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Date: 8/12/2024

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Christensen,WilliamR		1885 Denmark

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: 1971 (WA)

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)
Name is William R. Christensen

Researcher Signature:

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (OR/WA)		
From: 1926	To: 1950	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers:
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-299679486 86

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

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- ☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Total Requests:

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- ☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

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Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

1 of 2

7/20/1885

Employee Name: CHRISTENSEN, WILLIAM R **DOB:** 1/1/1885

SOUNDEX: C623

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1926 TO 1950; BORN IN DENMARK; DOD: 1/1/1971 IN WA; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, OR/WA**

CHRISTENSEN, William Rasmus	13-524				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL	2. IDENT. NO.															

3. DATE OF BIRTH			4. SEX		5. RACE			6. U. S. CITIZENSHIP			14. FOLLOW-UP
MONTH—DAY—YEAR			MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	NATIVE	NATURALIZED	NONCITIZEN	
7	20	1885	m		W						

7. VETERANS' PREFERENCE								8. COMP. STATUS		9. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT
NONE	5-PT.	10-POINT				WW II	WW I	OTHER	YES	NO	
		DISAB.	WIFE	WIDOW	OTHER						Perm.
	✓						✓		✓		

10. NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT				11. PAY BASIS				12. SUBJ. TO RETIREMENT			13. SUBJ. TO CLASS. ACT	
FT	PT	WAE	OTHER	ANNUAL	WAGE	WOC	OTHER	NO	CSC	OTHER	YES	NO
✓				✓						✓		✓

15. COMPETITIVE LEVEL	16. RETENTION SUBGROUP	17. SERV. COMP. DATE	18. PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS
		MONTH—DAY—YEAR	
Keeper			

19. EFFICIENCY RATINGS

DATE AND TYPE	RATING	DATE AND TYPE	RATING	DATE AND TYPE	RATING	DATE AND TYPE	RATING
5-10-48 Reg.	E						
5-11-49 "	E						
5-3-50 "	E						

20. PERSONNEL FOLDER SENT TO (AND DATE)

21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REMARKS

STANDARD FORM 7A (MARCH 1948) SERVICE RECORD CARD (VERTICAL-VISIBLE) PRESCRIBED BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (FEDERAL PERSONNEL MANUAL) 16—54970-1

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL	2. IDENT. NO.				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
CHRISTENSEN, William Rasmus																

CHRISTENSEN, William Rasmus FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT RECORD U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—54970-1

22. NATURE OF ACTION	23. EFFECTIVE DATE	24. POSITION TITLE AND NO.	25. SERVICE, CLASS NO., AND GRADE	26. SALARY OR PAY RATE	27. ORGANIZATION, HEADQUARTERS, AND LOCATION
Act 7-3-48	7-11-48	Asst. Keeper (Includes $240 Qtrs.)		2724.00	Treas.CG, Alki Pt. L/S
Ret. (Optional) cob	7-31-50 ✓	do		do	do
Paid lump sum for	77 days unused annual leave ending close 11-16-50. ✓				
OPF mailed to:	SSA Fed. Records Center St. Louis, Mo. 12-29-51				

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SEATTLE 18TH DIST

Card #2 1940: 55 yrs. 1947-62

No. 1849 8 20
1885 7 20
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CHRISTENSEN (SURNAME) William (FIRST NAME) Rasmus (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
July	20	1885	Wash 6th	King	Seattle

SEX | RACE

RETIREMENT AGE

MILITARY SERVICE ____ YES ____ NO ____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION ____ YES ____ NO ____

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY: PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	SALARY: BASIC PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE: MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Trans.	AB Seaman		85.M	1-18-21	US. Shipping Board. Lake Greenbrier			
	Term.	" "		"	1-26-21	do	1	26	-
	Enlisted	2nd Officer		187.50M	2-2-21	do Lake Elmsford			
	Pro.	1st "		216.25M	5-5-21	do			
	Redpay	" "		185. M	11-22-21	do "	"		
	Term.	" "		"	11-25-21	do "	9	24	-
	Prob.Appt.	2d Asst.Keeper		1080 A.	2-20-26	Com.17thDist.-New Dungeness			
	Tr. & Pro.	Asst.Keeper		1200 A.	7-15-27	do Ediz Hook			
	Welch Act	" "		1320 A	7- 1-28	do do			
	Tr. & Dem.	" "		1260 A	5- 1-29	do West Pt.			
	Commended by Commissioner boat. Commended 3/12/34 by Supt. for 2/26/36 for not forwarding official	Supt. for assistance to 3/2/33 for assistance.	occupants of boat Commended by Supt. assistance to crew	with broken rudder. 2/13/33. Commended by 9/27/29 for assisting occupants of capsized of Schooner "Seven Seas". Cautioned by Supt. correspondence through superior officer.					
	Trans.	Asst. Keeper		1260 A	6-1-39	Com.17th Dist.-Umpqua River			
	A.Trans.Reor.	Plan II 5-9-39		1260 A	7-1-39	Treas.C.G. do			
	Trans.	Asst.Keeper		1260 A	1-10-40	do Cape Arago			
10-1-41	Promoted	" " (1260-1620)		1320 A.	1-16-41	do do			
	A.Trans.E.O.	#8929(11-1-41)		1320 A	11-1-41	Navy-C.G.-Seattle- do			
	Pay in lieu qtrs.	1500-1860		1560 A	12-23-41	do do			
	Within-Gr.Pro.	Asst.Kpr.(~~1260-1620~~)	w/o qtrs.	1620 A	10-1-42	do do			
C. Watters	Chg.post of duty	" "		1620 A	3-9-43	do Cape Meares			
#7700 367	Within-Gr.Pro.	" " 1500-1860		1680 A	4-1-44	do do			
	Pay Adj.&Pay	Inc.(1770-2166)w/o qtrs		2034	7-1-45	do do			
	Appt. Trans.	E.O. 9666 of 12-28-45		2034	1-1-46	TREAS. 13th CG Dis. do			
	Act 5-24-46	Keeper		2394.00	7-1-46				
	Adm.Pay Inc.	Keeper		2469.24	7-27-47	do			
	Intr.Agcy Tfr.& Chng.to Lo er Rate			2394.00	11-17-47	do			
	Lee 7A 6/27/48								

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY ____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS ____

Coast Guard and Shipping Board service verified.

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Naturalized: Certificate #585685 - 2/24/16 - Circuit Court Clatsop County.

NO. _____

CHRISTENSEN William Rasmus
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (SECOND NAME)
Born - Skrodstrup, Denmark

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
July	20	1885	Washington 6	King	Seattle

SEX M RACE W
RETIREMENT AGE
MILITARY SERVICE YES X NO
MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION YES NO

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	SALARY BASIC PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Enlisted	Seaman, ordinary			4-23-11	USCG-Cutter MANNING			
	Rated	eaman		X	5- 1-11	" "			
	Discharged	"			4-22-12	" "	-	-	1
	Reenlisted	"			10-8-12	" "			
	Rated	Coxswain(acting)			11-21-12	" "			
	"	Asst. Master-at-arms			4-25-13	" "			
	Discharged	" " " "			10- 7-13	" "			
	Reenlisted	" " " "			10-8-13	" "			
	Discharged	" " " "			12-8-14	" "	2		
	Reenlisted	" " " "		X	12-9-14	" "			
	Discharged	" " " "			10-7-15	" "			
	Reenlisted	" " " "			10-8-15	" "			
	Discharged	" " " "			10-7-16	" "			
	Reenlisted	" " " "			10-8-16	" "			
	Trans.	Surfman			1-22-17	" Willapa Bay Sta.			
	Discharged	"			10-7-17	" " " "			
	Employed	2d Officer		140 M	4-6-18	U.S.Fisheries - Seattle, Wn.	6	2	5
	Term.	" "		" X	10-7-18	" " " "			
	Enlisted or Emp	Jr. Officer		75 M	2-14-18	U.S. Shipping Board - Absaroka			
	Term.	" "		" X	3-26-18	" "	1	12	-
	Enlisted	2nd Officer		140 M	12-6-18	" " - Caddopeak			
	Term.	" "		" X	5-2-19	" "	4	27	-
	Enlisted	" "		"	8-9-19	" " - Kenosha			
	Term.	" "		"	8-16-19	" "			
	Enlisted	" "		187.50M	8-17-19	" " "			
	Term.	" "		"	9-11-19	" "	1	3	-
	Enlisted	1st "		222.50M	9-18-19	" "			
	Term.	" "		"	12-22-19	" " Clio	3	5	-
	Enlisted	" "		216.25M	12-1-20	" " Lake Trentrier			
	~~Term.~~	" "		~~"~~	~~1-12-21~~	" "			
	~~Pro~~. Trans.	3rd "		163.75M	1-13-21	" " "	"	"	

Applied for Dept. of Labor Certificate 10-7-16 Not Verified Not Verified

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS)
COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8
HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4
COLLEGE 1 2 3 4
DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS Master's license, any ocean.

Coast Guard and Shipping Board service verified.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—183

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REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date January 10, 1941

Name: Christensen, William R.

From: U. S. Coast Guard
(BUREAU OR DIVISION)

Bureau No: 356

Nature of Recommendation

Promotion

	FROM	TO
Position		Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1260-1620)	Field (Range $1260-1620)
Salary	$1260 p.a., plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	$1320 p.a., plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions		U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters		Seattle, Wash.
Post of Duty		Cape Arago Lt.Sta., Ore.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, C.G.
Allotment		
Field or Deptl.		Field

EFFECTIVE January 16, 1941

Remarks:

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Reg.

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

Justification:

No increase in pay since July 1, 1928.

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds

N. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

1-16-41

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Coast Guard- Lighthouse Service

Wm R. Christensen 75

Office of the Commander, Seattle District

Seattkem/ Wash. 19 Feb., 1940

CHANGE IN STATUS OF EMPLOYEE

U. S. COAST GUARD 3

REC'D FEB 26 1940 By

Name: William R. Christensen

Nature of action Transfer

Effective Date 10 January, 1940

FROM	TO
Position Keeper (~~Assistant~~)	Keeper (~~Assistant~~)
Pay $1260 A., plus $240 p.a. for quarters (Range 1200-1560)	$1260 A., plus $240 p.a. for quarters (Range 1260-1620)
Station Umpqua River Light Station, Oregon	Cape Arago Light Station, Oreg.

Remarks:

This change is reported in accordance with Department letter dated 27 December, 1939, approved 29 December, 1939. No change in grade will be effected during the current calendar year in accordance with provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

~~Executive Assistant~~

~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

W. H. MUNTER

M. P. JENSEN, Personnel Officer

Bureau of Lighthouses

Washington

HEADQUARTERS 1st Indorsement 9 March, 1940

Submitted to the Director of Personnel, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for information as to the effective date of the change.

By direction,

C. H. JONES,

Chief Personnel Officer.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date: 27 December, 1939

Name: Christensen, William R.

From: U. S. Coast Guard
(BUREAU OR OFFICE)

Nature of Recommendation

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Transfer

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1200-1560)	Field (Range $1260-1620)
Salary	$1260 pa., plus $240 pa. Qtrs.	$1260 pa., plus $240 pa. Qtrs.
Bureau	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Office	Portland, Oregon	Portland, Oregon
Unit		
Division		
Section		
Sub-Section		
Headquarters	Seattle, Washington	Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty	Umpqua River Lt. Sta., Oregon	Cape Arago Lt. Sta., Oregon
Appropriation	Sal., Kprs. of Lhs.,Coast Guard	Sal., Kprs. of Lhs.,Coast Guard
Allotment		

EFFECTIVE: E.O.D. FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ] FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

Remarks: Section 10b of the Reorganization Act of 1939 prohibits changes in gross compensation or grade during the present fiscal year.

The action in this case does not involve a change in gross compensation since the gross pay at the new station is the same as the gross pay at the former station

BUREAU OR DIVISION NO.: Lt. #356

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-85

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE:

NATURE OF POSITION NEW:

ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL:

VICE VACANCY:

VICE: Noble F. Hyde

CIVIL SERVICE AUTHORITY:

DATE OF EFFECT:

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT: Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

Justification:

Consideration given all other eligible employees.
Certified as to Sufficiency of Appropriated Funds.

C. H. JONES,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.
Bureau or Division Head

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, TREASURY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

DATE: 1.3.40

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - FEB 9 1940

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

William R Christensen (Name) Wash (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prom	1080	L H - New Dungeness	Feb. 20, 1926
"	Trans & Prom.	1200	" - Edis Hook L.S. Wash.	7/15/27
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928	1320	" "	JULY 1, 1928
Keeper	Transfer	1260	L. H. - West Point L.S.	May 1, 1929.
"	(73a) Transfer	1260	" - Umpqua River	6-1-39

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 20 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 19 11 32 AM '39

Portland, Oregon, June 15, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee was transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on June 1, 1939

Name, William R. Christensen

Position, Keeper (~~Assistant~~)

From West Point Light Station, Wash.

To Umpqua River Light Station, Oreg.

Salary and range, $1260 A plus quarters valued at $240 A; range $1260-1620 plus quarters valued at $240 A.

Salary and range, $1260 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 A; range $1200-1560 plus quarters valued at $240 A.

Previous incumbent and pay, Harold O. Jorgenson $1320 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 A. (#447)

Services terminated, May 31, 1939

Reason. Transferred to Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, Wash.

CARDED

F. C. HINGSBURG
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with June 1, 1939

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 22 1939

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

FILE INDEXED

April 20, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the Bureau's recommendation of February 21, 1939, that William R. Christensen, assistant keeper at $1260 per annum of West Point Light Station, and Harold O. Jorgensen, assistant keeper at $1320 per annum of Umpqua River Light Station, be exchanged in positions without change in compensation.

The Bureau's recommendation that Mr. Christensen be allowed to charge the time during which he was under suspension from duty without pay (November 10, to December 3, 1938, inclusive) to accrued leave with pay, has also been approved.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

APR 21 1939

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1939.

Mr. Kerlin:

It is understood from the Bureau of Lighthouses that it returned to Colonel Johnson the memorandum from this office, dated January 6, 1939, and the papers mentioned therein concerning the cases of Messers. Hall and Christensen.

RECEIVED

MAR 3 1939

J. M. JOHNSON

ejg

Mr Foster has the papers in the case 3/3

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON February 21, 1939.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 24 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Secretary of Commerce:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 20 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

The case of Keeper Jacob Hall and Assistant Keeper Wm. R. Christensen at West Point Light Station, near Seattle, in the Seventeenth District, has had the further consideration of the Bureau, in connection with which there has been further correspondence with the Superintendent of the Seventeenth District, as per copies herewith. It will be noted that the Keeper, Mr. Hall, has been transferred from this station to Robinson Point Light Station without change in pay, and that the Superintendent agrees that the record as set up in this case does not warrant disciplinary action in the case of Assistant Keeper Christensen on the basis of any charges or allegations found provable.

The Bureau accordingly withdraws its recommendation for the reduction in pay of Mr. Christensen, which was made in connection with nomination for his transfer to Umpqua River Light Station. It is further recommended that Mr. Christensen be allowed to charge the time during which he was under suspension from duty to accrued leave with pay in lieu of the suspension without pay, as the record now stands.

Attention is, however, invited to the Superintendent's statement in paragraph 5 of his letter of February 14, 1939, as follows: "The Superintendent is firmly of the opinion that the good of the Service will be advanced by the transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen to another station and it is believed that Umpqua River Light Station is so situated as to give whatever consideration may fairly and properly be given to the chronic invalidism of Mrs. Christensen." In view of this statement and the mature consideration of this case by the Superintendent, who made investigation on the ground, and further in view of the opinion of former Superintendent of that District as to the qualifications of both Messrs. Hall and Christensen, the Bureau is disposed to recommend that Mr. Christensen and Mr. Jorgensen, at present Assistant Keeper of Umpqua River Light Station, be exchanged in positions without change of compensation.

However, should the Department see objection to this procedure as implying a disciplinary action in Mr. Christensen's case without recorded evidence sufficient to justify any color of discipline, it would be agreeable to the Bureau to let Mr. Christensen's status remain as at present for a period of three to six months, during which he would be considered as in a quasi-probationary status, the Superintendent to make a further report and recommendation at the expiration of such period as to whether he still is of the opinion that the good of the Service indicates the transfer of Mr. Christensen to another station.

2/24 Action O. K.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HDK:EBF
Enclosures

Adm. Asst. to Secy!

FCH:PJN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 18 11 56 AM '39

February 14, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington D. C.

Diciplinary Action re: Keepers, West Point
Light Station

1. The Bureau's letter dated February 2, 1939 in regard to Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen of West Point Light Station has been received, in response to which this further report is submitted.

2. This office notes Bureau approval of the exchange of keepers between West Point and Robinson Point Light Stations. Keeper Hall will be transferred to Robinson Point and Keeper Fillinger will be transferred to West Point Light Station effective February 14, 1939.

3. The Bureau's statement that "full recognition of the fact that the good of the Service may sometimes require that administrative action be taken on other grounds than solely a strict balance of fault between individuals" is noted and the Superintendent is now of the opinion that settlement of this case must necessarily be made on that basis. In regard to the testimony of the soldiers who were interrogated in the course of the investigation, the Superintendent received the impression that the case had been discussed among themselves to a degree that resulted in coherent testimony. There was no corroborative statement made by any of the soldiers concerning the following testimony by Christensen:

"Superintendent: The statement was made that there was a partly empty glass of beer when the keeper entered the house and your nephew poured it in the sink.
Christensen: There was no beer; there may have been root beer. There was no beer of any kind. If it was a beer bottle I still have some and it is homemade root beer."

4. The disturbance was first reported to the Assistant Superintendent by Keeper Hall in a private letter. The letter was shown to the Superintendent with the request that it be not used officially. On the basis of this information but without reference to the private letter, the Superintendent wrote the keeper, which led to the receipt of a letter of charges from the keeper. Upon the insistence of Keeper Hall that the soldiers take Christensen to the guard house, one of the

soldiers initiated the call for the corporal of the guard. Two petty officers, whose testimony is in the record, came to the station. There is attached herewith a letter from Mr. C. E. Sherman, District Maintenance Supervisor, who was at West Point Light Station on November 5, 1938. It will be noted that he states that it is his sincere belief that considerable more credence should be placed in Christensen's testimony than in Hall's. This statement must necessarily be taken at its full value in Christensen's behalf.

5. The Superintendent concurs with the Bureau's views that "Quarrelsomeness of keepers is clearly detrimental to the proper conduct of light stations and reflects discredit upon the Lighthouse Service, especially at stations such as West Point, which is so located as to be conspicuously in the public eye." The Superintendent is firmly of the opinion that the good of the Service will be advanced by the transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen to another station and it is believed that Umpqua River Light Station is so situated as to give whatever consideration may fairly and properly be given to the chronic invalidism of Mrs. Christensen. In view of the statement made by Mr. Sherman, it is believed that there is no justification for the imposition of a more severe penalty on Assistant Keeper Christensen than taken in the case of Keeper Hall. If any credence can be given to gossip, it may be surmised that Assistant Keeper Christensen was involved in similar circumstances before but there is no record of such. It may also be concluded that Keeper Hall is a man of peculiar personality and of excitable nature. His testimony regarding the use of beer and the fact he kept beer on the reservation indicated truthfulness at least in this one instance. It does appear that the call for assistance from the military reservation must have had some foundation. In summing up the case, the Superintendent is of the opinion that the transfer of both Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen without letters of caution is sufficient action to cover the corrective measures justified by the testimony. This action is considered sufficient to show disapproval of the Service to such behavior and have a cautionary effect throughout the District for the good of the Service. Should either keeper be involved in similar circumstances in any future case, it would be proper to reopen this record as the basis of a previous offense.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ENC.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Seventeenth District
Seattle Depot
February 9, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Ore.

In reply to the first paragraph of the attached letter will state that I was called to West Point Station on November 5, 1938, by Keeper Hall, as set forth in his testimony. Upon arrival at the station I went directly to the lantern where I found the Keeper endeavoring to get the lens bearing together. He had the work practically completed but from the appearance of things in the lantern he had been having considerable difficulty. I straightened matters out, explained how this operation could be done very easily, checked the operation of the lens and left. Nothing unusual was noted except that Keeper Hall appeared to be somewhat excited and extremely nervous. At the time I attributed this to his probable reluctance to having to ask for assistance and possible embarrassment at being caught endeavoring to do something which was apparently too complicated for him. I did not associate Assistant Keeper Christensen with the matter because I had been told by him, some time previously, that Keeper Hall, upon taking over the station, had rearranged the work so that he (Christensen) was entirely relieved of the cleaning and care of the lens and its related equipment - a duty which he formerly performed. I did not see the Assistant Keeper at all but thought nothing of that as it is not unusual for one or the other of the keepers to sleep in the afternoon. Keeper Hall made no unusual remarks or statements.

Under the qualifications set forth in the second paragraph of the attached letter, and knowing absolutely nothing more of this case than is divulged in the accompanying testimony, will state that it is my sincere belief that considerable more credence should be placed in Christensen's testimony than in Hall's.

(Signed) C. E. Sherman

Maint. Sup.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 17th District
Portland, Oreg.

February 7, 1939.

Mr. C. E. Sherman, Maintenance Supvsr.
Seattle Lighthouse Depot
Interbay Postal Station
Seattle, Washington.

Disciplinary action re: Keepers, West Point Light Station.

1. Inasmuch as you were at West Point Light Station on Saturday, November 5, 1938, in connection with the overhaul of the revolving mechanism at that station and at which time there was trouble between Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen, there is forwarded for your review copies of the testimony of both keepers. The Bureau is interested in having the record further clarified and amplified. This office will appreciate receiving from you a statement of any facts or circumstances which may have come to your notice at the time of your visit to the light station.

2. In addition the Bureau is interested in securing from you a statement based on your knowledge and association with both of these men as to whether Christensen's testimony or Hall's testimony is the more credible.

3. Please give this matter your immediate attention and return the copies of the testimony taken from the files of this office.

(Signed) F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Enc.

January 11, 1939.

MEMORANDUM for Col. Johnson:

I concur in Mr. Gardner's comment regarding the controversy between the Keeper and Assistant Keeper at the West Point Light Station, as I do not think a case has been made against Christensen, the Assistant Keeper.

Before any action, other than that recommended by Mr. Gardner, is taken I would suggest that we find out a few more of what I consider vital points such as who reported the disturbance to the Assistant Superintendent in the first instance; who called for and why, the second group of two soldiers; and a statement should be obtained from the mechanic regarding work on the revolving mechanism. On this latter point there is conflict of statement between the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper which I believe could be cleared up by a statement by the Mechanic who went to the Station, and it would indicate to us which one is not telling the truth.

Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 20 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

January 6, 1939.

2-2-34. Write 17th Supt

Memorandum for Colonel Johnson
Mr. Kerlin

Herewith is a communication from the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending that William R. Christensen, an assistant keeper at the West Point Light Station, be suspended without pay for the period November 10 to December 3, 1938, inclusive, and that both he and jacob hall, the keeper, be cautioned regarding their future conduct. Mr. Christensen has been recommended to be transferred to the Umpqua River Light Station and demoted in salary from $1260 to $1200 per annum. There is also attached other correspondence relating to the case. Mr. Christensen was charged on November 9, 1938, with being intoxicated on November 4, 1938, on return from leave, failing to go on watch on that day and raising a disturbance on November 5, which required calling in four soldiers from the nearby army post to assist in dealing with him; introducing liquor in the Lighthouse reservation and serving liquor to his friends in his quarters. Pending investigation of charges Mr. Christensen was suspended from duty effective November 10, 1938, and restored to duty on December 4, 1938. These charges were preferred as a result of a report from keeper Hall.

The Superintendent of the 17th Lighthouse District, after investigation of the allegations made by Mr. Hall, the keeper, concluded that the charges of assault and intoxication were not fully established against assistant keeper Christensen, and his conclusions were concurred in by the Commissioner of Lighthouses. The Commissioner states, however, that it has been established that there has been difficulty at the station attaining the proportion of a mild crisis on November 4 and 5, and that the interests of the service will be furthered by assigning the keepers to different stations and cautioning them regarding their future conduct.

Keeper Hall, as the Commissioner points out, has had difficulty in earlier years in getting along with his fellow employees. He was appointed in the service March 17, 1914, as an assistant keeper. Shortly prior to July 3, 1914, while still serving a probationary period, Mr. Hall engaged in an altercation with the keeper of the station to which he was assigned, Mr. George Policondriotes. Mr. Hall left the station and reported to the

Inspector that he was in fear of his life and would not return to the station as long as Mr. Policondriotes was there. The keeper was transferred and later dismissed as an aftermath of this trouble.

On December 27, 1915, the District Office requested that a proposed recommendation for an increase in pay for Mr. Hall be held up pending investigation of charges of insubordination preferred against him by W. S. Denning, the keeper of the station to which he was then assigned. On investigation, the Inspector found the statements so absolutely contradictory that he was unable to determine the exact facts in the case. However, the personal feeling between the two men was so great that for the good of the service Mr. Hall was transferred to a different light station.

In May, 1918, charges were preferred against Mr. Hall by a person residing near the Light Station concerning Mr. Hall's alleged quarrelsome and bullying conduct and his attempt to assert his right to exclusive fishing privileges, and several other minor matters. Mr. Hall, at this same time, appears to have had some controversy with the keeper about pasture and planting arrangements. A letter of reprimand was sent to Mr. Hall on July 17, 1918. A statement was made by the District Superintendent at that time that he was of a jealous and suspicious nature. In answering the charges Mr. Hall apparently solicited statements of a minister and 12 residents of a nearby town, none of whom had any direct knowledge of the facts involved in the controversy.

In contrast with keeper Hall's record, the assistant keeper, Mr. Christensen, appears to have had a good record during all of his service with the Bureau and has on several occasions received commendations for his acts of service to the public, and has never been charged with dereliction of duty, nor appears to have had difficulty in his relations with his fellow employees. Mr. Christensen has been employed at the West Point Light Station since May 21, 1929. Mr. Hall was transferred to that station on August 1, 1938.

The Superintendent, in his report of the investigation of the charges preferred against Mr. Christensen, refers to the fact that statements of three of the soldiers who were questioned concerning their knowledge of the facts are in agreement "and probably too much so to be given weight of full face value". The Superintendent gives as his opinion that the case "resolves itself

to the keeper's word against the assistant's". Since the Superintendent conducted the questioning himself, he would seem to be in a better position to weigh the value of the testimony. However, it should be pointed out that assistant keeper Christensen's account of the events occurring on the night of November 5, are fully corroborated by several witnesses, while keeper Hall's statement is entirely without substantiation. Examination of the statements of the keeper and the assistant keeper, and of the several other persons which are herewith, seems to indicate that the charges against the assistant keeper have not been substantiated to a degree sufficient to warrant the disciplinary action against Mr. Christensen recommended by the Bureau, especially in view of his previous good record of service and of the past record of the keeper for creating discord.

It will be noted that the keeper who charged Christensen with bringing liquor onto the premises admits that he himself has used beer and wine at meal times under the assumption that it was not in violation of the regulations, and that he had beer in his quarters while no intoxicating beverages were found in the quarters of assistant keeper Christensen.

Mr. Christensen, in his letter of November 12, states that keeper Hall is subject to periodic fainting spells and the Bureau intends to obtain a further report regarding Mr. Hall's physical condition with a view to ascertaining whether it will be necessary to retire him at this time for disability.

In view of the circumstances I think it would be well to withhold any action on the Bureau's recommendation for the transfer of Mr. Christensen until it has been determined whether Mr. Hall is physically qualified for retention in the service. If Mr. Hall is found competent for further duty, it is the opinion of this office that he should be transferred to another station. If that is done it is not believed that it will be necessary to transfer Mr. Christensen to a different station nor to decrease his pay, especially since his wife is handicapped physically and since there has already been imposed upon him a suspension without pay covering a period of 24 days inclusive, which would seem to be sufficient punishment for his actions. It is accordingly recommended that the suspension of Mr. Christensen from November 10 to December 3, 1938, inclusive, without pay, be approved by the Department, and that he be cautioned to avoid recurrence of similar trouble in the future.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

Enclosures.
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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 15, 1938

Secretary of Commerce:

There is enclosed the 17th Superintendent's recommendation of November 18, together with its enclosures, with regard to charges of failing to go on watch on account of intoxication and of disturbing the peace against William R. Christensen, assistant keeper at West Point Light Station, Washington.

Briefly, the charges relate to the alleged intoxication and unruly conduct of Mr. Christensen on November 4 and 5, Principal keeper Hall also alleging that Mr. Christensen struck him in the chest. Particular attention is invited to the fact that four soldiers from a nearby army post were summoned by the keeper to the station to quell the disturbance, and that the Superintendent later interviewed these soldiers and obtained statements from them in connection with his personal investigation which he deemed necessary on account of the nature of the situation; and that the eye witness testimony of these soldiers does not support the charges with regard to intoxication or unruliness on the part of Assistant Keeper Christensen.

