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**REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP**
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 01/30/2026

## REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

## INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

| Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Service Number/SSN | Date & Place of Birth |
|---|---|---|
| Higbee, John W. | | 1880 VA |

## 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: 1944 VA

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

## CIVILIAN SERVICE

| (Agency & Location) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lighthouse Service (MD/VA) | | |
| From: 1919 | To: 1931 | |
| (Agency & Location) | | |
| From: | To: | |
| (Agency & Location) | | |
| From: | To: | |

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

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0007008559

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Submitted to arch search Sunday 2/19/26 H210

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### SCREENING NOTES

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

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

# REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER

(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

Submit in duplicate to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 6-25-52

## SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING OFFICE

General Services Administration
Records Management Service, Region 6
Federal Records Center
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis, Missouri

| 2. NAME (*Last, first, middle*) | 3. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (*If other than item 2*) | 4. DATE OF BIRTH |
|---|---|---|
| Higbee John W. | Same | 2-25-80 |

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency; bureau or equivalent; address; and dates of employment*)

(*If formerly employed by agencies in addition to above, list under item 7*)

6. PERSONNEL FOLDER ACTION (*Check appropriate box*)

- [ ] a. Currently employed. Request transmission of folder covering previous Federal employment for permanent retention
- [x] b. Request transmission of folder for temporary use
- [ ] c. Consolidate attached papers with official personnel folder previously forwarded

7. REMARKS

## SECTION II—FOR USE BY FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

8 a. [ ] CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED

b. [x] FOLDER ENCLOSED

c. [ ] FOLDER NOT LOCATED

d. [ ] FLAGGED, FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED

e. [ ] FOLDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IS ENCLOSED

f. [ ] FOLDER FORWARDED ON A LOAN BASIS IN LIEU OF INFORMATION REQUESTED. IF EMPLOYEE IS REHIRED, FOLDER SHOULD BE RETAINED BY YOUR AGENCY

9. REMARKS: Loan basis.

7-21-52

*NOTE:* Original will be used as charge-out by Federal Records Center. Duplicate will be returned as transmittal sheet when appropriate.

TO: Commandant
ADDRESS: US Coast Guard
Headquarters
Washington 25,
D. C.

ATTN:

REQUESTING AGENCY WILL TYPE NAME AND ADDRESS OF OFFICE SUBMITTING REQUEST IN ADDRESS BOX. TO BE USED TO MAIL FOLDER OR REPLY.

Form R6-106
4-17-52

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NSN7540-00-634-4083

# REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 6-12-98

## SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING PERSONNEL OFFICE

2. CURRENT NAME (Last, first, middle): Higbee, John W.

2a. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (If different than Item 2)

3. DATE OF BIRTH: 3-25-29

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: N/A

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 WINNEBAGO STREET
ST. LOUIS, MO 63118

TREASURY
EL 765-96

**SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE FOR EACH FOLDER REQUESTED**

*Original will be used to send folder or reply to your agency.*
*Second copy retained by agency for its suspense files.*
*Third copy is for records center use.*

5. PREVIOUS FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

| AGENCY AND BUREAU | LOCATION | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|---|
| Treasury | Capo Chas., VA | | 9-24-31 |

6. REASON FOR REQUEST (Check appropriate box)

☐ a. Currently employed. ☒ b. Temporary use. ☐ c. Pre-employment consideration. Will retain folder if hired.

REMARKS

## SECTION II—FOR USE BY RECORDS CENTER

☒ a. Folder enclosed.

☐ b. Our search did not reveal a record of claimed civilian Federal employment. Please submit any additional information or documentation that will help verify this employment.

☐ c. Folder not received. Suggest you contact last employing office.

☐ d. Folder not located. For a former employee of your agency, we suggest a further search of your agency. If still unlocated, verify name, date of birth, and social security number, and return request to NPRC together with the date folder was transferred to NPRC and several names, dates of birth, and social security numbers of other folders in same shipment.

