence from the station between May 7th and 13th.

c - With being under the influence of intoxicating liquor while on duty at Falkner Island Light Station to the extent that although the keeper called you when you were in your quarters at about 4:30 P.M. on June 18,1934, and notified your relative that he wished to see you, you failed to report to the keeper until about 6.40 P.M. on June 18th, at which time it appears that you admitted that you had been drinking, but claimed that you were not drunk.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from counter-charges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Copy:ECL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island,
July 7, 1934.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Answer to charges.
Reference: Your letter to me July 2, 1934.

Sir:

First I wish to make a general denial of said charges and suggest that they be proven if possible.

On May 7, 1934 I was granted leave in order to find a dwelling for my brother and his family also my sister. I was also told not to return until I had accomplished this. Then, it was necessary for me to have my father go to Brockton, Mass. regarding Home Loan Assistance. Red tape in both respects delayed us several days.

During the above mentioned period I was not drunk and I can prove it.

June 16 I was granted shore leave over night. I rowed ashore and rowed back June 17, June 18 the Keeper went ashore leaving orders for me to mow the lawn and work on the station out-board motor. Following the accomplishment of this work I became ill from an excessive dose of sunburn which forced me to go to bed. At 5:30 P.M. the Keeper returned and was met at the dock by my father. It was this, I understood, that led the Keeper to accuse me of being drunk. I admit that I did not get up immediately when the Keeper called me, but I was up and talking with him within a half hour. Furthermore I lit up the light at the proper time and stood my watch until midnight. I deny that I told the Keeper I had been drinking.

These are the facts and testify that they are true. I trust that this will be considered confined to the point at issue.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Dana L. Burt,
1st Asst. Kpr.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island
July 8, 1934.

Superintendentof Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Subject: Asst. Keeper Burt's letter.

On July 8th at 10:30 A.M. Asst. Burt asked for stationery to answer his charges. I gave him the registered letter on July 3rd at 6:00 P.M. At 3:00 P.M. on July 8th he came to see me in the boat house and said he had all ready signed the leave book and was going to shore, also handed me his letter to sign. The statements in his letter are all untrue.

Why should I send him to shore when his brother is capable of finding his own dwelling.

On June 18th when he put the light out I told him I was going in and left no orders for him at all. The outboard motor was in running order on June 16 and when he came back on June 17th he started it right up.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Falkners Island
July 7, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Subject: Asst. Burt intoxicated on station.

On Friday July 6th 1934 when I came on duty at 8 A.M. I noticed Asst. Burt under the influence of liquor. As we are painting the dwelling, I knew he was in no condition to go up on the scaffold, so I suggested we paint the brick foundation of the dwelling. It was then 9 A.M. He was so unsteady he got the grey paint all over the white and the print of his hand in grey on the side of the house where he had to steady himself, as he staggered so. I told him he was in no condition to paint he better cut the lawn, as I thought that would sober him up, and I would finish painting. His mother blew a whistle which is the signal they have of calling him. He did not answer her, so she came to the window and called him. He then went up to his quarters which was 10 A.M. and did not come down until lighting up time which was 7 P.M.

It seems he does just as his family tell him. I told him to cut the lawn and his mother called him from his work. Asst. Keeper's watch was from 12 midnight until 8 A.M. on the 6th and from 2.00 P.M. until midnight on the 6th.

We had a family visiting here, which could prove my statement. As the little girl six years old ran to her father and said Daddy that man is drunk. Asst. Burt also had his brother and family here from Sunday July 1st until Thursday July 5th.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. J. Minzner,
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(COPY:HR)

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 17, 1932

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Reference: Your letter of Jan. 15, 1932.

Subject: Absence from duty.

Sir:-

Acknowledging receipt of the above mentioned letter, and will answer charges preferred against me by Keeper Mr. Murray.

On January 6, 1932 I left this station for mail, supplies and the 2nd Asst. Keeper. After purchasing my supplies, I started for the light but as I got to the mouth of the river the seas were breaking dead on, so I knew at that point that I could not reach the light, so I decided to go back and wait to see if the weather would moderate. I tried several times afterwards but the seas were just about the same. So I then decided to come back. My attempts were unsuccessful. I then decided to secure the boat and stay ashore for the night. I have absolute proof of this statement by two fishermen where I left my outboard motor and supplies. I got very wet and chilled, so there was only one thing for me to do, so I started for South Norwalk to locate a room, but on my way I was very cold and chilled through and decided to get something to brace me up, so I bought two drinks of whiskey but it made me feel very sick, as I hardly knew what I was doing. In the morning I took another drink and that finished me, so that's why I did not report my absence to the office and Keeper Mr. Murray. But I know that if I was in my right state of mind I would have never done this.

My reasons for not telling Mr. Davis and Keeper Mr. Murray my excuses were because I thought they would not believe me. Mr. Murray has told me not to take a drink before while being ashore. I had no intention of ever doing such a thing, and don't know now why I did it. I have no counter charges to make in reference to these charges.

I respectfully request the Supt.'s consideration with the view of my not being discharged from the service, as I promise faithfully this shall not happen again. Respectfully,

/s/ Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst.

/s/ Murray, Keeper

July 26, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to your letter of June 11 making a complaint with regard to the keeper, and also to charges preferred against you in connection with an investigation of station conditions. It is considered that the inharmonious conditions at the station were largely the result of the fact of your having had a large number of your relatives residing at the station, which was without authority therefor; and it appears that difficulties between you and the keeper had arisen when he discontinued allowing you to use his personal motor boat. As to this, the keeper has been instructed to discontinue the use of official fuel provided by the Government in the operation of his boat, even tho at times he uses it for official purposes. You are hereby reprimanded for falsely stating that the keeper refused to sign your letter of complaint of June 11, for forwarding that letter with malicious intent, for disregarding the Instructions to Employees in permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority, for exceeding the amount of your authorized leave from May 10 to 13, and for the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of your duties.

It is also proposed to transfer you to another station without family quarters upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity, and you are hereby cautioned that more drastic action will be necessary in the event you do not hereafter carry on your duties in a satisfactory and harmonious manner. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will also be made a part of your official record.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exam'n ... signed by ...
Filed ... by ...
Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

It is understood that your office is taking steps to forbid the Keeper to use official gasoline in his private boat, and this should be done if not already done.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; July 30,1934

Did not Pour suggest same after scheme? appk 7/31

SUBJECT: Transfer of three keepers.
REFERENCE: Bureau Circular Letter No.457, dated June 6,1934.

1. Referring to Forms 73 forwarded to the Bureau this date recommending the transfers of Keepers Herman Westgate, Thomas E. Rasmussen and Dana L. Burt; it is recommended the transfer of this men be authorized as recommended. Three copies of Form "Schedule of Replacements to Fill Vacant Positions", in connection with the vacant positions to be filled, are enclosed herewith.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
Asst. Supt.

Burt's transfer appears ok with recent preference of him. Perhaps note refer to Kpr Raymond whose dismissal is now proposed TL

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City), July 28, 1934 (Date), 19___

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper (2-A)

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective, August 1, 1934

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.
$60 quarters

Proposed range, $1440-1800

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Asst)

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta., Ct.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-1680
$240 quarters

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

8-16-34 To make (Lt.#1646)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thos. E. Rasmussen Services terminated, July 31, 1934

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

It is recommended the expense of travel from one station to the other be authorized, the transfer not being for the convenience of the employee.

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of July 26, 1934

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19___

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Transfer as proposed is for disciplinary purposes, attention being invited to copy of letter dated July 26, 1934, furnished the Department in this connection.

W. P. HARRI

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1934.

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LIGHTHOUSES

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change in station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARRETT

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

August 8, 1934.

Miss Mildred Burt,
Webster Point,
Madison, Conn.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of August 4, regarding a package alleged to have been opened by Keeper Arthur Minzner, and the retention of some books by him which were in the package:

This matter is under consideration and you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWC-JHC

August 13, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses: August 17,1934

Letter from Arthur Burt, Guilford, Conn.,dated Aug.7,1934, re conditions at Falkners Island Light Station.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for information. The Bureau does not consider that the above letter calls for any further correspondence with Mr. Burt.

With respect to the question of the assistant keeper's visitors at Falkner Island Light Station, the Bureau does not see any objection to the assistant keeper having legal dependents live with him where family quarters are furnished, provided the number of such visitors can properly be accommodated, that their behavior is proper, and that such visitors have been duly authorized in accordance with regulations. In this connection it would appear that the keeper at Falkner Island should be cautioned for having failed to advise the Superintendent in this case as to persons living at the Assistant Keeper's quarters.

For the Commissioner:

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C August 23, 1934
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., together with travel order No. 806 dated August 16, 1934 which has been approved by the Department. At the proper time advise Bureau date travel is taken.