As to Mr. Christensen's prior record, he is 53 years of age and has been in the Service since February 1926, and his record is clear. As to Principal Keeper Hall, he is 59 years of age and has been in the Service since March 14, 1914. His prior record shows that in the earlier years of his service he had difficulty in getting along with other keepers, and in a letter dated June 12, 1918, the 17th Superintendent stated that, "Assistant Keeper Hall's conduct has been such as to warrant severe censure, and as he has been party to trouble at the two stations to which he had previously been attached, the Inspector (now Superintendent), is of opinion that his services, though generally satisfactory so far as the station work is concerned, are not so valuable as to offset any further trouble caused by him. He is of a jealous and suspicious nature, as his insinuations against the Keeper show". In July 1926, Keeper Hall was transferred to Marrowstone Point Light Station, which is a single keeper station, at which Mr. Hall continued apparently without difficulty, and from which he was transferred to his present station in August of this year.

There is also enclosed the 17th Superintendent's further letter in the matter dated November 19, together with its enclosures of an exchange of correspondence between the office of the Superintendent and the U. S. Marine Hospital at Seattle, Washington, relating to Mr. Hall's allegations concerning an injury to his chest, allegedly caused by a blow delivered by Mr. Christensen. It is noted that the medical officer's findings are negative and not material as to the manner in which Mr. Hall sustained the alleged injury.

Also enclosed is the Superintendent's letter dated December 2, enclosing a letter dated November 12, addressed to the Superintendent by Assistant Keeper Christensen, and also a copy of a letter dated September 26 addressed to Assistant Keeper Christensen by Keeper Hall, these being the documents referred to in the last paragraph of Assistant Keeper Christensen's reply to the Charges dated November 12.

From an examination of the material, therefore, the Bureau largely concurs with the view of the Superintendent to the effect that while some basis for disciplinary action exists, the charges of assault and intoxication have not been fully established against Assistant Keeper Christensen. It has definitely been established, however, that there has been difficulty at the station, and that it attained the proportions of a mild crisis on November 4 and 5, and there appears no doubt that the interest of the Service would be furthered by separating these keepers and cautioning both of them, particularly cautioning keeper Hall as proposed by the Superintendent in paragraph 5, with regard to the introduction of alcoholic beverages on to the station.

It is therefore recommended that both keepers be cautioned and transferred to different stations as suitable opportunities occur, nominations for which to be duly submitted to the Department, and that Assistant Keeper Christensen's period of suspension be without pay from November 10 to December 3, inclusive, the Bureau having approved his restoration to duty on the station on December 4.

It is also proposed to obtain a further report from the Superintendent as to Mr. Christensen's allegations in his letter of November 12 to the Superintendent to the effect that Keeper Hall is subject to fainting spells etc., which allegations, if facts, would possibly indicate the necessity for Keeper Hall's retirement.

12/7/38

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy.

W. D. Terrell
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 12 9 AM '38 DEC 30 1938 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City), December 6, 1938 (Date), 19___

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Transfer and decrease in pay. Legal residence, Washington

Name, William R. Christensen

Position, ~~Assistant~~ Keeper

Location, Umpqua River Light Station

Effective, January 1, 1939

Proposed salary, $1200 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.
Proposed range, $1200-1560 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.
Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper

Location, West Point Light Station

Former salary, $1260 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.
Former range, $1260-1620 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.

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

(1200-1560)

Harold O. Jorgenson (Lt, #417) to be

Previous incumbent and his pay, $1320 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum. Services terminated, December 31, 1938.

Reason, To be transferred to Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station

Members of immediate family in Government service, None.

Are they living under the same roof?

Date of birth, July 20, 1885.

Remarks: See 17th Letter November 18th on subject of charges of drunkness against Mr. Christensen and Bureau telegram of December 5th. Provisions Section 2, Rule 1, Civil Service Regulations regarding political or religious affiliations or opinions will not be violated by this recommendation.

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

12/30/38

Manager, Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
C.A.Knight, Chief Clerk
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Bureau letter of December 15.

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy:

C P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sent to Dept, 12/30/38 BJJ

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

December 2, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Reference is made to Bureau telegram of December 1st requesting forwarding of letter of William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, dated November 12th in connection with charges against him as outlined in 17th District letter of November 18, 1938.

Mr. Christensen's letter with enclosures is enclosed herewith as requested.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Enc.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Charges against William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station.

There is forwarded for the Bureau's information an exchange of correspondence between this office and the U.S.Marine Hospital at Seattle which has a bearing on the above case. It is requested that these letters be considered in conjunction with this case.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Charges,- William R. Christiansen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station

1. Charges were preferred against William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station in accordance with district letter of Nov. 9, 1938, copy of which is attached. It will be noted that the Assistant Keeper was suspended from duty effective Nov. 10 pending investigation of charges. The charges were based on information received through a personal letter to Assistant Superintendent C. F. Ganong. A letter dated Nov. 9~~10~~ was addressed to Keeper Jacob Hall, of West Point Light Station, requesting an official report, to which the keeper replied on Nov. 10,1938. Assistant Keeper Christensen's reply to the letter of charges Nov. 12, ~~which~~ is also attached. As the reply to charges completely denied all counts in the letter of charges, it was considered proper to make a personal investigation involving statements from the soldiers from Fort Lawton, who were called in by the keeper. The four soldiers were interviewed separately, their statements being taken by stenographic notes. Copies of the statements are attached.

2. In summing up the case there are a number of conditions to be weighed. Assistant Keeper Christensen evidently wrote his answer to charges on the basis of advice from an attorney and the underlying principle on which the reply is based is to admit nothing so as not to be placed in a position of testifying against himself. In the Superintendent's judgment this accounts for the wide disagreement as to facts. Mr. Christensen's wife is a bed ridden paralytic. It is the belief of the Superintendent that her condition and the hardship which may result from any action has a bearing on the case. It will be noted that the independent statements of three of the soldiers whose statements were received are in agreement, and probably too much so, to be given weight at full face value. The case resolves itself to the keeper's word against his assistant's.

3. There are four points at issue: (a) Assistant Keeper Christensen under the influence of liquor on the reservation. (b) The introduction of liquor on to a lighthouse reservation (c) Failure of Assistant Keeper Christensen to stand his watch, and (d) Insubordination and striking Keeper Hall in the chest. To clear up the above points additional statements were taken by interviewing keeper Hall and assistant keeper Christensen separately. Their statements are attached. It

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will be noted that both Christensen and Hall reiterate their previous statements, Christensen confirming his denial of charges and Keeper Hall reiterating all circumstances covered by the charges.

4. It is the conclusion that the case has not been proven to a degree that warrants dismissal of Assistant Keeper Christensen. There is probably a basis of complaint that requires some disciplinary action. It is recommended that Assistant Keeper Christensen be penalized one month's pay and transferred to another station in the district. Ordinarily the transfer should be made to one of the outlying stations, but considering Mrs. Christensen's condition and need for constant attention it is considered that from the humanitarian point of view the transfer should be made to a shore station. A transfer to Umpqua River Light Station is suggested, this being arranged by exchange of assistant keepers.

5. The cross examination of Keeper Hall reveals the fact that he has violated regulations by having beer in his quarters, and use of beer and wine at meal time in his quarters as brought out in the testimony. In addition there was evidence of failure to check the Journal entries as to leave statements filled in by the assistant keeper. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that a letter of caution be issued to Keeper Jacob Hall for violation of Art. 120, Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927. For the good of the Service and evidence of dissatisfaction, it is also recommended that Keeper Hall be transferred to a neighboring station, this being arranged by exchange of positions, inasmuch as West Point is considered the more desirable station in the Puget Sound area. Telegraphic advice is requested in order that nominations for transfer of keepers may be prepared and submitted.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Duplicate copies sent regular mail

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Treasury Department
United States Public Health Service
U.S. Marine Hospital
Seattle, Wash.
November 17,1938

Mr. F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 16, 1938, concerning Lighthouse Keeper Jacob Hall.

Mr. Hall applied at the U.S.Marine Hospital for treatment on November 14,1938, stating that about one week previously a drunken man struck him with his fist across the front of his chest, following which he had a burning sensation at the point where blow was struck.

Examination of this man's chest was negative for any sign of injury. X-ray taken on November 14,1938, showed no evidence of fracture of the sternum or of the adjacent ribs.

There is no record at this station of this man previously applying for treatment of any chest condition.

It is the opinion of the examiner that this man probably had a mild contusion of the sternum. There is no available method to determine how this injury may have been sustained other than the integrity of the history as given by patient.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. M. Grimm
Medical Direction, USPHS
In Charge

copy

November 16, 1938

Commanding Officer
Marine Hospital,
Public Health Service,
Seattle, Washington.

In connection with the investigation of charges between the Keepers of West Point Lightstation, at Seattle, Washington, it is claimed by the Keeper J. Hall that on Saturday afternoon November 5, 1938 he was struck by his assistant in the chest. He applied at the Marine Hospital for treatment and it is understood that the Marine Hospital has taken an X-ray of the injury.

It is the contention of the Keeper, Hall, that this injury is the direct result of the body blow. The assistant keeper states that Hall had a fainting spell caused by a weak chest condition of long standing and such fainting spells have occurred before. Also that Keeper Hall has been under the care of the Marine Hospital from time to time for the same ailment.

On account of the conflicting testimony without outside corroboration, it would be of material assistance to learn whether the injury was caused by a recent blow or whether, as the assistant keeper contends, Keeper Hall fainted and fell due to a chest condition or weakness that has been under treatment over a longer period of time.

May I ask you for your opinion in this matter. Please accept our appreciation for your cooperation.

Yours very truly

/s/ F.C.Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Nov. 16, 1938
Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

Statement of William R. Christensen.
Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station.

Superintendent: What time did you leave the station Friday?

Christensen: About 10. (A.M)

Superintendent: What time did you get back?

Christensen: About 10:30. (P.M.)

Superintendent: Did you have an approved leave slip?

Christensen: No.

Superintendent: You are aware of regulations covering leave without prior leave approval? You are allowed how many hours of leave without approval?

Christensen: I am allowed 6 hours.

Superintendent: You had no approval for more?

Christensen: But I understood I could stay longer once a week.

Superintendent: On whose authority?

Christensen: On authority of keeper. That was my understanding.

Superintendent: Did you return with anybody else?

Christensen: Yes, a man and his wife returned to get some clothes of my housekeeper's.

Superintendent: What was the man's name?

Christensen: His name is Christensen but no relation to me. He is the husband of the housekeeper's daughter.

Superintendent: When was your watch?

Christensen: 12:00 o'clock Friday.

Superintendent: Did you report to the keeper?

Christensen: My housekeeper called me and when I went to the keeper's house and knocked there was no answer.

Superintendent: Did you return to the station under the influence of liquor?

Christensen: I had nothing but a glass of beer in the forenoon.

Superintendent: Have you ever had any liquor in your house?

Christensen: No, sir.

Statement by W.R.Ch[redacted]nsen: Continued.

Superintendent: Have you ever been under the influence of liquor at the station?

Christensen: On the station, no.

Superintendent: You turned to Saturday at what time?

Christensen: At midnight. I was on the watch from midnight till 8:00 a.m. and worked in the fogsignal from 8 to 12 noon except for an interval of half an hour when I took my housekeeper to the bus.

Superintendent: Did you assist keeper to take down revolving mechanism?

Christensen: No, I told him I'd do it later in the day, but instead of waiting he called Sherman.

Superintendent: Did you have any drinks at the station Saturday morning?

Christensen: No, sir, I did not.

Superintendent: What time were you supposed to go back on watch Saturday?

Christensen: At sunset.

Superintendent: Did you turn the light on at sunset?

Christensen: No I didn't. He said he would turn on the light when he finished putting the ball bearings back.

Superintendent: You had someone else in your house Saturday:

Christensen: Yes.

Superintendent: Your nephew?

Christensen: Not exactly my nephew. His name is Lee Loria and he's my mother's cousin's son. Mr. Swanson was an acquaintance of him. He was outside most of the time.

Superintendent: Did they have any drinks?

Christensen: They did not, not a drink. I had no liquor in my house whatxxever.

Superintendent: The keeper said you struck him?

Christensen: I did not. That man is subject to fainting spells, and he fainted. When the housekeeper called me I went to the door and he was lying there. Once he came in the kitchen and fell over on the floor and another time at the flagpole he said, 'I guess I am going to get one of my spells.' About a week after he came he was helping my housekeeper with my wife and he fainted there. He has complained about his chest ever since he has been here.

Superintendent: On Sunday morning you went over to the keeper's house?

Statement oh W.R.Christensen (Continued)

Christensen: Yes, I went over with the newspaper.

Superintendent: The Keeper states you apologized on Sunday morning for your actions Saturday night?

Christensen: He would not talk to me and I hung the newspaper between the knob and jamb.

Superintendent: There's a statement by the keeper and his wife that you came over and apologized.

Christensen: I couldn't - I never spoke to him.

Superintendent: Had there previously been any bad feeling?

Christensen: Not so far as I am concerned, but I believe there has been on his side. I believe you have my letter that he wrote. I did not answer that letter.

Superintendent: Your statement in answer to charges was made on the advice of attorney?

Christensen: That's right.

Superintendent: You still affirm the statement that you make as a true statement?

Christensen: Yes, sir.

Superintendent: There's no qualifying statement you wish to make?

Christensen: I really think this is a made-up affair to railroad me out of here. It seems to me he has something against me and my wife.

Superintendent: Isn't it a fact that Mrs. Hall sits with your wife, that there is friendliness in evidence?

Christensen: That's so. But it has happened not only once or twice that I had my wife in the garage to get her out of the wind and he has come and closed the door in her face and left her sitting in there.

Superintendent: Has there been any occasion that you were at the station that you have had your housekeeper or someone else substitute for you?

Christensen: No.

Superintendent: You have always taken your own watch?

Christensen: Why certainly. On several occasions he has talked to me like a dog. That's a general statement I want to make and that has been overheard by my wife and housekeeper and others. I have took more from him than any other knows. I have been with other keepers 6 years, 5 years, 2 years, and never had trouble with any other keeper or anyone outside. But this KEEPER man it seems when he was appointed keeper 12 years ago he

Statement of W. R. C[redacted]ensen: (Continued)

at Marrowstone Point all by himself and I think I am the first assistant keeper he has and he is taking it out on me. I asked him a question one day - that applies to his personal letter - if we could not have a little system about sprinkling the lawn. Well, he took a look at me and never answered. Then I asked about the mail and said couldn't we get the mail regular. The papers are there at 4 or not later than 4:30. We only have to go once a day. Well, one day he'd get them at 4 and next day at 7, but I like to get the paper because I read it to my wife. But he just laughed at me. That is in the personal letter.

Superintendent: That is a matter that has only a slight bearing on this case.

Christensen: Well, you asked if there were any feelings between the two of us. As far as I am concerned there is not. I know what I am up against over there and I am filled up and I have taken a lot.

Superintendent: The keeper mentioned that this is not the first time you returned under the influence of liquor? Is that right?

Christensen: No, it is not right. I don't drink and I don't get drunk, except some times when I am out, a glass of liquor. I can't understand it.

Superintendent: Were you acquainted with the soldiers that came down to West Point Saturday night?

Christensen: One or two I have seen around the Fort and perhaps they have seen me.

Superintendent: You are not friendly with them, or had them in your house?

Christensen: No, I am not acquainted with them and I have never had soldiers visit my house, never.

Superintendent: Were you drinking beer when the soldiers came in?

Christensen: No, there was no beer in the house.

Superintendent: The statement was made there was a partly empty glass of beer when the keeper entered the house and your nephew poured it in the sink.

Christensen: There was no beer; there may have been root beer. There was no beer of any kind. If it was a beer bottle I still have some and it it homemade root beer.

Superintendent: Did you chase the keeper home after he claimed he was struck?

Christensen; No, sir.

Superintendent: He went to his house and said he drew the shades and felt he was in danger. You say you didn't strike him with your fist. You didn't hit him with the door when you opened it?

Christensen: It couldn't. It opens inside.

Superintendent: He complains of a bruise on chest.

Statement of W. R. Christensen (Continued)

Christensen: He has been complaining about the chest ever since he came there and said he was going to see the doctor then. That was shortly after he came there, about a week or ten days.

Nov. 16, 1938
West Point Light Station
Seattle.

Statement of Mrs. J. Hall

Superintendent: On Saturday, a week ago, did you see Mr. Christensen under the influence of liquor and where was he when you observed him?

Mrs. Hall: He came in the garage about 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He had his wife in the garage. I think he was going to take his wife in the house, but she shoved him away. He was wiggling - he could hardly stand up, and another man there said he would take Mrs. Christensen in, so he took her in.

Saturday night he chased Mr. Hall to our door and I did not see but I could hear the running.

Superintendent: Did you overhear the conversation between Mr. Christensen and Mr. Hall on Sunday?

Mrs. Hall: Sunday morning he came about 8:00 o'clock and I heard him say he wanted to excuse himself. I was in bed and Mr. Hall said he was tired and needed some rest and he'd see him later.

Statement of Keeper J. Hall.

November 16,1938
West Point Lighthouse,
Seattle, Wn.

Superintendent: I have your letter on which charges were based against Assistant Keeper William R. Christensen. I have talked to the two privates, the corporal and the sergeant from Fort Lawton, who were at West Point Lighthouse Saturday night, November 5, about this case. They separately state that there was no evidence of liquor in Christensen's quarters and so far as they know he was not under the influence of liquor and apparently able to take his watch. What proof have you of your statements on which charges were based?

Keeper Hall: That is a great surprise, and I have stated the facts. On Saturday morning he was fairly sobered up. He came to the lighthouse. There was some trouble with the revolving machinery and we took out the ball bearings. As soon as he got them out he wanted to go to his home but I told him he had to stand by as I didn't see how he took them out and how they would go together. About 10 or half-past 10 he left to take his housekeeper to town. When he came back I noticed that he was handling the equipment very rough and I thought he was going to break the lens. At 11:30 Saturday I called Mr. Sherman, the Maintenance Supervisor, for help to get the revolving mechanism together. Sherman arrived about 2:30 Saturday afternoon, but Mr. Sherman did not see Mr. Christensen. Coming home I heard considerable noise. Mrs. Hall tole me that Christensen was staggering and drunk. That was about quarter to 4 Saturday afternoon.

My wife saw him staggering to the house and said he was drunk as could be. My wife was talking to Mrs. Christensen at the garage and Mr. Christensen came over and fell all over his wife. He wanted to take her in but Mrs. Christensen pushed him away. His nephew took Mrs. Christensen into the house.

Superintendent: Did Christensen show up at lighting up time?

Keeper Hall: It was lighting up time at 4:30. No, he never showed up. I started up the light and thought he might come over to talk to me. I had my supper about 5:30 and wanted to go to bed. It was his watch.

Superintendent: Did you see Christensen then?

Keeper Hall: Mrs. Christensen said it was no use to go over and I hadn't see him since working on the lens Saturday morning. About 5:30 I went to Christensen's house; his housekeeper came out and I asked if Christensen was sick and she said the nephew would come and talk to me, and after about 10 minutes she came out and said Christensen was too sick. I said I must know if he would stand his watch, for someone must stand watch. I waited about 15 minutes and started to walk home. Then Christensen came out, staggering and said 'I am sick' and hit me hard on the chest. When I told Mrs. Christensen what had happened she got hysterics and said to call the Guard at the Fort. We first asked for two privates and when they arrived we went over to Christensen's house.

Superintendent: Did you see any drinking or evidence of liquor when you entered Christensen's house?

Statement of Keeper Hall (Continued)

Keeper Hall: There was a glass of beer on the table and his nephew said 'You have had enough' and threw it in the sink. The nephew said 'Calm down and stop trying to be smart; use your head and keep your mouth shut'. My determination was to take him to the Fort. His wife, who is paralytic, got worse and I wouldn't want the responsibility with her sick. The soldiers would place the blame on me if anything happened when they took Christensen to the Guard House. So we telephoned for the Sergeant to come down. Mrs. Hall picked up pretty fast after the Sergeant arrived and said to me it would be all right if Christensen stayed in his own house, so the Sergeant said that it would be best and we went over and said if Christensen wouldn't come to our house and disturb Mrs. Hall he could sober up and the nephew promised to take care of him and see that there was no liquor in the house when he awakened.

Superintendent: Do you have any liquor on the premises?

Keeper Hall: Yes, I have some since the law was passed, I think it is a fact that most of the employees have. I have liquor in my residence now for meals, but not for drinking purposes.

Superintendent: Do you know that the Regulations of the Lighthouse Service provide that the introduction os liquor on the lighthouse reservation is a violation of the Lighthouse Regulations?

Keeper Hall: Yes, but I have been talking to people about it and it seemed that it was not unlawful for meals, but only for drinking.

Superintendent: What do you mean by liquor for meals?

Keeper Hall: Well, in the summer time when it is hot cold water hurts my throat so I take a glass of beer and wine.

Superintendent: Have you read the Regulations?

Keeper Hall: Yes, but I take it for food purposes.

Superintendent: Who determines the quantity of liquor to be taken for a meal?

Keeper Hall: We buy only one of those pint bottles and divide a bottle. That just makes one of those little glasses.

Superintendent: How much beer or wine have you on the premises at the present time?

Keeper Hall: About 6 or 7 bottles of beer from a case we bought last August. (The Superintendent made an inspection and counted 7 bottles of beer in a 24-bottle case. No liquor was found in the assistant keeper's quarters).

Superintendent: What conversation took place between yourself and the sergeant?

Keeper Hall: I told the Sergeant that I took a drink but I have never been under the influence of liquor in my life. There is no one who has ever seen me under the influence of liquor. The time before when the assistant was drunk he apologized to me and offered me a drink. I did tell him that anybody is liable to get drunk and the less you tell me about it

Statement of Keeper Hall (Continued)

the better I like it. Drinking is poor medicine for your sick wife, I said. He blamed his sick wife and said he had nothing but trouble and when he went down town and met the boys he forgot about it.

Superintendent: This is notthe first time that Christensen has been under the influence of liquor?

Keeper Hall: The assistant usually goes to town on Friday. About six weeks ago when he returned he was drunk. He apologized to me and offered me a drink.

Superintendent: Bring me your log book so I can see what entries were made concerning these incidents. (Log entry Nov. 5,1938 - "South breeze, cloudy. Took out ball bearing from revolving lens. Cleaned and put back. Assistant Keeper had drinking party at his home. Failed to start light and when called on struck the keeper on the chest and threatened to get him. Keeper phoned Army Post and received help to keep order on the station." Log entry Sunday, Nov. 6,1938 - "Light south breeze and cloudy. Station work attended to. Assistant sober. Very sorry for his acts last night. Pleaded not to be reported to the Superintendent." Log entry Nov. 7,1938 - "Fresh south wind, cloudy and cold. Keeper do no work due to pain in chest due to blow struck by assistant keeper Saturday night." There were no entries in the log book concerning periods of alleged drunkenness of Assistant Keeper Christensen).

Superintendent: Is there any proof you can give me with respect to the statements that you have made of the drinking party you referred to in the log book on Saturday or the fact that Christensen returned from town under the influence of liquor and unable to take his watch?

Keeper Hall: I have no other proof as all the people are his friends. I have only Mrs. Hall.

Superintendent: Your statements are contrary to the statements called in from the Post. They stated they saw no evidence of liquor, no evidence of Assistant Keeper Christensen under the influence of liquor and everything was calm and serene in the assistant keeper's quarters. What have you to say about that?

Keeper Hall: Well, that is not so. Unless they are keeping quiet or are his friends.

Superintendent: There are two points I would like to have cleared. One is the insubordination involved in the assistant keeper striking you on the chest. The other is proof of the presence of liquor and drinking of liquor on the lighthouse reservation.

Keeper Hall: Mrs. Hall saw Christensen Saturday staggering on the pavement and in the evening I went over to see if he was going to stand watch. His housekeeper said that he was sick and I said I must know how sick. Then after awhile he came to the door and struck me so hard on the chest I could hardly stand up.

Superintendent: Did you go to the doctor?

Statement of Keeper J. Hall (Continued)

Keeper Hall: Yes, I went to the Public Health Service Monday and they took an X-4ay and the doctor said there was a bad bruise but no bones broken and will heal in time.

Superintendent: Did you fill out a form at the hospital?

Keeper Hall: Yes.

Superintendent: Did you explain the reason for needing attention?

Keeper Hall: No, the doctor said it just takes time to heal.

Superintendent: Is it possible Christensen just staggered out and fell against you?

Keeper Hall: O,no, he didn't stagger, he hit me hard. I never suspected it but he came against me and hit me hard on the chest.

Sunday morning he apologized for what he did last night and pleaded that I should not make a report of it. On Nov. 11 he told me he was going to see an attorney friend and fight to a finish. I said I didn't think he needed an attorney for this and he said that the attorney was a very good friend of his and I told him that he had better give all the facts. I told him I hated the whole mess but I couldn't do otherwise than make a report about it.

Superintendent: Assistant Keeper Christensen is staying in his quarters?

Keeper Hall: Yes, he has never left the reservation.

Superintendent: You have a temporary assistant serving as a substitute?

Keeper Hall: Yes, Assistant Keeper Jones. He stays right here at night and goes home in the day time. He lives at West Seattle. On Sunday when we both came down my boy told me it was such a nasty case and how about not making an official statement about it, and Christensen said he'd do anything he could do, you know - get transferred, etc., rather than get fired. Monday I asked him 'Why did you hit me? Did you have anything against me personally' and he said 'I don't have anything against you, but conditions and my wife drive me nuts.' I said 'You don't have a kid and your wife has been sick only two years. You have no kick.' Then your letter came. I told him there was absolutely nothing I could do about it.

. 16,1938
Fort Lawton, Seattle.

Statement of Sergeant Henry L. Chiles,
Company "C", 6th Engineers.

Sgt. Chiles: I was Sergeant on Guard that day, Saturday afternoon between 5:30 and 6. When first call came Corporal Mackey was on duty and sent two men. Then Private Dodge called me up and said he'd like to have me come down. My impression was that there was trouble on the beach, - we have calls for that. Then I went over to the Lighthouse and he told me there was a row between the lighthouse keepers and he didn't want to take the responsibility. I went in and saw a man I never saw before, and another man who said he was his nephew, about 24 and weighing about 220 lbs., and the keeper. The keeper said Christensen struck him. I told the nephew he was husky, why couldn't he take care of things. I got the impression there were a few grievances that culminated in this fight, but I didn't see any disorder, or bottles, glasses, etc.

Superintendent: Would you say Christensen was under the influence of liquor, or unable to perform duty?

Sgt. Chiles: I could not smell liquor and he didn't have the appearance of being drunk, and it seemed he could do his duty. Of course he was chewing on some snooch and that stuff will hide most anything. But I went in the back door, I don't know what you call it, storm vestibule, with laundry trays on one side, and I stood there and looked around the kitchen, and there was no evidence of liquor, nothing like glasses, bottles, etc.

Superintendent: Then you wouldn't say there was a drinking party there?

Sgt. Chiles: There was no drinking party at all, but tension around both houses.

Superintendent: From your observation would you say the following statement was a true statement of conditions? "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, 'to use his head' and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough."

Sgt. Chiles: The first two men told me there was no booze in the house. The nephew wasn't under the influence of liquor, but was upset and somewhat white in the face, you know, I guess sort of scared because of seeing all the soldiers and the excitement. It embarrassed me, because Mrs. Christensen was in bed, and I tried to quiet things and apologized to the housekeeper because it seemed to make her worse.

Superintendent: Thank you for your statement.

H. & S. Company,
6th Engineers,
Fort Lawton, Wn.
Nov. 16, 1938

Statement of Corporal Paul Herschberger:

Superintendent: I would like a statement from you in regard to your visit to West Point Lighthouse on Saturday night. You were called to go down to the Lighthouse, were you not?

Corp. Herschberger: I was called by Private Dodge by telephone Saturday night, Nov. 5th to 6th. That is our day to be on watch from noon to noon. It was about 5:30 Saturday night. I was requested to go over with the Sergeant of the Guard. The Guard bus was not there so I took my own car. I went down with Sgt. Chiles. I stayed outside while he went inside. I didn't enter the quarters or talk to either of the keepers. I did walk around the buildings to see if anyone was around. Everything was normal; in fact I couldn't even see into the windows, but so far as I could see there was no evidence of liquor or anyone being served liquor, or any rumpus at the station.

Superintendent: I thank you for your statement.

Company A, 6th Engineers
Fort Lawton, Wash.
Nov. 16,1938

Statement by Private Gerald F. Parnell:

Superintendent: I would like a statement from you regarding your visit to West Point Light Station Saturday night. You received a call to go to West Point Lighthouse from Keeper Hall, did you not?

Private Parnell: It was Saturday night about 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent: What was the purpose of calling you?