☐ e. Folder was sent (Date) _____
To:

☐ Your agency

☐ f. Other

DATE: 7-7-98 INITIALS: JHH

## SECTION III—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING PERSONNEL OFFICE

NAME OF REQUESTER

TELEPHONE NO.

*Enter complete address to which folder or reply is to be mailed. Include ZIP Code:*

Office of Personnel Management
OPF/EMF Access Unit
P.O. Box 18673
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

# REQUEST FOR RECORDS (CFR)

☒ ROUTINE ☐ PRIORITY

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL *(Exact name to be searched)*: Higbee John W.

2. SSN/DOB: 3/25/1879

3. EXACT YEAR OF SEPARATION: 1931

4. RECORD BLOCK

- ☐ AGRICULTURE
- ☐ ARMY - SOUNDEX CODE _____
- ☐ FNO
- ☐ INDEPENDENT
- ☐ OTHER Try EL 76699, Box 1603 + EL 76596
- ☐ INTERIOR
- ☐ JUSTICE
- ☐ LABOR
- ☐ MISCELLANEOUS
- ☐ NAVY
- ☐ POST OFFICE
- ☑ TREASURY
- ☐ VA

Box 678 unloc

☐ CONSOLIDATED - SOUNDEX CODE _____ ☐ REGISTRY NO. 1870 - 1957

5. TYPE OF CASE ☐ C-6 ☑ C-5 ☐ C-4 ☐ C-4F

6. CURRENT NAME: Same

7. RECORDS REQUESTED

- ☑ OPF
- ☐ PAY RECORDS
- ☐ MEDICAL RECORDS
- ☑ OTHER Ref.

| SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER | TEL. NO. | DATE OF REQUEST |
|---|---|---|
| Warlick | | 5/9/05 |

TO: ☐ Search and File Section

**SEARCH REPORT**

8.

- ☐ RECORDS LOCATED AND ATTACHED
- ☐ RECORDS CHARGED TO ☐ REGISTRY ☐ OTHER _____ DATE _____
- ☐ RECORDS NOT LOCATED IN

*REMARKS*

This is what was in Box 1603
I even Checked Tres Dept Comp Current

RETURN TO: Correspondence Section

SF-127 attached ft.

☐ Other _____

| SIGNATURE OF SEARCHER | TEL. NO. | DATE OF SEARCHING ACTION |
|---|---|---|
| | | 6/11/05 |

STANDARD FORM 127
APRIL 1952
PRESCRIBED BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REG. 3-IV-302.

# REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 21 March 1956

Submit in duplicate to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.

## SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING OFFICE

General Services Administration
Records Management Service, Region 6
Federal Records Center
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis 3, Mo.

| 2. NAME (*Last, first, middle*) | 3. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (*If other than item 2*) | 4. DATE OF BIRTH |
|---|---|---|
| HIGBEE, John William | | 3-25-1879 |

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency, bureau or equivalent, address, and dates of employment*)

Lighthouse Service, 11-16-1919 - Retired 9-24-1931, 5th District
Died 2-23-44

(*If formerly employed by agencies in addition to above, list under item 7*)

6. PERSONNEL FOLDER ACTION (*Check appropriate box*)

- [ ] a. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. REQUEST TRANSMISSION OF FOLDER COVERING PREVIOUS FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT FOR PERMANENT RETENTION
- [X] b. REQUEST TRANSMISSION OF FOLDER FOR TEMPORARY USE
- [ ] c. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED

7. REMARKS

This Official Personnel Folder was sent with those from Central Records Depository, Alexandria, Virginia.

## SECTION II—FOR USE BY FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

8.