For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief, Finance Division

Encls.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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IGHTHOUSES
GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3RD DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: August 17,1934

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, Asst.Keeper, travel expenses.
REFERENCE: Form 73 dated July 28,1934, and Department letter of Aug.11th,1934.

8-16-34
To make

1. Referring to Form 73 dated July 28,1934 recommending transfer of Dana L. Burt, keeper, from Falkner Island Lt.Sta. to Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,and recommending the expense of travel be authorized, also referring to Department notice of change in compensation, dated August 11th,1934, addressed to Mr.Burt; information is requested as to whether payment of travel expenses has been approved as recommended.

Look up

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Prepare T/O in Burt - make travel begin Aug 16 or thereafter as practicable Dept to advise Bureau date taken

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C August 23, 1934
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., together with travel order No. 808 dated August 16, 1934 which has been approved by the Department. At the proper time advise Bureau date travel is taken.

For the Commissioner:
J. F. PLOCHARSKI
Acting Chief, Financial Division

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Form 31 TRAVEL ORDER No. 808

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Bureau

OFFICE OF THE ~~SUPERINTENDENT~~ OF LIGHTHOUSES, DISTRICT,

Washington, D.C. August 16, 1934

Dana L. Burt, Asst. Keeper , 19
(Name and title)

Falkner Island Light Station, % Supt. of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Post office address)

You are hereby authorized to travel, as herein indicated, by the most direct or usually traveled route, the expense of such travel to be paid from the appropriation; General Expenses, Lighthouse Service, 1935 in accordance with regulations and Note[1] A below, there being sufficient balance therein in excess of liability already incurred for the payment of the expenses involved, such travel to begin on August 16, 1934 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

From Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.

To Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

For the purpose of assuming duties at Romer Shoal Light Station

This transfer is being made in the interest of the Service and not at the request nor for the convenience of the employee concerned.

Upon arrival at Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y. that will become your official station and no per diem will be paid at that point.

NOTE A.—Per diem of $ 3.50 will be allowed in lieu of actual subsistence, including time on board commercial vessels when price of passage includes subsistence; also while on board lighthouse vessel and while at light stations, subject to provisions of the Standardized Travel Regulations.

NOTE B.—Use of personally owned automobile is hereby authorized, subject to the provision of paragraph 12 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

NOTE C.—Use of personally owned automobile at ..... per mile, in lieu of actual expenses of transportation, subject to the provisions of paragraph 12a of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, is hereby authorized.

NOTE D.—Per diem of not to exceed $2.00 will be allowed while on board lighthouse vessel and while at light stations, subject to provisions of the Standardized Travel Regulations and Bureau Circular Letter No. 407, dated November 8, 1933.

Approved:

/s/ J.M.Dickinson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] Insert "A", "B", "C", as applicable.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
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1934 OCT - 10 - AM 8 : 55

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Oct. 9,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Transfer of personnel, effective date.

REFERENCE: Bureau Circular Letter No. 454, dated May 8th, 1934.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of a recent transfer of personnel in the Third Lighthouse District, is as follows:-

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Name:	Dana L. Burt
Effective Date:	Oct. 4,1934
Former Designation:	Keeper (Asst)
Former Station:	Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.,Conn.
Former Pay:	$1320 p.a.
Present Designation:	Keeper (2A)
Present Station:	Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Present Pay:	$1440 p.a.
Date of Department Notice:	Aug.11,1934

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

Asst.Supt.

OCT 10 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

July 29, 1935

The Alling Rubber Company,
238 State Street,
New London, Conn.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your letter of July 25 stating that Dana L. Burt, a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, is indebted to you and that you are unable to obtain payment or hear from him:

Mr. Burt is employed in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, and your letter is being forwarded to that office with request that he advise you in the matter.

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant

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Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York, for information and with request that the attached letter receive the attention indicated.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

8/12/35 2nd to Supt.

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Aug.1,1935

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Copy of memorandum of July 11th by Superintendent J.T.Yates .
b - Copy of memorandum of July 12th by Asst.Supt. F.W.Ockenfels.
c - Letter of July 12th from Herman Westgate,Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
d - Letter of July 13th from Keeper Westgate.
e - Copy of letter from this office of July 13th to Keeper Westgate.
f - Letter of July 15th from Keeper Westgate.
g - Copy of testimony,July 23rd,of Keeper Westgate.
h - Copy of testimony,July 24th, of 1AK Rasmussen.
i - Copy of Letter of charges dated July 25th to Dana L. Burt, 2AK.
j - Copy of memo dated July 25th of Asst.Supt.Ockenfels.
k - Letter of July 29th from Mr.Burt in answer to charges.

2 - Charge (a) - absence from duty without leave or authority necessarily stands proven, since Mr.Burt left the station on the morning of July 9th and was due to return to the station the same day, whereas he failed to return to the station until July 26th. He has not submitted any report or explanation concerning his failure to return to the station on July 9th or for his prolonged absence since that date.

3 - Charge (b) - neglect of duty, stands proven, in that it is a fact that he tied up the station power boat near the Barge Office, Battery Park, New York, at a point where there was no legitimate reason for tying up the boat, and as the result of a telephone message from the office of the Captain of the Port that the boat was in the slip at the Barge Office and liable to be crushed by vessels coming in after dark, this office sent and recovered the boat on July 11th and subsequently returned it to Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.,at which time the power boat was out of commission and

damaged due to lack of proper care on the part of Asst. Keeper Burt.

4. Charge (c) - concerning Mr.Burt returning to his station in an intoxicated condition, is verified by Keeper Westgate and also by 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen. There is no information or evidence that would lead to the belief that this charge is not based on fact, and in connection with this charge attention is invited to letter from this office of Jan.20,1932, addressed to Mr. Burt, cautioning him re his actions while employed at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., copy of which was furnished the Bureau, and also to Bureau letter of reprimand, dated July 26,1934, addressed to Mr.Burt when employed as Assistant Keeper at Falkner Island Light Station, which involved the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of his duties.

5. It will be noted from Mr.Burt's letter dated July 29th that he has no statement to make in reference to the charges referred to herein. It is considered that the charges against Mr.Burt are amply proven. The efficient and proper maintenance of light stations necessarily demands the highest degree of reliability and dependability on the part of Keepers and Assistant Keepers. The conduct of Mr.Burt has referred to herein shows conclusively that he is lacking in such qualifications and is therefore entirely unsuitable for retention in the service. There are no extenuating circumstances connected with this case, and it is to be noted that to a certain extent Mr. Burt(s conduct in this instance is a repetition of previous occurrences for which he was cautioned and reprimanded. It is accordingly recommended that Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.,be dismissed from the service, effective on a date later to be determined and reported to the Bureau.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religiousmopinions or affiliations. Mr.Burt has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

3d's of Aug. 1 re K. L. Burt, Keeper

Suggest ok to Dept. for dismissal as proposed in paragraph 5 for reasons stated.

The Bureau will recall that Burt is the keeper whose brother complained about the keeper (Minzner) at Falkner Island LH last year, in connection with which Mr. Flood made in investigation (slipped). Burt is between 38 and 39 and was appointed keeper in 1930.

Concur - WPH 8/5

It is possible we may hear from the brother again

P 8/3

Concur - seems a very clear case

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1935 AUG - 9 - AM 8 : 35 GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug.8,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1,1935.

1. Enclosed for consideration in connection with the correspondence forwarded with letter of August 1st,1935 recommending the dismissal of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, is letter of August 6th from the Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station concerning Mr.Burt. As it is very desirable and to the interests of the service that this matter be brought to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment, it is recommended that action be expedited as much as possible and this office advised by telegraph.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
1st Asst.Supt.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 12, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with the Superintendent's letter of August 1 and its inclosures, particular attention being invited to paragraph five, in which the Bureau concurs. It is accordingly recommended that Keeper Dana L. Burt be dismissed effective on a date to be determined and reported because of absence without authority and neglect of duty.

There is also inclosed the Superintendent's letter of August 10, which has just reached the Bureau, which shows that Mr. Burt's suspension from duty became necessary, and the approval of the Superintendent's action in suspending Mr. Burt effective at the close of August 10 is also recommended.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

8/12 2nd to Dept.

Aug.10,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office August 1,1935.

1. Attached hereto is letter dated Aug. 7,1935 from J.Robertson, Second Officer on the tender Spruce, relative to Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station,New York; in view of the conditions as described in the letter from Mr.Robertson, it was deemed advisable and to the interests of the Service to suspend Dana L. Burt from duty and to remove him from the station pending the disposition of charges against him, which matter has heretofore been submitted to the Bureau for action.