Private Parnell: The Keeper claimed a fellow was causing trouble. When we went down we didn't know what the trouble was. The Keeper claimed Mr. Christensen was the cause of the trouble. We went over to Christensen's house but didn't see any trouble. He was talking to a man whom I understand was his nephew.

Superintendent: Did you notice any liquor in evidence in Christensen's Quarters or was there any appearance of a drinking party or any unusual circumstances or argument that would so indicate?

Private Parnell: I didn't notice any liquor and Christensen was raising no fuss when I seen him. He didn't seem to be under the influence of liquor and I didn't smell any liquor. No, I wouldn't say he was drunk.

Superintendent: Who was in the room?

Private Parnell: Private Dodge, Mr. Christensen, his nephew, the Keeper and myself.

Superintendent: Did you see any sign of liquor? Were there any bottles or glasses on the table indicating that liquor was being consumed?

Private Parnell: There was no liquor on the table and no liquor being served. There didn't seem to be no liquor or drinking. Christensen spoke gentlemanly and manly.

Superintendent: Your statement is at variance with the reported facts in this case. It was reported by Keeper Hall, "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, 'to use his head', and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough." What is your observation as to this?

Private Parnell: We came over and tried to see what was wrong. We didn't say that we would take him to the Guard House to sober up. There was no evidence of drinking and I wouldn't say that Christensen was drunk.

Superintendent: Have you known any of the keepers before, or were you friendly with any of these men?

Private Parnell: No, I never saw either one before.

Superintendent: From your observations would you consider Mr. Christensen Unfit for duty when you called on him at his house?

Private Parnell: So far as I know the man was all right and I didn't see why he couldn't perform his duties. There was no liquor present and I didn't see any drinking.

Superintendent: Has anybody talked about this matter with you subsequent to your visit to West Point Light Station?

Private Parnell: Nobody has talked to me about it. I didn't even Know about this hearing until this morning.

Superintendent: I thank you for your statement.

Statement by Private Fred J. Dodge

H. & S. Co., 6th Engineers
Fort Lawton, Wash.
Nov. 16, 1938

Superintendent: You were called by Lighthouse Keeper Hall of West Point Light Station by telephone to come to West Point on Friday or Saturday night in connection with a disturbance, were you not?

Private Dodge: I believe it was Saturday, sir. Yes, it was about 5:30 p.m. Saturday. I received the word by telephone. The Keeper called but I couldn't understand what he said, but the telephone operator explained and told me so I went down with Private Parnell. Upon arrival, Hall asked me to come inside and talked to me about an argument, and I asked "An argument with whom?" and he said something about being a neighbor. He said they were drinking and noisy and making trouble. So we went over next door to Assistant Keeper Christensen's quarters. I saw another man seated with Christensen.

Supetintendent: Did you see any evidence of liquor in Christensen's quarters or was there any evidence of disorder or a rumpus indicating that a drinking party was under way?

Private Dodge: No, I didn't see any evidence of a rumpus and I didn't see any liquor. Christensen talked pretty sincerely and acted like a gentleman, There was no evidence of intoxication. Keeper Hall insisted that I take Christensen to the guard house, but I couldn't see any reason for this.

Superintendent: Can you confirm whether the conditions found in Christensen's house bore out the following statement made by Keeper Hall, which I will read to you: "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, "to use his head' and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough."

Private Dodge: I don't believe it is, sir. There was no rough language used to correspond with that. I didn't see any evidence of liquor or smell anything on his breath. He was sitting and talking to his guest.

Superintendent: Have you any knowledge as to whether Christensen was fit to go on duty and whether he did go on duty Saturday night?

Private Dodge: No, sir.

Superintendent: That will be all. Thank you for your statement.

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TELEGRAM

17th Dist

To Dept

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 17 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Portland Oregon
November 14 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D C

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN ASSISTANT KEEPER WEST POINT LIGHT STATION ACCOUNT ALLEGED DRUNKNESS INTRODUCTION LIQUOR RESERVATION ALSO FAILURE TAKE WATCH INVESTIGATION IN PROCESS WILL FORWARD FULL REPORT WHEN COMPLETED CHRISTENSEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10th

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
November 15, 1938.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for preliminary information. Further report will be duly submitted.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT
West Point Lighthouse Station
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)
November 12th, 1918

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter written to the undersigned by the Keeper of the West Point Lighthouse stationed at Fort Lawton, Washington and that the same is not offered in support of charges but to connect the charges preferred with the motive therefor.

It is also a fact that the Keeper is subject to fainting spells, dropping in his tracks, which may have some connection with the alleged disturbance which has been referred to.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Christensen
Asst Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

West Point L.H. Station
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

September 26th, 1938

Mr. Christensen
Asst. Keeper at this Station

My dear Mr. Christensen: Referring to your complaint that I have no system of watering lawn and getting the mail at regular hours, and you had to send your housekeeper for the mail at 4:30 P.M. last Saturday. Since you got to have the paper that early in order to read it to your wife before she retire in the evening.

I am very sorry that I have not been able to please you, let me assure you of our full sympathy with your wife's condition, we fully realize her pitiful condition and my advice to you regarding reading her the paper is that you read her yesterdays paper. Most Lighthouse keepers and their family got to be satisfied reading their papers day or more old.

From now on, I'll get the mail after my days work and until farther notice the mail will be here at 6 P.M. on Sundays, the Keeper at the Station get the paper at about 9 A.M.

I like to have system, about things and will have them, but have made observation so far but changes will be made as the best interest of the service calls for, including the Keeper give orders to the Asst. Keeper, not the Asst. to the Keeper.

Very truly, J. Hall, Keeper

c o p y

West Point Lighthouse Station
November 12th, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Notice dated November 9th, 1938 containing charges preferred against me, I hereby deny each charge specifically and separately and severally and in conformity and compliance with the regulations and within three days from the date of the receipt of your registered letter, making a reply thereto for the purpose of the record.

1. I deny that on the night of November 4th, 1938, I was intoxicated.
2. I deny that I failed to go on watch on that date.
3. I deny that I was under the influence of liquor on November 5th.
4. I deny that I raised a disturbance that required calling four men from the Army to assist in dealing with me.
5. I deny that I introduced liquor onto the Lighthouse Reservation or served the same to my friends in my quarters.

Affirmatively covering the period in question, upon the return from authorized leave inaaccordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department, proponent went on watch and continued thereon in pursuance with the requirements and thereafter and on the 5th day of November, 1938 spent the period from 8:00 A.M. to 12;00 noon, washing paint work in the fog signal. That during the interval between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there was a period of about half an hour when a change was made in housekeepers for the proponent's invalid wife, when he took the said housekeeper to the street car with the consent of the keeper and his knowledge.

That the people with whom your proponent camein contact during the period in question, outside of the Keeper, were the two housekeepers, the four soldiers from the Fort and his nephew and on November 4th, when proponent was coming home he was accompanied by a man and his wife who know that he was not intoxicated, all of whom will verify this statement.

That no counter charges are being made in accordance with the Rules, but under separate cover is contained a letter and statement which is material to this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William R. Christensen
Ass't. Keeper

c o p y

West Point Light Station
November 10, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the intoxication and brutal conduct by Assistant Keeper Christensen at this station the following fact of the case are stated for your information:

1. Last Friday night, November 4, 1938, Mr. Christensen came home from Seattle under the influence of alcoholic liquor, he failed to come on duty at 12:00 midnight, and his housekeeper took his watch.

2. When I came from the lighthouse Saturday afternoon, loud noise was to be heard at the assistant's quarters, where a drinking party was going on. He again failed to go to the lighthouse to start the light, so I did that for him. At about 5:30 P.M. I went to his door, his housekeeper answered my knock, I asked if Mr. Christensen was sick, she replied that she would send one of the men to talk the matter over with me. After a ten minute wait she came back saying that Mr. Christensen was sick, I then asked her would she inquire how sick he was, she said that she could not tell me. I told her that I must know whether or not he would stand his watch, as I needed some sleep myself (as I must go on duty at 12:00 midnight) and told her to ask him to come to the door so that I could talk to him. After about 15 more minutes he came out saying he and his wife were both sick. Then he said "You take that", as he struck me in the chest with his fist with such force that I was barely able to keep my feet. I ran for my house and he came after me, saying that he would finish me, but I got inside and locked the door before he reached me. He then returned to his quarters.

3. I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me, they came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up, then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself, at this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, "to use his head", and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough.

4. My wife, Mrs. Hall, is in a very weakened condition due to heart trouble, and her health requires peace and quiet, Mr. Christensen knew this, and for her sake as well as for his sick wife's, it would have been better for him if he had gone with the soldiers to the Post. On the other hand to take him from his sick wife might be serious to her condition. At any rate the soldiers phoned their immediate superiors and two more men came down. The sergeant of the Guard and the Corporal. The presence of the Army personnel at such short notice, quickly quieted the scene, with such good effect on Mrs. Hall that we decided to let him sober up in his own home, with the assurance of his partners that he would be kept in the house and made to go

to bed, further that no liquor would be in the house when he awakened.

5. When Mr. Christensen awoke on Sunday morning, November 6, he was sober and acted like a gentleman (as he has ever since). The names of the two soldiers who first came to quiet the disturbance are:

Private 1-cl Fred J. Dodge, H & S Company, 6th Engrs.
" Gerald F. Parnell, Company "A", 6th Engrs.

Their superiors who came down later were:

Sergeant Henry L. Chiles, Company "C", 6th Engrs.
Corporal Paul Herschberger, H & S Company, 6th Engrs.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Hall
Keeper

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IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
November 9, 1938.

REGISTERED MAIL

William R. Christensen,
Assistant Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
Fort Lawton, Washington

1. Charges are hereby preferred pursuant to Art. 489 of the Regulations for the United States Lighthouse Service, 1927 for being intoxicated on the night of November 4, 1938, on return from leave and failing to go on watch at midnight of that date. The charges include being still under the influence of liquor November 5 and raising a disturbance that required calling in four men from the army to assist in dealing with you. Charges are also preferred for introducing liquor on a lighthouse reservation and serving liquor to friends in your quarters. In accordance with the Regulations you will be given three days from the receipt of this registered letter of charges to make your reply.

2. You are hereby suspended from duty effective November 10, 1938, pending investigation of charges preferred herein.

F. C. Hingsbury
Superintendent of Lighthouses

FCH:DSB

copy

Nov. 9, 1938

Jacob Hall,
Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
Fort Lawton, Washington.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this office informally that your assistant, Mr. William R. Christensen, was under the influence of liquor over the last week end and several soldiers from Fort Lawton were called in to assist you in maintaining order. This is a matter that cannot be ignored. The introduction of liquor to a lighthouse reservation is a violation of regulations of a most serious nature.

2. It is requested that you confirm the facts herein mentioned, giving a statement of all facts and the names of the soldiers who were at the reservation in connection with this case.

3. A letter of charges has been sent to the assistant keeper by registered mail and he will be required to submit his reply within three days after receipt thereof. It is requested that your reply be made for the purpose of substantiating the circumstances to be used in determining the validity of charges and recommendations to be made.

4. Mr. Christensen is being suspended from duty effective November 10 pending investigation of charges.

/s/ F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

October 20, 1938

CHRISTENSEN, William R., Assistant Keeper.

Mr. Christensen was born in Denmark, July 20, 1885. He was issued certificate No. 585685 by the State Court, Astoria, Oregon, on February 24, 1916.

Certified seen.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

E. E. Lawing

Asst. Supt., 17th Lighthouse District

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 21 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Seattle,Wash.,
March 10,1934. AM 10:09

Supt.of Lighthouses,
Portland,Oregon.

Dear Sir:

On March 6 I lost my tender that I was towing past West Point Light, and before I could pick it up the wind had carried it inshore too close to go with my schooner. When it got into the breakers W. R. Christensen, Asst.Kpr. at West Point Light, waded out into the water and took it ashore so it would not be pounded on the beach.

I would like to commend him for the way he went about his job. He and his wife took the outboard motor off and washed the salt water out of it and put all the gear in the lighthouse, so it was all dry when I came for it the following morning. He would not accept any gratuities and said he was only doing his duty.

I think such diligence to duty should be brought to your attention, as men of t at type are a credit to the Lighthouse Service.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) William T. Murnam
Sch.Seven Seas.

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Office of the Supt.of Lighthouses,17th dist.,Portland,Ore.
March 12,1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses,Washington,D.C.

For the information and files of the Bureau. Attention being invited to previous commendations of this Keeper for similar services to the public. The Superintendent's commendation in this instance is considered sufficient.

(Signed) R.R.Tinkham
Supt.of Lighthouses

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CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses,Washington,D.C.,
March 20,1934.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
For the Commissioner.

R E Jones
Chief,Personnel Division.

March 2, 1933.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR - 3 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

William H. Christensen, Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oreg.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report relative to assistance you rendered on the evening of February 5 to the occupants of a cabin cruiser which suffered a broken rudder in the vicinity of your station. It is noted that it was bitterly cold at the time and that there was a high wind and that you and your wife went to the assistance of the party and brought them to your dwelling and provided for their comfort. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your action upon this occasion and having the matter made a part of your official record.

G. R. PUTNAM,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy for Appointment Div.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 MAY 8 AM 8-56
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 10 1929
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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1929 MAY 9 PM 3 49

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
May 3, 1929

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to appointment letter of March 29,1929, in regard to Mr. William R. Christensen's transfer from Assistant Keeper, Ediz Hook Light Station, to Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, effective April 4, 1929, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty:

2. Mr. Christensen entered on duty at West Point Light Station, effective May 1, 1929.

Warnack
Superintendent of Lighthouses

CODED

U. S. REPORT DATA Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
ENTERED MAY 9 - 1929

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Chief Engr.
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Engr. Constrn.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1929.

Mr. William R. Christensen,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 4, 1929, or as soon thereafter as you enter 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.

APR 13 1929

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APR 20 1929 2240 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1929 APR 3 AM 8 46

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 6 1929 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK APR 3 1929

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon. (City) March 29 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion

Name, William R. Christensen (Request)

Position, Keeper (Assistant) L.H.S.

Location, West Point Light Station, Wash.

Effective, April 4, 1929

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $1260.00 per annum

Proposed range, $1260 - 1560

Appropriation, ~~Salaries, K.L.H.~~ Such etc.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper, (Assistant) L.H.S.

Location, Ediz Hook Light Station, Wash.

Former salary, $1320.00 per annum

Former range, $1320 - 1620

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

Previous incumbent, L. A. Larsen (Lt. #421) $1260.00 per annum. Range $1260 - 1560

Reason, Transfer to L.H.Tender HEATHER (Pending)

Services terminated, April 3, 1929 or soon thereafter

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, July 20, 1885

Remarks: This transfer is agreeable to Mr. Christensen as per his ~~letter~~ indorsement of March 9, 1929 on Superintendent's letter of March 7, inclosed herewith. Approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of C.S. Rule I, religious or political opinions.

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

Robert Warnack

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 3 - 1929

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

O. K.

Chief Clerk

APR 12 1929 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. D. King

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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LIGHTHOUSES 1929 APR 3 AM 8 46

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT Portland, Oregon MAR 11 1929 17th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT

File P

Mr. W.R.Christensen,Assistant Keeper,
Ediz Hook Light Station
(Through the Keeper)

March 7, 1929

Please advise promptly on carbon copy hereof, whether or not you wit desire transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, at a salary of $1260.00 per anum, in the range of $1260 to $1560).

(Sgd) Robert Warrack
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Ediz Hook Lt. Station 3/9-1929.

I will accept position as Asst Keeper at West Point Lt. Station

Respectfully.
William R. Christensen
Asst Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. William R. Christenson,
Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200
To: $1320

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 2 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JUL 23 AM 9 03

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

July 18, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 26 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to Department letter dated June 2, 1927, notice of change in salary, to William R. Christensen from $1080 to $1200 per annum effective June 4, 1927, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that Mr. Christensen entered on duty under his new pay on July 15, 1927.

Robert Warnock
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Late

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 25 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

C. S. REPORT DATA
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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1927.

M
r. William R. Christensen,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1080 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective June 4, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City) May 27 (Date), 1927

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion — Legal residence, Washington.

Name, William R. Christensen — Proposed salary, $1200 per annum.

Position, Keeper (Asst.), Lighthouse Service. — Proposed range, $1200-$1560.

Location, Ediz Hook Light Station, Wash. — Appropriation, Salaries, K. L. H.

Effective, June 4, 1927, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2d Asst.), Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1080.00 per annum.

Location, New Dungeness Light Station, Wash. — Former range, $1080-$1440.

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

Previous incumbent, John L. Zenor — Services terminated, May 31, 1927, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
Salary $1200 per annum; range $1200-$1560.
Reason, Recommended for transfer and demotion to 2d Assistant Keeper, Umpqua River Light Station, Oreg.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, July 20, 1885.

Remarks: Mr. Christensen is considered the best qualified available employee for this position and the transfer is agreeable to him.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 6 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Robert Learnack
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 1 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

J. Quinn
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 27 1926
APPOINTMENT

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouse Service

1926 JUL 24 AM 9 00

Portland, Oregon, July 19, 1926.

CHIEF CLERK
1926 JUL 26 PM 3 42

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on August 19, 1926.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been - satisfactory* during the probationary period, and (he) is - considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name ..William.R.Christensen.....

Position Second Assistant Keeper, New Dungeness Light Station,

Salary ..$1080.00 per annum.....

Appropriation .Salaries Keepers of Lighthouses

Station ...New Dungeness Light Station, Dungeness, Wash.

Date of entrance on duty ..Feb..20..1926.....

Remarks:

Robert Lawrence
.....
(signature of immediate superior)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED: JUL 26 1926

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

LIGHTHOUSES

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

1926 MAR 8 AM 10 27

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
FEB 27 1926
17th L...

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 26
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau, division, or office 17th Lighthouse District CHIEF CLERK

1. Name in full William P. Christensen

2. Legal (voting) residence Wash. 1st (State and Congressional District) King (County) Seattle (City or town)

26 MAR 8 PM 4

3. Where born? Denmark (State or foreign country) Skovidstrup (City or town) When born? 7/20/1885 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien Naturalized

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

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
None								

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 4/22-1911 Discharged 4/21-1912 Enlisted 10/8-1912 Discharged 10/7-1917

Organization Coast Guard Cutter Manning Organization Guard Sta. Wash. Cutter Manning and Welzapa Coast Guard Sta. Wash. (Cutter from about Feb 15 1917)

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 21 Years as Seaman to up to present time I am holding a Masters License any Ocean

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Palomyne Christensen (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Mare Dungeness Light. Dungeness Wash. (Post office address)

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

CARDED

William P. Christensen
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

3/22-1926 (Date)

Present address Mare Dungeness Lighthouse

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

1926 MAR 4 AM 9 51 LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 4 26 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

I, William R. Christensen 26 MAR 4 AM 11

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ William R. Christensen
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 25th day of February, A. D. 1926

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) [illegible] Seal

(Official title) Notary Public in and for the State of Washington residing in Dungeness

My commission expires _____

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper (2d Asst.), Present Lighthouse Service	$1080.00 A.	New Dungeness Light Station, Wash.
Former[5] New appointee.		

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon (Address), February 27, 1926 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 20, 1926. (Date)

CARDED

Robert Warnock
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AU[redacted]RITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCO[redacted]ED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1926.

Mr. William R. Christensen,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 30 1926

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
JAN 30 1926
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Such appropriation to which under the provisions of Section 3678, R. S., the duties performed may be properly chargeable.

Vice: Charles D. Whitney.

Legal Residence: Washington.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—5980

CARDED

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, ... DISTRICT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 28 '926 APPOINTMENT 17th DIVISION 1926

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 25 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION CLERK

Portland, Oregon (City.) January 16 (Date.) 1926.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William R. Christensen — Legal residence, Washington

Position, Keeper (2d Asst.), Lighthouse Service. — Salary $1080.00 per annum
Range $1080-1320.

Location, New Dungeness Light Station, Wash. — Appropriation, ~~Salaries~~, K. L. H.

Effective February 15, 1926 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, New appointee. — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 5 — Rating, Asst. Kpr — Percentage, 82.0 — , Other eligibles considered:
Wm. H. Froggatt C
Jeno O. Pedersen C

Previous incumbent, Charles D. Whitney. — Services terminated, February 14, 1926.
Salary $1080.00 per annum.

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Assistant Keeper, Slip Point Light Station.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, July 20, 1885.

Remarks: See page 2.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 29 1926 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Selection regular for Probational Appointment JAN 19 1926

C. W. Paine
Secretary, 11th Civil Service District.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.
Miles Loadley
1st Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 25 1926

Enclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73 of January 16, 1925, recommending probationary appointment William R. Christensen for 2d Asst. Keeper, New Dungeness Light Station.

REMARKS: Mr. Christensen has passed a satisfactory physical examination. Family quarters are provided at this station.

Eligibles higher on the register were considered in another group for another vacancy.

Mr. Pedersen, who has preference, was late in replying to inquiry and his answer was not received until after selection had been made. Froggatt, who also has preference is being considered for another vacancy.

Mr. Christensen served in the U. S. Coast Guard from April 22, 1911, to April 21, 1912, and from October 8, 1912, to October 7, 1917.

11th U. S. Civil Service Dist.
Seattle, Wash. JAN 19 1926
Selection regular for
Probational Appointment
C. L. Paine
Dist. Sec'y.

COPY

Form 206 FILE No. 8

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

PLACE, Portland, Oregon,

DATE, January 12, 1926.

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
3124 Arcade Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

SIR:

Please examine William R. Christensen, 2d Asst. Keeper,

nativity, Denmark; age, 40; height, 5 feet, 6 inches;

weight, 180 pounds; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, Sailor tatooed on right 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.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Milo Hoadley
1st Asst. Superintendent. ~~*Lighthouse Inspector.*~~

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) William R. Christensen

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Seattle, Wash.

DATE, Jan. 15, 1926.

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Wm. R. Christensen, 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.

Copy for District Secretary.

(Sgd.) C. H. Turpin
A. A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Seattle, Wash.

DATE, January 15, 1926.

Name of applicant, Wm. R. Christensen

Eyes: Color, blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other anbormality, Normal

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, Normal

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, 20/20

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/30; with glasses, 20/20

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses -

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Lantern

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 feet; left ear, 30 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

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AIR MAIL

FA-1
1 April 1952

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Veterans Administration
Regional Office
Textile Tower
7th Avenue and Olive Way
Seattle 1, Washington

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1952 - 3046-8CA, relative to William Rasmuss Christensen, Keeper, Retired, C-16428034 (Former Lighthouse Service) 6526 - 102nd Ave., N. E., Kirkland, Wash.

You are advised that the records in Coast Guard Headquarters indicate that Mr. Christensen is in receipt of retired pay in the amount of $162.15, monthly or the amount of $1,945.80 annually. The records also show that contributions to a retirement fund were not required by Mr. Christensen during such time as he was serving in an active status. He was retired on July 31, 1950, reason for retirement (optional), as he had completed 32 years, 9 months and 22 days service.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

4-1-52 mcs

R. L. EDMANDS, LT, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

CC: William R. Christensen, Kpr.,
6526 - 102nd Ave., N. E.,
Kirkland, Wash.

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22 August 1950
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From: Commandant
To: William R. Christensen, Keeper, Retired, FLHS (919)
6526-102 Ave., NE
Kirkland, Washington

Subj: Retired pay; payment of

1. Having been transferred to the retired list of the former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, effective 1 August 1950 in accordance with Department letter dated 19 July 1950, your pay accounts will henceforth be carried at Headquarters.

2. It has been held that the retired pay of the personnel of the former Lighthouse Service is taxable income and subject to the withholding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. In order that your taxable status can be correctly determined, it is requested that Form W-4, Inclosure 1, be completed and returned to this office as soon as practicable.

R. L. EDMANDS
By direction

Incls:
1. Form W-4 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate
2. N.C.G. Form 9671 (Letter of Instructions)

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Mr. William R. Christensen
6526 102 Avenue, N. E.
Kirkland, Washington

Dear Mr. Christensen:

My attention has been called to the fact that you retired from the position of Keeper in the Coast Guard at the close of July 31, 1950, after having rendered more than thirty-two years of honorable service in the former Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

I take pleasure in congratulating you upon your long and efficient service and entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure afforded by relief from active duty.

Very truly yours,

MERLIN O'NEILL
Vice Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant

Typed: 8-15-50 nmb
Return to: 3-2

Date Mailed: 8-18-50 LEH

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PC
10 August 1950

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District (p)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Retired Keeper; address for

1. Reference is made to Headquarters letter dated 20 July 1950, transmitting copies of Form 50 for subject man and requesting the address to which his retirement checks should be mailed.

2. To date no reply has been received; it is requested, therefore, that Mr. Christensen's forwarding address be forwarded to Headquarters as soon as possible.

H. L. MORGAN
By direction

Rec'd

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Return to: 3-2

Date Mailed: 8-11-50
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STANDARD FORM 50 (9 PART)
OCTOBER 1949
PROMULGATED BY U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CHAPTER R1, FEDERAL PERSONNEL MANUAL

TREASURY DEPARTMENT – U.S. COAST GUARD, WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—ONE GIVEN NAME, INITIAL(S) AND SURNAME)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Mr. William R. Christenson	7-20-85	6	7-19-50

This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
Retirement (Optional)	close 7-31-50	

FROM		TO
8. POSITION TITLE	Keeper	
9. SERVICE, SERIES, GRADE, SALARY	Class 4-1 ($2284.00-2724.00) $2724.00 pa incl $240 pa Qtrs.	
10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	LIGHT STATION	
11. HEADQUARTERS	Seattle, Wash. Alki Point Lt. Sta., Wash.	
12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE — Yes

NONE	WWII	OTHER	5 PT.	10 POINT DISAB.	10 POINT OTHER

14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION

NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL

15. SEX	16. RACE	17. APPROPRIATION	18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	19. DATE OF APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	20. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: Operating Expenses, CG, 1951 TO:	IH 6-20-18		[ ] CLAIMED [ ] PROVED STATE: Wash.

21. REMARKS: This action is subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and may be subject to investigation and approval by the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The action may be corrected or cancelled if not in accordance with all requirements.

Annual rate of retired pay is $1945.80

Total Service: 32 years, 9 months, 22 days

Computation: ($2594.41 x 30 ÷ 40) = $1945.80

Lump-sum payment to be made for all accrued annual leave to credit at close of 7-31-50.

FORWARDED TO FIELD OFFICE
JUL 20 1950

FORWARDED TO CSC
AUG 7 1950

H. L. Morgan
H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

ENTRANCE EFFICIENCY RATING

22. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1949—860675

4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

Name CHRISTENSEN, WILLIAM R. Date of birth 20 July 1885

Designation Assistant Keeper, Alki Point Light Station, Seattle, Washington

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

ALL SERVICE VERIFIED

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks		
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Years	Mos.	Days
~~Army~~ Lighthouse Service	4	23	11	4	22	12	1	--	--
~~Navy~~ " "	10	8	12	10	7	17	5	--	--
~~Marine Corps~~ U.S.Fisheries	4	6	18	10	7	18	--	6	2
U.S.Shipping Board	2	14	18	3	26	18	--	1	13
~~Civilian employment~~ "	12	6	18	5	2	19	--	4	27
"	8	9	19	9	11	19	--	1	3
"	9	18	19	12	22	19	--	3	5
"	12	1	20	1	26	21	--	1	26
"	2	2	21	11	25	21	--	9	24
LH Service & USCG	2	20	26	7	31	50	24	5	12
							30	30	112
Total service							32	9	22

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Asst.Keeper	8	1	45	6	30	46	238	$7.823	$1,861.874
" "	7	1	46	6	30	47	261	9.207	2,403.027
" "	7	1	47	7	26	47	19	9.207	174.933
" "	7	27	47	11	16	47	80	9.497	759.760
" "	11	17	47	6	30	48	163	9.207	1,500.741
" "	7	1	48	7	10	48	7	9.207	64.449
" "	7	11	48	6	30	49	254	10.476	2,660.904
" "	7	1	49	6	30	50	261	10.476	2,734.236
" "	7	1	50	7	31	50	21	10.476	219.996
									12,379.92
Plus 20% N/D 6-29-49 through 7-31-50									595.03

Total compensation for last five years of active service $12,974.95

Average compensation for last five years of active service $2,594.99

Annual rate of retired pay ($2,594.99 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1,946.24

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Retirement (Opt.) close 7-31-50. Paid in lump sum for 78 days of annual leave from 8-1-50 through 11-17-50.

N. C. G. 2521
(Rev. May 1943)

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on N. C. G. 2523)

Date 29 May 1950

COMMANDER

~~District Coast Guard Officer~~ 13th CG ~~District~~ District,

Seattle, Washington
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty effective 31 July, 1950 on the basis of service shown hereon.

William R. Christensen

WILLIAM R. CHRISTENSEN
(Name)

Assistant Keeper
(Designation)

Commander, 13th Coast Guard District

~~Office of the District Coast Guard Officer~~
~~District~~

City Seattle, Washington *Date* 13 July, 1950

Submitted to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, recommending retirement at $ 1,946.24 per annum, effective at the close of 31 July, 1950

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office and that all Government service shown has been verified.