- [ ] a. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED
- [✓] b. FOLDER ENCLOSED — Loan
- [ ] c. FOLDER NOT LOCATED
- [ ] d. FLAGGED, FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED
- [ ] e. FOLDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IS ENCLOSED
- [ ] f. FOLDER FORWARDED ON A LOAN BASIS IN LIEU OF INFORMATION REQUESTED. IF EMPLOYEE IS REHIRED, FOLDER SHOULD BE RETAINED BY YOUR AGENCY

9. REMARKS

*NOTE.—Original will be used as charge-out by Federal Records Center. Duplicate will be returned as transmittal sheet when appropriate.*

TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
ADDRESS: U. S. Coast Guard
1300 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN:

*Requesting agency will type name and address of office submitting request in address box. To be used to mail folder or reply.*

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66697-1

CHARGE OUT (REQUEST FOR FOLDER)

1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE INITIAL OF EMPLOYEE

Higbee, John W.

2. DATE OF BIRTH

3/25/80

3. PURPOSE OF REQUEST

a. ☐ TRANSFER b. ☑ LOAN

4. RECORD GROUP LOANED

5. ACTION TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE

a. ☑ FOLDER ENCLOSED

b. ☐ FLAGGED, FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED

c. ☐ FOLDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IS ENCLOSED

6. FOLDER FORWARDED

5/27/52 WR

TO: Commandant

ADDRESS: US Coast Guard Hqs

Wash 25, D. C.

FRC-11 (Revised Mar 28, 1952) Temp.

National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Personnel Records 111 Winnebago Street St. Louis, Missouri 63118-4199

July 7, 1998

Mr. Timothy J. Brown
Calvert Marine Museum
Post Office Box 97
Solomons, Maryland 20688

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in response to your inquiry of June 12, 1998, requesting copies of the Official Personnel Folders for twenty-seven Federal civilian employees and twenty members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

A search of our records located OPFs for the following indiviuals: William P. Lewis, James L. Lewis, Harry L. Langley, William Yeatman, Walter J. Westcott, Dallas E. Quidley, Oscar P. Olsen, Henry L. Matthews, John W. Higbee, Franklin S. Barnes, John J. Daley, John W. Parks, William M. Goeshy, Earl C. Harris, and John W. Hansen. We were unable to locate the OPFs for the other individuals

During the 1800's, personnel records were seldom created. The primary source of information relating to employment during that period was from the agency's payroll records. These pay records were destroyed many years ago under Congressional authority. Generally, the earliest date coverage of records on file here dates back to the early 1900s.

Your request for the OPFs concerning Federal civilian employees, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. That office will respond to you directly. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter. Office of Personnel Management, OPF/EMF Access Unit, P.O. Box 18673, St. Louis, MO 63118.

As a courtesy we are forwarding your request for the OPFs concerning U.S. Coast Guard personnel to our military facility at the following address: NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100.

Sincerely

For
William D. Bassman
Chief, Reference Service Branch

# CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM

P. O. Box 97, Solomons, Maryland 20688

(410) 326-2042 • FAX (410) 326-6691


National Personnel Records Center
111 Winnebago St.
St. Louis, MO 63118

June 12, 1998

Dear National Personnel Records Center,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Calvert Marine Museum located in Solomons, Maryland. We are currently trying to correct our exhibit and tour concerning the Drum Point Lighthouse which is located on our museum property. I have recently undertaken the responsibility of compiling a history of the keepers stationed at the lighthouse. The staff at the National Archives Main Branch in Washington D.C. recommended that I contact your office to obtain this information. Following this letter is a list of the names, dates of service, and other information I have found thus far. Any other information (other places of service, place and date of birth, salary) or conformation of the information already obtained would be of great assistance to our museum and to our visitors. Please send all correspondence to my attention at the address above.