Concur
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8/12

2. Copy of letter, dated August 9,1935, addressed to Mr.Burt, suspending him from duty and pay, is attached hereto. The approval of the action taken by this office in suspending Mr.Burt from duty, is recommended.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

THIRD DISTRICT

Tender Spruce
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug.7,1935, 193

3rd Lighthouse Superintendent
Staten Island, New York

Thru the Master,

Sir:-

At 2:20 P.M. this date, I delivered an official letter for Mr.Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, to the Keeper as Mr.Rasmussen was ashore on leave.

When I arrived at the station I found the power boat hooked on the falls, hoisted up barely clear of the water. The keepr explained to me that he could not, by himself, hoist the boat all the way up and place it on the dock without assistance. He stated that the 2nd Assistant Keeper was drunk, laying in his quarters, and asked that I go up and see him. This I did. I found him in bed and weltering in his own dung. I closed the door immediately as the stench from the quarters was unbearable.

Before leaving the station, assisted keeper in hoisting boat, putting it on the dock and making it secure.

At 2:45 P.M. returned back to the tender, and reported conditions found at station to the Master of Spruce.

/s/ J. Robertson

Second Officer, tender Spruce

Forwarded to
Office 8-7-35.
/s/ Victor Klang
Master

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dana L. Burt, 2AK,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Sta.
(Via Patrol tender, Aug.10th.)

Aug.9,1935

SUBJECT: Suspension from duty and pay.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges dated July 25th, and your letter July 29,1935.

1. You, as Second Assistant Keeper assigned to duty at Romer Shoal Light Station, are hereby suspended from duty, pay and allowances, effective at the close of August 10,1935, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending decision in your case.

2. This letter will be delivered at Romer Shoal Light Station on August 10,1935 by lighthouse tender, on which date the lighthouse tender will transport you from Romer Shoal Light Station to shore.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

August 19, 1935.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence without authority and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective on a date later to be determined.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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August 21, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the suspension from duty, without pay, for a period not to exceed ninety days, of Dana L. Burt, keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective August 10, 1935.

By direction of the Secretary:

W. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug. 26,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., dismissal from service.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1st and Department letter Aug.19,1935.

1. Referring to Department letter dated August 19,1935, addressed to Dana L.Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, dismissing him from the service; the Bureau is advised the effective date of his dismissal was at the close of August 10,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

AUG 29 1935

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnal Division

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 JAN 16 PM 3:33

14 Court St.
Stapleton, S.I.

Subject: Reconsideration of my case for the purpose of reinstatement.

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

1/18/36 acld.
copy to 3d.

Dear Sir:

At the time of my discharge, I withheld certain information which might have incriminated a certain fellow employee. But since then, conditions with me, have made me look at this matter in an entirely different light. And I am now anxious and willing to furnish new evidence which will nullify much of the testimony previously given.

Your earnest co-operation together with an unbiased opinion, will do much to bring about absolute justice in my behalf.

If diplomatic evasion of the issue at hand is not resorted to, then I fail to see, why this whole matter won't end to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Thanking you very sincerely, I close, and beg to remain,

He was dismissed 8/10/35 - Keeper

Respectfully yours

Sara L. Burt

Suggest due consideration will be given to any further specific info he may desire to sub on this, copy to 3d 1/17 P/1/17

January 18, 1936.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
14 Court St.,
Stapleton, S. I.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter having reference to your separation from this Service, and due consideration will be given to any further specific information you may desire to submit having a bearing on the matter.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

14 Court Street,
Stapleton, S.I.,
New York,
Feb. 5, 1936

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 FEB 11 AM 11 29

To: The Commissioner of Light Houses
From:
Subject: Reconsideration of charges preferred against me.
Replying to yours of the 1/18/36.

Dear Sir, 2/5/36 wrote Burt copy to Sd.

You being an executive in a branch of the Light House Service, I look forward to your giving the following your kind and careful consideration.

In the matter of being discharged:-

Why was I not given a hearing which would have allowed me to defend myself?

Why was I ordered suspended for ninety days, through the Third Light House District, and then notified before thirty days had expired, that I was discharged?

Strange proceedure, wasn't it?

The investigation, if there was any was conducted in secret and without my knowledge.

The findings of Engineer Litchfeld, Inspector Lamb, Keeper Westgate and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Ockenfels, dealt with me too severly. This I say, because the charges which resulted in my dismissal were only to a degree.

The following may be the underlying motive for Westgate wanting me out of his presence.

There existed between Keeper Westgate and the wife of Assistant Keeper Rassmussen, a sex relationship of which I had knowledge. You can readily understand that with such knowledge my presence must have been very irksome, and with two people living an evil secret life as they were, it's only fair to believe that anything would have been resorted to in order to protect themselves. How far Westgate went to protect himself no one can say, but we can say that a man who would compromise his friend's wife, forge the name of his fellow employees checks, and cash same would not stop at anything.

The statements and charges herein written, can all be corrobated and by those who are still fortunate enough to be in the service.

The charges against me in reference to the Power Boat were not properly presented.

Keeper Westgate gave me permission to take the boat over to Ellis Island to have my teeth treated, but coming back from there the boat became disabled and I was forced to land at Battery Park and tie up at the Barge Office. The records will show that the boat was discovered at the above described place.

was absent 17 days without apparently on a drinking bout

Trusting you willgive the contents of this communication your intelligent consideration, I close and beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

Hans L. Burt

Dana L. Burt.

Burt was dismissed Aug.10, 1935 for neglect of duty and absence without authority (17 days). About a year previously he had been reprimanded for similar difficulties involving also intoxication and the making of malicious charges against the keeper of the station where he was assigned, these matters being shown in the slipped papers attached. His dismissal was duly effected in consequence of charges and due consideration of his reply, and the case against him appears to have been amply established. Mr. Flood made an investigation at Falkner Island where this man had his prior difficulties in 1934, and the Bureau will recall that Burt's brother who lived with him at the station at the time was behind the trouble. It appears that this is likely in the case of the present letter. From the previous correspondence the brother appears to be a man of some education but with a quality of malice pathologic in its intensity. The present letter involves charges against the Keeper of Romer Shoal where Burt was stationed at the time of his dismissal. Previously the malice was directed against the keeper at Falkner Island and prior to that against the keeper at Little Gull, against whom during a visit to the 3d dist. office (Brother) Burt stated to the 3d that "conditions at Little Gull Island Light Station were very bad; that the Keeper was unscrupulous; that he was the subject of gossip; and that he acted as though he were king at the station." (Brother) Burt at that time "had written up some notes, and that so far as he had gone he had something over 50 pages, etc.,etc.,etc."

As indicated it appears likely that this brother had a hand in the present letter, as he appears to be a man whose source of satisfaction has been narrowed down to the exercise of a malice in which he appears not without gifts, although in his present venture it appears doubtful that his gifts are adequate.

Suggest answer Burt's present letter along the line of advising him of the regularity of the procedure governing his separation, which included due consideration of the reply he made to the charges, and ignore the scandalous aspects of his present letter, on account of the circumstances indicated, copy to the 3d.

February 21, 1936.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
14 Court Street,
Stapleton, S. I.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of February 5, regarding your separation from the position of lighthouse keeper:

The records in this matter show that your separation was effected at the close of August 10, 1935, in consequence of charges made against you on account of absence from your station without authority and neglect of duty, in connection with which charges due consideration was give to your reply. The charges show that you absented yourself from your station on July 9 and that you were due to return to the station on the same day but failed to return until July 26, and that after your return you were observed by an officer of a vessel who was at the station on business to be confined to your quarters in a helpless condition due to intoxication. The record therefore shows clearly that your separation was in accordance with the civil service rules and regulations governing such matters. The records also show that you had experienced difficulties at other stations and that you had been cautioned of your liability to separation from the Service in the event of further serious difficulties.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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COPY to 3d Supt. with copy of Mr. Burt's letter referred to above.

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LIGHTHOUSES
Nov 18 8 30 AM '37

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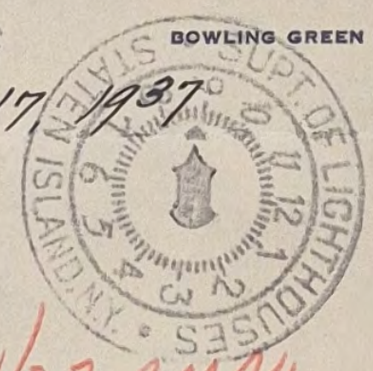
SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
25 SOUTH STREET
NEW YORK

GUESTS CORRESPONDENCE

BOWLING GREEN 9-2710



Nov. 17, 1937

Dept. of Commerce,
U. S. Light house Service
Washington, D.C.
Gentlemen:

11/24/37 ans.