O. R. SANDS, JR., CDR., USCG

~~Chief, Personnel Division, District~~
Chief, Personnel Division

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER
13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
618 SECOND AVENUE
SEATTLE 4, WASH.

AIR MAIL

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13 July, 1950

From: Commander, 13th CG District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper; retirement of

Application for retirement in the case of subject employee is forwarded for approval. Lump-sum payment will be made for 78 days of unused annual leave covering period 1 August, 1950 through ~~16~~ 17 November, 1950. Mr. Christensen will be requested to advise this office of his mailing address and HQ will be notified as soon as this information is received.

S. R. SANDS, JR.
By direction

Incl.:
NCG 2521

20 July 1950
(PC-6)
CG-75

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District (pc)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper, Alki Point Light Station, Washington, optional retirement of

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment, it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable by letter, in duplicate, as to the payroll (stating D. O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information, state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

3. It is also requested that Headquarters be advised as to this person's total taxable income for the current calendar year including the amount of lump-sum payment for annual leave.

4. Also include information as to the address to which Mr. Christensen's retirement checks should be mailed.

H. L. MORGAN
By direction

Incl
Form 50, Department Notive of Retirement

dmg JJH

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SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
Washington 25, D. C.

Division: Claims
Claim No.: 2951892

Oct 3 1949

William Rasmus Christensen
Alki Point Light Station
Seattle 6, Washington

noted
HHM

Sir:

Your claim for additional overtime compensation for services rendered as an employee of the United States Lighthouse Service and United States Coast Guard, during the period March 28, 1934 to April 22, 1948, has been carefully examined and it is found that no part thereof may be allowed for the reasons hereinafter stated.

There was no law authorizing the payment of additional or overtime compensation to lighthouse keepers paid per annum salaries prior to the act of December 22, 1942, 56 Stat. 1068. The provisions of Section 23 of the at of March 28, 1934, 48 Stat. 522, have no application to such per annum employees (13 Comp. Gen. 265 and 15 Comp. Gen. 937).

Under the act of December 22, 1942, supra, effective December 1, 1942, additional compensation of 10 per cent was authorized for employees having intermittent or irregular hours of duty (Section 7, Executive Order 9289, dated December 26, 1942). By Section 3(a) of the act of May 7, 1943, 57 Stat. 75, such employees were authorized to be paid 15 percent additional compensation. The two said acts have been construed to authorize additional or overtime compensation only for the time spent in the actual performance of duty as distinguished from "stand-by" or "on-call" time during which employees hold themselves in readiness for the performance of duty should occasion arise (Conn et al v. United States, 107 C. Cls. 422). Where such hours of actual work are intermittent or irregular, the statutes provided for the payment of additional compensation referred to in lieu of overtime.

Under the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, 59 Stat. 295, and subsequent legislation--which omitted the provision for additional compensation to employees having irregular or intermittent hours of duty--the administrative workweek for lighthouse

keepers was established at 44 hours based upon administrative finding that that number of hours closely approximated the hours of actual work performed by such employees each week and overtime compensation was authorized accordingly.

The record discloses that you were paid the 10 percent and 15 percent additional compensation provided by the acts of December 22, 1942, and May 7, 1943, supra, and theovertime compensation athorized by later legislation, thus having been fully paid in accordance with existing law during the period of your claim.

I therefore certify that no balance is found due you from the United States.

Respectfully,

LINDSAY C. WARREN

Comptroller General
of the United States.

By: E. B. HILLEY

cc: Treasury Department,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington 25, D. C.

File No. (PC-6) CG-75

26 July, 1949
(PC-6)
CG-75

Chief, Claims Division
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 28 April, 1949 regarding the claim of William Rasmus Christensen, Alki Point Light Station, Seattle 6, Washington, for an amount alleged to be due for night differential and overtime pay for services rendered as an employee of the United States Coast Guard.

There was no provision for the payment of overtime or additional compensation to keepers or vessel employees prior to December 1, 1942. The provisions of Section 23 of the Act of March 28, 1934, 48 Stat. 522, cited in the claim have no application to such per annum employees.

From December 1, 1942, through April 30, 1943, Mr. Christensen was paid 10% additional compensation in lieu of payment for overtime under Public Law 821, 77th Congress, approved December 22, 1942.

From May 1, 1943 to June 30, 1945, Mr. Christensen was paid additional compensation at the rate of $300 per annum under the provisions of Public Law 49, 78th Congress, approved May 7, 1943.

From July 1, 1945 to June 28, 1949, Mr. Christensen was paid basic compensation for 80 hours per pay period plus 4 hours at overtime rate for each Saturday, provided he actually worked 44 hours during the week and was not in a leave status.

The records indicate that Mr. Christensen has been fully paid in accordance with existing law during the period of his claim, which claim is returned herewith.

This case is similar to that of Mr. George J. Smith, Claim No. 2322968, in which you found that no balance was due. See letter dated February 28, 1949 from Acting Secretary of Treasury to Comptroller General.
By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

JJH:nmb

Return to: 3-2

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER
13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
NEW WORLD LIFE BLDG.
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

FILE: 15 July, 1949
CG-75 (pc)

From: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC-6)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; claim for overtime compensation

1. Reference is made to HQ letter of 16 June, 1949, PC-6 CG-75 regarding subject claim.

2. There was no provision for the payment of overtime or additional compensation to keepers or vessel employees prior to 1 December 1942. From 1 December 1942 through 30 April 1943 Mr. Christensen was paid 10% additional compensation in lieu of payment for overtime under PL 821. From 1 May 1943 to 30 June 1945 he was paid additional compensation at the rate of $300.00 per annum under the provisions of PL49, 78th Congress, approved 7 May, 1943. His basic salary was $1620.00 per annum with no quarters. From 1 July 1945 to 28 June 1949 Mr. Christensen was paid basic compensation for 80 hours per pay period plus 4 hours at overtime rate for each Saturday, provided he actually worked 44 hours during the work-week and was not in a leave status.

3. The attached information was compiled from the pay cards and time and attendance reports on file in this office. Time and attendance records on Forms 1130 and 1135 date from 30 June 1946 and indicate the hours on duty each pay period. There is no detailed record of the actual hours worked from 1 July 1945 through 29 June 1946. The attached records are tabulated through the date of the claim.

4. Rates of pay for Mr. Christensen were $1620.00 per annum until 3-31-44; $1680.00 per annum until 6-30-45; $2034.00 per annum until 6-30-46; $2394.00 per annum until 7-26-47; $2469.24 per annum until 11-16-47; $2394.00 until 7-10-48 and $2724.00 to present. From 11-17-47 until present his pay has included $240 per annum for quarters.

5. Mr. Christensen transferred from Cape Meares Light Station to Alki Point Light Station effective 11-17-47. Keepers at Alki Point are required to stand watch between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Therefore he was paid the 10% additional compensation for watches stood.

6. The general personnel shortage created the situation explained in the claim submitted by Mr. Christensen.

W. R. SANDS, JR.
By direction

Incl.:
Statement "Hours Worked & Pay"

Claim of William R. Christiansen

HOURS WORKED AND PAY

Pay Periods	Claimed as Worked			Paid				Claimed Unpaid		
	Total	(1) N/D	(2) H/W	Base	O/T	N/D	H/W	Total	(4) N/D	H/W
6-30-46 to 7-13-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
7-14-46 to 7-27-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
7-28-46 to 8-10-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
8-11-46 to 8-24-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
8-25-46 to 9-7-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
9-8-46 to 9-21-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
9-22-46 to 10-5-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
10-6-46 to 10-19-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
10-20-46 to 11-2-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
11-3-46 to 11-16-46 (3)	92	6	--	80	4	--	--	8	6	--
11-17-46 to 11-30-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
12-1-46 to 12-14-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
12-15-46 to 12-28-46	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
12-29-46 to 1-11-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
1-12-47 to 1-25-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
1-26-47 to 2-8-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
2-9-47 to 2-22-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
2-23-47 to 3-8-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
3-9-47 to 3-22-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
3-23-47 to 4-5-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
4-6-47 to 4-19-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
4-20-47 to 5-3-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
5-4-47 to 5-17-57	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
5-18-47 to 5-31-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
6-1-47 to 6-14-47	A/L	--	--	80	--	--	--	--	--	--
6-15-47 to 6-28-47 (3)	92	6	--	80	4	--	--	8	6	--
6-29-47 to 7-12-47	88	--	8	80	8	--	8	--	--	--
7-13-47 to 7-26-47	168	84	--	80	8	--	--	80	84	--
7-27-47 to 8-9-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
8-10-47 to 8-23-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
8-24-47 to 9-6-47	88	--	8	80	8	--	8	--	--	--
9-7-47 to 9-20-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
9-21-47 to 10-4-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
10-5-47 to 10-18-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
10-19-47 to 11-1-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
11-2-47 to 11-15-47	88	--	--	80	8	--	--	--	--	--
11-16-47 to 11-29-47	156	60	8	80	8	60	8	68	--	--
11-30-47 to 12-13-47	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
12-14-47 to 12-27-47	168	60	8	80	8	60	8	80	--	--
12-28-47 to 1-10-48	168	60	8	80	8	60	8	80	--	--
1-11-48 to 1-24-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
1-25-48 to 2-7-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
2-8-48 to 2-21-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
2-22-48 to 3-6-48	168	60	8	80	8	60	8	80	--	--
3-7-48 to 3-20-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
3-21-48 to 4-3-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
4-4-48 to 4-17-48	168	60	--	80	8	60	--	80	--	--
4-18-48 to 4-22-48	60	24	--	32	--	24	--	28	--	--

(1) & (2) included in total claimed hours.
(3) Worked 12 hours on Sat. at end of 2 week (80hr.) period of annual leave.
(4) Hours claimed at N/D rate but not paid the additional rate.

(7-15-49)

Return to JJH

16 June, 1949
(PC-6)
CG-75

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District (pc)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; claim for overtime compensation

1. Reference is made to Headquarters letter of 14 January, 1949, on the above subject. To date no reply has been received at Headquarters.

2. It is requested that your report be submitted promptly so that adequate reply can be made to the General Accounting Office.

H. L. MORGAN
By direction

Higgins:lmb Return to: 3-2

JJH

Date Mailed: 6-16-49 JAH

5 May, 1949
(PC-6)
CG-75

Chief, Claims Division
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: Misc-2951892-JNP

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1949, regarding the claim of William Rasmus Christensen, Alki Point Light Station, Seattle 6, Washington for an amount alleged to be due him for night differential and overtime pay for services rendered as an employee of the Coast Guard.

You are advised that Mr. Christensen's case is similar to that of George J. Smith which was presented to the Comptroller General by the Secretary of the Treasury in letter dated February 28, 1949. This office is awaiting decision in Mr. Smith's case before making a report in Mr. Christensen's case.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

Higgins:nmb Return to: 3-2 Date Mailed

5-5-49 AM.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25

CLAIMS DIVISION
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
Misc-2951892-JNP

April 28, 1949

Treasury Department,
Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Under dates of July 30, 1948, November 19, 1948, and February 3, 1949, the following letter was forwarded to your office:

"Transmitted herewith for administrative examination and report is the claim of William Rasmus Christensen, Alki Point Light Station, Seattle 6, Washington, for an amount alleged to be due him for night differential and overtime pay, for services rendered as an employee of the United States Coast Guard Service, during the period, March 1934 to the present date.

"If any amount is found to be due the claimant, there should be submitted a properly prepared short form payroll, showing the rate of pay, period covered, and appropriation involved.

"The claim should be returned with your report."

In view of the length of time that has elapsed, action in the matter should be expedited.

Respectfully,

P. E. Sours,
Chief of Section

By: J. R. Ross

Returned JJH

13th CG District
14 January 1949

5. Headquarters Civilian Personnel Circular No. 15-45 contained instructions relative to the hours of duty and overtime for the different groups of employees. Keepers, light attendants, and vessel employees were, with the approval of the Navy Department, placed on an administrative 44-hour work week. This contemplated the payment of 4 hours at the overtime rate, provided employees worked the additional four hours above the basic 40 hour week. In other words, keepers were not to be paid at the overtime rate during periods of absence on annual or sick leave when overtime duty was not performed.

6. If your office finds that Mr. Christensen was required to perform duty for hours in addition to the administrative 44-hour work week established for keepers, an explanation of the authority and necessity for requiring the additional hours of duty should be submitted; and separately, the dates and number of hours, by pay periods, of regular pay, overtime paid pursuant to Civilian Personnel Circular No. 15-45 (4 hours per week if worked), and the hours and amount of additional overtime beyond that provided for in the circular above referred to should be tabulated, in order that Headquarters may have a full and accurate statement of the amount already paid Mr. Christensen and the amount due, if any, on the basis of hours shown to be on duty under proper authority.

H. L. MORGAN
By direction

Incl. 2

JJ Higgins;pb JJH

Date mailed: 1/14

(PC-3)

14 January 1949
CG-023

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District -pc

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; claim for overtime compensation

1. There is transmitted herewith for your consideration and report, a copy of a letter from the General Accounting Office, dated 30 July 1948, together with the subject claim.

2. Since there was no provision for the payment of overtime or additional compensation to keepers or vessel employees prior to 1 December, 1942, the effective date of Public Law 821, 77th Congress, approved December 22, 1942, that portion of the claim dating from 28 March, 1934 to 30 November, 1942, can be disposed of with a statement to that effect.

3. From 1 December 1942, through 30 April 1943, keepers, light attendants, and vessel employees were entitled to 10% additional compensation in lieu of payment for overtime under Public Law 821 above referred to. See in this connection, the Navy Department's regulations dated 26 December, 1942, forwarded by Headquarters Circular Letter of 5 January, 1943 (CP-75). From 1 May, 1943 to 30 June, 1945, Keepers, Light Attendants, and vessel employees received additional compensation under the provisions of Public Law 49, 78th Congress, approved 7 May, 1943. See Headquarters Circular Letter dated 13 May, 1943 particularly paragraph 3 thereof, a part of which is quoted below:

> "3. Intermittent and irregular employees:
> (a) With basic salary rates of less than $2000 per annum shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of $300 per annum or at the rate of 25% of earned compensation during each pay period, whichever is the lower.
> (b) With basic salary rates of $2000 per annum and over shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of 15% of the earned basic compensation which is earned at a rate not in excess of $2900 per annum."

If Mr. Christensen received the additional compensation provided under the laws and regulations above referred to during the period 1 December, 1942 to 30 June, 1945 a statement to that effect will apparently be sufficient to answer that part of his claim.

4. Beginning 1 July 1945, keepers were compensated under the provisions of Public Law 106, 79th Congress, approved 30 June, 1945. Under that Law and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission, employees who worked more than 40 hours a week were required to be paid on an overtime, rather than on an additional compensation, basis.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25

July 30, 1948.

CLAIMS DIVISION
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
Misc-2951892-JNP

Treasury Department,
Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for administrative examination and report is the claim of William Rasmus Christensen, Alki Point Light Station, Seattle 6, Washington, for an amount alleged to be due him for night differential and overtime pay, for services rendered as an employee of the United States Coast Guard Service, during the period March 1934 to the present date.

If any amount is found to be due the claimant, there should be submitted a properly prepared short form payroll, showing the rate of pay, period covered, and appropriation involved.

The claim should be returned with your report.

Respectfully,

P. E. Sours,
Chief of Section.

By: J. Wm Wrathall

Enclosure.

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February 3, 1949

Treasury Department,
Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Reply to the original of the attached letter has not been received.

If the requested information is now available, same should be forwarded to this office or, if not, a report should be furnished showing the present status of the matter.

Claims Division,
General Accounting Office,
Washington 25, D. C.

July 30, 1948.

Misc-2951892-JBP

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By:

Enclosure.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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AND REFER TO FILE: CG-75

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17 March 1949

From: Commander, 13th CG District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; claim for overtime compensation

Receipt is acknowledged of HQ letter of 14 January 1949, file: CG-023, relating to above subject. The records are being checked for the information desired and this will be compiled and forwarded to HQ as soon as possible.

S. R. SANDS, JR.
By direction

File

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
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SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

22 July 1949
FILE: CG-75

From: Commander, 13th CG District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; claim for overtime compensation

Subject claim is forwarded in accordance with HQ 221642Z.

Elmer Winbeck
ELMER WINBECK
By direction

Incl: Claim

CG-9626 (7-45)
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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DATE 22 JULY 1949

FROM: COMMANDANT (PC)		SECRET
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TOD J.J. HIGGINS, Chief, Service Section

OPERATOR'S RECORD Return to 3020 3-2

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: (PC)

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INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:
H. L. MORGAN, Chief,
Civilian Personnel Division

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STANDARD FORM 84
Promulgated August 4, 1947, by Civil Service Commission

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON LOYALTY DATA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND EXCEPTED EMPLOYEES WHERE INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED BY AGENCY (Part VI—Executive Order 9835)

To: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, D. C.

The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any derogatory loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable)	(Surname)	(Given name)	(Middle or other names)
	Christensen	William	~~Rasmus~~ Rasmus

2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES: None

3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST: 31 October, 1947

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which)

Coast Guard No. (6094-040) BM2c(TR) this number during war

5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. TITLE OF POSITION, OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION
Mariager, Denmark	7/20/1885	Light House Keeper

8. SEX: [X] MALE [ ] FEMALE

9. MARITAL STATUS: [ ] SINGLE [X] MARRIED

10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Palmyre Vanden Buches Christensen June, 22, 1947
Pervise, Belgium

11. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Amercian Legion

12. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

Date	Street	City	State
10/37--6/38	West Point Light Station;	Seattle,	Washington
6/38--2/39	Umpqua Light Station;	Winchester Bay,	Oregon
2/39--2/43	Cape Arago Light Station;	Coos Bay,	Oregon
2/43--10/47	Cape Meares Light Station;	Tillamook,	Oregon

13. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

Date	Employer	Address
10/37--7/39	Superintendent Of Light Houses;	Portland, Oregon
7/39--10/47	Commander, 13th Coast Guard District;	Seattle, Washington

14. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:

AGENCY WHICH MADE THE LOYALTY REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	REMARKS
none		

NO DISLOYALTY
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15. THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT TO AGENCY WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED

16. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY

TREASURY DEPARTMENT 6-13
Washington 25, D.C. Coast Guard

SEE REVERSE FOR REPORT ON CASES WHERE DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (PC-3)
REFER TO FILE: 00-75

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

6 January, 1948

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District (pc)

Subj: CHRISTENSEN, William R., Keeper; report of effective date of transfer of

It is requested that the information or forms indicated in the items checked below be furnished Headquarters promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

(1) Furnish in duplicate information as to date of entrance on duty.
(2) Furnish Form 57.
(3) Furnish Form 60.
(4) Furnish oath of office in duplicate.
(5) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473, attached.
(6) Furnish one copy of certified Form 2806.
(7) Forward promptly address to which retirement pay checks are to be mailed.
(8) Have the inclosed form signed and returned.
(9) In the event retirement deductions were not made from the pay include the aggregate basic salary by fiscal years.
(10) Furnish standard Form 62 in triplicate.
(11) Furnish Form 63.
(12) Form 63 is returned with request that information as to date, amount and nature of last promotion as well as official current efficiency rating be secured from the previous employing agency and furnished to Headquarters promptly.
(13) It is requested that report of effective date of change to lower range and transfer of William R. Christensen, Keeper at Cape Meares Light Sta., Oregon, to Keeper (#13-524) at Alki Point Light Station, Wash., be furnished HQ promptly. If it is not proposed to effect Mr. Christensen's transfer please advise, in order that action may be taken to cancel Form 2249 issued under date of 5 November, 1947.

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By direction

U. S. COAST GUARD
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDER
13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (pc)
AND REFER TO FILE: CG-75

12/9/47 Brown

2 January, 1947

From: Commander, 13th CG District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: CHRISTENSEN, William R., Keeper; report of effective date of transfer of

Reference is made to HQ (PC-3) letter, dated 9 December, 1947, file CG-75, pertaining to above subject. The effective date of transfer and change to lower range of subject man, Keeper (#13-515) Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon, to Keeper (#13-524), Alki Point Light Station, Washington, is 17 November, 1947.

S/ R. SANDS, Jr.,
By direction

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE COMMANDANT (PC-3) WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REFER TO FILE: 84-75

9 December, 1947

From: Commandant
Commander, 13th Coast Guard District (pc)

To:

Subj: CHRISTENSEN, William R., Keeper; report of effective date of transfer of

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(13) Report of effective date of transfer and change to lower range of William R. Christensen, Keeper (#13-515) Cape Meares Lt. Sta., Ore., to Keeper (#13-524), Alki Point Lt. Sta., Wash., has not been received. Please expedite.

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REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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SURNAME, FIRST NAME, INITIAL	SERVICE No.	PRESENT RANK OR RATING
CHRISTENSEN, William R.	Civilian	Keeper
MAJOR UNIT NAME CG Group Hammond	**MINOR UNIT NAME**	**LOCATION**
[redacted]	Cape Meares Light Station	Tillamook, Oregon
UNIT ITEM No. OR VESSEL'S ASSIGNED DISTRICT		**DATE**
13th Coast Guard District		1 December, 1947

TIME
DATE

REPORTED FROM:
FOR

DUTY CODE NO.

AUTH:

TIME 1100
DATE 15 November, 1947

TRANSFERRED TO: Alki Point Light Station
FOR Assignment to duty

CIVILIAN

PERS.
B.P.
PAY
UNIT
510
M.R.
P.I.
M.O.
FILE

AUTH: Verbal orders Comd, 136GD; Dispatch No. 102041Z

CHANGED IN {RANK / RATING} FROM _____ TO _____ EFFECTIVE _____

DUTY CODE NO.

AUTH:

OTHER CHANGES (SPECIFY)

DUTY CODE NO.

AUTH:

William M. Frazier
(Commanding)

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II	XIV	XVII	XX	XXI

Officer Personnel			
District	Sea Shore	Foreign Domestic	Duty
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APPROVED FORM 2249 FOLLOWS TRANSFER CHANGE LOWER RANGE WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO POSITION KEEPER ALKI POINT AT $2394 PA X REPORT PROMPTLY EFFECTIVE DATE

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: (PC-3)

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:

OPERATOR'S RECORD

TIME RELEASED:

E. J. MORGAN
Chief Civilian Personnel Division

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-45

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date November 5, 1947

Name: Christensen, William R., Mr.

From: U.S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.:

Nature of Recommendation Intra Agency Transfer & Change to Lower Range

Effective: E.O.D. 11-14-47

	FROM 13-515	TO 13-524
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Class 3-b-1 ($2020-$2469.24)	Class 4-1 ($1954-$2394.)
Salary	$2469.24 per annum (No qtrs)	$2394.00 p.a. Incl. $240.Qtrs.
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U.S. Coast Guard	U.S. Coast Guard
Headquarters	Seattle, Washington	Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty	Cape Meares Lt. Sta., Ore.	Alki Point Lt. Sta., Wash.
Appropriation	S & E, CG 1948 (Civ.Emp.)	S&E, CG 1948 (Civ. Emp.)
Allotment		
	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

Remarks: Your signed statement agreeing to accept transfer to Alki Point Light Station at reduction in range and salary is on file in this office.

Justification: The new position as set forth above is authorized to provide for the needs of the district.

The position of Keeper, No. 13-515 at Cape Meares Light Station is discontinued coincident with the transfer of Mr. Christensen.

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

E. L. KANGAS, Adm. Asst.,
Civilian Personnel Division
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILE

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DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

11.5.47

[ ] PATENTED

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
C.S. Reg 8.103 (a)

APPROPRIATION
Regular

DATE OF BIRTH
7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Washington

SEX
Male

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
*	
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE INFORMATION
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SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?
Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
NAVCG-2660-REV.2-48

(pc)
CG-75

11-5-47 to clear 9-18

TO: COMMANDANT, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (PC) 8.103(a)

FROM (Recommending Office)	LOCATION	DATE
Commander, 13th CG District	Seattle, Wash.	15 September, 1947

NATURE OF RECOMMENDATION: Intra ~~Trans~~ Agency Transfer & change to Lower Rank

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	LEGAL RESIDENCE	DATE OF BIRTH	VET'S. PREF.?
CHRISTENSEN, William R.	Washington	7-20-85	Yes

13-515 13-527

	FROM	TO
POSITION & NUMBER	~~Asst.~~ Keeper Cl.3-b-1 ~~Cape Meares Light Station~~	~~Asst.~~ Keeper Cl. 4-1 ~~Alki Point Light Station~~
GRADE OR RANGE & PAY	($2020.00-2469.24) $2469.24	($1944-2394) 2394 $2020.00-2469.24 ~~$2469.24~~
VALUATION OF QUARTERS	~~None furnished~~ (No qtrs)	Rate includes $240.00 p.a. qtrs
APPROPRIATION	Salaries & Expenses, CG.	Salaries & Expenses, CG.
STATION	Cape Meares Light Sta., Oregon	Alki Point Light Sta. Washington
OFFICE		
DIVISION		
SECTION		

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: 22 Sept. 1947 ~~XXXX~~ ☐ THE ACTUAL DATE OF ENTRANCE ON DUTY AS SOON THEREAFTER AS HE ENTERS ON DUTY

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POSITION CLASSIFICATION OR JOB DATA

☐ NEW POSITION

☐ VICE _____ (Previous Incumbent) _____ (J.C.S.#-IVb Only) _____ (Date & Manner Vacated)

☐ NEW POSITION, OR JOB, IN LIEU OF _____ (Position or Job Superseded) _____ (Incumbent) _____ (J.C.S.#-IVb Only)

☐ ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL _____ (Name of Employee) _____ (J.C.S.# of Position to Which Identical-IVb Only)

REMARKS: Recommendation for transfer of Mr. Christensen to Alki Point Light Station as Assistant Keeper is not being used as a basis of increase in rate of pay. Transfer is made as per employee's request which is attached. This transfer is for convenience of employee, therefore transportation of household effects is not authorized. The only dependent involved is his wife who is confined to an invalid home in Seattle, Wash. Dispatch authority for this transfer is requested.

Certified as required in Instruction 6:

S. R. SANDS, Jr.
By direction
(Signature of Recommending Officer)

FORM [illegible]

U. S. COAST GUARD

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ACTION INFORM

FM CCGD THIRTEEN 271825Z

TO COMDT CG

TEXT

PC TO PC X RAF HQ 242104Z X W R CHRISTENSEN REPLACES MILITARY MAN AT ALKI POINT AND IS BEING REPLACED AT CAPE MEARES BY MILITARY MAN X SERVICES AT ALKI POINT URGENTLY NEEDED X REQUEST DISPATCH AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER

REF.....242104Z.....PC X FOR OVERALL COMPLEMENT CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION PROPOSED TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN.....ETC.....

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
Cape Meares Light Station
Tillamook, Oregon

ADDRESS REPLY TO
Cape Meares Light Station
AND REFER TO FILE
CG-75

21 August, 1947

To: Commander, 13th Coast Guard District
From: William R. Christensen, Cape Meares Light Station

Subj: Transfer: request for

It is requested that I William R. Christensen be transfered to Seattle Washington or its immediate vicinity. Reason for this request is so that I may be near my wife who is confined to an invalid home in Seattle.

It is further request that if this transfer be approved that my household effects be transfered to my new place of duties.

William R. Christensen
William R. Christensen

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDER
13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (pc)
AND REFER TO FILE: CG-75

2 October, 1947

AIR MAIL

From: Commander, 13th CG District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: William R. Christensen, transfer of

Reference is made to HQ dispatch 221632Z. Mr. Christensen's statement agreeing to accept a transfer at reduction in range and salary is inclosed.

U.S. COAST GUARD
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S. R. SANDS, Jr.
By direction

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SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDER
13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (pc)
AND REFER TO FILE: CG-75

23 September, 1947

From: William R. Christensen, Keeper, Cape Meares Light Station
To: The Commandant (PC)

Subj: Transfer from Cape Meares Light Station to Alki Point Light Station at reduction in range and salary

My present rate of pay is $2,469.24 per annum, excluding quarters. I understand that the range of pay for Assistant Keeper at Alki Point Light Station is $1,954-$2,394 per annum including $240.00 per annum quarters and that I will be transferred at the rate of $2,394.00. I agree to accept the transfer at this reduction in range and salary.

William R. Christensen
WILLIAM R. CHRISTENSEN

FORM NAVCG-9619

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REF.....2421Ø4Z.....PC X FOR OVERALL COMPLEMENT CONSIDERATIO IN CONNECTION PROPOSED TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN.....ETC.....

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FORM NAVCG-9619

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U.S. COAST GUARD
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PC-3
CG-75

REQUEST FOR
AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OR ABOLISHMENT OF CIVILIAN POSITION
(To be submitted in quintuple)

DATE 23 October, 1947

FROM: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
TO: CHIEF, PLANNING AND CONTROL STAFF

It is requested that the following civilian position be ~~established~~ reestablished: ~~abolished~~.