Thank You,

Timothy C. Brown
Calvert Marine Museum


MUSEUM DIRECTOR – C. Douglass Alves Jr.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – John W. Williams Jr., *Chairman*, Karen H. Abrams, Esq., J. Ernest Bell, Donald L. Brown, Dr. Mark R. Frazer, J. Matthew Gambrill, William B. Glascock II, Carl M. Loffler Jr., Jodie Lee Marinelli, Michael J. Moore, Sherry D. Reid, Margaret W. Reynolds, Carmen Nance Sanders, John A. Simpson Jr., John C. Smith, and George C. Tilghman

Accredited by the American Association of Museums

TDD (410) 535-6355

United States
**Office of**
**Personnel Management**

OPF/EMF Access Unit
Post Office Box 18673
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

In Reply Refer To: MB

NOV 3 0 1998

Calvert Marine Museum
Attn: Timothy J. Brown
P.O. Box 97
Solomons, Maryland 20688

Re: JOHN HIGBEE

Dear Mr. Brown:

This responds to your request for a copy of the Federal employment records of the individual referenced above.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of Personnel Management's Assistant Director of the Office of Workforce Information is the system manager of the General Personnel Records and the Employee Medical Files systems of records. These systems of records include the Official Personnel Folder (OPF) and Employee Medical Folder (EMF). This office has been delegated the authority to release materials in these systems of records. The Privacy Act requires the former employee's written consent or, if deceased, proof of death before these records can be released. However, when an individual was born more than 100 years ago, we assume death and do not require documentation. Enclosed at Tab A are copies of all documents authorized for retention in the Official Personnel Folder and enclosed at Tab B are copies of all records retained in the Employee Medical Folder.

During the review of these records, we discovered documents that are not long-term personnel records but may have some historical value. We have copied the documents and enclosed them at Tab C for your information. The originals have been retained on the temporary side of the Official Personnel Folder.

If we can be of further assistance to you regarding these records, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Bailey of my staff at (314) 425-5743. I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Carnes
Supervisory Personnel Assistant

Enclosures

# CLAIM FOR CONTINUANCE OF COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF TOTAL DISABILITY

FILE NO.

[To be mailed to the UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through the official superior, on the 1st and 16th of each month, or as soon after each of those dates as possible.]

**NOTICE** The Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, provides that whoever makes, in any claim for compensation, any statement, knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

....., 19.....
(Date of this claim)

U. S. EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION,
*Washington, D. C.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on account of the injury sustained by me on ....., 19.....
(Date of injury)
I was partially / totally disabled from ....., 19....., to ....., 19....., inclusive,
(State exact period for which compensation is hereby claimed)
and therefore request compensation for that period, in accordance with claim previously filed under the terms of the U. S. Employees' Compensation Act.

I am still partially / totally disabled for work by reason of the above-mentioned injury, and the statement on the back of this form is a true and correct report of all my earnings during the period covered by this claim.

.....
(Name of claimant)

.....
(Address)

***Note.—Claimant must answer questions on the back of this form.***

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, a duly licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery, do hereby certify that I have this day examined ....., who has been partially / totally disabled
(Give full name of claimant)
for any work / usual work from ....., 19....., to ....., 19....., inclusive, and that such disability is likely to continue for ..... days.

This disability is / is not due to the injury above mentioned.

Diagnosis: .....

What treatment is recommended to hasten recovery? .....

.....

Is such treatment being given? ..... If so, by whom? .....

Is claimant at home? ..... At hospital? ..... Confined to bed? ..... Up and about? .....

Is claimant able to perform any work? ..... If so, what kind? .....

.....
(Name of attending physician)

Date of this certificate, ....., 19..... .....
(Address)

Examined by PHS with doc giving consent to E.C.C. Sept. 14 report to be viewed

## CERTIFICATE OF ESTABLISHMENT MEDICAL OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day examined .....
(Give full name of claimant)
who has been partially / totally disabled for any work / usual work from ....., 19....., to .....,
19....., inclusive, on account of the injury above mentioned, and that such disability is likely to continue for ..... days.

Is patient receiving adequate treatment? .....

.....