Please allow this letter to stand as an application for the Assistant light house keeper position. I was in your service for six years ending August 15, 1935 and am at this time am again asking for reinstatement and to be considered for the Assistant Keeper of the 3rd. Lighthouse District.

I trust you will give this your immediate attention, as I've had unsteady employment, and it always has been my desire to the United States service.

Please communicate with me at the above address, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Hans L. Burt

E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., Nov. 19, 1937

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W.P. Harman

W.P. Harman, Adm. Asst.

Letter Nov.17,1937 from Dana L. Burt making application for position lighthouse keeper.

E-K Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., Nov.19,1937

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N.Y., for report and return.

For the Commissioner: W.P.Harman, Adm.Asst.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Nov.22,1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, former keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement of Nov.19th on letter of Nov.17,1937 from D. L. Burt.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Dana L. Burt was dismissed from the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt. Sta., New York, effective at the close of August 10, 1935, attention being invited to letter from this office dated August 1,1935 concerning charges against Mr.Burt, and to letter of August 10,1935 concerning his suspension from duty. As shown by the papers referred to Mr. Burt's services in this District were such that this office could not see its way clear to consider his reemployment. It may be stated that he has been so advised verbally on more than one occasion during the past year or so when he has called at this office seeking reinstatement.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

November 24, 1937

Mr. Dana L. Burt
c/o Seamen's Chruch Institute
25 South Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 17 applying for reinstatement as keeper.

It is noted from the record that you have previously taken this matter up with the Bureau and also with the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, and that you have been advised that in view of your separation from the Service in consequence of charges against you on account of your absence from duty without authority, this Service is not in position to consider your reinstatement over other qualified eligibles.

COPY

Respectfully,
For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for information.

SEAMEN'S HOUSE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
550 WEST 20TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSES

GUESTS CORRESPONDENCE

APR 5 8 10 AM '38

April 2, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

4/8/38 note Burt

Subject: Reinstatement,
Reference: Your letter dated Nov 29, 1937.

Dear Sir,

I would like to have your permission, and advised in writing to the Superintendent of the 10, 11, 12, + Alaska Lighthouse Districts in hopes of being reinstated in either of said Districts.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convienace.

Respectfully
Dana L. Burt.

April 8, 1938.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,
550 West 20th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of April 2, 1938, in regard to your desire for reinstatement:

As you have been heretofore advised, your previous record in this Service was such as not to warrant giving you any special consideration over other eligibles, and it is thought that in view of this unsatisfactory record, the Superintendents of the districts mentioned in your letter could not give favorable consideration to your application at the present time.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

E-K

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 27 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

July 26, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to your letter of June 11 making a complaint with regard to the keeper, and also to charges preferred against you in connection with an investigation of station conditions. It is considered that the inharmonious conditions at the station were largely the result of the fact of your having had a large number of your relatives residing at the station, which was without authority therefor; and it appears that difficulties between you and the keeper had arisen when he discontinued allowing you to use his personal motor boat. As to this, the keeper has been instructed to discontinue the use of official fuel provided by the Government in the operation of his boat, even tho at times he uses it for official purposes. You are hereby reprimanded for falsely stating that the keeper refused to sign your letter of complaint of June 11, for forwarding that letter with malicious intent, for disregarding the Instructions to Employees in permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority, for exceeding the amount of your authorized leave from May 10 to 13, and for the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of your duties.

It is also proposed to transfer you to another station without family quarters upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity, and you are hereby cautioned that more drastic action will be necessary in the event you do not hereafter carry on your duties in a satisfactory and harmonious manner. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will also be made a part of your official record.

RG-HK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Executive's signed by.....
Mailed.....by.....

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 29 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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CHIEF CLERK

Aug. 26,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta., dismissal from service.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1st and Department letter Aug.19,1935.

1. Referring to Department letter dated August 19,1935, addressed to Dana L.Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, dismissing him from the service; the Bureau is advised the effective date of his dismissal was at the close of August 10,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 21 1935
SHEET NO. 4657
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AUG 26 1935

CARDED

August 21, 1935.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the suspension from duty, without pay, for a period not to exceed ninety days, of Dana L. Burt, keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective August 10, 1935.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER
AUG 22 1935

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 21 1935
SHEET NO. 4857
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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CARDED

August 19, 1935.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence without authority and neglect of duty having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of keeper at $1440 per annum, Romer Shoal Lightstation, New York, effective on a date later to be determined.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER
AUG 22 1935

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

To Dept,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 14 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1935 AUG - 9 - AM 8:35

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 10 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Aug.8,1935

1935 AUG - 13 - PM 2:42

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Aug.1,1935.

1. Enclosed for consideration in connection with the correspondence forwarded with letter of August 1st,1935 recommending the dismissal of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, is letter of August 6th from the Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station concerning Mr.Burt. As it is very desirable and to the interests of the service that this matter be brought to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment, it is recommended that action be expedited as much as possible and this office advised by telegraph.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS
1st Asst.Supt.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 12, 1935.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with the Superintendent's letter of August 1 and its inclosures, particular attention being invited to paragraph five, in which the Bureau concurs. It is accordingly recommended that Keeper Dana L. Burt be dismissed effective on a date to be determined and reported because of absence without authority and neglect of duty.

There is also inclosed the Superintendent's letter of August 10, which has just reached the Bureau, which shows that Mr. Burt's suspension from duty became necessary, and the approval of the Superintendent's action in suspending Mr. Burt effective at the close of August 10 is also recommended.

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 21 1935 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 AUG 9 - AM 8:35

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 6, 1935

Superintendent Of Lighthouses:

Subject- 2nd asst- Keeper Mr. Burt.

After taken over Power boat from Mr Rasmussen 1st asst- Keeper on Aug 6, 1935- I arrive at this station on Aug 6, 1936- at 6 45 PM and found Mr Burt 2nd asst- Keeper under the influence of liquor, and could just about stand on his feet. With little help he could give me, I manage to get Power boat 52 2 about high water. If the seas were chopped, I would of had my hands full. Where Mr Burt got the liquor, I dont know. He did say some friends came out- and gave it to him. He was in know condition to stand his watch at sun-down on Aug 6, 1936- and I had to take the watch over myself. And had to get vapor light- in oder and in operation and was ten min late through know fault- of mine Mr Burt can not be trusted at this station. And something must be done about it.

Respectfully
Herman Westgate Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1935 AUG 2 AM 11 42

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Aug.1,1935

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2d Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Dana L. Burt, Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Bureau:-

a - Copy of memorandum of July 11th by Superintendent J.T.Yates .
b - Copy of memorandum of July 12th by Asst.Supt. F.W.Ockenfels.
c - Letter of July 12th from Herman Westgate,Keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
d - Letter of July 13th from Keeper Westgate.
e - Copy of letter from this office of July 13th to Keeper Westgate.
f - Letter of July 15th from Keeper Westgate.
g - Copy of testimony,July 23rd,of Keeper Westgate.
h - Copy of testimony,July 24th, of 1AK Rasmussen.
i - Copy of Letter of charges dated July 25th to Dana L. Burt, 2AK.
j - Copy of memo dated July 25th of Asst.Supt.Ockenfels.
k - Letter of July 29th from Mr.Burt in answer to charges.

2 - Charge (a) - absence from duty without leave or authority necessarily stands proven, since Mr.Burt left the station on the morning of July 9th and was due to return to the station the same day, whereas he failed to return to the station until July 26th. He has not submitted any report or explanation concerning his failure to return to the station on July 9th or for his prolonged absence since that date.

3 - Charge (b) - neglect of duty, stands proven, in that it is a fact that he tied up the station power boat near the Barge Office, Battery Park, New York, at a point where there was no legitimate reason for tying up the boat, and as the result of a telephone message from the office of the Captain of the Port that the boat was in the slip at the Barge Office and liable to be crushed by vessels coming in after dark, this office sent and recovered the boat on July 11th and subsequently returned it to Romer Shoal Lt. Sta.,at which time the power boat was out of commission and

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M E M O R A N D U M

Phone Call.

July 11,1935

Lieut.Miller of Port Captains Office states two men left Lighthouse Boat in their Depot Barge Office last night, about 7 a.m. Boat was small and one of their boats liable to come in and crush it in dark. Said they would be willing for it to land there providing party landing consulted them and put boat in out of way position, said we are looking after boat. Advised we did not know what boat it was. Lieut.Miller later advised boat No.522. This boat belongs to Romer Shoal.

511 sent to bring boat to this Depot.

/s/ J.T.Y.

7-11-35

511 brought boat to Depot 7-12-35.

Sent 511 to Romer to see who was at station and when those ashore left station.