BUDGET NO.

SERVICE & GRADE	DESIGNATION	OPERATING TITLE	DIVISION	SECTION	SUBSECTION
$1954.00-$2394.00 $2394 incl $240 pa qtrs.	Keeper (1A)		13th CGD	Alki Point Lt. Sta., Wash.	

JUSTIFICATION
(Include brief statement of duties to be performed and necessity for same)

Attached is recommendation from 13th CGD in Form 2660 of 15 September, 1947, for the re-establishment of position of Asst. Keeper at Alki Point Lt. Sta., Washington, in the range $1954.00-$2394.00, to which it is proposed to transfer William R. Christensen at salary of $2394.00 including $240 p.a. qtrs. Mr. Christensen is now occupying Keeper position No. 13-515, in the range $2020-2469.24 (no qtrs) at salary of $2469.24 p.a., at Cape Meares Lt.Sta.,Oregon, which position will be abolished. Please return District's recommendation to Civilian Personnel Division.

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, ~~Officer~~ Civilian Personnel Division

COMMENTS

☐ Funds available if budget No. 13-515 is abolished.
☐ Funds available.
☐ Funds not available.

C. B. ARRINGTON
Chief, Budget Division

☒ Approval recommended.
☐ Disapproval recommended.

F. T. KENNER
Chief, Program Planning Division

INDORSEMENTS

IND.1
TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

Forwarded; action requested (is) ~~disapproved~~ authorized. The position to be established will be assigned Budget No. 13-524 with tentative allocation as recommended.

AUTHORIZATION NO. 52

A. C. RICHMOND
Chief, Planning and Control Staff

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☒ Position above described, Budget No. 13-515, is abolished effective MDD Christensen in Pos. #13-524 at Alki Point

☒ ~~New~~ position above described, Budget No. 13-524, has been ~~allocated~~ reestablished at Alki Pt.Lt.Sta., Wash.

SERVICE & GRADE	DESIGNATION	CSC NO.	CLASSIFICATION SHEET NO.
$1954.00-$2394.00 $2394 pa incl $240 pa qtrs.	Keeper (1A)	13th CGD - Alki Pt.Lt.Sta., Wash.	

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

COPY TO: Chief, Program Planning Division
Chief, Budget Division
Originator

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TEXT

PC TO PC X REF MY 271825Z X CHRISTENSEN IN EXCESS AT CAPE MEARES AND LIVING IN UNSUITABLE QUARTERS PENDING TRANSFER X ADVISE STATUS OF TRANSFAR

0157/04 NOV VN 040156Z 271825Z

REF---
PC TO PC X RAF HQ 242104Z X W R CHRISTENSEN REPLACES MILITARY MAN AT ALKI POINT AND IS BEING REPLACED AT CAPE MEARES --ETC---

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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 6 NOVEMBER 1947

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		RESTRICTED
TO (FOR ACTION)		URGENT
		PRIORITY
COMDR 13TH CGD (pc)	X	ROUTINE
		DEFERRED
		MAILGRAM
		ACKNOWLEDGE
TO (FOR INFORMATION)		URGENT
		PRIORITY
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		MAILGRAM
		ACKNOWLEDGE

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TEXT

APPROVED FORM 2249 FOLLOWS TRANSFER CHANGE LOWER RANGE WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO POSITION KEEPER ALKI POINT AT $2394 PA X REPORT PROMPTLY EFFECTIVE DATE

TOD— E L Brown-Clerk
Return to 3-2
OPERATOR'S RECORD

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: (PC-3)

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:
H. L. MORGAN
TIME RELEASED:
Chief Civilian Personnel Division

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DATE 24 OCTOBER, 1947

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COMMANDER 13TH CGD (pc)

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

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	ROUTINE
	DEFERRED
	MAILGRAM
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242104

TEXT

FOR OVERALL COMPLEMENT CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION PROPOSED TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN FROM CAPE MEARES TO ALKI POINT LIGHT STATION ADVISE WHETHER HE WILL REPLACE AND BE REPLACED BY MILITARY MAN

242104 # 87 MC

TOD— SEMercer:Clerk
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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: (PC-3)

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:

OPERATOR'S RECORD

TIME RELEASED:

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

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TRANSMIT

DATE 19 SEPTEMBER 1947

FROM

COMMANDANT (PC)

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	PRIORITY
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	MAILGRAM
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TO (FOR ACTION)

COMDR 13TH CGD (pc)

	URGENT
	PRIORITY
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	MAILGRAM
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TEXT

UR 2660 15 SEPTEMBER X RANGE OF PAY ASSISTANT KEEPER ALKI POINT LIGHT STATION IS $1954 BASH $2394 X IF WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TRANSFERRED THIS STATION WILL GO AT $2394 PA X NECESSARY YOU OBTAIN FURNISH HQ HIS SIGNED STATEMENT AGREEING ACCEPT TRANSFER AT REDUCTION RANGE AND SALARY

221632 # 38 ER/MC

TOD— E L Brown-Clerk
Return to 3-2

OPERATOR'S RECORD

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: (PC-3)

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:
E L MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

TIME RELEASED:

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REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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SURNAME, FIRST NAME, INITIAL	SERVICE No.	PRESENT RANK OR RATING
CHRISTENSEN, William R.	Civilian	Assist. Lt. Keeper

MAJOR UNIT NAME	MINOR UNIT NAME	LOCATION
CG Group, Hammond, Oregon	Cape Meares Light Station	Tillamook, Oregon

UNIT ITEM No. OR VESSEL'S ASSIGNED DISTRICT: 13th Coast Guard District

DATE: 1 June, 1947

TIME

DATE

REPORTED FROM:

FOR

DUTY CODE NO.

AUTH:

TIME

DATE

TRANSFERRED TO:

FOR

AUTH:

CHANGED IN {RANK / RATING} FROM _____ TO _____ EFFECTIVE _____

DUTY CODE NO.

AUTH:

OTHER CHANGES (SPECIFY)

0800 1 June, 1947 Departed on leave of absence to expire on 27 June, 1947.

PERS. Civilian Personnel

B.P. _____

PAY _____

UNIT _____

510 _____

M.R. _____

P.I. _____

M.O. _____

FILE _____

DUTY CODE NO. (30)

AUTH: Art. 1936, Par. (1) Regs

William M. Frazier

(Commanding)

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Enlisted Personnel				
Rate	Pay Grade	District	Foreign Domestic	Duty
II	XIV	XVII	XX	XXI

Officer Personnel			
District	Sea Shore	Foreign Domestic	Duty
XI	XIV	XV	XVIII

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL Date 7-25-47

Name: Christensen, William R., Mr.

From: U. S. Coast Guard Bureau No.:
(BUREAU OR DIVISION)

Nature of Recommendation

Administrative Pay Increase

Effective: 7-27-47

	FROM 367	TO 367
Position		Keeper
Grade	Class 3-b-1 ($2020-2469.24)	Class 3-b-1 ($2020-2469.24)
Salary	$2394.00 per annum	$2469.24 per annum
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty		Cape Meares Lt. Sta., Ore.
Appropriation		S&E, CG 1948 (Civ.Emp.)
Allotment		
	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

Remarks:

You are hereby granted a one-step increase in rate of compensation.

Justification:

Position:	Permanent
Last Increase:	Promotion 7-14-46 $2318.76 to $2394
Conduct & Service:	Satisfactory
Efficiency Rating:	Excellent - Approved 4-25-47

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

E. L. KANGAS, Admin. Asst., Civilian Personnel Division
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

DATE APPROVED [redacted]

OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FILE

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JUL 29 1947

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: Male

NATURE OF POSITION:

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE INFORMATION: Preference

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

12 July, 1946
(Date)

The following employees, whose service and conduct are certified as satisfactory, are eligible and are recommended for a periodic pay increase effective 14 July, 1946.

COMDR 13th COAST GUARD DISTRICT

Pos. No.	Name	Designation	Range	Salary From	Salary To	Ap-pr'n	Eff'y Rat.	DATE EOD or Last Promoted	Nature of Last Promotion or EOD	Salary From	Salary To
358	Anderson, Albert G.	Keeper	2020.00-2469.24	$2394.00	$2469.24*	CE	E	7-1-45	Promotion	$2034	$2100
352	Beaulieu, Cyril D.	Keeper	2168.28-2619.72	$2318.76	$2394.00**	CE	G	7-1-45	Promotion	$1968	$2034
367	Christensen, William R.	Keeper	2020.00-2469.24	$2318.76	$2394.00	CE	VG	7-1-45	Promotion	$1968	$2034
7996	Dalgren, Ivan	Lt. Att.	2920.68-3372.12	$2995.92	$3071.16	CE	VG	7-1-45	Promotion	$2562	$2628
7997	Graham, Clarence E.	Lt. Att.	2694.96-3146.40	$2995.92	$3071.16	CE	G	7-1-45	Promotion	$2562	$2628
420	Jorgensen, Harold O.	Keeper	2243.52-2694.96	$2394.00	$2469.24*	CE	VG	7-1-45	Promotion	$2034	$2100
400	Menzony, Ted	Keeper	2243.52-2694.96	$2318.76	$2394.00*	CE	G	7-1-45	Promotion	$1968	$2034
8001	Stensager, Oscar H.	Lt. Att.	2168.28-2619.72	$2544.48	$2619.72	CE	G	7-1-45	Promotion	$2496	$2562
410	Wheeler, George H.	Keeper	2243.52-2694.96	$2544.48	$2619.72**	CE	E	7-1-45	Promotion	$2166	$2232

* Includes $240 per annum allowance for Quarters
** Includes $ 60 per annum allowance for Quarters
***Includes $420 per annum allowance for Boat

G. R. Lansdale

G. R. LANSDALE, Personnel Asst.,
Civilian Personnel Division

PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR KEEPERS AND LIGHT ATTENDANTS
EFFECTIVE July 1, 1946, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TREASURY
DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF June 25, 1946

SEATTLE DISTRICT

Name	No.	Station	Class	From			To		
				Range	Pay	Qtrs.	Range	Pay	Qtrs.
ALLIK, Oswald	#411	Tillamook Rock, Ore.	4-c-2	$1902-2298	$2166	$60	$2168.28-2619.72	$2469.24	$60
ANDERSON, Albert G.	358	Cape Blanco, Ore	4-a-1	1770-2166	2100	240	2020.00-2469.24	2394.00	240
BEAULIEU, Cyril D.	352	Browns Pt., Wash.	2-a	1902-2298	2034	60	2168.28-2619.72	2318.76	60
CHRISTENSEN, Wm. R.	367	Cape Meares, Ore.	3-b-1	1770-2166	2034		2020.00-2469.24	2318.76	
CORRIE, Vivian R.	388	Mukilteo, Wash,	4-a	1968-2364	2364	240	2243.52-2694.96	2694.96	240
DIBB, Roy P.	413	Tillamook Rock, Ore.	4-c-4	1902-2298	2166	60	2168.28-2619.72	2469.24	60
HERMANN, Clifford B.	382	Heceta Head, Ore.	3-a	1902-2298	2298	240	2168.28-2619.72	2619.72	240
JORGENSEN, Harold O.	420	West Pt., Wash.	4-a	1968-2364	2100	240	2243.52-2694.96	2394.00	240
MENZONY, Ted	400	Pt. Wilson, Wash,	4-a	1968-2364	2034	240	2243.52-2694.96	2318.76	240
PEDERSEN, Jens O.	403	Robinson Pt., Wash,	4-a-1	1770-2166	2100	240	2020.00-2469.24	2394.00	240
SMITH, George J.	350	Alki Pt., Wash.	4	1902-2298	2298	240	2168.28-2619.72	2619.72	240
SORENSEN, Norman	3856	Pt. Wilson, Wash.	4-a-2	1704-2100	1836		1954.00-2394.00	2093.04	

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (PCP-3) WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
REFER TO FILE: CG-75

19 July, 1945

To: DCGO, 13ND

Subj: William R. Christensen, Keeper; Pay Adjustment and Pay Increase (Periodic)

It is requested that the information or forms indicated in the items checked below be furnished Headquarters promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

(1) Furnish in duplicate information as to date of entrance on duty.
(2) Furnish Form 57.
(3) Furnish Form 60.
(4) Furnish oath of office in duplicate.
(5) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473, attached.
(6) Furnish one copy of certified Form 2806.
(7) Forward promptly address to which retirement pay checks are to be mailed.
(8) Have the inclosed form signed and returned.
(9) In the event retirement deductions were not made from the pay include the aggregate basic salary by fiscal years.
(10) Furnish standard Form 62 in triplicate.
(11) Furnish Form 63.
(12) Form 63 is returned with request that information as to date, amount and nature of last promotion as well as official current efficiency rating be secured from the previous employing agency and furnished to Headquarters promptly.

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(13) The effective date was erroneously omitted from the [illegible] dated July 1, 1945, for the Pay Adjustment and Pay Increase (Periodic) for subject employee. It is requested that you insert July 1, 1945, as the effective date.

CARL E. HERRICK

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date July 1, 1945

Name: Christensen, William R., Mr.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.:

Nature of Recommendation

Pay Adjustment and Pay Increase (Periodic)

Effective: July 1, 1945

	FROM 367	TO 367
Position		Keeper
Grade	Range $1500-1860	Range $1770-2166
Salary	$1680 per annum	$2034 per annum
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty		Cape Meares Lt. Sta., Ore.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees
Allotment		
	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]	FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

Remarks:

Justification:

Position: Permanent
Last Promotion: April 1, 1944, $1620-1680
Conduct and Service: Satisfactory
Efficiency Rating: Very Good

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

Paul C. Herrick
Comdr. U.S.C.G.R.
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

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CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: Male

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? Yes

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, ~~TREASURY~~ NAVY DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY DIRECTOR ~~TREASURY~~

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UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Date April 1, 1944

Name: Christensen, William R., Mr.

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.: 367

Nature of Recommendation

Promotion

Effective: April 1, 1944

	FROM 7700	TO 7700
Position		Keeper
Grade		
Salary	Range $1500-1860 $1620 per annum. No Qtrs.	Range $1500-1860 $1680 per annum. No Qtrs.
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty		Cape Meares Lt. Sta., Cre.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, C. G.
Allotment		

FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ] FIELD [X] DEPRTMTL. [ ]

Remarks:

The action herein represents an administrative increase in salary effective as indicated above.

Justification: Mr. Christensen was last promoted October 1, 1942, in the amount of $60. His service and conduct are satisfactory. The position occupied by this employee is not temporary. His current efficiency rating is Good - 4.

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

E. L. KANGAS, Admin. Asst.,
Civilian Personnel Division.
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, ~~TREASURY~~ DEPARTMENT)

DATE APPROVED BY DIRECTOR

APR 3 1944

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: M

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? Yes

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER (PCP)
AND REFER TO FILE CG-75-531

21-August, 1943

To: Mr. W. R. Christensen, Keeper, Cape Meares Light Station.

Via: Commanding Officer, Cuast Guard Station, Barview, Oregon.

Subj: Orders; travel.

1. Proceed as soon as is deemed practicable by the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, Barview, Oregon, to Astoria, Oregon, and report to the COTP at that place for enrollment as a temporary member of the Coast Guard Reserve in the rating of Boatswain's Mate,2c. Upon completion of this duty, return to your regular station and duties.

2. You are entitled to allowances for uniform clothing in the amounts prescribed for regular members of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, by the Pay & Supply Instructions. The uniform to be issued you will be the Regulation Shore Establishment Uniform.

3. The expense incident to the travel herein authorized is chargeable against travel allotment, Symbol No. 13-20, (Travel Order No. 1335-44, reference to which will be made on all vouchers and transportation requests).

4. In lieu of actual expenses and subsistence and all fees and tips, a per diem of $4.50 is authorized, subject to the provisions of Personnel Bulletin No. 11-43.

5. The public interests require this travel.

R. W. ANDERSON
By direction

cc:
Headquarters
Accounting Office
COTP-Astoria

NCG 2599
U. S. Coast Guard
(Jan. 1943)

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

CHRISTENSEN	William	R.	--	Asst. Keeper
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No.)	(Rank or rating)

COTP, ASTORIA OFFICE (13-835)	Astoria, Oregon	29 September, 1943
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

0900-28 August, 1943, Reported this unit for temporary duty from CAPE MEARES LIGHT STATION (Coast Guard Station, Barview, Oregon).

1030-28 August, 1943, Enrolled and administered oath of allegiance, as member of Coast Guard Reserve, Class (T), with rating of B.M.2c(TR).

Enrolled for duration of the war, Full time special service duty (Civil Service Employe, Lighthouse Service) non-pay status.

1100-28 August, 1943, Departed this unit for return to regular station and duties, temporary duty completed.

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AUTHORITY:

Copy mailed to Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, Barview, Oregon.

DCGO,SEATTLE,13ND (p)
letter 8-21-43 (75-780)

W.C. Mitchell
(Commanding) Ensign(R)

W. C. MITCHELL
By direction
(Title)

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	Statistics	Correspondence	Records

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CHRISTENSEN (SURNAME) William (FIRST NAME) Rasmus (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
July	20	1885

SEX M RACE "

RETIREMENT AGE

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE

STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN

MILITARY SERVICE _____ YES _____ NO _____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION _____ YES _____ NO _____

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Trans.	AB Seaman		85. M.	1-18-21	U.S.Shipping Board-Lake Greenbrier			
	Term.	do		"	1-26-21	do do			
	Employed	2nd Officer		187½50 M	2-2-21	do Lake Elmsford			
	Promoted	1st "		216.25M	5- 5-21	do " "			
	Red. Pay	" "		185. M.	11-22-21	do " "			
	Term.	" "		"	11-25-21	do " "			
	Prob. appt.	2nd asst. keeper		1080 A.	2-20-26	Com.17th Dist. - New Dungeness			
	Tr. & Pro.	Asst. Keeper		1200 A.	7-15-27	do Ediz Hook			
	Welch Act	" "		1320 A.	7- 1-28	do " "			
	Tr. & Dem.	" "		1260 A.	5- 1-29	do West Pt.			
	Commended by	Supt. 2/13/33 and by Commissioner 3/2/33 for assistance to occupants of boat out of commission							
	" "	" 9/27/29 for assisting occupants of capsized boat.							
	" "	" 3/12/34 " " crew of Schooner "Seven Seas".							
	Cautioned by	Supt. 2/26/36 relative to forwarding correspondence through superior officer.							
	Trans.	Asst. Keeper		1260 A.	6- 1-39	Com.17th Dist.- Umpqua River			
	A.Trans.Reor.	Plan II 5-9-39		"	7-1-39	Treas.C.G. " "			
	Trans.	Asst. Keeper		"	1-10-40	do Cape Arago			

EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____

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Naturalized. Certificate #585685 (2/24/16) Circuit Court of Clatsop County, Oregon.

No. _____

CHRISTENSEN William Rasmus
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
July	20	1885

SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE

LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
STATE AND CONG. DISTRICT	COUNTY	CITY OR TOWN
Washington 6th	King	Seattle

MILITARY SERVICE _____ YES X NO _____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION _____ YES _____ NO _____

REFERENCE	NATURE OF ACTION	POSITION AND GRADE	SALARY		EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT OFFICIAL STATION	TOTAL SERVICE		
			PAY LESS ALLOWANCES	BASIC PAY			MOS.	DAYS	YRS.
	Enlisted	Seaman, ordinary			4-23-11	Treas. CG-Manning			
	Rated	"			5- 1-11	do "			
	Discharged	"			4-22-12	do "			
	Reenlisted	"			10- 8-12	do "			
	Rated	Coxswain (acting)			11-21-12	do "			
	"	Master-at-arms(asst)			4-25-13	do "			
	Discharged	do			10- 7-13	do "			
	Reenlisted	"			10- 8-13	do "			
	Discharged	"			12- 8-14	do "			
	Reenlisted	"			12- 9-14	do "			
	Discharged	"			10- 7-15	do "			
	Reenlisted	"			10- 8-15	do "			
	Discharged	"			10- 7-16	do "			
	Reenlisted	"			10- 8-16	do "			
	Trans.	Surfman			1-22-17	do Willapa Bay Station			
	Discharged	"			10- 7-17	do " "			
	Employed	2nd Officer		140 M.	4- 6-18	U.S. Fisheries-Seattle) Not verified			
	Term.	" "		"	10- 7-18	do ")			
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	Term.	" "		"	12-22-19	do "			
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EDUCATION: (INDICATE NUMBER OF YEARS) COMMON SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8 HIGH SCHOOL 1 2 3 4 COLLEGE 1 2 3 4 DEGREES, IF ANY _____

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Coast Guard and Shipping Board service verified.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, SEATTLE
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
550 FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASH., AND REFER TO FILE No. PER-75

File 2807
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Seattle, Washington
6 April, 1943

OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, SEATTLE
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, Thirteenth Naval District.
To : Commandant, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Subject: William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper; transfer.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' dispatch 02 1943 (April, 1943)

1. Replying to reference (a), service record card of subject employee has been corrected to show effective date of transfer from Cape Arago Light Station to Cape Meares Light Station, effective 9 March, 1943.

ALLEN WINBECK
By direction



Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 2 APRIL 1943

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YOUR LETTER 24 MARCH REPORTING EFFECTIVE DATE TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN FROM CAPE ARAGO TO CAPE MEARES AS 1 MARCH X THE PERFORATED DATE IN LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER FORM 2249 IS CONTROLLING AND REQUEST YOU SUBMIT AMENDED REPORT SHOWING MARCH 9 AS EFFECTIVE DATE

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:

OPERATOR'S RECORD

TIME RELEASED:

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—23739

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
United States Coast Guard

24 March, 1943

REPORT OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE IN POSITION
OR PAY STATUS OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, Thirteenth Naval District
To : Commandant, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Subject: Change in post of duty, William R. Christensen, Keeper.

Name: William R. Christensen

Nature of Action: Change in post of duty

Effective date of change: 9 March, 1943

	FROM	TO
Position:	Keeper	Keeper
Pay:	$1620 per annum	$1620 per annum
Salary Range:	$1500-1860	$1500-1860
Valuation of Quarters:	None furnished	None furnished
Station:	Cape Arago Light Station	Cape Meares Light Station

Remarks: This change is reported in accordance with Department approval dated 1 March, 1943.

ALLEN WINBECK
By direction

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Headquarters United States Coast Guard C.G.-CP-75
16 April, 1943.

Submitted to the Director of Personnel, Navy Department, for information.

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN, Assistant Chief,
Civilian Personnel Division.

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OPERATOR'S RECORD

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

INITIALS OF RELEASING OFFICER:

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FORM 9619-A
TREASURY DEPT.

U. S. COAST GUARD

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FROM: COMDT CG

ACTION: DCGO 13TH ND SEATTLE

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OPERATOR'S RECORD AND DATE: FCD 1943 2 APRIL 43 JQ

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CG-CP-75

8 March 1943.

From: Commandant.
To: District Coast Guard Officer, Thirteenth Naval District, Seattle.

Subject: William R. Christensen; transfer to new position of Keeper at Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon.

Reference: (a) Form 2249.

1. While it is shown in reference (a) that the position of Keeper at $1620 per annum ($1500-1860) pt Cape Meares Light Station, payable from the appropriation Civilian Employees, is vice Charles F. Walters, the Finance Division in providing funds treated the position as a new one, its number therefor being 7700.

2. The position of Keeper at $1620 per annum ($1500-1860) at Cape Arago Light Station (Finance Division No. 7004) vacated by Mr. Christensen is not to be filled and is hereby discontinued.

CARL E. HERRICK,
By direction.

U. S. COAST GUARD (5)
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ADVISE WHETHER POSITION TO BE VACATED BY WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN AT CAPE ARAGO TO BE FILLED WITHIN ONE MONTH OTHERWISE WILL BE DISCONTINUED

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CG-CP-75

1 March 1943.

From: Chief Personnel Officer.
To: Chief Finance Officer.

1. The Seattle office has recommended the transfer of William R. Christensen from Keeper (Assistant) at $1620 per annum in the range $1500-1860 at Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon, to Keeper (Assistant) at $1620 per annum ($1500-1860), Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon.

2. The position of Keeper at Cape Meares was vacated in 1941. It is intended therefore to authorize a new position of Keeper in the range $1500-1860 payable from the appropriation Civilian Employees if the necessary funds may be used for that purpose.

L. SPENCER,
By direction.

FINANCE DIVISION First Indorsement. CG-F2-75
5 March, 1943.

From: Chief Finance Officer.
To: Chief Personnel Officer.

1. Returned. An additional position of Keeper at $1620 per annum, payable from appropriation "Civilian Employees, Coast Guard", is hereby authorized for the Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon, under the District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, 13th Naval District, and assigned Position No. 7700. When William R. Christensen enters on duty in the above-authorized position, his present position of Keeper at Cape Arago Light Station (Position No. 7004) shall be abolished.

E. C. NUSSEAR,
By direction.

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Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

TRANSMIT

DATE 22 FEBRUARY 1943

FROM **COMMANDANT**

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YOUR NOMINATION 11 FEBRUARY 1943 TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO CAPT MEARES LIGHT STATION WITHOUT QUARTERS X HEADQUARTERS RECORD SHOWS $240 QUARTERS EXPLANATION REQUESTED

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FORM 9619
TREASURY DEPT.

U. S. COAST GUARD

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HEADING: DN37 Z QUAW 260252 QUAH GR 16

FROM: DCGO 13TH ND SEATTLE

ACTION: COMDT

INFORM:

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YOUR 231337 2/21/27 QUARTERS CAPE MEARES OCCUPIED BY LOOKOUT STATION PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABE USE ASSISTANT KEEPER CHRISTIANSEN

REF:-UR NOMINATION 11 FEB 1943 TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO CAPE MEARES LIGHT STA WITHOUT QUARTERS X HQTRS RECORD SHOWS 24Ø DOLS QUARTERS EXPLANATION REQUESTED.

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CG Reserve	Maritime Service
Civil Engineer	Material
Civilian Personnel	Medical
Comptroller	Merchant Ship Operations
Construction Work	Personnel Board
Const. & Repair	Personnel
Finance	Procurement
Group Training	Public Relations
Inspection	Radio Engineering
Intelligence	

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YOUR 031904 X POSITION VACATED WILL NOT BE FILLED BY CIVILIAN

REF:-ADVISE WHETHER POSITION TO BE VACATED BY WM.R CHRISTENSEN AT CAPE ARAGO TO BE FILLED WITHIN 1 MONTH OTHERWISE WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

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CG Reserve	Maritime Service
Civil Engineer	Material
Civilian Personnel	Medical
Commandant	Merchant Ship
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Const. & Repair	Permanent Board
Finance	Personnel
Group Training	Procurement
Inspector	Public Relations
Intelligence	Radio Engineering

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 9 March, 1943

Name: Christensen, William R.

From: U. S. Coast Guard Bureau No.: 367

Change in post of duty

Effective: E.O.D. 3-1-43

	FROM 7004	TO 7700
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Range $1500-1860	Range $1500-1860
Salary	$1620 per annum. No quarters	$1620 per annum. No quarters
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	Seattle, Washington	Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty	Cape Arago Lt.Sta., Ore.	Cape Meares Lt.Sta., Ore.
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	Civilian Employees, C. G.
Allotment		

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Remarks: Travel from Cape Arago Light Station, Charleston, Oregon to Cape Meares Light Station, Barview, Oregon, necessary in interest of the Government, not for convenience of employee is authorized, with per diem of $4.50 in lieu of subsistence, chargeable to symbol 1/-20. Travel by privately owned automobile at the rate of 5¢ a mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, authorized. If travel is by privately owned automobile, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by commercial carrier must be attached to the voucher.

The transportation of household effects at Government expense is authorized in accordance with existing instructions.

Justification: The position of Keeper (range $1500-1860) at Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon is to be discontinued coincident with the transfer of Mr. Christensen.

APPROVED: MARCH 1, 1943
S/ RALPH A. BARD, ASST. SEC. OF THE NAVY

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CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Wash.

SEX: M

NATURE OF POSITION

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VICE VACANCY | VICE

*In lieu of NAME: Charles F. Walters (inducted)

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? Yes

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-16

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY: MARCH 1, 1943

ORDER # 51

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES MAR 17 1943

Form 2660
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

U. S. COAST GUARD

NOMINATION

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From: District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, 13th Naval District (Nominating officer) Seattle, Washington (Place) 11 February, 1943 (Date)

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Action recommended Transfer

Name CHRISTENSEN, William R. (Last name, first name, and initial) Date of birth July 20, 1885

Legal residence Washington

	From—	To—
Position	Keeper (Assistant) 2004	Keeper (Assistant)
Pay and grade	$1620 per annum ($~~1260-1620~~) 1500-1860	$1620 p.a. ($~~1260-1620~~) 1500-1860 2700
Valuation of quarters	None	None
Station	Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon	Cape Meares Light Station, Oregon
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, Coast Guard (N)	Civilian Employees, Coast Guard (Navy)

Effective 16 February, 1943 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Vice Charles F. Walters #367 new Pay $1440 p.a. Services terminated 19 June, 1941

Reason Enlisted in the Coast Guard as B.M.1c.