.....
(Name or medical officer)

Date of this certificate, ....., 19..... .....
(Address)

## CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL SUPERIOR

Has claimant received any pay or subsistence from your establishment for any portion of period during which compensation is now claimed? ..... If so, give dates for which paid or for which subsistence
(Yes or No)
was furnished .....

Is claimant, in your opinion, entitled to the additional compensation claimed? ..... If not,
(Yes or No)
state why .....

.....

.....
(Signature of official superior)

Date of this certificate, ....., 19..... .....
(Title)

C. A. 8
Revised to Sept. 11, 1929

9—665

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

Point Lookout, Maryland.

September 1, 1931.

Mr. L. M. Hopkins,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a claim for the benefits under the Employees' Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, which it is requested be submitted through proper channels and with appropriate recommendation to the Employees' Compensation Commission.

As you know, on January 2, 1929, while on duty as Post Lightkeeper, Cherry Stone Inlet, Cape Charles, Va., I was taken sick with pneumonia, the result of which was that about the middle of January I was taken to the North Hampton-Accomac Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox, Va., where my left limb was amputated. The technical description of my injury has been stated as "Pneumonia, Embolism left femoral. Amputation left leg above knee. Plebitis right leg."

On or about August 1st 1929, I was discharged from the hospital as ambulant and not in need of further hospitalization, and while against my physicians orders, I requested to be restored to duty. On August 1, 1929, I was assigned to the Drum Point Light, Solomons, Maryland, as keeper. While at this station the greater portion of the duties, requiring considerable pulling and hauling with a motor-boat, climbing, etc., fell to the lot of Mrs. Higbee. Thereafter on September 2, 1930, in the interest of the service, I was transferred to Point Lookout as assistant keeper where I have been on duty to date. I have endeavored to perform the duties assigned to me to the best of my ability considering my physical condition, but because of said condition, the condition of my stump which becomes raw and irritated and also because of the condition of my remaining limb which swells to nearly twice its natural size when I am required to move about to any extent, I am compelled to request that I be granted the benefits accorded disabled employees under the provisions of the Employees' Compensation Act.

There is attached to the claim blank a statement by me as to my claim and also certificates of my family physician, which I request be forwarded with my claim. Your early and favorable consideration in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Higbee.

Point Lookout, Maryland.

September 1, 1931.

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Balto. Md.)

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is my claim for the benefits accorded disabled employees under the terms of the Employees' Compensation Act, on account of my total disability resulting from the loss of my left limb in the line of duty on January 2, 1929, while on duty as Post Lightkeeper, Cherry Stone Inlet, Cape Charles, Virginia.

Since August 1, 1929, when I was restored to duty as keeper of the Drum Point Light, Solomons, Maryland, and since September 2, 1930, when I was transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, as assistant keeper where less arduous duties were assigned to me, I have endeavored to perform such duties as have been assigned to me to the best of my ability. Due, however, to my physical condition caused by the condition of my stump and my right limb which swells to nearly twice its natural size when I am required to move about on it, I am compelled to request that I be declared totally disabled and that I be granted the benefits under the provisions of the Employees' Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, as amended.

In support of my claim I attach hereto certificates of my family physicians as to my condition.

Your early and favorable consideration of my claim will be greatly appreciated.

Any communications addressed to me as follows will receive prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Higbee,
Assistant Keeper,
Point Lookout, Md.

S. O. BLAND
1ST DIST. VIRGINIA

# House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

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Dep. Comm'r.
Commissioner

April 3, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to correspondence which I had with you in March, 1929, relative to Mr. John W. Higbee, who was formerly light attendant at Cherrystone Inlet Lights, Mr. Higbee is at the present time employed at Drum Point Light Station, Solomons, Md.

Mr. Higbee is very anxious to be transferred, if possible, to Old Point Comfort Station, as he feels that he would be better able to perform the duties in that Station. He is very anxious to be placed at some station where he will not have to use a boat.

It will be recalled that Mr. Higbee was injured while in the Lighthouse Service, and, in fact, has been receiving compensation from the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission. One of his legs had to be amputated.