/s/ J.T.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

M E M O

July 12,1935

Captain of Patrol Boat went to Romer Shoal Light Station this A.M. and reports:-

Keeper Westgate alone

2d Asst.Keeper Burt came in July 9th for mail and was to return same day. Not yet back.

went

1st Asst.Rasmussen/ashore on leave July 9th via fishing boat. Is due back to-day, July 12th.

/s/ OCKENFELS
1st Asst.

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via Spruce
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 12, 1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Subject- Mr Dana Bunt. 2nd asst Keeper.

I would want Mr Bunt 2nd asst Keeper of station mention above to be dismissal from this station he is no fit man to be out here. He as been ashore several time and always return under the influence of liquor and make things around here unpleasent for me. I try several time to stop him, but he lets it go in one my ear and out the other. He will not stop it. And I am thraugh trying. He also fail to take care of Power boat in his charge and he is also abrences from the sta. I have done my best to stop him from return to this station under influence of liquor.

Respectfully
Herman Westgate
Keeper

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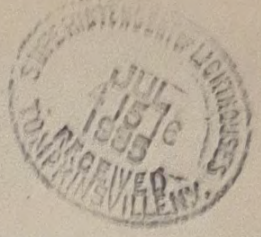

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THIRD DISTRICT

Power Shoal Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 13, 1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Suspect Power Boat 522-16ft:

Mr Thomas Rasmussen 1st asst Keeper at this station, return at 3 P.M. Standard time. But Power boat was not running. And I was very sorry to find the boat in such a condition. After I put so much pains with it to keep it in condition at all time. I had it running in very short time. And in concerning Mr Burt 2nd asst Keeper. I would advise Not to have him in other station, because, I am afraid they will be trouble wherever he goes. Because he will not stop drinking liquor. I beg him to stop drinking it but there is no use. And he will fail to protect Government property as the office already knows that concerning Power boat 522, 16ft I do not care to have this man Mr Burt at this station any longer.

Respectfully
Herman Westgate Keeper

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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July 13,1935

Herman Westgate, Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station
(Via Patrol Tender of
July 15,1935)

SUBJECT: Absence of 2d Asst.Keeper Dana L. Burt.

1. It is understood that Dana L. Burt, 2d Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station left the station on July 9th. Please advise this office of the time at which he left the station, the purpose for which he went ashore, and state when he was due to return to the station.

2. Advise whether Mr.Burt has returned to the station up to the present time, and if so, state when, and by what means he got out to the station. If not returned, state whether or not you have received any word or explanation from him since he left the station.

3. Forward your reply by the tender that delivers this letter to you.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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THIRD DISTRICT

Bowes Shoal L.T. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 16, 1933

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

Subject; 2nd asst Keeper Dana L. Burt.

Mr. Burt left station on the 9th at 9 30 A.M. Standard time. He went for supplies also to take of a few Bills of his own. Mr Burt as not returned to this station at the present time. I have not recived any word from Mr Burt since he left this Station on July 9th. Mr Burt was due back the same day.

Respectfully

Herman Westgate

Keeper

erman Westgate, Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the station on July 23, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. 2nd Asst.Keeper Burt left the station on July 9th, is that correct?

A. That's right.

Q. Who went ashore with him?

A. He went alone.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was he to land?

A. Pier,13, Stapleton.

Q. When was he due to come back to the station?

A. The same day.

Q. And he has not returned?

A. No, he has not.

Q. Has Mr. Burt sent you any message or explanation as to why he has not returned?

A. No, sir, he has not.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to come back when due back?

A. No, unless he was storm bound and couldn't get back. Only when he was storm bound.

Q. Since Mr. Burt left the station on July 9th, have you heard anything from him directly or indirectly?

A. No, sir, I have not heard anything from him, except when I was ashore on July 20th I saw him.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In Stapleton in the park sitting on a bench.

Q. What did he have to say in regard to his absence?

A. Nothing. I started the conversation first. I said "What are you doing here?" and he seemed to hesitate. Then he said "I was waiting for one of your boys to come in and get me", and I said "Dan, I have nothing to do with you. I never hired you, the Lighthouse Department

hired you. It is up to you to see those people."

Q. And he didn't offer any explanation as to why he had not come back?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did he appear to be in good health when you saw him?

A. He was nice and clean, but he had the shakes.

Q. Did he appear to be intoxicated at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. But he had the shakes?

A. Yes, he had the shakes, which may have been due to liquor.

Q. Was that the extent of your conversation with him in Stapleton in the park?

A. Well, there were a few more things I said to him about the power boat, that it was a mean thing for him to do.

Q. What did you have reference to by his doing such a thing?

A. I meant that he had promised before he went ashore on the 9th that he would take good care of the power boat, and that he would not return to the station with liquor on him.

Q. When you got the power boat back, did it show any evidence of misuse or lack of care on Burt's part while he had it in his charge?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In what way?

A. In the first place there was water in the cylinder heads and she didn't run. One of the stops on the rudder was ripped out.

Q. This occurred after he left the station with the boat on July 9?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What you have stated is in substance all the conversation you had with him in the park on the 20th, that is, all you recall?

A. That's about all, except he stated he didn't know what made him do it.

Q. In your letter of July 12 you state that Mr. Burt has been ashore several times and always returns under the influence of liquor. What

was the evidence that made you believe he was under the influence of liquor?

A. Well, on a few occasions he came pretty near tipping the boat over. He was unsteady on his feet.

Q. Did his breath have the odor of liquor?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was there further in his conduct that would indicate the use of liquor? I mean, was he loud and wild in his talk? In what other way would you know to tell me that you were satisfied that he was drunk?

A. I could tell by the way he acted and the expression on his face. He would start patting me on the back, and I would say "Dan, go to bed", and he would wave his hand and go upstairs.

Q. And in such a condition he was not fit to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. And you would not permit him to stand the watch?

A. No, sir.

Q. Would he be able to do any work about the station, aside from standing watch, in the condition that you describe?

A. To do it right, no, sir.

Q. After returning to the station on those occasions, how long would it be before he would be what you would call normal and fit to do his work, and fit to stand the watch?

A. Six or seven hours. After he had a good sleep, then he was in his right senses.

Q. Has he at any time, so far as you know, brought liquor out to the station with him?

A. No, sir.

Q. Was this condition of intoxication of Mr. Burt when he returned to the station on these occasions witnessed by the 1st Assistant Keeper?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen has seen Burt come back to the station in the condition you describe?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On what dates did Mr. Burt come back to the station in this condition of intoxication?

A. June 21, June 13, January 19, January 13, December 31, December 14, December 2 (1st Asst.Keeper came out to the station with him), November 6, November 1, October 31, October 14.

Q. On every occasion he went ashore, would he return in the condition of intoxication?

A. Yes, with the exception of December 28, when he went after gasoline.

Q. It is not clear just how long he was ashore on each of those occasions. Now, for each of the dates you have given me, tell me at what hour he left the station and the hour he returned.

A. Left 3:00 p.m., June 21, returned 8:00 p.m., same day.
" 3:00 " " 13, " 8:00 " " "
" 10:00 am., Jan. 17, " 8:00 a.m., Jan. 19.
" 3:00 p.m., " 5, " 3:00 p.m., " 13.
" 11:00 a.m., Dec. 31, " 2:00 " same day.
" 9:00 " " 14, " 4:00 " " "
" 9:00 " Nov. 22, " 11:30 " Dec. 2.
" 7:00 " " 6, " 1:00 " same day.
" 9:30 " " 1, " 3:00 " " "
" 2:00 p.m., Oct. 24, " 5:30 " Oct. 31.
" 8:00 a.m., " 14, " 3:00 " same day.

Q. Mr. Westgate, your letter of July 12 states that Mr. Burt, in returning to the station under the influence of liquor, made things unpleasant. In what way did Mr. Burt make things unpleasant on account of his use of liquor?

A. Well, he'd come over and bother you, put his arms around you, push the chairs around, and fall all over everything.

Q. Would he be in a disagreeable mood himself, or generally agreeable?

A. Agreeable. A happy drunk, as though he didn't care.

Q. Outside of the trip ashore on July 9th, Mr. Burt has previously used the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has he on any previous occasion failed to take good care of the boat when he took it to go ashore?

A. I can't seem to remember whether I let him take the power boat or not. I knew he drank, and I told him that night that I could never remember him coming back sober. I wouldn't take that chance.

Q. But this last trip of July 9th you told him you would give him another chance to go ashore with the power boat, and to take care of it and to be sober when he got back?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. It has been the general rule to use the pulling boat to go ashore?

A. Well, no. Sometimes we would put him on the boat. He has used the pulling boat, but not often. He went ashore with a fisherman or some passing boat.

Q. When he would go ashore in the pulling boat, would he bring the boat back in good shape, or did it show evidence of misuse?