REMARKS: Travel expenses from Cape Arago Light Station, Charleston, Oregon, to Cape Meares Light Station, Barview, Oregon, are in the interest of the government and payment thereof is recommended. Transportation of household effects at government expense is also recommended. Form 2659, application for authority to ship household effects will be transmitted as soon as completed by the subject employee.

Selection regular, ... 19.....

Manager, Civil Service District.

W. H. MUNTER
(Title)

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

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FORM 9619
TREASURY DEPT.

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YOUR 031904 X POSITION VACATED WILL NOT BE FILLED BY CIVILIAN

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Form No. 2599
U.S.COAST GUARD
(Revised 1937)

REPORT OF CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

CHRISTENSEN	William	R.	- -	Assistant Keeper
(Surname)	(First name)	(Middle initial)	(Service No)	(Rank or rating)

5-13-06

Cape Arago Light Station	Charleston, Oregon	26 February, 1943
(Unit)	(Place)	(Date)

0900, 26 February, 1943 - Departed, having been transferred to the Coast Guard Station, Barview, Oregon, for duty at the Cape Meares Light Station.

No leave or travel time granted enroute.

AUTHORITY: ltr. DCGO,Seattle,13ND
Per-75-531)

Lars Bjelland, Ch. Bos'n.
(Commanding)

Commanding Officer.
(Title)

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	STATISTICS	CORRESPONDENCE	RECORDS

Form 9626
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

U.S. COAST GUARD

TRANSMIT

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DATE 22 FEBRUARY 1943

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YOUR NOMINATION 11 FEBRUARY 1943 TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO CAPE MEARES LIGHT STATION WITHOUT QUARTERS X HEADQUARTERS RECORD SHOWS $240 QUARTERS EXPLANATION REQUESTED

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YOUR NOMINATION 11 FEBRUARY 1943 TRANSFER WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN TO CAPE MEARES LIGHT STATION WITHOUT QUARTERS X HEADQUARTERS RECORD SHOWS 240 DOLS QUARTERS EXPLANATION REQUESTED.

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Seattle, Washington
11 February, 1943

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, Thirteenth Naval District.
To: Assistant Keeper, William E. Christensen - Cape Arago Light Station.

Via: 1. Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, Charleston, Oregon.

Subject: Orders; temporary duty; travel.

1. Effective on the reporting of Nels A. Howe (221-066) B.M.1c(Pro), you are temporarily relieved of duty at Cape Arago Light Station. Proceed to Barview, Oregon, and report to the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, at that place, for assignment to temporary duty at Cape Meares Light Station, as assistant Keeper.

2. The expense incident to the travel herein authorized is chargeable to travel allotment, Symbol No. 17-20 (Travel Order No. 2401-43, reference to which will be made on all reimbursement vouchers).

3. In lieu of actual expenses for subsistence, and all fees and tips, a per diem of $4.50 is authorized, subject to the provisions of Personnel Bulletin No. 98-42.

4. Travel by privately owned conveyance, at the rate of four cents per mile, if more economical and advantageous to the United States than travel by commercial carrier, is authorized. In the event privately owned conveyance is used, a statement certifying that such travel is more economical and advantageous than travel by common carrier must be attached to the vouchers.

5. The public interests require this travel.

ALLEN WINBECK,
By direction

Copy to:
Headquarters
CG Station, Barview
Civilian Personnel
Pay Office, Astoria

Accounting Office
J.L. Preston, Radio Eng.

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-41

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 1 October, 1942

Name: Christensen, William R.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 356

Promotion

Effective: 1 October, 1942

	FROM	TO
Position		Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1500-1860)	Field (Range $1500-1860)
Salary	$1560 p.a. No Qtrs.	$1620 p.a. No Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Seattle, Washington
Post of Duty		Cape Arago Lt. Sta., Ore.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, C. G.
Allotment		

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Remarks:

The action herein represents an administrative increase in salary effective as indicated above.

Justification:

Mr. Christensen was last promoted January 16, 1941 in the amount of $60. His service and conduct are satisfactory. The position occupied by this employee is not temporary. His current efficiency rating is Good.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-85

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX:

NATURE OF POSITION

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HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE?

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH

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DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

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THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
550 FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASH., AND REFER TO FILE No. 75

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Seattle, Washington
17 September, 1942

OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER, SEATTLE
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

From: District Coast Guard Officer, Seattle, Thirteenth Naval District.
To : Commandant, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Subject: William R. Christensen, Lighthouse Keeper; within-grade promotion.

Reference: (a) Table showing cost of within grade compensation advancements, dated 31 October, 1941.
(b) Headquarters' mimeographed form 18 August,1942, listing employees eligible for within-grade or administrative promositions 1 October,1942 (CG-CP-023).

1. Reference (b) does not include the name of William R. Christiansen, Assistant Keeper, Cape Arago Light Station, who was listed in reference (a) as being eligible on 1 October,1942, for promotion.

2. Mr. Christiansen received his last pay increase on 16 January,1941, from $1260 to $1320 per annum. His efficiency rating since 31 March,1942 is "Good" and his services and conduct are satisfactory.

W. H. MUNTER

Rec'd within-grade promotion 10-1-42.
G.L.

FOR VICTORY
BUY UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 1-41

NAVY

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 22 December, 1941

Name: Christensen, William P.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 356

Adjustment of salary.

	FROM	TO
Position Grade Salary	Keeper Field (Range $1260-1620) $1320 p.a. plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	Keeper Field (Range $1500-1860) $1560 p.a. No qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters Post of Duty Appropriation Allotment	Seattle, Washington Cape Arago Lt. Stn., Ore. Civilian Employees, C. G.	Seattle, Washington Cape Arago Lt. Stn., Ore. Civilian Employees, C. G.
	FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐	FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐

EFFECTIVE close 22 December, 1941.

Remarks:

Justification: The adjustment of salary is due to the discontinuance of quarters.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 7-20-1885

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: M RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE? Yes

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

CHARLES POZELL

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD

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NOMINATION

Senior Coast Guard Officer, Northwestern
From: Sector, 13th Naval District (Nominating officer) Seattle, Washington (Place) 31 December (Date), 19 41

To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard.

Action recommended Pay adjustment in lieu of quarters

Name CHRISTENSEN, William R. (Last name, first name, and initial) Date of birth 20 July, 1885

Legal residence Washington

	From—	To—
Position	Assistant Keeper	Assistant Keeper
Pay and grade	$1320 p.a. (1260-1620)	$1560 p.a. (1260-1620)
Valuation of quarters	$240 p.a.	None 240 240 1500 1800
Station	Cape Arago Light Station	Cape Arago Light Station
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, Coast Guard	Civilian Employees, Coast Guard

Effective 23 December, 1941 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Vice - Pay - Services terminated -

Reason -

REMARKS: Pay adjustment recommended in accordance Headquarters' dispatch 09 2227 (December, 1941). Quarters were vacated 23 December; quarters allowance paid to close of 22 December, 1941.

Selection regular, ____, 19____

Manager, Civil Service District.

W. H. MUNTER
(Title)

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

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 6-40

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO:

Date Prepared: January 10, 1941

Name:

From: Christensen, William H.
U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No: 356

Promotion

	FROM	TO
Position		Keeper
Grade		
Salary	Field (Range $1260-1620) $1260 p.a.,plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	Field (Range $1260-1620) $1320 p.a.,plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.
Bureau or Div. Organizational Subdivisions		U. S. Coast Guard
Headquarters		
Post of Duty		Seattle, Wash.
Appropriation		Cape Arago Lt.Sta.,Ore.
Allotment		Civilian Employees,C.G.
Field or Deptl.		Field

EFFECTIVE
Remarks: January 16, 1941

Justification:

No increase in pay since July 1, 1928.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION

DATE OF BIRTH: [illegible]

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Washington

SEX: M | RACE: W

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW | ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY | VICE

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?: Lighthouse Act

DATE OF OATH: [illegible]

H. R. STILES,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

BUREAU SUSPENSE AND FILE COPY

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12 October, 1940.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander, Seattle District.

Subject: William R. Christensen, keeper; request for increase in pay.

Reference: (a) Christensen's letter of 20 August, 1940.
(b) Your letter 26 August, 1940 (75-703).
(c) Your letter 25 September, 1940 (75-703).
(d) Form 2249 approving transfer to Cape Arago.

1. As to Mr. Christensen's statement in reference (a) that at the time of his transfer to his present position at Cape Arago Light Station he was prohibited from receiving the regul r increase allowed, attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Christensen'was not entitled to any increase in pay in connection with his transfer to his present station because his pay at his former station was the same as the minimum of the grade of the position to which he was transferred. Section 10b of the Reorganization Act of 1939 prohibited increases during the last fiscal year (1940) but that did not restrict the compensation in this employee's case because, as stated above, there was actually no increase involved.

2. As to paragraph 3 of reference (b), it is expected that administrative increases under the appropriation Civilian Employees will be considered before the end of the present calendar year, and if so, district offices will be asked to submit recommendations in that connection.

By direction,

N. R. STILES,
Assistant Personnel Officer.

MAILED
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U.S. COAST GUARD (illegible)
RECD SEP 30 1940
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
SEATTLE DISTRICT

Seattle, Wash.
25 September, 1940.

From: Commander, Seattle District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: Increases in pay for civilian employees.

Reference: (a) ComSeaDist letter 26 August, 1940, recommending increase in pay for William R. Christensen, Asst. Keeper, Cape Arago Light Station; and requesting advice whether the previous practice of the Lighthouse Service in submitting such recommendations semi-annually should be followed.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of reference (a).

1. No reply has yet been received in this matter. An early reply is desired.

W. H. MUNTER
By direction

M. P. Jensen

M. P. JENSEN
Personnel Officer

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U. S. COAST GUARD (2)
REC'D AUG 30 1940 By
ANSO

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF COMMANDER
SEATTLE DISTRICT

Seattle, Wash.
26 August, 1940.

From: Commander, Seattle District.
To: Commandant.

Subject: William R. Christensen; increase in pay, request for.

References: (a) Letter dated 20 August, 1940, from subject employee.
(b) Circular letter, Bureau of Lighthouses, dated April 7, 1939 (1633B-17); subject: Light Stations, allowances for isolation.
(c) Letter from Superintendent of Lighthouses, 17th District, dated May 17, 1939.

Inclosure: (1) Copy of reference (a).

1. Subject employee has served more than 20 years in the Lighthouse Service and Coast Guard combined, and is now being paid in the lowest step of the pay range of assistant keeper, Cape Arago Lightstation.

2. It appears that no advice has been received of action taken on recommendations in reference (c), which was submitted in reply to reference (b). In reference (c) it was proposed that the pay range of keeper and assistants at several stations should be increased on account of isolation or additional equipment recently installed, including a recommendation that the range for keeper at Cape Arago be changed from 1440-1800 to 1500-1860, and that for assistant keeper from 1260-1620 to 1320-1680. If this change in pay ranges is approved, subject employee should receive promptly an increase in pay to conform to the bottom step in the new range.

3. If the proposed change in pay ranges is not approved, it is recommended that the pay of subject employee be increased to $1320 per annum, plus quarters allowance, which is the second step in the present range of his position. If it is not desired to grant an increase at the present time, advice is requested as to whether such recommendations should be submitted semi-annually, in accordance with the previous practice of the Lighthouse Service.

W. H. Munter

W. H. MUNTER

C O P Y

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Seattle District
Cape Arago Light Station
20 August, 1940.

From: W. R. Christiansen, Assistant Keeper.
To: Commander, Seattle District.

Subject: Increase of pay; request for.

Reference: (a) Sec. 10B of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

1. It is respectfully requested that my pay be increased to conform with the amount paid my predecessors at this station.

2. At the time of my transfer to this station, reference (a) prohibited my receiving the regular increase allowed for transfer and promotion to a larger station.

3. Considering my years of service, I believe that I am the lowest paid assistant keeper at this class of station. There are assistant keepers on similar stations or with less equipment, practically new men in the service, that receive from five to fifteen dollars more per month. The former assistant keeper that retired from this station last year never received less than $115 while at this station, although he had less service than myself. My pay is $105.

/s/ W. R. CHRISTENSEN
Acting Keeper

COPY

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D JAN 8 - 1940

4 January, 1940.

From: Commander, Seattle District.
To : Mr. William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, Umpqua River Light Station, Winchester Bay, Oregon.

Subject: Permanent change of station; orders.

1. Effective 10 January, 1940, you are detached from further duty at Umpqua River Light Station. Proceed on that date via Coast Guard truck to Marshfield, Oregon, and report to the Keeper, Cape Arago Light Station, for duty as Assistant Keeper at that Light Station.

2. This order constitutes a permanent change of station for you from Winchester Bay, Oregon to Marshfield, Oregon.

3. Transportation of yourself and household effects is authorized by Government truck.

4. No expense is indicated and none is authorized.

W. H. MUNTER

M. P. JENSEN,
Personnel Officer.

Copy to:
Headquarters
Umpqua River Station

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Coast Guard- Lighthouse Service

Office of the Commander, Seattle District
Portland, Oregon Seattle, Wash. 19 Feb., 1940

CHANGE IN STATUS OF EMPLOYEE

Name: William R. Christensen
Nature of action Transfer
Effective Date 10 January, 1940

U. S. COAST GUARD 8
REC'D FEB 26 1940 By

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper (Assistant)	Keeper (Assistant)
Pay	$1260 A., plus $240 p.a. for quarters (Range 1200-1560)	$1260 A., plus $240 p.a. for quarters (Range 1260-1620)
Station	Umpqua River Light Station, Oregon	Cape Arago Light Station, Oreg.

Remarks:
This change is reported in accordance with Department letter dated 27 December, 1939, approved 29 December, 1939. No change in grade will be effected during the current calendar year in accordance with provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1939.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses
W. H. MUNTER

M. P. JENSEN, Personnel Officer
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

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HEADQUARTERS 1st Indorsement 9 March, 1940

Submitted to the Director of Personnel, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for information as to the effective date of the change.

By direction,

C. H. JONES,
Chief Personnel Officer.

MAR - 9 1940

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment Treasury - Coast Guard Date March 2nd 1940

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss~~, or ~~Mrs.~~) Christensen (Surname) William (Given name) Rasmus (Middle name)
2. Present address R. F. D. Route #2, Cape Arago Light Station (Number) (Street) Mansfield (City) Oregon. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence ~~R. F. D. Route #2~~ Oregon (State and Congressional District) Coos (County) Charleston (City or town)
4. Where born Denmark (State or foreign country) Mariager (City or town) When born July 20th 1885 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien Naturalized
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male √	Female	Single	Married √	Divorced	Widowed	White √	Colored

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you Wife age 43
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S.B. Fisheries	Seattle Wash.	2nd Officer	$140.00	March	15	1918	Oct	7th	1918
U.S.S. Board	" "	2nd & 1st Officer	236.00	Oct	10	1918	Dec	20	1922

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
None	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

None (Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. 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 22nd 1911 Discharged April 21st 1912
Rank Seaman Rank
Organization Organization

Enlisted Oct 7th 1912 Discharged Oct 7th 1917
Rank Coxswain Rank Act Master-at-Arms Surfman
Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) Going to Sea from 1900 to 1922 Seaman 3rd Officer 2nd & 1st Officer, At present holding and unlimited Masters License any Ocean I am speaking the Scandinavian Languages Passed The Warrant Boatswain Examination U.S.C. Guard Seattle 1924

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
From 1900 to 1911 Various	ships as Seaman	
From 1911 to 1917 U.S.C. Guard		
From 1917 to 1922 U.S.S. Board	2nd & 1st Officer	
City of Seattle from 1923 to 1926.	Pipeman plumber	

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Palmyra Christensen

Relationship Wife Post office address Cape Arago Light Station Route 2 Mansfield Oregon.

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

William R. Christensen
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1930

[illegible] copy of this form not sent to applicant.

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4 January, 1940.

From: Commander, Seattle District.
To : Officer in Charge, UMPQUA RIVER STATION.

Subject: Transportation of household effects, Assistant Keeper William R. Christensen, Umpqua River Light Station; authority for.

1. Upon the request of subject Keeper, you are authorized to furnish transportation for that official and his household effects from Umpqua River Light Station to Cape Arago Light Station via Government truck attached to your Station.

2. No expense is indicated and none is authorized.

W. H. MUNTER

M. P. JENSEN,
Personnel Officer.

Copy to:
Headquarters
Umpqua River L. S.

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2246

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL ACTION

Date Prepared: 27 December, 1939

Name: Christensen, William R.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Nature of Action: Transfer

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	Keeper
Grade	Field (Range $1200-1560)	Field (Range $1260-1620)
Salary	$1260 pa., plus $240 pa. Qtrs.	$1260 pa., plus $240 pa. Qtrs.
Bureau	U. S. Coast Guard	U. S. Coast Guard
Office	Portland, Oregon	Portland, Oregon
Unit		
Division		
Section		
Sub-Section	Seattle, Washington	Seattle, Washington
Headquarters	Umpqua River Lt. Sta., Oregon	Cape Arago Lt. Sta., Oregon
Post of Duty	Sal., Kprs. of Lhs., Coast Guard	Sal., Kprs. of Lhs., Coast Guard
Appropriation		
Allotment	C.O.D. X	X

EFFECTIVE: FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks: Section 10b of the Reorganization Act of 1939 prohibits changes in gross compensation or grade during the present fiscal year.

The action in this case does not involve a change in gross compensation since the gross pay at the new station is the same as the gross pay at the former station

BUREAU OR DIVISION NO.:

DATE OF BIRTH:

LEGAL RESIDENCE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE:

NATURE OF POSITION NEW:

ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL:

VICE VACANCY:

VICE: Ronald F. Hyde

CIVIL SERVICE AUTHORITY:

DATE OF EFFECT:

Lighthouse Ist

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT: 6-20-16

Justification:

DATE APPROVED 12-29-39

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DATE

Form 73

NOMINATION

TREASURY DEPARTMENT — U. S. COAST GUARD

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

U. S. COAST GUARD 6
REC'D DEC 16 1939 By

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seattle DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City), 9 December (Date), 1939

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Action Recommended, Transfer

Legal residence, Washington

Name, William R. Christensen

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a. plus quarters valued at $240 p.a.

Position, ~~Assistant~~ Keeper

Proposed range, $1260 to $1620 p.a.

Location, Cape Arago Light Station, Oreg.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, Coast Guard

Effective, 16 December, 1939 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

SEATTLE, WASH. DEC 12 1939 U. S. COAST GUARD

Former position, Assistant Keeper

Former salary, $1260 p.a. plus quarters valued at $240 p.a.

Location, Umpqua River Light Station, Oreg. Ft. Sta.

Former range, $1200 to $1560 p.a. plus quarters valued at $240 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Noble F. Hyde #356 $1200 p.a. plus quarters valued at $240 p.a.

Services terminated, to be On or about 10 December, 1939

Reason, Resigned to return to active duty in the Navy.

Members of immediate family in Government service, None

Are they living under the same roof?

Date of birth, 20 July, 1885

Remarks: Resignation of Noble F. Hyde as Assistant Keeper at Cape Arago Light Station is being transmitted separately by use of Form 93.

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

C. F. Ganong

C. F. GANONG
By Direction

Manager, Civil Service District. *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

DEC 12 1939

Seattle, Washington

FORWARDED

M. C. Jensen

Chief of Staff, Seattle District

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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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, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, June 15, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee was transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on June 1, 1939

Name, William R. Christensen

Position, Keeper (Assistant)

From West Point Light Station, Wash.

To Umpqua River Light Station, Oreg.

Salary and range, $1260 A plus quarters valued at $240 A; range $1260-1620 plus quarters valued at $240 A.

Salary and range, $1260 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 A; range $1200-1560 plus quarters valued at $240 A.

Previous incumbent and pay, Harold O. Jorgenson $1320 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 A.

(#417)

Services terminated, May 31, 1939

Reason, Transferred to Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, Wash.

F. C. HINGSBURG
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with June 1, 1939

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

23
JUN 22 1939

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner: R. J. GROSS

Chief of Personnel Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

May 13, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Portland, Oregon

The Bureau is in receipt of your nominations for the transfer of William R. Christensen from West Point to Umpqua River and Harold O. Jorgenson from Umpqua River to West Point Light Station.

As these transfers are to be without change in pay or designation they may be carried into effect and the date reported upon completion of this action.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

hlm/sce

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NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

ANSWER REQUESTED

12/5 wired 11th

WASHN DC

RETEL WILL RESTORE CHRISTENSEN ASSISTANT KEEPER DUTY WEST POINT PROMPTLY AND ADVISE BUREAU ACTUAL DATE TRANSFER CHRISTENSEN AND HALL AS PROPOSED DISTRICT LETTER NOVEMBER 18TH CONSIDER JUSTIFIED REQUEST TELEGRAPHED AUTHORITY PROCEED THEREWITH

HINGSBURG.

Sugg. waiver not yet approved but he may all nom. to telegraph. But when letter requested can be expected

OK 12/5 WPK 12/5

PG 12/5

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LIGHTHOUSES

RG-EK

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Lighthouses

Washington, D. C. December 5, 1938.

Lighthouse Superintendent
Portland, Oregon.

Retel transfer William R Christensen not yet approved but nominations for him and Hall may be submitted stop telegraph when Bureau may expect additional information requested Bureau telegram December first

PARK

RG

Via McKay

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CAK:PJN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 12 8 43 AM '38

December 5, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Reference is made to Bureau telegram of December 3rd relating to charges against William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station and his restoration to duty.

The Bureau is advised this man was restored to duty effective December 4, 1938.

It is presumed that District recommendation that he be on leave without pay for a month would be reduced to the period from November 10th to December 3rd. He has been paid for the period from November 1st to November 9th inclusive, only and unless otherwise instructed he will be taken up on the rolls again effective December 4th.

Christensen's letter of November 12th and enclosure dated September 26, 1938 were mailed the Bureau December 2nd.

OK if this also Pres intends OPH 12/12

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

C. F. Ganong
Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses

OK as appears proposed RL

Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 12 9 01 AM '38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon (City), December 6, 1938 (Date), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Transfer and decrease in pay. Legal residence, **Washington**

Name, **William R. Christensen**

Position, **Assistant Keeper**

Proposed salary, **$1200 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.**

Proposed range, **$1200-1560 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.**

Location, **Umpqua River Light Station**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective, **January 1, 1939** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper

Former salary, **$1260 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.**

Location, **West Point Light Station**

Former range, **$1260-1620 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum.**

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Harold O. Jorgenson (Lt, #417), $1320 per annum plus quarters valued at $240 per annum. Services terminated, **December 31, 1938.**

Reason, **To be transferred to Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station**

Members of immediate family in Government service, None.

Are they living under the same roof?

1/ If dept says down stair, not approved. See.

Date of birth, July 20, 1885.

Remarks: See 17th Letter November 18th on subject of charges of drunkness against Mr. Christensen and Bureau telegram of December 5th. Provisions Section 2, Rule 1, Civil Service Regulations regarding political or religious affiliations or opinions will not be violated by this recommendation.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Manager, Civil Service District.

C.A.Knight, Chief Clerk *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON **December 15, 1938**

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, **attention being invited to Bureau letter of December 15.**

Sent Asst
rr 12/15/38
E.K.

This cancelled + Transfer should W.O. chg. in pay.

W.P.HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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April 20, 1939.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the Bureau's recommendation of February 21, 1939, that William R. Christensen, assistant keeper at $1260 per annum of West Point Light Station, and Harold O. Jorgensen, assistant keeper at $1320 per annum of Umpqua River Light Station, be exchanged in positions without change in compensation.

The Bureau's recommendation that Mr. Christensen be allowed to charge the time during which he was under suspension from duty without pay (November 10, to December 3, 1938, inclusive) to accrued leave with pay, has also been approved.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief, Division of Personnel.

Washington, D. C., Bureau of Lighthouses,
April 27, 1939.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon, for information and guidance and with request that nominations be submitted accordingly.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

A:P

December 15, 1938

Secretary of Commerce:

There is enclosed the 17th Superintendent's recommendation of November 18, together with its enclosures, with regard to charges of failing to go on watch on account of intoxication and of disturbing the peace against William R. Christensen, assistant keeper at West Point Light Station, Washington.

Briefly, the charges relate to the alleged intoxication and unruly conduct of Mr. Christensen on November 4 and 5, Principal keeper Hall also alleging that Mr. Christensen struck him in the chest. Particular attention is invited to the fact that four soldiers from a nearby army post were summoned by the keeper to the station to quell the disturbance, and that the Superintendent later interviewed these soldiers and obtained statements from them in connection with his personal investigation which he deemed necessary on account of the nature of the situation; and that the eye witness testimony of these soldiers does not support the charges with regard to intoxication or unruliness on the part of Assistant Keeper Christensen.

As to Mr. Christensen's prior record, he is 53 years of age and has been in the Service since February 1926, and his record is clear. As to Principal Keeper Hall, he is 59 years of age and has been in the Service since March 14, 1914. His prior record shows that in the earlier years of his service he had difficulty in getting along with other keepers, and in a letter dated June 12, 1918, the 17th Superintendent stated that, "Assistant Keeper Hall's conduct has been such as to warrant severe censure, and as he has been party to trouble at the two stations to which he had previously been attached, the Inspector (now Superintendent), is of opinion that his services, though generally satisfactory so far as the station work is concerned, are not so valuable as to offset any further trouble caused by him. He is of a jealous and suspicious nature, as his insinuations against the Keeper show". In July 1926, Keeper Hall was transferred to Marrowstone Point Light Station, which is a single keeper station, at which Mr. Hall continued apparently without difficulty, and from which he was transferred to his present station in August of this year.

There is also enclosed the 17th Superintendent's further letter in the matter dated November 19, together with its enclosures of an exchange of correspondence between the office of the Superintendent and the U. S. Marine Hospital at Seattle, Washington, relating to Mr. Hall's allegations concerning an injury to his chest, allegedly caused by a blow delivered by Mr. Christensen. It is noted that the medical officer's findings are negative and not material as to the manner in which Mr. Hall sustained the alleged injury.

Also enclosed is the Superintendent's letter dated December 2, enclosing a letter dated November 12, addressed to the Superintendent by Assistant Keeper Christensen, and also a copy of a letter dated September 26 addressed to Assistant Keeper Christensen by Keeper Hall, these being the documents referred to in the last paragraph of Assistant Keeper Christensen's reply to the Charges dated November 12.

From an examination of the material, therefore, the Bureau largely concurs with the view of the Superintendent to the effect that while some basis for disciplinary action exists, the charges of assault and intoxication have not been fully established against Assistant Keeper Christensen. It has definitely been established, however, that there has been difficulty at the station, and that it attained the proportions of a mild crisis on November 4 and 5, and there appears no doubt that the interest of the Service would be furthered by separating these keepers and cautioning both of them, particularly cautioning keeper Hall as proposed by the Superintendent in paragraph 5, with regard to the introduction of alcoholic beverages on to the station.

It is therefore recommended that both keepers be cautioned and transferred to different stations as suitable opportunities occur, nominations for which to be duly submitted to the Department, and that Assistant Keeper Christensen's period of suspension be without pay from November 10 to December 3, inclusive, the Bureau having approved his restoration to duty on the station on December 4.

It is also proposed to obtain a further report from the Superintendent as to Mr. Christensen's allegations in his letter of November 12 to the Superintendent to the effect that Keeper Hall is subject to fainting spells etc., which allegations, if facts, would possibly indicate the necessity for Keeper Hall's retirement.

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

RC/see

CAK:PJN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 3 9 26 AM '39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

December 27, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Original sent via airmail

1. Reference is made to Bureau endorsement of December 15th, 1938 on Form 73, Nomination, recommending transfer and decrease in pay of William R. Christensen to the Secretary of Commerce, attention being invited to Bureau letter of December 15th.

2. It appears this nomination was forwarded to this office in error and it is therefore returned herewith for forwarding to the Secretary of Commerce. The fact that this endorsement was to the Secretary of Commerce was overlooked until this time and effort having been made to locate a letter of December 15th to this office.

3. It is presumed this office will be advised in due course as to action taken in connection with nomination recommending the transfer of Mr. Christensen as well as other nominations submitted at the same time including the transfers by exchange of Jacob Hall, Keeper, West Point Light Station and Charles Fillinger, Keeper, Robinson Point Light Station.

4. Envelope in which Form 73, Nomination of December 6, 1938 recommending transfer and decrease in pay of William R. Christensen was received was destroyed before discovery of error.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

C. A. Knight
Chief Clerk.

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January 11, 1939.

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MEMORANDUM for Col. Johnson:

2/24/39 Wrote Dept.