I will appreciate your advices in this connection, and if the desired transfer to the Old Point Station cannot be effected, I shall be glad to have Mr. Higbee considered for any other vacancy where his duties would be lighter and he would not have to use a boat.

Yours very sincerely,

CCB.

S. O. Bland

Asst.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk.
Asso. Engr. (1)
Asso. Engr. (2)
Asst. Engr.
1 Drafts
2 Drafts
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Personnel
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Stenog.
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EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., April 12, 1930.
Referred to 5th Superintendent for report and return.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WLR:AHL.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 16, 1929.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Disability, John W. Higbee, Light Attendant at Cherrystone Inlet Lights.

1. In reply to Bureau endorsement on copy of letter of March 14th to Hon. S. O. Bland, the Bureau is informed that Mr. Higbee has not had sufficient service to entitle him to disability retirement.

L. M. Hopkins

Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

May 23, 1929.

Memorandum for Mr. Hopkins:

Congressman Bland called at the Bureau May 21 relative to Higbee case, inquiring as to prospects for Higbee's transfer to some position where he could be retained and perform duty. I told him and he realizes that our work requires able-bodied men, nearly everywhere, nevertheless Higbee should be considered for any vacancy as assistant keeper at easy station, such as screw-pile house in sheltered water and having no minor lights, or a small group of more sheltered post lights.

Congressman Bland is still working on compensation commission and may get more favorable consideration than so far given.

Higbee's status should be carefully considered as to leave and handled with Bureau before end of calendar year. Perhaps substitute might be paid by Government for period of maximum annual and sick leave due Higbee for calendar year, but appears his leave and pay status should be definitely settled soon. Is he performing work now? Or will he be able to continue in present position by employing help? Someone from office should see him look over his lights and report all facts at early date.

Congressman Bland wished to know whether substitute for Higbee could not be paid at least for period of annual and sick leave due Higbee even though Higbee continued on pay. Any precedent?

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

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June 1, 1929.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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L. M. Hopkins

Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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March 14, 1929.

Hon. S. C. Bland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bland:

1. In further reference to your letter of March 3, inclosing one from Hon. J. Warren Topping, Cape Charles, Va., in the interest of Mr. John W. Higbee, Light Attendant at Cherrystone Inlet Lights:

2. It appears that the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., advised you in regard to this matter under date of March 7, and the Bureau concurs with the views expressed by the Superintendent. The Superintendent has also communicated with Mr. Higbee under date of March 7, with respect to the necessary steps for making a claim under the Federal Compensation Act. The Lighthouse Service will be pleased to give Mr. Higbee every consideration that may be practicable.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy to 5th Superintendent. It is noted that your indorsement does not state whether or not Higbee is eligible for disability retirement. It is assumed that he is not eligible, lacking fifteen years of service, and it is also assumed that your office has considered this aspect of the matter.

H. B. BOWERMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 7, 1929

John W. Higbee, Light Attendant,
Cherrystone Inlet Lights,
Cape Charles, Va.

1. This office has been giving further consideration to your case and regrets the many obstacles that have arisen preventing us from granting you assistance. As stated before, at the time you were appointed to Baltimore Light Station, papers were forwarded to you upon which you could exercise the option of having physical examination made to entitle you to benefits of free treatment by the Public Health Service. Our records show that you did not comply. They also show that about this time you were suffering with the flu. If you can recall the matter, we would like to be advised as to why you did not see fit to take this examination.

2. It is understood that you are desirous of being transferred to some shore station. As you are aware, most all of our shore stations, which are very few, involve climbing of very high towers. This would obviously work a hardship on you.

3. It has occurred to this office that there is a slight possibility of your case being handled by the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission. This office received copy of a letter written by J. Warren Topping to Congressman Bland, in which he submits facts concerning your illness, from which it might be gathered that pneumonia was contracted as result of exposure in attending your lights when your physical condition was such as to make you susceptible to this ailment.