A. He brought it back in good condition.

Q. You state that you have done your best to stop him from returning to the station under the influence of liquor. Just what did you do to try and stop that practice?

A. I begged him. I said "Dan, cut out your drinking, for your mother's and father's sake. I can't stand your coming back to the station under the influence of liquor. You are only going to get yourself in trouble."

Q. How many such talks do you recall having had with him?

A. Ever since he started to go ashore and came back under the influence of liquor. Ever since he came to this station.

Q. You have had that line of conversation practically every time he went ashore?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is Burt a reliable man when he is on watch?

A. When he is here and sober, he is a good worker and he stands his watches.

Q. When 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen returned to the station with the station power boat on July 13, after Burt had taken the boat ashore, as I understand it the boat was not in running condition. How did Rasmussen manage to get the boat out to the station if it was not running?

A. He was towed out.

Q. Who towed him out?

A. Some man from around Pier 13, Stapleton.

Q. 1st Asst.Keeper Rasmussen went ashore this morning?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When is he due to come back?

A. Thursday.

Q. He probably will be found at his home?

A. I can't tell you just where you will find him now because his wife has gone south and they gave up their home. A letter addressed to him at Box 772, Stapleton, will reach him.

Thomas E. Rasmussen, 1st Asst.Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, was interviewed at the office on July 24, 1935, concerning the absence of Dana L. Burt, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

BY F. W. OCKENFELS.

Q. Mr. Rasmussen, in investigating the case of 2nd Asst.Keeper Dana L. Burt, who has been absent for some time, I have obtained information indicating that Mr. Burt frequently returns to the station under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Have you any personal knowledge that such is the case?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You have seen Mr. Burt in an intoxicated condition when he returned back to the station?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Just what was the condition that led you to believe that he was intoxicated?

A. You could tell because he arrived at the station and couldn't stand up in the boat. He has never come back on the station boat drunk, it was on some fishing boat.

Q. What other condition did you observe, aside from his being unsteady on his feet, that would indicate intoxication?

A. You could tell by his looks. When he gets that way he is like a wild animal, he wants to fight and everything. He is very noisy.

Q. Would you say he is in a ugly mood or peaceable mood?

A. Ugly mood.

Q. On those occasions when he returned in that condition, did you recognize the odor of liquor on him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Very plainly?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And in that condition when he returned to the station, would you consider that he was fit to stand the watch.

A. No, sir. He couldn't stand watch.

Q. Would he be fit to do any of the station work properly?

A. Not at all.

Q. How long after returning to the station would it be before he would be in what you would call normal condition and fit to work?

A. Eight or ten hours.

Q. When he would return to the station in that condition, what would he do during those 8 or 10 hours.

A. Go to bed and sleep it off.

Q. Could you give me any of the dates on which Mr. Burt returned to the station in an intoxicated condition?

A. If I had the station books I could probably recall, but I couldn't give you the dates from my mind.

Q. Mr. Burt first entered on duty at Romer Shoal in October 1934, since which time he has been ashore on some 12 or 15 occasions. As I understand you, it was quite customary for him to return from shore under the influence of liquor. That is correct, isn't it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Of the various times that he went ashore, do you recall whether there were any instances where he returned and did not show evidence of having used liquor?

A. From memory I would say there were at least 4 or 5 occasions when he came back intoxicated. There might have been more such occasions because I wasn't always on the station when he returned. There were some occasions when he came back allright.

Q. Mr. Burt left the station on the morning of July 9, do you recall that?

A. That's right.

Q. Do you know when he was due to return?

A. The same day.

Q. He went ashore alone that day?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In the station power boat?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where does the station boat usually land when you keepers come ashore?

A. We have been tieing up at Pier 13, now we tie up at Pier 17, Stapleton.

Q. On July 9th it appears that Mr. Burt ran the station boat to New York and tied up at the Barge Office. Have you or the keeper ever run the station power boat to New York?

A. Never.

Q. Do you know of any reason why Burt should have run the boat to New York on July 9th?

A. I don't know.

Q. There was no arrangement with the keeper as far as you know to run it to New York?

A. Not as far as I know.

Q. The station power boat that Mr. Burt left tied up at the Battery, New York, was brought to this Depot, and on July 12th it was turned over to you to return to the station. Do you recall that?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was the power boat in good running order at that time?

A. No, sir.

Q. What was the trouble with it?

A. There was water in the cylinder heads and the engine wouldn't run. All the varnish was off the gunnel. The stopper that prevents the rudder from fouling the propeller wheel was broken off.

Q. Those items of damage to the power boat were not present when Mr. Burt left the station with the boat on the morning of July 9th?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Burt has not yet returned to the station, nor has this office received any word from him. Have you by any chance seen Mr. Burt or heard anything of him when you were ashore?

A. I saw him yesterday and I saw him this morning.

Q. Where did you see him?

A. In the park at Stapleton. He told me he had been up to the office.

Q. Did he have anything to say to you as to why he had not returned to the station?

A. Not a thing. The only thing he said was that he had been up here and seen you and Mr. Yates wasn't here, and that he was supposed to report back Friday. (NOTE:- Mr. Burt has not called at this office up to the present time, July 24th).

Q. When you saw Mr. Burt yesterday and today, did he have any appearance of having been ill?

A. He was shaky. When he gets that way he gets shaky.

Q. What do you mean when he gets that way?

A. When he is drunk.

Q. He wasn't under the influence of liquor when you saw him?

A. No, sir.

Q. And no evidence of it except that he was very shaky?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was he in uniform when you saw him in the park in Stapleton?

A. No, sir.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 25,1935

Dana L. Burt, 2AK,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 772,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty as Second Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, without leave or authority; neglect of duty, and returning to your station in an intoxicated condition and unfit for duty, as follows:-

a - Absence from duty without leave or authority, in that you left Romer Shoal Light Station at about 9:30 A.M. on July 9,1935 for the purpose of securing supplies etc.,and with the understanding that you would return to the station on the same date, whereas you had not yet returned to the station on July 23,1935, and furthermore up to the present time no report or explanation has been received from you as to your failure to return to your station on July 9th, or your absence from duty since July 9th,1935, this in violation of Paragraph 2 of Instructions to Employees

b - Neglect of duty, in that you left Romer Shoal Light Station with and in charge of the station power boat at about 9:30 A.M. on July 9,1935 for the purpose of securing supplies,etc.,it being understood that you would land at Stapleton, Staten Island, the customary landing point, and that you would return to the station on the same date, whereas you tied up the boat near the Barge Office,Battery Park, New York, and abandoned the power boat at that point without regard for its safety, and without taking proper measures to protect it from loss or damage. A report having been received at this office on July 11th that the boat was tied up in the slip at the Barge Office, New York, and that vessels coming in at night would be liable to crush it in the dark, this office had the boat moved to this Depot and subsequently returned to Romer Shoal Light Station. It was found that the engine was out of commission due to cylinders containing water, the gunnel was bruised and varnish rubbed off, and the stop on rudder broken off. This in violation of Paragraph 41 of Instructions to Employees.

COPY

MEMO July 25,1935

c - Returning to your station in an intoxicated condition, in that you have on various occasions, including the dates of October 14 and 31, November 1 and 6, December 2,14 and 31,1934, January 13 and 19, and June 13 and 21,1935, returned to your station in an intoxicated condition and unfit and unable to stand a station watch or perform other duties of your position as Second Assistant Keeper.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS,
1st Asst.Supt.

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July 25,1935

1. Copy forwarded for his information, to the Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station. The original of this letter was delivered to Mr.Burt July 25,1935.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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M E M O

July 25,1935

3:25 P.M.

Mr. Burt, 2d Asst., Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. called here. Said he understood that I wanted to see him. I told him that I had not sent for him, but that since he was here I had a letter to deliver to him, and handed to him letter of charges of this date. He took the letter and proceeded to read it, holding it with two hands. His hands shook as he read the letter, and the letter dropped to the floor once.

He asked about the reference to countercharges . I told him that his reply to charges should be confined to the subject of the charges. He then asked if the keeper had to sign his reply. Told him that if his reply was sent from the station it should be sent through the keeper, but if not sent from the station it could be forwarded direct. He also asked about 3 days reply, and he was told his reply should be made within 3 days.

He then started to discuss the station boat, stating in effect that he had arranged for its care at the Barge Office. Told him that his explanation should be in writing so as to avoid misunderstandings. He then left.

/s/ OCKENFELS,
Gavigan, present.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Romer Shoal Light
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July 29, , 1935

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York,

Subject: Charges,

Reference: Your letter dated July 25, 1935

I have no statement to make on these charges, therefor I will take my medicine. I am very sorry this happen, ~~this time~~, and am sure it will not occur again in the future.