I concur in Mr. Gardner's comment regarding the controversy between the Keeper and Assistant Keeper at the West Point Light Station, as I do not think a case has been made against Christensen, the Assistant Keeper.

Before any action, other than that recommended by Mr. Gardner, is taken I would suggest that we find out a few more of what I consider vital points such as who reported the disturbance to the Assistant Superintendent in the first instance; who called for and why, the second group of two soldiers; and a statement should be obtained from the mechanic regarding work on the revolving mechanism. On this latter point there is conflict of statement between the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper which I believe could be cleared up by a statement by the Mechanic who went to the Station, and it would indicate to us which one is not telling the truth.

M. Kerlin
Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary

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TELEGRAPH ACTION RECOMMENDATION TRANSFERS KEEPERS WEST POINT LIGHT STATION SEE SEVENTEENTH LETTER DECEMBER 27TH PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE

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FOR MESSENGER—RING THE POSTAL CALL BOX OR TELEPHONE NEAREST POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Commissioner:

Re: Hall-Christensen case at West Point Lt. Sta., Wash.

During the period 1929-1935, when supt. of the 17th distr, I personally knew both Hall and Christensen, and had more or less frequent official contacts with them. During all that time Hall was keeper of Marrowstone Pt. Lt. Sta., a one man station, and Christensen was Asst. Keeper of West Point Lt Sta, a two man station.

Hall was industrious, meticulous in operation, care and upkeep of his station, and no complaint regarding him was received from any source. Christensen was phlegmatic, performed the work required of him but manifested no interest in more than that, shunned responsibility, and was indifferent, apparently, to improving his knowledge of equipment as well as to advancement in the Service. The care of an invalid wife may have limited his interest to that of retaining a comfortable place to live with the least effort on his part.

It is not surprising that these two should fail to get along together. Hall lacks the tact and patience of his predecessor, Batteker, retired, and doubtless was easily exasperated by the slow and indifferent Christensen. This is not unusual in this Service, there being a great many principal keepers, ambitious, industrious and loyal, bent on maintaining highest standards, but lacking the tact and patience to put up with shiftless assistants.

West Point, together with Alki Point, both within the city limits of Seattle, Wash., are the choicest resident light stations in the 17th district, and usually reserved for the older and most meritorious principal keepers to conclude their careers. To transfer Hall to a less desirable station and permit Christensen to continue his residence at West Point would be an injustice to Hall, whoever may be most at fault. Doubtless Christensen has been too long in that place for the good of the Service. It is altogether probable also that Hall's lack of tact and his tendency to

be dictatorial, detract from his efficiency where supervision of assistants is involved.

No objection is seen to transfer of both Hall and Christensen to other, but different stations, at no reduction in pay, but with restoration of Christensen's pay during suspension. However, if only one keeper is to be transferred I would recommend that this be Christensen.

JBF 1/1

Comr

2-2-31-Wrote 17th Supt

With regard to Mr. Kerlin's and Mr. Gardner's memoranda on the attached disciplinary case involving difficulties between Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen, the facts in this case have now been reviewed several times, so that they need not be restated again. Mr. Gardner's memorandum appears substantially to agree with my previous examination dated November 28, which is also attached, and it is noted that Mr. Kerlin's raises a question which I also raised; that is, in Mr. Kerlin's words, "Who reported the disturbance to the Assistant Superintendent in the first instance". From the nature of the case, and the facts, as stated, that the question involves the Keeper's word against the Assistant Keeper's word, an examination of the character and the prior records of the two men appears required, and the most significant fact in that regard is that while Christensen had a previously clear record, Hall had very considerable difficulties, although none in the last 12 years, during which period, however, he was at a single keeper station, which seems material in the present connection.

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However, in the last analysis, it does not appear that the views of the Superintendent, the Bureau and the Department are so very far apart, although the Bureau recommended as follows:

> That Christensen's suspension from November 10 to December 3 be without pay, that he be transferred from West Point at $1260 to Umpqua River at $1200, that Hall be transferred and that both keepers be cautioned.
>
> Whereas the Department would transfer Hall, let Christensen's suspension be without pay, leaving him stay at his present station at his present pay and caution both keepers.

While it is naturally the Department's aim to be as just as possible to these two keepers, the proposed action by the Department perhaps too completely exonerates Christensen, and places practically the whole burden of doubt on Hall, whereas the action proposed by the Superintendent and the Bureau would mildly penalize them both and transfer both.

It appears that the matter might be reconciled by transferring both keepers as proposed by the Bureau but conceding the Department's point and effecting Christensen's transfer without reduction in pay.

Concur see separate memo. 2/1

It is noted that the 17th Superintendent has submitted a Form 73a proposing Hall's transfer from West Point to Robinson Point without change in pay, and that the effective date of this transfer is to be reported.

As to the Department's question regarding the physical competence of Hall, the Bureau took this matter up with the 17th Superintendent and the 17th reported on this question under date of December 28, in reply to which on January 11 the Bureau suggested to the 17th that the allegations of Christensen as to Hall having fainting spells, etc., be dropped for the present. Files are attached.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1939.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon:

Disciplinary Action re Keepers, West Point Light Station.

The Bureau has noted submission of Form 73a, proposing Keeper Hall's transfer to Robinson Point Light Station without change in pay, the effective date of this transfer to be later reported. This proposed shift is approved as being in the interest of the Service.

With respect to Assistant Keeper Christensen, it appears desirable that the record be further clarified and amplified, if possible, as respects the incident on November 4 and 5, with full recognition of the fact that the good of the Service may sometimes require that administrative action be taken upon other grounds than solely a strict balance of fault between individuals. It appears clear that the record in this case should desirably be more definite as to reasons for discrediting the testimony of the soldiers who were interrogated in the course of the investigation, it being noted that the record states only in this respect that the statements of three of the soldiers questioned are in agreement, "and probably too much so to be given weight of full face value".

Among the points suggested as desirable to further develop before final action is taken with respect to Assistant Keeper Christensen are: first, Who reported the disturbance to the Assistant Superintendent in the first instance; second, who called for and why the second group of two soldiers; and ~~the~~ statement should be obtained from the mechanic ~~regarding~~ who worked on the revolving mechanism. The last of these points is suggested for inquiry as it seems ~~susceptible of~~ clearing up ~~from~~ statement by the mechanician ~~who went to the station and has given indication of rather honest testimony, or~~ whether Christensen's is the more credible, testimony or Hall's

Quarrelsomeness of keepers is clearly detrimental to the proper conduct of light stations and reflects discredit upon the Lighthouse Service, especially at stations such as West Point, which are so located as to be conspicuously in the public eye and the Bureau is not disposed to disapprove the transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen if the Superintendent is firmly of the opinion that the good of the Service will be advanced thereby, ~~The fact that~~ upon other grounds than the unsupported statement of Keeper Hall, ~~and~~ It is noted that Umpqua River Light Station to which you have proposed the transfer of Mr. Christensen would appear to be suitable in the light of whatever consideration may fairly and properly give to the ~~semi-invalidism~~ chronic of Mrs. Christensen. The principal further consideration ~~considered~~ deemed

necessary in this case appears to ~~light on~~ rest in the fact that both the instant record of investigation and the past service record of of the two men involved does not justify the imposition of severer penalties on Assistant Keeper Christensen than are proposed for Keeper Hall. Your further recommendation may, if desired, cover the question as to transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen at his present pay in lieu of at the reduction of $5.00 a month, which would be entailed by strict adherence usually practiced in cases of transfers made at the request of keepers rather than in the interests of the Service.

H. D. KING,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Moreover the file in the case should clearly be more complete than it is ~~at present~~ to the end to warrant in order to justify ~~the acquittal of the accused~~ the taking ~~of the action~~ of the ~~following~~ ~~conclusion~~ as set forth in the forms read herein, ~~a conclusion that the events which took place on the~~ ~~were of~~ a nature a conclusion that Mr. Christensen's conduct on Nov. 5, was of a nature in fact to require a call upon the military for assistance, or intervention, or that it was in fact such as to warrant disciplinary action beyond that already taken such as ~~suffic-~~ ~~ient~~ ~~and~~ perhaps by letter of caution.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

February 14, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington D. C.

Diciplinary Action re: Keepers, West Point
Light Station

1. The Bureau's letter dated February 2, 1939 in regard to Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen of West Point Light Station has been received, in response to which this further report is submitted.

2. This office notes Bureau approval of the exchange of keepers between West Point and Robinson Point Light Stations. Keeper Hall will be transferred to Robinson Point and Keeper Fillinger will be transferred to West Point Light Station effective February 14, 1939.

3. The Bureau's statement that "full recognition of the fact that the good of the Service may sometimes require that administrative action be taken on other grounds than solely a strict balance of fault between individuals" is noted and the Superintendent is now of the opinion that settlement of this case must necessarily be made on that basis. In regard to the testimony of the soldiers who were interrogated in the course of the investigation, the Superintendent received the impression that the case had been discussed among themselves to a degree that resulted in coherent testimony. There was no corroborative statement made by any of the soldiers concerning the following testimony by Christensen:

"Superintendent: The statement was made that there was a partly empty glass of beer when the keeper entered the house and your nephew poured it in the sink.
Christensen: There was no beer; there may have been root beer. There was no beer of any kind. If it was a beer bottle I still have some and it is homemade root beer."

4. The disturbance was first reported to the Assistant Superintendent by Keeper Hall in a private letter. The letter was shown to the Superintendent with the request that it be not used officially. On the basis of this information but without reference to the private letter, the Superintendent wrote the keeper, which led to the receipt of a letter of charges from the keeper. Upon the insistence of Keeper Hall that the soldiers take Christensen to the guard house, one of the

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soldiers initiated the call for the corporal of the guard. Two petty officers, whose testimony is in the record, came to the station. There is attached herewith a letter from Mr. C. E. Sherman, District Maintenance Supervisor, who was at West Point Light Station on November 5, 1938. It will be noted that he states that it is his sincere belief that considerable more credence should be placed in Christensen's testimony than in Hall's. This statement must necessarily be taken at its full value in Christensen's behalf.

5. The Superintendent concurs with the Bureau's views that "Quarrelsomeness of keepers is clearly detrimental to the proper conduct of light stations and reflects discredit upon the Lighthouse Service, especially at stations such as West Point, which is so located as to be conspicuously in the public eye." The Superintendent is firmly of the opinion that the good of the Service will be advanced by the transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen to another station and it is believed that Umpqua River Light Station is so situated as to give whatever consideration may fairly and properly be given to the chronic invalidism of Mrs. Christensen. In view of the statement made by Mr. Sherman, it is believed that there is no justification for the imposition of a more severe penalty on Assistant Keeper Christensen than taken in the case of Keeper Hall. If any credence can be given to gossip, it may be surmised that Assistant Keeper Christensen was involved in similar circumstances before but there is no record of such. It may also be concluded that Keeper Hall is a man of peculiar personality and of excitable nature. His testimony regarding the use of beer and the fact he kept beer on the reservation indicated truthfulness at least in this one instance. It does appear that the call for assistance from the military reservation must have had some foundation. In summing up the case, the Superintendent is of the opinion that the transfer of both Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen without letters of caution is sufficient action to cover the corrective measures justified by the testimony. This action is considered sufficient to show disapproval of the Service to such behavior and have a cautionary effect throughout the District for the good of the Service. Should either keeper be involved in similar circumstances in any future case, it would be proper to reopen this record as the basis of a previous offense.

Christensen 10 yrs. in May 1939. Hall at this station

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ENC.

West Pt. appears to be one of the most desired stations in 17th Dist. What does record show as to circumstances now for transfer to this station & when? Surroundings close to city Seattle may subject keepers to temptations & misfortunes, which are detrimental after period of years.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

February 7, 1939

Mr. C. E. Sherman, Maintenance Supvsr.
Seattle Lighthouse Depot
Interbay Postal Station
Seattle, Washington

Dicplinary action re: Keepers, West Point
Light Station.

1. Inasmuch as you were at West Point Light Station on Saturday, November 5, 1938 in connection with the overhaul of the revolving mechanism at that station and at which time there was trouble between Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen, there is forwarded for your review copies of the testimony of both keepers. The Bureau is interested in having the record further clarified and amplified. This office will appreciate receiving from you a statement of any facts or circumstances which may have come to your notice at the time of your visit to the light station.

2. In addition the Bureau is interested in securing from you a statement based on your knowledge and association with both of these men as to whether Christensen's testimony or Hall's testimony is the more credible.

3. Please give this matter your immediate attention and return the copies of the testimony taken from the files of this office.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

W. Christensen Asst
X J. Hall Asst

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

Seattle Depot.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

February 9, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Portland, Ore.

In reply to the first paragraph of the attached letter will state that I was called to West Point station on Nov. 5, 1938, by Keeper Hall, as set forth in his testimony. Upon arrival at the station I went directly to the lantern where I found the Keeper endeavoring to get the lens bearing together. He had the work practically completed but from the appearance of things in the lantern he had been having considerable difficulty. I straightened matters out, explained how this operation could be done very easily, checked the operation of the lens and left. Nothing unusual was noted except that Keeper Hall appeared to be somewhat excited and extremely nervous. At the time I attributed this to his probable reluctance to having to ask for assistance and to possible embarassment at being caught endeavoring to do something which was apparently too complicated for him. I did not associate Assistant Keeper Christensen with the matter because I had been told by him, some time previously, that Keeper Hall, upon taking over the station,

had rearranged the work so that he (Christensen) was entirely relieved of the cleaning and care of the lens and its related equipment - a duty which he formerly performed. I did not see the Assistant Keeper at all but thought nothing of that as it is not unusual for one or the other of the Keepers to sleep in the afternoon. Keeper Hall made no unusual remarks or statements.

Under the qualifications set forth in the second paragraph of the attached letter, and knowing absolutely nothing more of this case than is divulged in the accompanying testimony, will state that it is my sincere belief that considerable more credence should be placed in Christensen's testimony than in Hall's.

C. E. Skinner
Maine. Sup.

February 21, 1939.

3/30 dept copy approved in accordance with this memo. HLK

Secretary of Commerce:

The case of Keeper Hall and Assistant Keeper Christensen at West Point Light Station, near Seattle, in the Seventeenth District, has had the further consideration of the Bureau, in connection with which there has been further correspondence with the Superintendent of the Seventeenth District, as per copies herewith. It will be noted that the Keeper, Mr. Hall, has been transferred from this station to Robinson Point Light Station without change in pay, and that the Superintendent agrees that the record as set up in this case does not warrant disciplinary action in the case of Assistant Keeper Christensen on the basis of any charges or allegations found provable.

The Bureau accordingly withdraws its recommendation for the reduction in pay of Mr. Christensen, which was made in connection with nomination for his transfer to Umpqua River Light Station. It is further recommended that Mr. Christensen be allowed to charge the time during which he was under suspension from duty to accrued leave with pay in lieu of the suspension without pay, as the record now stands.

Attention is, however, invited to the Superintendent's statemen in paragraph 5 of his letter of February 14, 1939, as follows: "The Superintendent is firmly of the opinion that the good of the Service will be advanced by the transfer of Assistant Keeper Christensen to another station and it is believed that Umpqua River Light Station is so situated as to give whatever consideration may fairly and properly be given to the chronic invalidism of Mrs. Christensen." In view of this statement and the mature consideration of this case by the Superintendent, who made investigation on the ground, and further in view of the opinion of former Superintendent of that District as to the qualifications of both Messrs. Hall and Christensen, the Bureau is disposed to recommend that Mr. Christensen and Mr. Jorgensen, at present Assistant Keeper of Umpqua River Light Station, be exchanged in positions without change of compensation.

However, should the Department see objection to this procedure as implying a disciplinary action in Mr. Christensen's case without recorded evidence sufficient to justify any color of discipline, it would be agreeable to the Bureau to let Mr. Christensen's status remain as at present for a period of three to six months, during which he would be considered as in a quasi-probationary status, the Superintendent to make a further report and recommendation at the expiration of such period as to whether he still is of the opinion that the good of the Service indicates the transfer of Mr. Christensen to another station.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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This material appears to add nothing directly to the previous indications as to the questionability of Keeper Halls allegations. Although the charges of assault and intoxication against Christensen appear uncorroborated, it has been established that there is difficulty at the station, and that ~~they~~ it attained the proportions of a mild crisis on November 4th and 5th. As the responsibility seems to rest on both keepers, it appears proper to transfer them both and caution them both, and to let Christensen's suspension be charged to leave without pay, and it is suggested that the matter be so submitted to the Dept.

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CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN ASSISTANT KEEPER WEST POINT LIGHT STATION ACCOUNT ALLEGED DRUNKNESS INTRODUCTION LIQUOR RESERVATION ALSO FAILURE TAKE WATCH INVESTIGATION IN PROCES WILL FORWARD FULL REPORT WHEN COMPLETED CHRISTENSEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10TH

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
November 15, 1938.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for preliminary information. Further report will be duly submitted.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

FC:1:DSB

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Nov. 18, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Charges,- William R. Christiansen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station

1. Charges were preferred against William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station in accordance with district letter of Nov. 9, 1938, copy of which is attached. It will be noted that the Assistant Keeper was suspended from duty effective Nov. 10 pending investigation of charges. The charges were based on information received through a personal letter to Assistant Superintendent C. F. Ganong. A letter dated Nov. 10 was addressed to Keeper Jacob Hall, of West Point Light Station, requesting an official report, to which the keeper replied on Nov. 10,1938. Assistant Keeper Christensen's reply to the letter of charges Nov. 12, which is also attached. As the reply to charges completely denied all counts in the letter of charges, it was considered proper to make a personal investigation involving statements from the soldiers from Fort Lawton, who were called in by the keeper. The four soldiers were interviewed separately, their statements being taken by stenographic notes. Copies of the statements are attached.

2. In summing up the case there are a number of conditions to be weighed. Assistant Keeper Christensen evidently wrote his answer to charges on the basis of advice from an attorney and the underlying principle on which the reply is based is to admit nothing so as not to be placed in a position of testifying against himself. In the Superintendent's judgment this accounts for the wide disagreement as to facts. Mr. Christensen's wife is a bed ridden paralytic. It is the belief of the Superintendent that her condition and the hardship which may result from any action has a bearing on the case. It will be noted that the independent statements of three of the soldiers whose statements were received are in agreement and probably too much so to be given weight at full face value. The case resolves itself to the keeper's word against his assistant's.

3. There are four points at issue: (a) Assistant Keeper Christensen under the influence of liquor on the reservation (b) The introduction of liquor on to a lighthouse reservation (c) Failure of Assistant Keeper Christensen to stand his watch, and (d) Insubordination and striking Keeper Hall in the chest. To clear up the above points additional statements were taken by interviewing keeper Hall and assistant keeper Christensen separately. Their statements are attached. It

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will be noted that both Christensen and Hall reiterate their previous statements, Christensen confirming his denial of charges and Keeper Hall reiterating all circumstances covered by the charges.

4. It is the conclusion that the case has not been proven to a degree that warrants dismissal of Assistant Keeper Christensen. There is probably a basis of complaint that requires some disciplinary action. It is recommended that Assistant Keeper Christensen be penalized one month's pay and transferred to another station in the district. Ordinarily the transfer should be made to one of the outlying stations, but considering Mrs. Christensen's condition and need for constant attention it is considered that from the humanitarian point of view the transfer should be made to a shore station. A transfer to Umpqua River Light Station is suggested, this being arranged by exchange of assistant keepers.

5. The cross examination of Keeper Hall reveals the fact that he has violated regulations by having beer in his quarters, and use of beer and wine at meal time in his quarters as brought out in the testimony. In addition there was evidence of failure to check the Journal entries as to leave statements filled in by the assistant keeper. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that a letter of caution be issued to Keeper Jacob Hall for violation of Art. 120, Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1927. For the good of the Service and evidence of dissatisfaction, it is also recommended that Keeper Hall be transferred to a neighboring station, this being arranged by exchange of positions, inasmuch as West Point is considered the more desirable station in the Puget Sound area. Telegraphic advice is requested in order that nominations for transfer of keepers may be prepared and submitted.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT

PORTLAND, OREG.

November 9, 1938.

REGISTERED MAIL

William R. Christenson,
Assistant Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
Fort Lawton, Washington

L. Charges are hereby preferred pursuant to Art. 489 of the Regulations for the United States Lighthouse Service, 1927 for being intoxicated on the night of November 4, 1938, on return from leave and failing to go on watch at midnight of that date. The charges include being still under the influence of liquor November 5 and raising a disturbance that required calling in four men from the army to assist in dealing with you. Charges are also preferred for introducing liquor on a lighthouse reservation and serving liquor to friends in your quarters. In accordance with the Regulations you will be given three days from the receipt of this registered letter of charges to make your reply.

2. You are hereby suspended from duty effective November 10, 1938, pending investigation of charges preferred herein.

F. C. Hingsburg.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Nov. 9, 1938

Jacob Hall,
Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
Fort Lawton, Washington.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this office informally that your assistant, Mr. William R. Christensen, was under the influence of liquor over the last week end and several soldiers from Fort Lawton were called in to assist you in maintaining order. This is a matter that cannot be ignored. The introduction of liquor to a lighthouse reservation is a violation of regulations of a most serious nature.

2. It is requested that you confirm the facts herein mentioned, giving a statement of all facts and the names of the soldiers who were at the reservation in connection with this case.

3. A letter of charges has been sent to the assistant keeper by registered mail and he will be required to submit his reply within three days.after receipt thereof. It is requested that your reply be made for the purpose of substantiating the circumstances to be used in determining the validity of charges and recommendations to be made.

4. Mr. Christensen is being suspended from duty effective November 10 pending investigation of charges.

/s/ F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

c o p y

West Point Light Station
November 10, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the intoxication and brutal conduct by Assistant Keeper Christensen at this station the following fact of the case are stated for your information:

1. Last Friday night, November 4, 1938, Mr. Christensen came home from Seattle under the influence of alcoholic liquor, he failed to come on duty at 12:00 midnight, and his housekeeper took his watch.

2. When I came from the lighthouse Saturday afternoon, loud noise was to be heard at the assistant's quarters, where a drinking party was going on. He again failed to go to the lighthouse to start the light, so I did that for him. At about 5:30 P.M. I went to his door, his housekeeper answered my knock, I asked if Mr. Christensen was sick, she replied that she would send one of the men to talk the matter over with me. After a ten minute wait she came back saying that Mr. Christensen was sick, I then asked her would she inquire how sick he was, she said that she could not tell me. I told her that I must know whether or not he would stand his watch, as I needed some sleep myself (as I must go on duty at 12:00 midnight) and told her to ask him to come to the door so that I could talk to him. After about 15 more minutes he came out saying he and his wife were both sick. Then he said "You take that", as he struck me in the chest with his fist with such force that I was barely able to keep my feet. I ran for my house and he came after me, saying that he would finish me, but I got inside and locked the door before he reached me. He then returned to his quarters.

3. I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me, they came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up, then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself, at this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, "to use his head", and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough.

4. My wife, Mrs. Hall, is in a very weakened condition due to heart trouble, and her health requires peace and quiet, Mr. Christensen knew this, and for her sake as well as for his sick wife's, it would have been better for him if he had gone with the soldiers to the Post. On the other hand to take him from his sick wife might be serious to her condition. At any rate the soldiers phoned their immediate superiors and two more men came down. The sergeant of the Guard and the Corporal. The presence of the Army personnel at such short notice, quickly quieted the scene, with such good effect on Mrs. Hall that we decided to let him sober up in his own home, with the assurance of his partners that he would be kept in the house and made to go

to bed, further that no liquor would be in the house when he awakened.

5. When Mr. Christensen awoke on Sunday morning, November 6, he was sober and acted like a gentleman (as he has ever since). The names of the two soldiers who first came to quiet the disturbance are:

Private 1-cl Fred J. Dodge, H & S Company, 6th Engrs.
" Gerald F. Parnell, Company "A", 6th Engrs.

Their superiors who came down later were:
Sergeant Henry L. Chiles, Company "C", 6th Engrs.
Corporal Paul Herschberger, H & S Company, 6th Engrs.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Hall
Keeper

c o p y

West Point Lighthouse Station
November 12th, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Notice dated November 9th, 1938 containing charges preferred against me, I hereby deny each charge specifically and separately and severally and in conformity and compliance with the regulations and within three days from the date of the receipt of your registered letter, making a reply thereto for the purpose of the record.

1. I deny that on the night of November 4th, 1938, I was intoxicated.
2. I deny that I failed to go on watch on that date.
3. I deny that I was under the influence of liquor on November 5th.
4. I deny that I raised a disturbance that required calling four men from the Army to assist in dealing with me.
5. I deny that I introduced liquor onto the Lighthouse Reservation or served the same to my friends in my quarters.

Affirmatively covering the period in question, upon the return from authorized leave inaaccordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department, proponent went on watch and continued thereon in pursuance with the requirements and thereafter and on the 5th day of November, 1938 spent the period from 8:00 A.M. to 12;00 noon, washing paint work in the fog signal. That during the interval between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there was a period of about half an hour when a change was made in housekeepers for the proponent's invalid wife, when he took the said housekeeper to the street car with the consent of the keeper and his knowledge.

That the people with whom your proponent camein contact during the period in question, outside of the Keeper, were the two housekeepers, the four soldiers from the Fort and his nephew and on November 4th, when proponent was coming home he was accompanied by a man and his wife who know that he was not intoxicated, all of whom will verify this statement.

That no counter charges are being made in accordance with the Rules, but under separate cover is contained a letter and statement which is material to this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William R. Christensen
Ass't. Keeper

Statement by Private Fred J. Dodge

H. & S. Co., 6th Engineers
Fort Lawton, Wash.
Nov. 16, 1938

Superintendent: You were called by Lighthouse Keeper Hall of West Point Light Station by telephone to come to West Point on Friday or Saturday night in connection with a disturbance, were you not?

Private Dodge: I believe it was Saturday, sir. Yes, it was about 5:30 p.m. Saturday. I received the word by telephone. The Keeper called but I couldn't understand what he said, but the telephone operator explained and told me so I went down with Private Parnell. Upon arrival, Hall asked me to come inside and talked to me about an argument, and I asked "An argument with hom?" and he said something about being a neighbor. He said they were drinking and noisy and making trouble. So we went over next door to Assistant Keeper Christéansen's quarters. I saw another man seated with Christensen.

Supetintendent: Did you see any evidence of liquor in Christensen's quarters or was there any evidence of disorder or a rumpus indicating that a drinking party was under way?

Private Dodge: No, I didn't see any evidence of a rumpus and I didn't see any liquor. Christensen talked pretty sincerely and acted like a gentlemen, There was no evidence of intoxication. Keeper Hall insisted that I take Christensen to the guard house, but I couldn't see any reason for this.

Superintendent: Can you confirm whether the conditions found in Christensen's house bore out the following statement made by Keeper Hall, which I will read to you: "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, "to use his head' and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough."

Private Dodge: I don't believe it is, sir. There was no rough language used to correspond with that. I didn't see any evidence of liquor or smell anything on his breath. He was sitting and talking to his guest.

Superintendent: Have you any knowledge as to whether Christensen was fit to go on duty and whether he did go on duty Saturday night?

Private Dodge: No, sir.

Superintendent: That will be all. Thank you for your statement.

Company A, 6th Engineers
Fort Lawton, Wash.
Nov. 16, 1938

Statement by Private Gerald F. Parnell:

Superintendent: I would like a statement from you regarding your visit to West Point Light Station Saturday night. You received a call to go to West Point Lighthouse from Keeper Hall, did you not?

Private Parnell: It was Saturday night about 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent: What was the purpose of calling you?

Private Parnell: The Keeper claimed a fellow was causing trouble. When we went down we didn't know what the trouble was. The Keeper claimed Mr. Christensen was the cause of the trouble. We went over to Christensen's house but didn't see any trouble. He was talking to a man whom I understand was his nephew.

Superintendent: Did you notice any liquor in evidence in Christensen's Quarters or was there any appearance of a drinking party or any unusual circumstances or argument that would so indicate?

Private Parnell: I didn't notice any liquor and Christensen was raising no fuss when I seen him. He didn't seem to be under the influence of liquor and I didn't smell any liquor. No, I wouldn't say he was drunk.

Superintendent: Who was in the room?

Private Parnell: Private Dodge, Mr. Christensen, his nephew, the Keeper and myself.

Superintendent: Did you see any sign of liquor? Were there any bottles or glasses on the table indicating that liquor was being consumed?

Private Parnell: There was no liquor on the table and no liquor being served. There didn't seem to be no liquor or drinking. Christensen spoke gentlemanly and manly.

Superintendent: Your statement is at variance with the reported facts in this case. It was reported by Keeper Hall, "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, 'to use his head', and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough." What is your observation as to this?

Private Parnell: We came over and tried to see what was wrong. We didn't say that we would take him to the Guard House to sober up. There was no evidence of drinking and I wouldn't say that Christensen was drunk.