4. There are enclosed herewith a set of papers which should be executed by you as fully as possible. It is suggested that Mr. Topping might be well qualified to assist you in the preparation of these papers. After they have been completed, submit them to this office and we will forward them to the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission with the best possible recommendation.

L. M. Hopkins.
L M Hopkins
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 7, 1929.

Hon. S.O.Bland, M.C.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Congressman Bland:

1. I have your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing copy of communication from Hon. J. Warren Topping, Cape Charles, Va., concerning John Higbee, Light Attendant, Cherrystone Inlet Lights.

2. According to our records, Higbee, at the time of his appointment, failed to take advantage of an option of physical examination, and accordingly is not entitled to free treatment by the Public Health Service. We are making inquiry and searching through our records in order to throw some light on the reason for his declining to submit to this physical examination.

3. We would be pleased to give him consideration at any shore station which he would be capable of handling, but we have very few shore stations except those which involve climbing very high towers. Obviously, he would not be competent to handle a position at such station.

4. At the present time it would appear to this office that the best chance for relief for Mr. Higbee would be through the Employees' Compensation Commission. If Mr. Higbee's claim can be substantiated, and the fact that he did not submit the usual report to the Commission at the time can be waived, there is a possibility of having his claim receive favorable consideration. This office will communicate with Mr. Higbee and forward him the necessary documents and will be pleased to render any assistance possible in an effort to secure favorable consideration of the claim.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Hopkins

Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses,
Balto., Md., March 8, 1929

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. A similar communication of the same date was received from Congressman Bland. The matter was handled as per attached copies of correspondence. All possible assistance will be rendered Mr. Higbee in the preparation of a claim for compensation, which will receive appropriate recommendation by this office when forwarded to the Commission.

H. Hopkins
Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Sugg. advise writing & suggesting he write to 5th Rf 3/11

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

June 1, 1929.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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Acting Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., June 6, 1929.
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to grant this employee thirty days additional leave beginning July 1, the Bureau concurring with the Superintendent that this is an especially meritorious case.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

CHIEF CLERK

Bureau notified by return of duplicate on June 15, 1929.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

September 23, 1931.

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John W. ~~Higbee~~, Asst. Keeper,
Point Lookout Light Station,
Point Lookout, Md.
Thru the Keeper.

Subject: Leave without pay.

1. Effective at the close of this date, due to your incapacitation for further duty as Asst. Keeper of Point Lookout Light Station, this office will place you on a leave without pay status for a period of three months, or until such time as your status is changed by the U.S. Employees' Compensation Commission or your condition warrants return to duty.

2. This supersedes our letter of September 22nd on this subject.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

T. S. Johnson

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

~~RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., September 26, 1931~~

Copy to: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouse, Washington, D. C., September 28, 1931.

Copy submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

November 30, 1931.

Mr. Cox says this additional position is necessary in order that Mr. Higbee may be carried on leave without pay while he is disabled. He has been on L.W.O.P. since Sept. 24, 1931. Mr. William Yeatman takes Higbee's regular position on or after December 1, 1931. The Department has already authorized that action.

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Subject: Discontinuance of services without prejudice - John W. Higbee, Asst. Keeper, Point Lookout L.H., Md.

1. John W. Higbee, Asst. Keeper of Point Lookout Light Station, Md., under date of September 24, 1931, was placed on leave without pay due to a probable permanent disability incurred in the line of duty, which rendered him unfit to perform the duties of an Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. This office is today informed that effective upon the above date his claim for compensation was approved by the U.S. Employees' Compensation Commission.

2. It is, therefore, recommended that effective September 24th, 1931, Mr. Higbee's services be discontinued without prejudice.

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

11-27-31

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., November 24, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information and with recommendation that an additional position be authorized for Mr. Higbee, in order that he may maintain his status during the period he remains a beneficiary under the Employees' Compensation Act.

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Chief Clerk

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