Respectfully
Elana Bent
2nd Asst. Kpr.

Herman Westgate
Keeper

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1935 AUG 12 AM 8:34

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug.10,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Dana L. Burt, 2AK, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office August 1,1935.

1. Attached hereto is letter dated Aug. 7,1935 from J.Robertson, Second Officer on the tender Spruce, relative to Dana L. Burt, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station,New York; in view of the conditions as described in the letter from Mr.Robertson, it was deemed advisable and to the interests of the Service to suspend Dana L. Burt from duty and to remove him from the station pending the disposition of charges against him, which matter has heretofore been submitted to the Bureau for action.

2. Copy of letter, dated August 9,1935, addressed to Mr.Burt, suspending him from duty and pay, is attached hereto. The approval of the action taken by this office in suspending Mr.Burt from duty, is recommended.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 8 1935 RECEIVED

Tender Spruce, August 7, 1935.

3rd Lighthouse Superintendent,
Staten Island, New York.

Thru the Master.

Sir,

At 2:20 P.M. this date, I delivered an official letter for Mr. Rasmussen, 1st Assistant Keeper, Romer Shoal Light Station, to the keeper as Mr. Rasmussen was ashore on leave.

When I arrived at the station I found the power boat hooked on the falls, hoisted up barely clear of the water. The Keeper explained to me that he could not, by himself, hoist the boat all the way up and place it on the dock without assistance. He stated that the 2nd Assistant Keeper was drunk, laying in his quarters, and asked that I go up and see him. This I did. I found him in his bed and weltering in his own dung. I closed the door immediately as the stench from the quarters was unbearable.

Before leaving the station, assisted keeper in hoisting boat, putting it on the dock and making it secure.

At 2:45 P.M. returned back to the tender, and reported conditions found at station to the Master of Spruce.

J. Robertson

Second Officer, Tender Spruce.

Forwarded to office 8-7-35.

Victor Klang
Master

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO-JHG

Aug.9,1935

Dana L. Burt, 2AK,
Through the Keeper,
Romer Shoal Light Sta.
(Via Patrol tender, Aug.10th.)

SUBJECT: Suspension from duty and pay.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges dated July 25th, and your letter July 29,1935.

1. You, as Second Assistant Keeper assigned to duty at Romer Shoal Light Station, are hereby suspended from duty, pay and allowances, effective at the close of August 10,1935, for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending decision in your case.

2. This letter will be delivered at Romer Shoal Light Station on August 10,1935 by lighthouse tender, on which date the lighthouse tender will transport you from Romer Shoal Light Station to shore.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 OCT - 10 - AM 8:55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 11 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1934 OCT - 11 - AM 10:07
GENERAL DEPOT

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
CHIEF CLERK

Oct. 9,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Transfer of personnel, effective date.

REFERENCE: Bureau Circular Letter No. 454, dated May 8th, 1934.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of a recent transfer of personnel in the Third Lighthouse District, is as follows:-

Name:	Dana L. Burt
Effective Date:	Oct. 4,1934
Former Designation:	Keeper (Asst)
Former Station:	Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.,Conn.
Former Pay:	$1320 p.a.
Present Designation:	Keeper (2A)
Present Station:	Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Present Pay:	$1440 p.a.
Date of Department Notice:	Aug.11,1934

10/31/34

CARDED

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Asst.Supt.

OCT 10 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1934.

r. Dana L. Burt,

M Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: Through the

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

HENRY T. GARDNER AUG 1 1934

Chief of Appointment Division.

$1320 per annum.

From: $1440 per annum.

To:

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG - 7 1934
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1934 JUL - 31 AM 8:50

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

1934 AUG - 7 AM 10:05

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Staten Island, N.Y., July 28, 1934
(City) (Date)

AUG 1 1 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Legal residence, Mass.

Name, Dana L. Burt

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.
$60 quarters

Position, Keeper (2-A)

Proposed range, $1440-1800

Location, Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, August 1, 1934

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Asst)

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta.,Ct.

Former range, $1320-1680
$240 quarters

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

(Lt.#1646)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thos.E.Rasmussen Services terminated, July 31, 1934

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1440 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

~~It is recommended the expense of travel from one station to the other be authorized, the transfer not being for the convenience of the employee.~~

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of July 26, 1934

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Transfer as proposed is for disciplinary purposes, attention being invited to copy of letter dated July 26, 1934, furnished the Department in this connection.

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst, to Secy

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
AUG 13 1934
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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July 26, 1934.

Dana L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Falkner Island Light Station, Conn.
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to your letter of June 11 making a complaint with regard to the keeper, and also to charges preferred against you in connection with an investigation of station conditions. It is considered that the inharmonious conditions at the station were largely the result of the fact of your having had a large number of your relatives residing at the station, which was without authority therefor; and it appears that difficulties between you and the keeper had arisen when he discontinued allowing you to use his personal motor boat. As to this, the keeper has been instructed to discontinue the use of official fuel provided by the Government in the operation of his boat, even tho at times he uses it for official purposes. You are hereby reprimanded for falsely stating that the keeper refused to sign your letter of complaint of June 11, for forwarding that letter with malicious intent, for disregarding the Instructions to Employees in permitting some six relatives to reside at the station for several months without first obtaining authority, for exceeding the amount of your authorized leave from May 10 to 13, and for the use of intoxicants to an extent to interfere with the proper performance of your duties.

It is also proposed to transfer you to another station without family quarters upon the occurrence of a suitable opportunity, and you are hereby cautioned that more drastic action will be necessary in the event you do not hereafter carry on your duties in a satisfactory and harmonious manner. The fact that you have been reprimanded in this instance will also be made a part of your official record.

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DANA L. BURT (LIGHTHOUSES) 10/3/33

FOR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF TRANSFER, SEE FILE OF

ROBERT L. NORTH.

CROSS REFERENCE

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1933.

August 14, 1933.

M. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty. (Change of station.)

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

SEP - 1 1933

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1,500 per annum.

To: $1,320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 23 1933
SHEET NO. 4357
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

August 14, 1933.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

Herewith are four recommendations from the Bureau of Lighthouses wherein Dana L. Burt and Robert L. North; George E. Sheffield and Ernest F. Dickens, keepers in the Lighthouse Service desire to effect a mutual exchange of positions. Approval of these changes will increase the gross pay in two cases by an amount which is to be offset by decreases in the other two cases. Therefore, there will be no additional cost to the appropriation.

These changes were first proposed last May. However, you returned them to this office with the suggestion that action be deferred for the time being. A few days ago they were forwarded to the Bureau with the informal request that they be gone into for the purpose of determining whether these changes are still desired. I have been informed that while these transfers are recommended for the convenience of the employees, it is the desire of the Bureau to comply with requests such as these whenever possible and accordingly requests approval of the action proposed.

These cases are, therefore, resubmitted for such action as you deem expedient.

Enclosure
JED:SKG

Mr. Trimble
As there are Civil Service people involved, I presume there is no objection. M.K.
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHC LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 6 - 1933 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

1933 MAY - 4 - AM 9:00

Staten Island, N.Y. (City) May 3, 1933 (Date) 19..

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer*

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper (Asst.) Eff 1930

Location, Falkner Is.Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 16, 1933

Former position, Keeper (1st Asst.)

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. &c lts., Ct.

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a. mon

Quarters provided at $240 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-1680 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1500 p.a. net

No Quarters Provided

Former range, $1500-1860 p.a.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 31 1933 APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

Previous incumbent, Robert L. North (Lt.#1565) Services terminated, May 15, 1933

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1320 p.a.) Recom herewith

* This is a mutual transfer with the "Vice"; the 2 actions will not cause additional expenditures, one being demoted & the other being promoted to the same salary as received by his predecessor.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Pos. No. 743
Approved Aug 24/33
Journal No 124. mvc.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19.....

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates
J. T. YATES
Superintendent

Cost of transportation to be borne by employee. JTY

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to separate nomination in the case of Robert L. North, the proposed action being for a mutual exchange of positions of these two keepers.

Quarters are provided at Falkner Island, the station to which Keeper Burt's transfer is proposed, so that his gross pay will be increased $60 per annum, in view of which justification is herewith submitted. However the combined pay of the two keepers will not be changed, so that no increased cost to the appropriation is involved.

Action O. K.

Kellar
Adm. Asst. to Secy.

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 2 1933
THIRD DISTRICT

Pers Salary 1500 (1500-1860)

Greens Ledge Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1933

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
New York.

Subject: Transfer of stations,

Sir,

Would it be your pleasure to approve of a transfer of stations between I and Mr. Robt. North of Faulkner's Island Light Sta.. Mr. North and I are agreeable to the subject, and respectfully request your approval of same to be effective on or about May 15, 1933. I would like very much to have my father & mother with me.