Superintendent: Have you known any of the keepers before, or were you friendly with any of these men?

Private Parnell: No, I never saw either one before.

Superintendent: From your observations would you consider Mr. Christensen Unfit for duty when you called on him at his house?

Private Parnell: So far as I know the man was all right and I didn't see why he couldn't perform his duties. There was no liquor present and I didn't see any drinking.

Superintendent: Has anybody talked about this matter with you subsequent to your visit to West Point Light Station?

Private Parnell: Nobody has talked to me about it. I didn't even Know about this hearing until this morning.

Superintendent: I thank you for your statement.

H. & S. Company,
6th Engineers,
Fort Lawton, Wn.
Nov. 16, 1938

Statement of Corporal Paul Herschberger:

Superintendent: I would like a statement from you in regard to your visit to West Point Lighthouse on Saturday night. You were called to go down to the Lighthouse, were you not?

Corp. Herschberger: I was called by Private Dodge by telephone Saturday night, Nov. 5th to 6th. That is our day to be on watch from noon to noon. It was about 5:30 Saturday night. I was requested to go over with the Sergeant of the Guard. The Guard bus was not there so I took my own car. I went down with Sgt. Chiles. I stayed outside while he went inside. I didn't enter the quarters or talk to either of the keepers. I did walk around the buildings to see if anyone was around. Everything was normal; in fact I couldn't even see into the windows, but so far as I could see there was no evidence of liquor or anyone being served liquor, or any rumpus at the station.

Superintendent: I thank you for your statement.

. 16,1938
Fort Lawton, Seattle.

Statement of Sergeant Henry L. Chiles,
Company "C", 6th Engineers.

Sgt. Chiles: I was Sergeant on Guard that day, Saturday afternoon between 5:30 and 6. When first call came Corporal Mackey was on duty and sent two men. Then Private Dodge called me up and said he'd like to have me come down. My impression was that there was trouble on the beach, - we have calls for that. Then I went over to the Lighthouse and he told me there was a row between the lighthouse keepers and he didn't want to take the responsibility. I went in and saw a man I never saw before, and another man who said he was his nephew, about 24 and weighing about 220 lbs., and the keeper. The keeper said Christensen struck him. I told the nephew he was husky, why couldn't he take care of things. I got the impression there were a few grievances that culminated in this fight, but I didn't see any disorder, or bottles, glasses, etc.

Superintendent: Would you say Christensen was under the influence of liquor, or unable to perform duty?

Sgt. Chiles: I could not smell liquor and he didn't have the appearance of being drunk, and it seemed he could do his duty. Of course he was chewing on some snooch and that stuff will hide most anything. But I went in the back door, I don't know what you call it, storm vestibule, with laundry trays on one side, and I stood there and looked around the kitchen, and there was no evidence of liquor, nothing like glasses, bottles, etc.

Superintendent: Then you wouldn't say there was a drinking party there?

Sgt. Chiles: There was no drinking party at all, but tension around both houses.

Superintendent: From your observation would you say the following statement was a true statement of conditions? "I phoned the Army Post (Fort Lawton) for two men to come down to help me. They came promptly and we went to his house where he was sitting at a table with his guests drinking. The soldiers told him that he should go with them to the Army Guard House to sober up. Then he started to act tough and told them to try and take him. The soldiers told him that they were not a bit frightened of him, and advised him to calm himself. At this point one of his drinking party demanded that he at once stop trying to be smart, 'to use his head' and to keep his mouth shut, as this was not the time nor place to act tough."

Sgt. Chiles: The first two men told me there was no booze in the house. The nephew wasn't under the influence of liquor, but was upset and somewhat white in the face, you know, I guess sort of scared because of seeing all the soldiers and the excitement. It embarrassed me, because Mrs. Christensen was in bed, and I tried to quiet things and apologized to the housekeeper because it seemed to make her worse.

Superintendent: Thank you for your statement.

Statement of Keeper J. Hall.

November 16,1938
West Point Lighthouse,
Seattle, Wn.

Superintendent: I have your letter on which charges were based against Assistant Keeper William R. Christensen. I have talked to the two privates, the corporal and the sergeant from Fort Lawton, who were at West Point Lighthouse Saturday night, November 5, about this case. They separately state that there was no evidence of liquor in Christensen's quarters and so far as they know he was not under the influence of liquor and apparently able to take his watch. What proof have you of your statements on which charges were based?

Keeper Hall: That is a great surprise, and I have stated the facts. On Saturday morning he was fairly sobered up. He came to the lighthouse. There was some trouble with the revolving machinery and we took out the ball bearings. As soon as he got them out he wanted to go to his home but I told him he had to stand by as I didn't see how he took them out and how they would go together. About 10 or half-past 10 he left to take his housekeeper to town. When he came back I noticed that he was handling the equipment very rough and I thought he was going to break the lens. At 11:30 Saturday I called Mr. Sherman, the Maintenance Supervisor, for help to get the revolving mechanism together. Sherman arrived about 2:30 Saturday afternoon, but Mr. Sherman did not see Mr. Christensen. Coming home I heard considerable noise. Mrs. Hall tole me that Christensen was staggering and drunk. That was about quarter to 4 Saturday afternoon.

My wife saw him staggering to the house and said he was drunk as could be. My wife was talking to Mrs. Christensen at the garage and Mr. Christensen came over and fell all over his wife. He wanted to take her in but Mrs. Christensen pushed him away. His nephew took Mrs. Christensen into the house.

Superintendent: Did Christensen show up at lighting up time?

Keeper Hall: It was lighting up time at 4:30. No, he never showed up. I started up the light and thought he might come over to talk to me. I had my supper about 5:30 and wanted to go to bed. It was his watch.

Superintendent: Did you see Christensen then?

Keeper Hall: Mrs. Christensen said it was no use to go over and I hadn't see him since working on the lens Saturday morning. About 5:30 I went to Christensen's house; his housekeeper came out and I asked if Christensen was sick and she said the nephew would come and talk to me, and after about 10 minutes she came out and said Christensen was too sick. I said I must know if he would stand his watch, for someone must stand watch. I waited about 15 minutes and started to walk home. Then Christensen came out, staggering and said 'I am sick' and hit me hard on the chest. When I told Mrs. Christensen what had happened she got hysterics and said to call the Guard at the Fort. We first asked for two privates and when they arrived we went over to Christensen's house.

Superintendent: Did you see any drinking or evidence of liquor when you entered Christensen's house?

Statement of Keeper Hall (Continued)

Keeper Hall: There was a glass of beer on the table and his nephew said 'You have had enough' and threw it in the sink. The nephew said 'Calm down and stop trying to be smart; use your head and keep your mouth shut'. My determination was to take him to the Fort. His wife, who is paralytic, got worse and I wouldn't want the responsibility with her sick. The soldiers would place the blame on me if anything happened when they took Christensen to the Guard House. So we telephoned for the Sergeant to come down. Mrs. Hall picked up pretty fast after the Sergeant arrived and said to me it would be all right if Christensen stayed in his own house, so the Sergeant said that it would be best and we went over and said if Christensen wouldn't come to our house and disturb Mrs. Hall he could sober up and the nephew promised to take care of him and see that there was no liquor in the house when he awakened.

Superintendent: Do you have any liquor on the premises?

Keeper Hall: Yes, I have some since the law was passed, I think it is a fact that most of the employees have. I have liquor in my residence now for meals, but not for drinking purposes.

Superintendent: Do you know that the Regulations of the Lighthouse Service provide that the introduction os liquor on the lighthouse reservation is a violation of the Lighthouse Regulations?

Keeper Hall: Yes, but I have been talking to people about it and it seemed that it was not unlawful for meals, but only for drinking.

Superintendent: What do you mean by liquor for meals?

Keeper Hall: Well, in the summer time when it is hot cold water hurts my throat so I take a glass of beer and wine.

Superintendent: Have you read the Regulations?

Keeper Hall: Yes, but I take it for food purposes.

Superintendent: Who determines the quantity of liquor to be taken for a meal?

Keeper Hall: We buy only one of those pint bottles and divide a bottle. That just makes one of those little glasses.

Superintendent: How much beer or wine have you on the premises at the present time?

Keeper Hall: About 6 or 7 bottles of beer from a case we bought last August. (The Superintendent made an inspection and counted 7 bottles of beer in a 24-bottle case. No liquor was found in the assistant keeper's quarters).

Superintendent: What conversation took place between yourself and the sergeant?

Keeper Hall: I told the Sergeant that I took a drink but I have never been under the influence of liquor in my life. There is no one who has ever seen me under the influence of liquor. The time before when the assistant was drunk he apologized to me and offered me a drink. I did tell him that anybody is liable to get drunk and the less you tell me about it

Statement of Keeper Hall (Continued)

the better I like it. Drinking is poor medicine for your sick wife, I said. He blamed his sick wife and said he had nothing but trouble and when he went down town and met the boys he forgot about it.

Superintendent: This is notthe first time that Christensen has been under the influence of liquor?

Keeper Hall: The assistant usually goes to town on Friday. About six weeks ago when he returned he was drunk. He apologized to me and offered me a drink.

Superintendent: Bring me your log book so I can see what entries were made concerning these incidents. (Log entry Nov. 5,1938 - "South breeze, cloudy. Took out ball bearing from revolving lens. Cleaned and put back. Assistant Keeper had drinking party at his home. Failed to start light and when called on struck the keeper on the chest and threatened to get him. Keeper phoned Army Post and received help to keep order on the station." Log entry Sunday, Nov. 6,1938 - "Light south breeze and cloudy. Station work attended to. Assistant sober. Very sorry for his acts last night. Pleaded not to be reported to the Superintendent." Log entry Nov. 7,1938 - "Fresh south wind, cloudy and cold. Keeper do no work due to pain in chest due to blow struck by assistant keeper Saturday night." There were no entries in the log book concerning periods of alleged drunkenness of Assistant Keeper Christensen).

Superintendent: Is there any proof you can give me with respect to the statements that you have made of the drinking party you referred to in the log book on Saturday or the fact that Christensen returned from town under the influence of liquor and unable to take his watch?

Keeper Hall: I have no other proof as all the people are his friends. I have only Mrs. Hall.

Superintendent: Your statements are contrary to the statements called in from the Post. They stated they saw no evidence of liquor, no evidence of Assistant Keeper Christensen under the influence of liquor and everything was calm and serene in the assistant keeper's quarters. What have you to say about that?

Keeper Hall: Well, that is not so. Unless they are keeping quiet or are his friends.

Superintendent: There are two points I would like to have cleared. One is the insubordination involved in the assistant keeper striking you on the chest. The other is proof of the presence of liquor and drinking of liquor on the lighthouse reservation.

Keeper Hall: Mrs. Hall saw Christensen Saturday staggering on the pavement and in the evening I went over to see if he was going to stand watch. His housekeeper said that he was sick and I said I must know how sick. Then after awhile he came to the door and struck me so hard on the chest I could hardly stand up.

Superintendent: Did you go to the doctor?

Statement of Keeper J. Hall (Continued)

Keeper Hall: Yes, I went to the Public Health Service Monday and they took an X-4ay and the doctor said there was a bad bruise but no bones broken and will heal in time.

Superintendent: Did you fill out a form at the Hospital?

Keeper Hall: Yes.

Superintendent: Did you explain the reason for needing attention?

Keeper Hall: No, the doctor said it just takes time to heal.

Superintendent: Is it possible Christensen just staggered out and fell against you?

Keeper Hall: O,no, he didn't stagger, he hit me hard. I never suspected it but he came against me and hit me hard on the chest.

Sunday morning he apologized for what he did last night and pleaded that I should not make a report of it. On Nov. 11 he told me he was going to see an attorney friend and fight to a finish. I said I didn't think he needed an attorney for this and he said that the attorney was a very good friend of his and I told him that he had better give all the facts. I told him I hated the whole mess but I couldn't do otherwise than make a report about it.

Superintendent: Assistant Keeper Christensen is staying in his quarters?

Keeper Hall: Yes, he has never left the reservation.

Superintendent: You have a temporary assistant serving as a substitute?

Keeper Hall: Yes, Assistant Keeper Jones. He stays right here at night and goes home in the day time. He lives at West Seattle. On Sunday when we both came down my boy told me it was such a nasty case and how about not making an official statement about it, and Christensen said he'd do anything he could do, you know - get transferred, etc., rather than get fired. Monday I asked him 'Why did you hit me? Did you have anything against me personally' and he said 'I don't have anything against you, but conditions and my wife drive me nuts.' I said 'You don't have a kid and your wife has been sick only two years. You have no kick.' Then your letter came. I told him there was absolutely nothing I could do about it.

Nov. 16, 1938
West Point Light Station
Seattle.

Statement of Mrs. J. Hall

Superintendent: On Saturday, a week ago, did you see Mr. Christensen under the influence of liquor and where was he when you observed him?

Mrs. Hall: He came in the garage about 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He had his wife in the garage. I think he was going to take his wife in the house, but she shoved him away. He was wiggling - he could hardly stand up, and another man there said he would take Mrs. Christensen in, so he took her in.

Saturday night he chased Mr. Hall to our door and I did not see but I could hear the running.

Superintendent: Did you overhear the conversation between Mr. Christensen and Mr. Hall on Sunday?

Mrs. Hall: Sunday morning he came about 8:00 o'clock and I heard him say he wanted to excuse himself. I was in bed and Mr. Hall said he was tired and needed some rest and he'd see him later.

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Nov. 19,1938

Commissio... of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Charges against William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station.

There is forwarded for the Bureau's information an exchange of correspondence between this office and the U.S.Marine Hospital at Seattle which has a bearing on the above case. It is requested that these letters be considered in conjunction with this case.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The alleged blows on chest occured Nov 5
The Supt requested Kpr Hall for a
rept of the occurrence on ~~—~~ Nov 9
The attached letter of the Med
Offic shows Hall sought ~~treatment~~ Nov 14
~~that~~ the findings were negative

The attached evidence appears not in any way to support Kpr Hall's allegations of his assault, ~~to~~ as leave him unsubstantiated as previously

PG 11/3

OK — mention consideration given these letters in writing of action or charges

WPN 12/1

November 28, 1938.

In reference to the 17th's attached recommendation of Nov.18, for disciplinary action in the case of Assistant Keeper William R. Christensen and Principal Keeper Jacob Hall of West Point Light Station, ~~which~~ difficulties at this station do not appear much clarified by the investigation and the report of the 17th, although the facts are no doubt very obscure and related to the characters of the two keepers concerned. The charges relate briefly to the supposed intoxication of Assistant Keeper Christensen on Nov. 4 and 5; and it appears plain, as indicated by the Supt., that this charge is not established by the testimony, although the investigation through an incidental turn did bring out that Principal Keeper Hall brings liquor to the station and uses it "for meals,but not for drinking purposes", and in the summer time when "cold water hurts my throat so I take a glass of beer and wine." (As to this violation of the Regulations by Keeper Hall, from the evidence it does not appear that he is a drinking man ~~and~~ that he uses the liquor in a mild way as a beverage and more or less inadvertently as far as the Regulations are concerned, and the Supt's. view as to disposing of this element of the case by cautioning Keeper Hall is concurred in. In view of the inconclusive results of the investigation, it appears that it would have been useful for the Supt. to have commented somewhat on his statement in ~~in~~ the first paragraph with regard to the Supt's. knowledge of the situation having come about through a personal letter addressed to Asst. Supt. Ganong. It would have been desirable particularly to know if this personal letter to Mr. Ganong was from Keeper Hall, and also if it contained any information substantial enough to carry some weight in the consideration of the matter.

Particularly with regard to paragraph 4 of the Supt's. letter, the Supt's. conclusion that the case has not been proved to a degree to warrant Asst. Keeper Christensen's dismissal is fully concurred in, the fact being that the testimony of the 4 soldiers who were called to the station to quell the supposed disturbance all testify to the effect that Christensen was not intoxicated, that they saw no evidence of drinking, and in fact witnessed nothing particularly out of order in Christensen's actions or words; the only thing they saw was some evidence of tension which seemed natural to them under the circumstances. This testimony of the four eye witnessing soldiers seemsto indicate that the keeper's changes against Christensen are not established, and that the difficulty whatever it was, was very considerably exaggerated by the Keeper.

As to the prior records of these two keepers, Keeper Hall is 59, and entered the Service as an assistant keeper in March, 1914 at Desdemona Sands. In an indorsement dated March 5, 1915 the then Superintendent states that Hall had an altercation with the then Keeper Policondriotes and stated that he would not return to Desdemona Sands as long as Policondriotes remained there. In connection with that difficulty the Superintendent stated in a letter dated February 16, 1915 that Keeper Hall was in fear of his life, and under the circumstances the Superintendent permitted him to remain absent at

Hall & another Keeper named Denning?

that time until the matter was adjusted. Further with regard to Keeper Hall's record, in a letter dated January 25, 1916, the Supt. states "the personal feeling between the men is so strong that the transfer of Asst. Keeper Hall to Point No Point is recommended for the good of the Service, Further in a letter dated June 12, 1918, the 17th Supt. states that "Asst.Keeper Hall's conduct has been such as to warrant severe censure, and as he has been party to trouble at the two stations to which he had previously been attached, the Inspector is of opinion that his services, though generally satisfactory so far as the station work is concerned, are not so valuable as to offset any further trouble caused by him. He is of a jealous and suspicious nature, as his insinuations against the Keeper show". On July 17, 1918, the Bureau reprimanded Hall in connection with his difficulties at Point No Point. It is noted that on July 20, 1926 Keeper Hall was transferred from Point No Point to Marrowstone Point which is a single keeper station, and that Hall remained at this single keeper station from 1926 until August, 1938, when he was transferred to his present station at West Point. His record is clear from 1926 to 1938 at the single keeper station, which to some extent speaks for itself.

As to Christensen's prior record, he is 53 and has been in the Service since February, 1926, he having been appointed at New Dungeness where he remained until July, 1927 when he was transferred and promoted to Ediz Hook, where he remained until May, 1929 when he was transferred to his present station at West Point. His record is clear, and he was commended by the Commissioner in March, 1933 and also in March 1934 by the Superintendent. At the bottom of page 3 of the statement made by Christensen when examined by the Supt., Christensen makes certain statements to the effect that Hall is a difficult man to get along with, saying among other things "I have been with other keepers 6 years, 5 years, 2 years, and never had trouble with any other keeper or anyone outside. But this man it seems when he was appointed keeper 12 years ago he was at Marrowstone Point all by himself and I think I am the first assistant keeper he has and he is taking it out on me ", etc.,

From an examination of the material and the record, accordingly Asst.Keeper Christensen comes out rather favorably, particularly from his prior record and the eye witnesses' testimony (his personal statement to the Supt. also appears forthright and sincere); and perhaps the mainly questionable thing about Asst.Keeper Christensen is the fact that he felt the necessity of having the advice of an attorney in preparing his reply to the charges dated Nov.12.

The Supt's. recommendation in par.4 is therefore concurred in except with regard to penalizing him a further month's pay. He has been under suspension beginning Nov. 10 and in view of the absence of any material corroboration of the charges it appears doubtful that the continuation of his suspension is justified. It is therefore suggested that the Supt.be telegraphed that it is OK to restore Christensen to duty, and submit the matter to the Dept.with recommendation that both keepers be cautioned along the line indicated by the Supt.,and both of them transferred (not to the same station)as a suitable opportunity occurs.

As to Keeper Hall's allegation that Christensen struck him in the chest, a further fragment in Hall's record consisting of a letter from the 17th dated Oct.1,1918, is to the effect that both Keeper Hall and his wife had tuberculosis, and a recommendation was submitted to the Department to remove him and his family from the station for this reason. As stated, the record is fragmentary and the final outcome of this is not shown. The record also shows that Keeper Hall was commended by the Superintendent in January, 1934 for assisting a ship-wrecked power boat near the station.

Christensen, in his statement to the Supt, also comments in several places (bottom of p 2 + 4 + top of p 5) on Hall's use of his chest

However, it apparently was not serious since he apparently continued on duty for 2 yrs

In view of failure of the investigation to prove the truth of charges, I am doubtful of propriety of suspension w.o.pay and believe Christensen should be restored to duty be telegraphic instructions, both kprs.reprimanded for the altercation and in the case of Kpr.for infraction of regulations which he admits also that transfers should be made in interest of Service as proposed. Asst.Keepers statement in ans.to chrges refers to an accompanying letter which is not here, believe it should be furnished for Bu.inf. and unless further evidence can be produced it seems to me we will probably be justified in making susp.w.o. pay because of the presumption of gross insubordination and perhaps personal attack which would have been necessary to induce Kpr. to call help as he did. Can decide this on further report from Supt.

C.A.P.

RG-EK

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Lighthouses

Washington D C December 1 1938

Lighthouse Superintendent
Portland Oregon

Restoration to duty Keeper William R Christensen approved stop furnish promptly for information Bureau letter and statement referred to by Christensen last paragraph his reply charges November 12

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LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 6 11 44 AM '38

December 2, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D. C.

Reference is made to Bureau telegram of December 1st requesting forwarding of letter of William R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, dated November 12th in connection with charges against him as outlined in 17th District letter of November 18, 1938.

Mr. Christenson's letter with enclosures is enclosed herewith as requested.

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Enc.

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29TH 2ND

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Re attached telegram from 17th, suggest telegraph 17th that Christensen's restoration to duty is authorized at this time on account of the fact that the charges are not supported by the testimony, unless Supt. has serious objection. Note the Commissioner's arrival in 17th.

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

RG/see LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON D C DECEMBER 3 1938

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES PORTLAND OREGON

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RESTORATION DUTY WILLIAM R CHRISTENSEN AUTHORIZED AT THIS TIME ON ACCOUNT FACT CHARGES NOT SUPPORTED BY TESTIMONY UNLESS SUPERINTENDENT HAS SERIOUS OBJECTION IF RESTORED DUTY ADVISE EFFECTIVE DATE AND FURNISH LETTER AND STATEMENT REQUESTED BUREAU TELEGRAM DECEMBER ONE

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RETEL FIFTH FORWARDING NOMINATIONS TRANSFERS HALL AND CHRISTENSEN CHRISTENSEN'S LETTER NOVEMBER TWELFTH WITH ENCLOSURE SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH MAILED SECOND SHOULD ARRIVE SIXTH

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Form 84

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 31 11 33 AM '39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon March 27, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter)
from this office dated February 14,1939 on the subject of Disciplinary action re:
Keepers, West Point Light Station (~~Jacob Hallvard~~ William R. Christensen)

F. C. Hingsburg
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.,
April 4,1939

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon.

The Bureau has not as yet received departmental approval of this case, but you will be advised promptly as soon as received in the Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

HM/C

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication—that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

October 20, 1938

CHRISTENSEN, William R., Assistant Keeper.

Mr. Christensen was born in Denmark, July 20, 1885. He was issued certificate No. 585685 by the State Court, Astoria, Oregon, on February 24, 1916.

Certified seen.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Asst. Supt., 17th Lighthouse District

COPY

LIGHTHOUSES

1934 MAR 19 AM 11:41

Seattle, Washington,
March 10, 1934.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

On March 6 I lost my tender that I was towing past West Point Light, and before I could pick it up the wind had carried it inshore too close to go with my schooner. When it got into the breakers W. R. Christensen, Asst. Keeper at West Point Light, waded out into the water and took it ashore so it would not be pounded on the beach.

I would like to commend him for the way he went about his job. He and his wife took the outboard motor off and washed the salt water out of it and put all the gear in the lighthouse, so it was all dry when I came for it the following morning. He would not accept any gratuities and said he was only doing his duty.

I think such diligence to duty should be brought to your attention, as men of that type are a credit to the Lighthouse Service.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) WILLIAM T. MURMAN
Sch. ~~Seven Seas~~.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 20, 1934.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.
For the Commissioner.

Chief, Personnel Division.

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RRT:LC

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
17th District
Portland, Oregon
March 12, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. For the information and files of the Bureau. Attention being invited to previous commendations of this Keeper for similar services to the public. The Superintendent's commendation in this instance is considered sufficient.

R. R. TINKHAM
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

all copy to dept 3/19

March 2, 1933.

William R. Christensen, Keeper,
West Point Light Station,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oreg.)

The Bureau has read with interest a report relative to assistance you rendered on the evening of February 5 to the occupants of a cabin cruiser which suffered a broken rudder in the vicinity of your station. It is noted that it was bitterly cold at the time and that there was a high wind and that you and your wife went to the assistance of the party and brought them to your dwelling and provided for their comfort. The Bureau takes pleasure in commending you for your action upon this occasion and having the matter made a part of your official record.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RC:EMF

Copy for 17th Supt.

Copy for Appointment Div.

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 FEB 17 AM 9:18

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Seattle, Washington
February 11, 1933

Sup't. of Lighthouses
Room 303 Customs House
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

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Last Sunday evening I ran into quite a storm in the bay, out by West Point Lighthouse and I broke the rudder on my boat, which is a 28-foot cabin cruiser, and that naturally made us completely helpless.

My wife and I and three other people were on the boat. The wind was blowing quite hard and it was bitterly cold, but Mr. Christ~~ianson~~ensen and his wife came running out to the boat and waded right into the water and helped us get out and into their house. They secured warm clothing for us and treated us very royally, even going so far as to serve us a dinner with hot coffee, which tasted mighty fine after being out in an ordeal of that sort. Mr. Christianson even made arrangements for us to get back into town.

M. R.

I wish to express my appreciation of the things that he and Mrs. Christianson did that evening and I sincerely hope that this letter might be the means of help to them at some time in the future as these people did everything in their power to help us.

Since that time, Mr. Christianson has done everything he could to help me get my boat off the beach and get it back into dry dock. I tried to pay him for helping me but he declined to accept any gratuities whatever and in writing this letter I hope to atone for the many fine things that he did for me.

I also wish to express my appreciation for the assistance that Mrs. L. Betsker gave us that evening and I am going to say again that words can't express my sincere appreciation for the help that was given us.

Yours very truly,

F. L. Botts

FLB:FM

District Sales Manager
Seattle Maytag District Store

RRT:DSB

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Ore.
February 13, 1933.

Referred to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., for his information and files of the Bureau. The Superintendent has expressed his appreciation for the service rendered and it is recommended that the Commissioner address a letter of commendation to the Assistant Keeper in this instance, attention being invited

over).

Copy

E. A. SHEARER

Renton, Washington

LIGHTHOUSES

December 12, 1932.

1933 JAN - 3 - AM 9:37

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Room 303, Custom House,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

On Dec. 6, about midnight, my son and I were traveling toward the entrance of the Government Locks at Ballard in a 22 ft. launch. When about midway between West Point Lighthouse and the locks, our engine went dead and the heavy N. E. wind blew our boat ashore.

It was bitter cold and we were wet and somewhat scared and began to look about for shelter. The beacon from West Point never looked more inviting and we started toward the lighthouse, groping our way along the rocky and desolate beach. Mr. W. R. Christensen was on duty and at once invited us in his cozy living room and later provided us with sleeping quarters upstairs. In the morning Mrs. Christensen invited us to a hearty breakfast and did everything possible to make us comfortable.

We were total strangers to these good people but they refused to accept any pay for their trouble. It occurred to me that I might be of some small assistance to them by reporting this occurrence to your office for I do not believe it is their duty to house and feed strangers and they just did this out of the goodness of their hearts. Hoping that you may look favorably upon these people and assuring you of my respect and gratitude, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ E. A. Shearer

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Portland, Oregon December 29, 1932.

Copy forwarded to W. R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, for his information.

cc - Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

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LIGHTHOUSE
1929 APR 3
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Copy

March 7, 1929

Mr. W. R. Christensen, Assistant Keeper,
Ediz Hook Light Station
(Through the Keeper)

Please advise promptly on carbon copy hereof, whether or not you desire transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper, West Point Light Station, at a salary of $1260.00 per annum, in the range of $1260 to $1560.

(Sgd) Robert Warrack
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES
1929 APR 3 AM 8 46

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oreg. (City) March 29 (Date), 1929

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, ~~Transfer and demotion~~

Name, William R. Christensen

Position, Keeper (Assistant) L.H.S.

Location, West Point Light Station, Wash.

Effective, April 4, 1929

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $1260.00 per annum

Proposed range, $1260 - 1560

Appropriation, Salaries, K.L.H.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper, (Assistant) L.H.S.

Location, Ediz Hook Light Station, Wash.

Former salary, $1320.00 per annum

Former range, $1320 - 1620

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

Previous incumbent, L. A. Larsen - (Lt. #421) $1260.00 per annum. Range $1260 - 1560

Reason, Transfer to L.H.Tender HEATHER

Services terminated, April 3, 1929 or soon thereafter

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, July 20, 1885

Remarks: This transfer is agreeable to Mr. Christensen as per his ~~letter~~ indorsement of March 9, 1929 on Superintendent's letter of March 7, inclosed herewith. Approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of C.S. Rule I, religious or political opinions.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

(Sgd) Robert Warrack
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 3 - 1929

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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