Respectfully
Hans L. Bunt
1st Asst. Keeper

George H. Clarke. Keeper.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 15 1933
DIVISION

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAR - 9 AM 8:16

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,
1933 MAR - 15 AM 10:29

Staten Island, N.Y., Feb. 13, 1933, 19

CHIEF CLERK

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on March 1, 1933

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

From Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Ct.

To Greens Ledge L.S., Pecks Ledge, Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lts., Conn.

Salary and range, $1500 ($1440-1800)

Salary and range, $1500 ($1500-1860)

Previous incumbent and pay, ~~Himself~~ New Position in lieu of old (Lt.#3532)

Services terminated, Feb. 28, 1933

Reason, Change in ~~pay~~ range and designation.

CARDED

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

March 8, 1933, 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with March 8, 1933

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Bureau letter of February 28, approved by Department indorsement of March 3, regarding the authorization of this position in lieu of the position previously occupied by Mr. Burt.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Description of duties of field position

Name: **Dana L. Burt** Bureau Lt.# **3532**

Bureau: Lighthouse

Salary: **$1500 per annum** Salary Range: **$1500-1860**

Position: **Keeper (1st asst)**

Station: **Greens Ledge, Pecks Ledge, Grassy Hammock, White Rock Reef, Round Beach, Long Beach and Fitchs Point Lights, Conn.**

Description of duties:

Similar to duties performed by this employee in his former position at Greens Ledge Lightstation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 11 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

August 9, 1932.

D. L. Burt, Assistant Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

The Bureau has received a report relative to assistance you rendered on June 30 to two men who were in danger of drowning after their sail boat had overturned in the vicinity of the station. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your timely assistance in this emergency and having the matter made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

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Copy for Appointment Division.

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Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 JAN-26 PM 4:24
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 27 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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To Dept.

General Depot
Office Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3d District, Staten Island, N. Y.

Jan. 20, 1932.

Dana L. Burt, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan. 15th, your letter Jan. 17, 1932.

1. Your letter of January 17th, 1932 has been received, and your reply to letter of charges from this office dated Jan. 15th, has been carefully noted. You are advised that your reply cannot be considered as satisfactory or acceptable in any respect. You are further advised that your failure to return to the station at the proper time was entirely inexcusable, and you are hereby cautioned therefor, with the information that any repetition of such action will result in more drastic disciplinary measures being taken. The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd.) J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

CARDED

3d L. H. Dist., Staten Island, N. Y.
January 20, 1932.

1. Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. A further report in regard to this employee will be made at the expiration of six months.

(Sgd.) J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 26 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

To Dept

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1931 JUN 8 AM 9:21

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 11 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

June 6, 1931

CHIEF CLERK

1931 JUN 12 PM 3 10

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19, 1918.

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Dana L. Burt	Keeper	$1500 p.a.	Transfer	4-18-31	5-1-31

J. R. Lees

CARDED

REPORT DATA ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 10 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Green

Chief, Personnel Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 18, 1931.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1931, or upon entrance on duty (change in station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

APR 21 1931

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1500 per annum

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 16 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK 1931 APR 15 PM 3 43

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1931 APR 14 AM 9 26

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1931, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer To fill the 1 yrs remaining

Name, Dana L. Burt

Position, Keeper

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn.

Effective, May 1, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 18 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Legal residence, Mass.

Proposed salary, $1500 p.a. Same-STOP

Proposed range, $1440-$1800 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry C. Gilman 1500 / (Lt.#1582) Services terminated, April 30, 1931

Reason, Resigned (Salary $1500 p.a.) Reem

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Maintenance of station requires 3 keepers, and it is therefore essential that this position be filled at this time.

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Burt requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. F. Rees
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 20 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Little Gull Isl. Lt. Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 1, 1930

Supt of Lighthouses,
Staten Island,
N. Y.

Subject; Transfer

Sir:

In the event of a vacancy, I would like to be transferred to any of the following stations at the positions stated.

Name of station		Position
Absecon	N. J.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Bridgeport Harbor	Conn,	Keeper.
Borden Flats	Mass.	Keeper.
Bullock Pt	R. I.	Keeper.
Castle Hill	R. I.	Keeper.
Conanicut	R. I	Keeper.
Cedar Isl	N. Y.	Keeper.
Execution Rocks	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
✓ Greens Ledge	Conn	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Great Captain Isl.	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Gull Rocks	R.I	Keeper.
Hereford Inlet	N.J.	Keeper.
Hog Island	R.I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Juniper Island	Vt.	Keeper.
Latimer Reef	Conn.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Lloyd Harbor	N.Y.	Keeper.
Long Beach Bar	N.Y	Keeper.
Montauk Point	N.Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Mussel Bed Shoals	R.I	Keeper.
Newport Harbor	R.I.	Keeper.
North Gumpling	N.Y.	Keeper.
Plum Beach	R.I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Plum Island	N.Y	Keeper
Point Au. Roche	N.Y.	Keeper
Point Judith	R.I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Pomham Rocks	R.I.	Keeper.
Prudence Is,	R.I.	Keeper.
Race Rock	N.Y	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Robbins Reef	N.Y	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Romer Shoals	N.Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Rondout North Pile	N.Y.	Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Rose Island	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Sabine Point	R. I.	Keeper.
Sandy Hook	N. J.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Watch Hill	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Warwick	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
West Bank	N. Y.	Keeper or 1st ass't
Whale Rock	R. I.	Keeper or 1st ass't.
Wickford Harbor	R. I.	Keeper.
Windmill Point	N. Y.	Keeper.

Respectfully
Ilana L. Burt
2nd ass't Keeper
E. M. Whitford Keeper

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 23, 1931.

M. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1931.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

JAN 26 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JAN 24 1931
SHEET NO. 2944
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 1/13/31
IN FILE 1093/1

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

CHIEF CLERK
30 JUL 19 AM 11 18

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

JUL 19 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Department of Commerce
(Department)

Third Lighthouse District — Staten Island, N.Y., July 16,1930
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on Aug.19,1930, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have --- been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is --- considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Dana L. Burt

Position Keeper

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Date of entrance on duty Feb.20,1930

Remarks:

CARDED

July 18, 1930. J. F. Ives
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:
By direction of the Commissioner:

Supt.3rd Lighthouse District

C. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.
(Head of bureau or office)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1731

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE MAR 3 1930 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 4 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouses — 3rd Dist

1. Name in full Dana Lee Burt

2. Legal (voting) residence Mass, 14 Dist (State and Congressional District) Plymouth (County) Whitman (City or town)

3. Where born? Mass (State or foreign country) Fall River (City or town) When born? Nov 16, 1896 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
✓ Male	Female	✓ Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	✓ White	Colored	

X 6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
~~U. S. Navy Atlantic Fleet~~	~~Electrician~~	~~M.~~						

CANCELLED

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	✓ Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	✓ War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted April 19, 1917 Discharged Dec 24, 1924 Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

X Organization Atlantic Fleet Organization ____

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Boating and Electrical & Firing.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Welfred Grant Burt (Name) Brother (Relationship)

42 Belmont St Whitman, Mass (Post office address)

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

Dana L. Burt (Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 26, 1930 (Date) Present address Little Gull I. Lt. Sta

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 4 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Department of Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Third Lighthouse District
(Bureau or Office)

I, Dana L. Burt, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Dana L. Burt
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, A. D. 1930

at City of New London, Connecticut
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

JOHN T. BAKER NOTARY PUBLIC NEW LONDON, CONN.

CARDED

John T. Baker
Notary Public

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

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Position to which appointed Keeper, Little Gull Island Lt.Sta.

Date of entrance on duty Feb. 20, 1930

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1930.

Mr. Dana L. Burt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective February 10, 1930, or upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

CARDED

FEB 17 1930

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

T. B. MORROW

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Arthur H. Bouder.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES RECEIVED FEB 6 AM 9 40

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 13 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1930
(City) (Date)

SECOND U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT REC'D FEB 4

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB-7 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Massachusetts.

Name, Dana L. Burt. Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper. Proposed range, $1260-$1560 p.a.

Location, Little Gull Island Lt. Sta., N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, Feb. 10, 1930 ~~the second date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location, Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.9, Other eligibles considered:

Raymond F. Bliven---C. Edwin B. Johnson---C.

Previous incumbent, Arthur H. Bouder (LT#1598) Services terminated, Jan. 3, 1930

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1260 p.a. No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Members of family in Government service, None. Family quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station

Date of birth, Nov. 16, 1896.

Remarks: Mr. Burt has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, FEB 5 1930, 19.....

C. O. Parkes
Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. T. Ypsees
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 6 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 13 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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